

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33



Fourth Sunday of



Note in the Gospel today a personal prescription for peace. The Gospel begins in somewhat of an odd way. Some Greeks say they want to meet Jesus. Now this seems ordinary but Jesus treats it as an extraordinary moment. But he does not rush over to greet them. Rather, he makes a solemn announcement that the hour for him to be glorified (crucified) has arrived. Why does this requested visit provoke such a response? Well, one of Jesus' central purposes was to reunite the human family that had been scattered by sin. This request that non-Jews make to see the Jewish Messiah indicates an open door. But notice, Jesus cannot go through it yet. He must first suffer and die to affect this reunion and healing from sin. First, as He says, the grain of wheat must fall to the earth and die if it is to produce abundant fruit later. Never forget, the price of our healing and reunion cost Jesus dearly. Jesus then delivers the teaching to us: As he has done, so we must also do. If we want increasing freedom from sin and greater unity in our human family then we must be willing to lose our lives in order to save them. We must be willing to die to the "me first" agenda and make sacrifices for peace. If you are willing to lose, to let go of some things, you will find your life, but whoever clings to this world and its prerogatives is already dead.

Music Schedule

Processional

- * Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days LMG# #285
- ** I'll say Yes Lord Yes

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Offertory

- * To God Be the Glory LMG# #442
- ** Say, Yes

Communion

- * Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross LMG# #300
- ** The Body of Christ J. Robertson

Post Communion

- ** No Weapon Formed Against Me Fred Hammond

Recessional

- * What Wondrous Love Is This LMG# #500
- ** I'll Say, Yes Lord, Yes

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Youth Choir—L'Tanya Holley, Director

Mass Attendance for March 4, 2018

4:30pm	50
8:00am	151
11:00am	276
7:00pm	102
Total:	579

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (3/4)	\$27,027
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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!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, March 11** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am For the intentions of Vernon Flemming
 11:00am For the intentions of Angela DiPilla
 7:00pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
- Monday, March 12**
 7:00am Destineé Monét Brown (birthday)
- Tuesday, March 13**
 7:00am For the intentions of the Rodgers Family
- Wednesday, March 14**
 7:00am Janie B. Johnson † (birthday)
- Thursday, March 15**
 7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †
- Friday, March 16**
 7:00am For the People
- Saturday, March 17** *Saint Patrick, Bishop*
 8:00am For the intentions of the Cannedy Family
 4:30pm Rev. Fr. Robert Kerns †

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (3/11)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg
1:00pm Easter Pageant rehearse
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA | Wednesday (3/14)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Soup & Scripture |
| Monday (3/12)
8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (3/16)
6:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Stations of the Cross |
| Tuesday (3/13)
6:00pm Youth Choir
7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (3/17)
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:

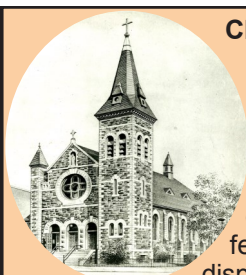
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

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PARISH LIFE

SECOND SCRUTINY: At the 8am Mass on **Sun., March 11th**, we celebrate the Second Scrutiny for our candidates. The Scrutinies help those who will be baptized at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Please keep our catechumen and candidates in prayer.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child.



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.

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.

LENTEEN 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, last weekend our Social Concerns Ministry, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, distributed bags for you to return this weekend with your donation. If you were not able to bring food this weekend, please consider making a donation to a Poor Box located at each entrance as these funds are used for this effort.

LENTEEN 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.

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 16th**, the Stations will be led by our **Youth Ministry**. Please come walk with Jesus on His way to Calvary.
DAILY MASS: During Lent, try and get to a daily Mass at 7am in the chapel every weekday.

Youth Ministry News

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

HCSC "WALK IN the LIGHT" YOUTH RETREAT—at Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House, **March 17-18**, for Youth in grades 1-12. Registration forms in rear of the church.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling All Youth Actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the **Lord's Passion on Good Friday, March 30th, at 7pm**. Rehearsals are Sundays after 11am Mass. If you are interested, please contact the Youth Director.

LIGHT THE WORLD!—a Summer Institute held at The Catholic University of America for rising Juniors and Seniors, either **June 24—July 30** or **July 8—14**. We will explore how our faith is lived within fields and careers of Art, Business, Politics, Science, and Sport. Visit lighttheworldcua.org for info and application materials. If interested in this program, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

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.



ST. BENEDICT the MOOR—sponsored by Knights of Columbus (St. Cyprian Council) & St. Benedict Holy Name on **March 23rd & 30th** from **11am—2pm**. **COST:** Dinner \$10 (with two sides) or Sandwich \$7. Call 202-258-0184.

SAINT LUKE'S—on **March 23rd**. **COST:** Sandwich \$7; Dinner \$10 (with two sides). **Desserts: \$2**. Call 202-584-8322, or FAX 202-584-3421, or email stluke.dc@adwparish.org.

ST. MARGARET of SCOTLAND—on **March 30th** from **10:30am—4pm**. Dinner choice of Whiting (\$9) or Salmon (\$10) includes two sides. Call: 301-327-1191 or email: stmargarspecialevents@gmail.com.

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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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