

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42



Today's Gospel teaches us some important things about facing the trials of life. First, note the **PLACE** of this gospel. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John go up a high mountain. This was no hill. It was a mountain. Have you ever climbed a mountain or do you appreciate the difficulty of it? Once up this mountain they will have a great experience of glory but the climb has to come first. And so too for us. Most of the best things in our life come at the high price of long hard work. Next, notice the **PRESCRIPTION** of this Gospel. Once upon the mountain they get a glimpse of glory. And Peter declares that it is good to be here! He is right. Jesus arranged for this glimpse of glory to prepare them for the difficult days ahead and he does not want them to forget this wonderful moment. We too ought to savor the good things in our life for they are the balance to the crosses and challenges of life. Next, notice the **PRODUCT** of this gospel. The Lord intends for this experience to remind them all that heaven is more than worth the cross. So too for us, the Lord intends us to meditate frequently on heaven in such a way that we are encouraged to accept the struggle in order to get there.

FUNERAL—Joan Lancaster (3/19)



Sunday, March 16 *Second Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) Evalyn Trejo (birthday)
 8:00am Joseph R. Washington (birthday—3/14) †
 11:00am Willie & Angela Scott (50th wedding anniv.)
 7:00pm Charles & Anna Harris †

Monday, March 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

7:00am Deceased Greene & Hall Family Members

Tuesday, March 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am O'Sha J. Hamilton (birthday) †

Wednesday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Robert Gordon †

Thursday, March 20

7:00am Georgiana Barnes (anniversary) †

Friday, March 21

7:00am Margaret Gordon †

Saturday, March 22

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Hasina Outtz Reed (birthday)

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16 Rom 4:18, 22 Mat 1:16, 18-21, 24
Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday: Micah 7:14-15; 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Music Schedule	
Processional	
"Yield Not to Temptation"	LMGM #770
Responsorial Psalm	
"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you"	
Gospel Acclamation	
"Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ"	R. Holland
Offertory	
* "The Glory of these Forty Days"	LMGM #284
** Choral Praise	
Communion	
"Holy Is the Lamb of God"	In the pews
* 8:00am <i>Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate</i>	
** 11:00am <i>Church Choir</i>	

Mass Attendance for March 9, 2014

4:30pm	50
8:00am	119
11:00am	244
7:00pm	62
Total:	475

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (3/9)	\$23,787
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FAITH DIRECT—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/16)	Friday (3/21)
9:30am Sunday School	6:00pm Holy Hour
9:30am RCIA/Inquirers	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass	8:00pm NA
8:00pm AA	
Tuesday (3/18)	Saturday (3/22)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble	9:00am S.O.M.E. (off-site)
7:00pm Adult Choir	9:30am Liturgical Dance
8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (3/19)	
11:00am Friendly Seniors	
6:30pm Liturgical Dance	
7:00pm Soup & Scripture	

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see [flyer for recipe](#)) for this **Sat., March 22nd**.

Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by close of business on Fri., March 21st. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



CONGRATULATIONS—to Willie and Angela Scott who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless their union.

2014 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS—Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 15th, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the office by Mon., April 14th.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY—appreciates your cell phone donations which benefited the men and women serving in our armed forces. We were able to collect 45 used cell phones which produced 6,750 free minutes for our military to use.

FREE TAX CLINIC—offered by Capitol Hill Group Ministry to individuals or couples with an income of \$57,000 or less. Call **Mike Ambrose at 202-544-5605 for an appointment**. Bring W-2 forms and other 2013 tax documents to Lincoln United Methodist Church at 1301 North Carolina Ave., NE, Thursdays 7pm to 8:30pm through April 10th and Tues., April 15th.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.



Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. Pick up the helpful "How To" Guide on Reconciliation in the rear of the church. On any Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm you can stop by the church and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open to all ages.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE—every Wednesday at 7pm in the rectory basement during Lent. The theme is "At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus". If you can help prepare soup, please let us know.

SHARE IN HOPE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE—In lieu of your monthly pantry donation the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will partner for a food drive to benefit our pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **We will supply you with a paper bag on the weekend of March 22-23** to fill with food items (listed on the front of the bag) and return the next week.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT—Sat., March 29th. Registration forms in the rear of the church, the rectory office or our website (www.hscchurch.org).

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES!!! The Youth Ministry is seeking youth of all ages interested in being a part of "A Story of Jesus' Passion" as it is told in the Gospel of John. In addition, we are looking for a director for the play and others willing to work with the set design. Contact Nicki for further details.

NEWSLETTER—The Youth Ministry needs reporters for our quarterly newsletter which will publish in April. Also, youth celebrating birthdays during the months of April, May, or June can submit the day and month if you want it listed in the newsletter. For details contact Nicki.



INTERACTIVE ON-LINE LENTEN RETREAT—for teens offered by the Office of Youth Ministry. Titled "Christ Lives: Prophesize and Teach with Love", the retreat will provide teens the opportunity for prayer, scripture reflection, and individual or group discussion about their faith and belief in Jesus. Retreat concludes with an Easter Celebration. Go to: adw.org/youth-retreats.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Come attend bible study just for you every Tuesday at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE—Lenten Luncheon on **Sun., March 30th at 1pm** with guest speaker Fr. Steven Bell in the rectory.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.
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