

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mark 14:1—15:47



Fifth Sunday of Lent **PECULIAR**—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. **PURPOSE**—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. **PREREQUISITE**—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: **PRESCRIPTION**—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
Great Change Since I've Been Born LMGM #402

Responsorial Psalm
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Offertory
* Somebody's Knockin' LMGM # 283
** Here I Am To Worship Tim Hughes

Communion
Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625

Post Communion
** There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. G. Stewart

Recessional
* What Wondrous Love Is This LMGM #500
** Completely Yes LMGM #623

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

Mass Attendance for March 11, 2018

4:30pm	51
8:00am	148
11:00am	236
7:00pm	132
Total:	567

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (3/11)	\$12,989
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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**

Monday, March 26th. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY**. Thank you.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 18 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:00am For the intentions of Elizabeth Butler
11:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
7:00pm Martin Paczynski †

Monday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:00am For all Clergy

Tuesday, March 20
7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

Wednesday, March 21
7:00am For the People

Thursday, March 22
7:00am Joseph Bailey †

Friday, March 23 *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*
7:00am Elizabeth Fairfax † (birthday)

Saturday, March 24 *Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr*
8:00am Nancy Vogl †
4:30pm Helen B. Tyler †

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/18) 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/22) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Musician Rehearsal
Monday (3/19) 6:30pm Liturgical Ministers mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/23) 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday (3/20) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/24) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:00am Usher meeting 10:30am Sodality Bd Mtg
Wednesday (3/21) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Soup & Scripture 6:30pm Liturgical Dance	

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92,95 John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

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.

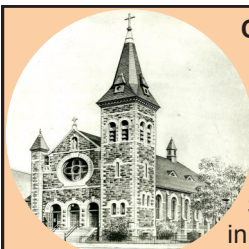
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PARISH LIFE

PALM SUNDAY is March 25th—Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem: Solemn Procession will form in front of the church for the 11am Mass. Solemn Entrance inside the church will also be observed before the 4:30pm, 8am and 7pm Masses. Please plan to arrive early!



THIRD SCRUTINY: At the 7pm Mass this weekend, we celebrate the third and final scrutiny for our catechumens. The Scrutinies help those who will be baptized and receive other sacraments at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Please keep them in prayer during their journey.



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.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): Our next event is **Sat., March 24th**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for more information and recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., March 23rd**. Contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman (615-337-2193 or email: katy.kuhlman@gmail.com).

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

FINAL LENTEN HOLY HOUR and STATIONS of the CROSS is Friday, March 23rd in the church starting with the **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by the **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. Stations will be led by the **Eucharistic Ministers and Women's Ministry**. All are welcome to walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

DAILY MASS: During Lent, try and get to a daily Mass at 7am in the chapel every weekday.

FINAL LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE is Wednesday March 21st 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 starts at 7:15pm. Msgr. Pope and Reggie Wills will instruct.

Youth Ministry News

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE—WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER BREAKFAST on **Sat., May 19th**. Stay tuned for details.



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: stmargparspecialevents@gmail.com.

➔ **SEE MENUS ON BULLETIN BOARD IN CHURCH** ◀

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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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