

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-4



Third Sunday of Lent The Gospel today is rich in symbolism. A woman (this means you) comes to a well (this means the world). She comes because she is thirsty (and this refers to all our desires). She thinks the well will satisfy her. But it does not, for no sooner than she has a drink she is on her way to being thirsty again. The world can provide momentary pleasures, but no lasting ones. Jesus is there waiting for her. Jesus is also waiting for you, who are filled with many desires and questions. He says to her, "Everyone who drinks from this well will be thirsty again." He then offers her the gift of his very self and explains that God alone can ultimately satisfy us. It is simply a fact that our desires are infinite and unlimited. Hence, a finite and limited world cannot satisfy us. Only God who is infinite and unlimited can, at last, satisfy us. At first, the woman laughs at Him, much as we often laugh at those who suggest we can be happier with fewer worldly possessions and a richer spiritual life. But gradually, as she gets to know Jesus, she begins to realize that this is a great satisfaction. It takes time, but eventually she leaves her water jar behind and runs to joyfully tell others what she has discovered in Jesus. This woman's journey is yours, and mine too.



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Sabrina Taylor (birthday-3/23)
 11:00am Brenda C. Stubbs (birthday-3/23)
 7:00pm Cynthia McMickens (birthday)
Monday, March 20 *St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am Monica Johnson (birthday-3/19)
Tuesday, March 21
 7:00am For the People
Wednesday, March 22
 7:00am Dr. Hasina Outtz Reed (birthday)
Thursday, March 23 *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*
 7:00am Elizabeth "Betty" Fairfax † (birthday)
Friday, March 24 *Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr*
 7:00am Doris Dandridge †
Saturday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
 8:00am Mary E. Lindsey † (birthday)
 4:30pm Isadore Richards †

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16 Rom 4:13-18, 22 Luke 2:41-51
Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 126-38



Have you heard the news? Thanks to the hard work of the Maryland Catholic Conference coalition and Catholics across the state of Maryland, **the physician-assisted suicide bill (SB 354) was withdrawn from consideration** by lead sponsor Senator Guy Guzzone, and the bill's March 7 hearing in the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee has been canceled. It is likely that the bill was withdrawn because the majority of the committee continues to oppose the bill. This action effectively ends the chance of this issue passing in Maryland this year! However, the Maryland Catholic Conference will be monitoring the House bill (HB 370) until the last day of session to make sure it does not pass either. Visit <http://www.mdccathcon.org/respectforlife> to learn more about these and other issues and why we continue to fight for life.



EASTER FLOWERS: All names that are submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter program. If you would like to include a loved one on this list, please return your envelope to an usher or the rectory **NO LATER THAN**

Monday, April 10th. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

Mass Attendance for March 12, 2017

4:30pm	56
8:00am	88
11:00am	250
7:00pm	124
Total:	518

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/12)	\$20,505
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$ 4,159

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/19) 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (3/22) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:00pm Lenten Reconciliation 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
Monday (3/20) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (3/23) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (3/21) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (3/24) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
	Saturday (3/25) 10:00am S.O.M.E. 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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

FIRST SCRUTINY is this weekend, **March 18th** at the **4:30pm Mass** with the Elect (non-baptized) of our parish community who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). They are: **Francois Daniels; Maurice Gordon, Sr.; Joan Patterson; and Carl White.** The Scrutinies are meant to aid the Elect in engaging a lifelong struggle to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to teach the Elect gradually about the mystery of sin and fill their spirits with an understanding of Christ.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

God created us for relationship with Him and one another. We invite you to renew your relationship

with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent. Every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. **HCSC will hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm.** Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood.

SPECIAL INVITE: We have free invitation cards that you can give to someone to invite them to experience the life-changing power of confession. Cards are located in the rear of the Church.

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. On **March 24th** the Stations will be led by the Ushers Ministry. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every Wednesday evening during Lent in the rectory basement. This year's theme, "**Great Change Since I Been Born**" will cover the life changing transformative relationship we are called to have with Christ. Monsignor Pope will be assisted by Deacon Richard Walker of St. Luke's parish. Light meal served at 6:30pm, instruction starts at 7:15pm. All are welcome.

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 this weekend** to take home, fill with food items (*listed on the front of the bag*) and return next weekend.

DAILY MASS: It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am, and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday. Come and pray to start your day.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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MANY THANKS to ALL the hands that helped make our Annual Youth Retreat a spirit-filled success.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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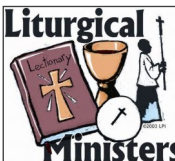
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**



SOME (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless 365 days a year. The HCSC Ministries prepare lunch every 4th Saturday at 71 "O" St., NW. **Cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe).** Your cooked chicken may be delivered to the rectory by close of business on **Fri., March 24th.** Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean-up. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

HCSC SODALITY HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE: Join the HCSC Sodality **June 10-16** on a 7 days—6 nights bus trip to **The Holy Land Experience & 7 Fantastic Shows** in Orlando, FL. **COST: \$610 per person** includes bus transportation, lodging, meals and gratuities, and much more. For more details and reservation information, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.



SAVE THE DATE!! CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!! Msgr. Pope is holding a Liturgical Minister Workshop on **Sat., April 1st at 10am.** He is asking all members of each liturgical ministry to attend this important meeting of spiritual development for both adults and youth and will end around 2pm. Lunch will be provided. This includes the *Altar Guild, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, M.C.s, Music Ministry and Ushers.* More information will be provided.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hcsstaff@hcschurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.
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Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org 