

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



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.



Sunday, March 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) Hasina Outzte Reed (birthday)
 8:00am Leslie Chance
 11:00am Thomas L. Campbell (29th anniversary—3/29) †
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, March 24

7:00am Stanlie M. Barton †

Tuesday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

7:00am Beatrice Warren †

Wednesday, March 26

7:00am Alessandro Ciccone †

Thursday, March 27

7:00am Helen Queen (2nd anniversary) †

Friday, March 28

7:00am Charles Edelin, Sr. (birthday) †

Saturday, March 29

8:00am Frank & Annie Harris †
 4:30pm William Miles (20th anniversary) †

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 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
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: Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Yield not to Temptation" LMGM #770
Responsorial Psalm
 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" R. Holland
Offertory
 * "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LMGM #492
 ** "Choral Praise"
Communion
 "Holy Is the Lamb of God" In Pews
 * 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for March 16, 2014

4:30pm	57
8:00am	108
11:00am	322
7:00pm	37
Total:	524

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (3/16)	\$13,342
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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 14th**. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/23) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 10:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 2:00pm St Thomas Ladies Aux #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/27) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (3/25) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/28) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (3/26) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Soup & Scripture	Saturday (3/29) 9:30am 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—At the 8am Mass this weekend, we will celebrate the First Scrutiny with the Elect of our parish community: Summer Simone Campbell; Michael Key, Jr.; Young Kim; Ryan Reid; and Dione Rush; who will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). 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.

ATTENTION!!! LITURGICAL MINISTERS—In preparation for Holy Week/Easter, Msgr. Pope will hold a liturgical ministers meeting on **Sat., April 12th at 10am** at the church.

HONEYBAKED HAM SALE—The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a sale of delicious *HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys and Desserts*. Orders can be placed online. Pick up is **Sat., April 19th**. See flyer for info.



HELP DECORATE FOR EASTER—We need your help in creating a prayerful and beautiful sanctuary for Easter. Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you want to help with flower ideas.

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 rectory office by Monday, April 14th.**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held during Lent every Friday in the church. **Holy Hour is at 6pm** followed by the **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. You 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 during Lent at 7pm in the rectory basement. 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 this weekend** to take home, fill with food items (*listed on the front of the bag*) and return next weekend.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION FUND AWARDS—Have you applied for an award? Applications available in rectory office. See flyer in back of church for details.

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 ONLINE 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

LENTEN LUNCHEON—Young Adults, join us on **Sun., March 30th following the 11am Mass** for lunch with guest speaker Fr. Steven Bell. Please RSVP no later than March 26th to 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.

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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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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