

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD


Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1—15:47

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



 It is a day of contrasts. We begin by singing loud Hosannas and praising Jesus as the Son of David and Messiah. But we human beings are fickle and before long we also shout "Crucify Him!" Would you have considered joining the crowd? Perhaps you would have been in the first crowd and shouted Hosanna. But, would you have been in the second crowd? It's too easy to think that we could never say "Crucify Him." But, we are fickle. One minute we're here praising the Lord on a Sunday morning and next thing you know, even in the car on the way home, we are any thing but a child of God! It's so easy for us to be carried away by our emotions or let events overtake us; but somewhere in the midst of all this changeability in us there is a God whose love never changes, who is steadfast and firm. His name is "I AM" not "I MIGHT BE IF I'M IN THE RIGHT MOOD." Praise the Lord! Today, we acknowledge that we are capable of great and wonderful things and have the capacity to powerfully praise him. But we are also capable of great sin and inconstancy. But at the cross we encounter a God who loves us anyway.

FUNERAL—Maurice Anthony Middleton (March 27)



Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Mary McPherson
 8:00am Maurice Anthony Middleton †
 11:00am Helen Queen †
 7:00pm William Miles (21st anniversary) †

Monday, March 30

7:00am Quentin F. Miner, Sr. †

Tuesday, March 31

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, April 1

7:00am William & Catherine Miles (birthday) †

Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday

7:00pm Joyce Francine Walker †

Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday

8:00pm Elizabeth Hill Colston (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: Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Exodus 14:15—15:1 Romans 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7

Music Schedule

Processional

"Let All the People Praise Thee" arr. by K. Louis
 "Hosanna to the Son of David" K. Louis

Responsorial Psalm

"My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"

Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ" K. Harris & R. Holland

Offertory

* "The Holy City" S. Adams & F. Weatherly
 ** "He Decided to Die" M. Douroux

Communion

"Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for March 22, 2015

4:30pm	59
8:00am	112
11:00am	335
7:00pm	70
Total:	576

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/22)	\$19,202
Actual Surplus (+)	+\$2,856



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**

Mon., March 30th. 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 (3/29)

9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearse
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Thursday (4/2)

No morning Mass
 7:00pm Lord's Supper Mass

Friday (4/3)

No morning Mass
 12 noon Neighborhood Stations
Rectory Closes at 2:30pm
 3:00pm Choral Stations
 7:00pm Lord's Passion Mass
 8:00pm NA

Monday (3/30)

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (3/31)

6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (4/1)

6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 6:30pm Youth Pageant rehearse

Saturday (4/4)

No morning Mass
 No 4:30pm Mass
 8:00pm Easter Vigil

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

CLOSINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—closed Easter Sunday, April 5th. Classes will resume Sun., April 12th in the school cafeteria.

RECTORY OFFICE—closes early at 3:00pm on Good Friday, April 3rd. Office will also be closed Mon., April 6th.



2015 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES—Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sun., June 21st, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the rectory office to register and get details. **Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the rectory office by Mon., April 13th.**

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS T-SHIRTS—Our own, **Monique Davis**, along with many others, is battling multiple sclerosis (MS). Monique is working on a T-shirt campaign to raise awareness of the everyday battle with this chronic illness. Her goal is to sell 50 T-shirts. All funds benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Deadline to contribute is March, 31st. To read Monique's story and for more information visit booster.com/mindstrongmoresway. Flyer are also available in the rear of the Church.

A.D. The Bible Continues Mini-Series—on Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9pm on NBC, join millions of viewers for the powerful series premiere of *A.D. The Bible Continues* on a 12-week journey through chapters 1-10 of Acts. Witness the power of the Holy Spirit, the heroism and sacrifice, the joy and sorrow, and the forgiveness and redemption surrounding the most powerful global movement in history – the rise of the Church. Visit <http://www.nbc.com/ad-the-bible-continues> for info!

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-April 2

(No morning Mass)

7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Transfer of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository until 10:30pm.

Good Friday-April 3

(No morning Mass) *A day of fast and abstinence.*

12 Noon — Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (gather inside the church).

3:00pm — Choral Stations of the Cross in the church.

7:00pm — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Youth presentation of the Passion.

Holy Saturday-April 4

(No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

8:00pm — **EASTER VIGIL** — Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Easter Sunday-April 5

Mass at 8:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm.

NOTE: Please allow yourself time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the school parking lot located at 15th & East Capitol St., SE. **DO NOT double-park or park behind the rectory.**

Youth Ministry News

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO "JOSEPH" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on Sat., June 20th. **COST:** \$125 (13 & above); \$65 (3-12). **Deposit of \$25 due.** Contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231.

SAVE THE DATE!!—HCSC YOUTH RETREAT—April 18th at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, Baltimore, MD. We need your registration as soon as possible. See flyer in rear of Church for details!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

SPRING THEOLOGY ON TAP—Series on Marriage, **April 7th—May 12th** at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle on **Tuesday evenings**. All young adults 21 yrs. and over are invited for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening 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)



2015 HCSC 10—DAY PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, and FRANCE—in October of 2015. **Pick up a brochure** in the rear of the church or contact Deborah Vanzego on 202-277-1823 or at: DVanzego@cmht.com.

HONEYBAKED HAM SALE—HCSC Women's Ministry is sponsoring sales of HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys and Desserts. **Deadline Mon., March 30th.** Order online: HONEYBAKEDFUNDRAISER.com. Pick up on **Sat., April 4th** at the school.

NO PARKING—Please **DO NOT** park behind the rectory during Mass or on the ramp to the rectory garage. These limited parking spaces are reserved for clergy and working office staff. There are parking spaces just one block away at the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



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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 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 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 & funerals call the rectory office.
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