

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13    Ephesians 5:8-14    John 9:1-41

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Ezekiel 37:12-14    Romans 8:8-11    John 11:1-45



Fourth Sunday of



In today's Gospel we encounter a man who was born blind. And this is us. For we were born into sin and with a spiritual blindness from which we must be rescued. This is the

**Problem that is Presented.** Note the **Purification that is Prescribed.** Jesus tells the man to go to the pool and wash. He came back able to see. This is Baptism. But notice the text says he came back ABLE to see. Just because I am able to see, does not mean I fully see everything. Thus, his **Perception is Partial.** We spend most of our lives trying to see more deeply into things and grasp proper meaning. So this man, who is us, needs to go through stages of awakening to have the Lord open his spiritual eyes even further. Next, notice the **Progress that Proceeds.** After a long series of questions he progresses in stages from referring to the Lord merely as "the man called Jesus," to seeing him as a prophet, to declaring "he is from God." Then he reaches the final stage, the **Perfection that is Portrayed.** In a conversation with Jesus, he is summoned to deeper faith and responds by saying, "I do believe" and he falls down and worships Jesus. This is us, we are on this journey to know Jesus more deeply and to confess and experience him as more than a mere man, or a prophet, but as Lord and God.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, March 26** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00am Dr. James L. Outtz †  
 11:00am Marcia Wooden (birthday)  
 7:00pm For the intentions of Fr. Robert Kearns †  
**Monday, March 27**  
 7:00am Thomas L. Campbell †  
**Tuesday, March 28**  
 7:00am Deceased Campbell Family members  
**Wednesday, March 29**  
 7:00am Deceased Campbell Family members  
**Thursday, March 30**  
 7:00am For mothers and babies at risk of abortion  
**Friday, March 31**  
 7:00am Joseph Campbell, Sr. †  
**Saturday, April 1**  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Lula Dee Richards Hall †

**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:** Isaiah 65:17-21    John 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12    John 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15    John 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14    John 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1, 12-22    John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20    John 7:40-53



**PROVERBS 24 COMMUNITY UPDATE:**

Thank you to the parishioners and supporters who came out to pray and witness last Saturday in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic. With the clinic now open on Saturdays, there are many more people out praying and providing counseling to those who enter and exit. In the midst of the hustle and bustle, it was reported that one of the sidewalk counselors was able to "save a life". We don't have all the details but we know that someone decided NOT to go through with the procedure. Praise God!! Please know that when someone decides not to go through with an abortion, they are provided with many resources and support to help them continue with the pregnancy. They are not left alone to deal with the situation. **Our next witness event is Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** Stay tuned for details and prayerfully consider joining us.



**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 10<sup>th</sup>.** An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing. Additional envelopes are located in the rear of the church or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

**Mass Attendance for March 19, 2017**

4:30pm	73
8:00am	102
11:00am	276
7:00pm	117
<b>Total:</b>	<b>568</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/19)	\$17,328
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$982

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (3/26)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (3/29)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:00pm Lenten Reconciliation 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
<b>Monday (3/27)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (3/31)</b> 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday (3/28)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (4/1)</b> 8:00am First Saturday Mass 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

**SECOND SCRUTINY:** At the 8am Mass on Sun., March 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the second scrutiny for our candidates. The scrutinies help those who will be baptized at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Please keep our catechumen and candidates in prayer.

**YOUTH SUNDAY MOVED TO APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**—because the second Sunday of April is Palm Sunday. We will celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We invite our youth to come and sit together at Mass.



**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** In honor of the Virgin Mother Mary and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima, Msgr. Pope has asked us to host First Saturday Devotions to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. **The next date is Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.** You are invited to attend the

8am Mass, pray the rosary communally after that Mass, and go to confession within the first week of the month. Please prayerfully consider making a commitment. Flyers with details are available in the rear of the church.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:** Gerry Counihan (HCSC parishioner) is hosting a potluck dinner at 6pm on Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup> at his home (1202 D Street, SE, WDC) to view a movie about **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** along with discussion and a meal. Call Gerry at 202-546-3143 if you are interested. If no answer, please leave a voicemail.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

**SHARE IN HOPE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** In lieu of your monthly pantry donation the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities have partnered for a food drive to benefit our pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **If you didn't return a bag this weekend, please return it to the rectory no later than 11am, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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](http://theLightisON.org) to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood.

**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.

**HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held throughout Lent every Friday starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm**, followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. On **March 31<sup>st</sup>** the **Eucharistic Ministry will lead the Stations**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

## Youth Ministry News

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

**YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT:** Our youth ministry will host a youth presentation of the Lord's passion at the Good Friday 7PM service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, come to rehearsal following 11AM mass on Sun., March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Church or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

**HCSC-SINGLETERARY EDUCATION FUND:** Are you a registered member of HCSC graduating high school this spring and looking to further your education? Active in church activities and involved in community service? Is your grade point average 2.5 or higher? You may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund. Stay tuned for details.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

[YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)

**7 CHURCH WALK—LENTEN URBAN PILGRIMAGE:** DCCatholic invites all young adults to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 7-Church Walk on **Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup>**! Join hundreds of young adults for this one-day Lenten pilgrimage and walk to seven DC churches in the Brookland neighborhood, praying together at each station, and concluding with a 5pm Mass with Cardinal Wuerl at the St. John Paul II Shrine. **Register at:** [DCCatholic.eventbrite.org](http://DCCatholic.eventbrite.org). See flyer in rear of the church for more details.



**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.



## CALLING ALL LITURGICAL

**MINISTERS!!** Msgr. Pope is holding a Liturgical Minister Workshop on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am** in the church. He is asking all members of each liturgical ministry to attend this important meeting of spiritual development. Sessions will be held 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, Liturgical Dance, and Ushers*. RSVP to the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.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](http://blog.adw.org)

