

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 about in our body the death of Christ, so that his life may be manifest in us (2 Cor 4:10)

FUNERAL—Mary Elizabeth Hospedale (4/7)



Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am Melvin Lowry
11:00am Mary E. Hospedale †
7:00pm June Better-Swann †

Monday, April 14

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross (11th anniversary) †

Tuesday, April 15

7:00am Dorothy Simpson (birthday 4/17)

Wednesday, April 16

7:00am Cheryl Luster (birthday 4/18)

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00am John N. Graham (birthday 4/18) †

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

No Morning Mass

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

No Morning Mass

8:00pm Velma J. Proctor †

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

Music Schedule

Processional

"Let All the People Praise Thee" LMGM #475
"Hosanna" K. Louis C

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Offertory

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

Communion

"Holy Is the Lamb of God" In the Pews

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

Mass Attendance for April 6, 2014

4:30pm	57
8:00am	154
11:00am	286
7:00pm	40
Total:	537

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (4/6)	\$20,307
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EASTER FLOWERS—All names submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope are printed in the Easter bulletin. If you would like to include a loved one on this list, return your envelope to an usher or rectory **NO LATER THAN Monday, April 14th**. Ask an usher for an envelope. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing with the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You have your tithes deducted from your bank account **TWICE** a month or charged to a credit card. It is secure and convenient. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/13) Palm Sunday 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (4/17) Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of Lord's Supper
Monday (4/14) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (4/18) Good Friday 12 noon Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Choral Stations 7:00pm Lord's Passion 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (4/15) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/19) Holy Saturday No Morning Mass 9:30am Liturgical Dance 10:00am Vigil rehearsal 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Wednesday (4/16) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance	

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 Palm Sunday, April 13th and Easter Sunday, April 20th. Will resume Sun., April 27th.

HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—closed Palm Sunday, April 13th and Easter Sunday, April 20th.

RECTORY OFFICE—will close at 3pm on Fri., April 18th.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO DOROTHY SIMPSON who will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 17th. May the Lord continue to bless and keep her in his love and care.

ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES—Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate a 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. Register at the rectory office on 202-546-1885. **Names must be received by Mon., April 14th.**

HONEYBAKED HAM SALE—HCSC Women’s Ministry is sponsoring sales of HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys and Desserts. **Deadline Mon., April 14th.** Order online: HONEYBAKEDFUNDRAISER.com. Pick up on **Sat., April 19th.** See flyer for details.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE—has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those without e-mail. It is also posted on our website (www.hcscchurch.org) and copies are available in the sacristy.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-April 17

(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 18

(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 19

(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 20

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@hcscchurch.org

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

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ❖ YAM@hcscchurch.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.

Young Adult Forum later this month. Stay tuned for more details.

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@hcscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!



HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD “We Offer Praise”—Copies of our 40th Anniversary CD are still available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office for \$10!

DO WE HAVE YOUR LATEST INFORMATION? If you are a HCSC parishioner and have not completed a parish census form since September 2013, please pick up one of yellow census cards in the rear of the church or at the rectory. Give your completed form to an usher or drop it off at the rectory.

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. Also, do not block the alleyway behind the church. You risk having our neighbors call to have your car towed. Thank you for your cooperation.



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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 hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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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