

PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66

Readings Next Weekend:

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



In the sweeping events of today's liturgy we go from crying "Hosanna!" to "Crucify Him!" in a matter of an hour. And this is what we are like and what God has to deal with. Yet, still he loves us and endures his passion for us. Consider the **WONDER** of the passion. Who is God that he would die for the likes of us. Truly it was not nails that held him to that cross, it was love. Consider the **WILLINGNESS** of the passion. For Jesus was not merely a victim, but a willing victim. He said, "No one takes my life from me, I lay it down freely" (John 10:18). Isaiah 53:7 says of Jesus, "He was offered because he willed it." Consider too the **WRETCHEDNESS** of the passion. For the sufferings of the Lord was horrible on account of our sins. The word "excruciating" comes from the Latin "ex cruce" meaning "from the cross." When the Romans saw something awful they could think of nothing more awful to compare it to than to say of it: ex cruce! (i.e. "That is almost as bad as the cross!") And so, the word excruciating comes to us and refers to something most awful! Finally consider the **WALK** of the passion. The Lord has told us to follow him. There is a cross for us all, but if we are faithful, it leads only to glory. The paschal mystery (that is, the dying and rising of Christ) is our life's pattern: Always carrying in our body the death of Christ, so that his life may be manifest in us (2 Cor 4:10).

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday**
8:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †
11:00am Fr. Carl Dianda †
7:00pm Warren Ashley Henderson †
- Monday, April 10**
7:00am Margarite Parker †
- Tuesday, April 11**
7:00am Anne Sackett †
- Wednesday, April 12**
7:00am Joseph Washington †
- Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday**
No morning Mass
7:00pm Cheryl Walker Ross † (birthday-April 14th)
- Friday, April 14 Good Friday**
No morning Mass
No intentions
- Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday**
No morning Mass
8:00pm Preston Parker †

If you want to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

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:** Ex 14:15-15:1 Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12



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., April 10th**. 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.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? If you are visiting our church and are interested in joining, stop by our rectory office located next to the church or call at 202-546-1885 for registration information.

Mass Attendance for April 2, 2017

4:30pm	56
8:00am	138
11:00am	248
7:00pm	124
Total:	566

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/2)	\$19,859
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,513

ELECTRONIC TITHING: 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's Easy, it's FREE and it's 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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday (4/9)**
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA
- Monday (4/10)**
7:00pm Adult Choir
8:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Tuesday (4/11)**
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir
- Thursday (4/13)**
No morning Mass
7:00pm Lord's Supper Mass
8:30pm Holy Eucharist Exposition
- Friday (4/14)**
No morning Mass
12:00pm Neighborhood Stations
3:00pm Rectory Closes
3:00pm Choral Stations
7:00pm Lord's Passion
- Saturday (4/15)**
No morning Mass
8:00pm Easter Vigil 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

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

FRIENDLY SENIORS will not meet Wednesday, April 12th or 19th and will resume **Wed., April 26th**.

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, April 14th at 3pm, and will be **closed Easter Monday, April 17th**, and will reopen **Tue., April 18th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 16th, and will resume **on Sun., April 23rd** at 9:30am.



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. **DEADLINE to sign-up is April 10th**. For more details pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help **decorate the church** during Holy Week. We have two opportunities: Thursday, April 13th or Sat., April 15th to help with flowers. If you can help out, call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hcschurch.org for questions, ideas for decorations and to volunteer.

LENTEN FISH FRY: HCSC Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry at Saint Benedict the Moor, 320—21st St., NE, **Friday, April 14th**, 11am—6pm. See flyer in bulletin.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-April 13

(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 11pm.

Good Friday-April 14

(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 Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday-April 15

(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 16

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. **Please DO NOT double-park or park behind the rectory or you may be ticketed.**

Youth Ministry News

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

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION: The Youth Ministry annual Easter celebration is **Easter Sunday, April 16th**, on the plaza following 11am Mass. Please join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments.

HCSC-SINGLETERY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2017 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2017-2018? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletonary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This one-time award will be issued to the institution you enroll at next fall. Go to the parish website (www.hcschurch.org) for application information. **DEADLINE: May 28th**.

JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRY: Our Youth Ministry has much to offer!! Liturgical Dancers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Youth Choir, Youth Ushers, Youth Retreats and much more. Contact Nicki for information on becoming active in the parish. We are also looking for adult volunteers who want to work with the youth ministry.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hcschurch.org



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!**

2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sun., June 25th, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine. If you are celebrating an anniversary or know of a parish couple celebrating one of these milestones, please **contact the rectory (202-546-1885) by Mon., April 10th**.

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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

