

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 John 3:14-21



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The readings today all speak to us of the Power in the Blood of Jesus Christ and of our need for that power. Note first the **PRESENTATION of the Commandments.**

Now most of us moderns see things like the Commandments merely as "rules." However, the deeper reality we must see is that in giving us commandments, the Lord is both summoning us to freedom, and describing what a free and transformed human person is like. In the Old Testament times the law could do little more than give a vision and summon obedience. But in New Testament times, by the power of Grace, through the power of his blood, the Lord Jesus can actually bring about this vision in our lives. Note next, the **PURIFICATION by Jesus.** We see in the Gospel that he cleanses the Temple. Now this act is more than a story about a building 2000 years ago. For we, as Scripture says, are the Temple of God. And the first thing the powerful Blood of Jesus does for us is to cleanse us from our sins. But that is not enough. Note lastly the **POWER in the Blood.** St. Paul says of Jesus Crucified that He is the "Power of God and the Wisdom of God." Hence, his blood and cross convey real power to us. He gives us a new mind and heart, a new principle of power wherein he transforms us, by stages, into the very glory of God. It is this glory that the commandments and all the moral precepts of Scripture describe.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 4 *Third Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Ruth B. Robinson †
 11:00am James Johnson †
 7:00pm For the People
Monday, March 5
 7:00am George T. Holton, Jr. † (birthday-March 6th)
Tuesday, March 6
 7:00am For the intentions of Bettye W. Mayo (B'day)
Wednesday, March 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*
 7:00am For the intentions of Kimberly Ross (B'day)
Thursday, March 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*
 7:00am William Earl Better †
Friday, March 9 *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*
 7:00am Christopher Stafford (birthday-March 5th)
Saturday, March 10
 8:00am Clara Contee †
 4:30pm Doris Holt †

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: 2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14

Music Schedule

Processional
 Down at the Cross LMGM #282
Responsorial Psalm
 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
Offertory
 * The Old Rugged Cross LMGM #727
 ** Satan, We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down LMGM #281
Communion
 Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625
Post Communion
 * Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly LMGM #271
 ** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert Martin
Recessional
 I 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 25, 2018

4:30pm	56
8:00am	97
11:00am	227
7:00pm	126
Total:	506

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (2/25)	\$9,933
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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 (3/4) 9:30am Sunday School 12:30pm Women's Ministry mtg 1:00pm Easter pageant rehearse 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (3/7) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Soup & Scripture 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (3/5) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (3/8) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (3/6) 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Friday (3/9) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
	Saturday (3/10) 9:30am Holy Name meeting 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

FIRST SCRUTINY is this weekend, **March 4th** at the **11:00am Mass** with the Elect (non-baptized) of our parish community who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). They are: **Kimberly Colbert, Susan Davis, Leila Chanel Graham, Jose Guizar, and Soleil Autumn McQueen**. The Candidates (baptized) of our parish community are preparing to accept the theology of our Catholic faith. They are: **Delivette Castor, Dorothy Ejiofor, Deborah Mazol, and Charles Molinar**. The Scrutinies are meant to aid the Catechumens and the Candidates in engaging a lifelong struggle to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to teach the Elect gradually about the mystery of sin and fill their spirits with an understanding of Christ.



SPRING FORWARD: Remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour **next** Saturday night before going to bed.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All our youth are invited to come sit together at Mass. Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

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. Every Wednesday in the Archdiocese of Washington, all Churches including our own opens their doors to hear confessions in the evenings. **HCSC will hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm**. Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood.

P R A Y **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 9th** come 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.

G I V E **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, is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive. Bags for your donations along with instructions will be provided this weekend (**March 3—4**). You are asked to bring your food donations back to Church next weekend 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.

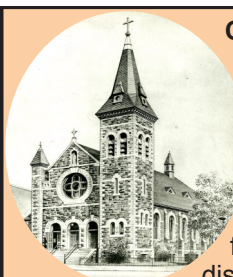
YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the **Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on March 30th**. Rehearsals immediately after 11AM Mass. If you'd like to participate please contact the Youth Director.

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.

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**.



CELEBRATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH "How Firm A Foundation."

Throughout the year, we will feature various activities, events and displays of photos and artifacts from the parish of Saint Cyprian Church. 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.

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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>
- ♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com
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