

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



Second Sunday of Lent Today's Gospel teaches us some important things about facing the trials of life. First, note the **PLACE** of this gospel. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John go up a high mountain. This was no hill. It was a mountain. Have you ever climbed a mountain or do you appreciate the difficulty of it? Once up this mountain they will have a great experience of glory but the climb has to come first. And so too for us. Most of the best things in our life come at the high price of long hard work. Next, notice the **PRESCRIPTION** of this Gospel. Once on the mountain they get a glimpse of glory. And Peter declares that it is good to be here! He is right. Jesus arranged for this glimpse of glory to prepare them for the difficult days ahead and he does not want them to forget this wonderful moment. We, too, ought to savor the good things in our life for they are the balance to the crosses and challenges of life. Next, notice the **PRODUCT** of this gospel. The Lord intends for this experience to remind them all that heaven is more than worth the cross. So too for us, the Lord intends us to meditate frequently on heaven in such a way that we are encouraged to accept the struggle in order to get there.

FUNERALS: **Clara C. Contee** (Tue., Feb. 20)
Thomas Jordan (Thur., Feb. 22)
Deborah L. Woods (Fri., Feb. 23)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 25 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Arthur Yates † (birthday)
 11:00am For the intentions of Nina Curtis
 7:00pm Barbara V. Ketchum †
Monday, February 26
 7:00am For the intentions of Maureen Normann
Tuesday, February 27
 7:00am Michelle King (birthday)
Wednesday, February 28
 7:00am Thomas Jordan †
Thursday, March 1
 7:00am For the People
Friday, March 2
 7:00am Joan Connelly †
Saturday, March 3 *Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin*
 8:00am Charrisse Brown (birthday)
 4:30pm Deborah L. Woods †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Music Schedule

Processional

* Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
 ** Lead Us, Lord Lead Us
 Lead us, Lord Lead us,
 thru these forty days, Lord lead us.
 of our souls please take control,
 thru these forty days, Lord lead us.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Offertory

* Glorious Is the Name of Jesus LMGM #374
 ** Order My Steps LMGM #527

Communion

* God Will Take Care of You LMGM #409
 ** Just a Little Talk with Jesus arr G. Stewart LMGM #559

Post Communion

** 'Tis the Old Ship of Zion

Recessional

I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
for February 18, 2018**

Ash Wednesday	271
4:30pm	36
8:00am	108
11:00am	222
7:00pm	116
Total:	753

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (2/18)	\$10,739
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ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT): We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/25) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearse 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/28) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Soup & Scripture 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
Monday (2/26) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/2) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday (2/27) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/3) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

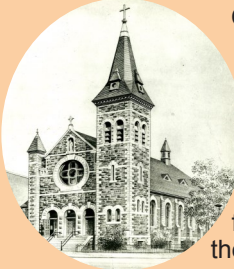
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

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PARISH LIFE



CELEBRATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

Throughout the year, we will feature various activities, events and displays of photos and artifacts from the parish of Saint Cyprian Church. **For the month of February**, our bulletin covers will feature a different historical narrative on the establishment and life of that Catholic community. We'll also feature in the vestibule of the church a display of artifacts and photos from the years up to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Russell and Barbara COLBERT** who will celebrate their **65th wedding anniversary** on **Wed., Feb. 28th**. May God continue to bless their union.

2018 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 17th, at 2pm at the National Shrine. Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 if you are celebrating this year and would like to attend. **Names of couples need to be turned in to the rectory office before Mon., April 16th**.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

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** during Lent. Starting **Wed., Feb. 21st** every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, including our own, has offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. **HCSC will hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm**. Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood.

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HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held throughout **Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. On **March 2nd** the **Stations will be led by the Sodality, Lectors, and Social Concerns Ministries**. Walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE is every **Wednesday evening** during Lent in the rectory basement at **7pm**. This year's theme is: **"Paths to Holiness"**, a bible study about how God calls each of us to become a saint and the support he gives along the way by providing abundant blessings. A light meal is available at 6:30pm, instruction at 7:15pm. Msgr. Pope and Reggie Wills will instruct.

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E **SAVE THE DATE—LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, our Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with Catholic Charities are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Bags for your donations along with instructions will be provided on the weekend of March 3—4. You are asked to bring back your food donations to Church on **March 10—11**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT will be on **March 17-18**, at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. See flyer and registration forms located in the rear of the church.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on March 30th. If you'd like to participate contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry



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.



LECTORS' SCHEDULE: The schedule for March—May 2018 has been issued electronically to each Lector. A limited number of printed copies are available in the sacristy. **PLEASE REMEMBER, when you arrive to serve please initial your attendance on the sign-in sheet.**



EASTER FLOWER LIST: Why not plan ahead and submit the names of your loved ones early for the Easter flower list. Envelopes are in your tithing packet, or you can pick up an envelope in the rear of the church.



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION—on March 2nd from 11am to 5pm. **Cost:** sandwich \$8; dinner \$12 (includes two sides). **Deserts:** \$1.50. For more info or to place an order, call 202-561-4178, ext 2.

SAINT LUKE'S—on March 9th and 23rd. Choice of fish includes whiting, tilapia, or bone fish. **Cost:** sandwich \$7; dinner \$10 (includes two sides). **Deserts: \$2.** Call 202-584-8322, or FAX 202-584-3421, or email stluke.dc@adwparish.org.

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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 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

NEW!! Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wednesday and Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
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