

PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



It is a day of contrasts. We begin by singing loud Hosannas and praising Jesus as the Son of David and Messiah. But we human beings are fickle and before long we also shout "Crucify Him!" Would you have considered joining the crowd? Perhaps you would have been in the first crowd and shouted Hosanna. But, would you have been in the second crowd? It's too easy to think that we could never say "Crucify Him." But, we are fickle. One minute we're here praising the Lord on a Sunday morning and next thing you know, even in the car on the way home, we are any thing but a child of God! It's so easy for us to be carried away by our emotions or let events overtake us; but somewhere in the midst of all this changeability in us there is a God whose love never changes, who is steadfast and firm. His name is "I AM" not "I MIGHT BE IF I'M IN THE RIGHT MOOD." Praise the Lord! Today, we acknowledge that we are capable of great and wonderful things and have the capacity to powerfully praise him. But we are also capable of great sin and inconstancy. But at the cross we encounter a God who loves us anyway.

FUNERAL: Marcus Holley (March 23rd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 25 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
 8:00am Mary Yates-Lindsey † (birthday)
 11:00am John A. Savoy, Jr. †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
Monday, March 26
 7:00am Marcia Wooden (birthday)
Tuesday, March 27
 7:00am Doris Dandridge †
Wednesday, March 28
 7:00am Charles Edelin, Sr. † (birthday)
Thursday, March 29 *Holy Thursday*
 No morning Mass
 7:00pm For the People
Friday, March 30 *Good Friday*
 No morning Mass
Saturday, March 31 *Holy Saturday*
 No morning Mass
 8:00pm Rodney Newman (birthday-March 27th)

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 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 Jn 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 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Ride On, King Jesus LMGM #692
 ** Hossana, Hossana Glen Burleigh
Responsorial Psalm
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Offertory
 * All Glory, Laud, and Honor LMGM #292
 ** Ride On, King Jesus LMGM #692
Communion
 * Do This in Remembrance of Me LMGM #763
 ** He Decided to Die James Cleavland
Post Communion
 * The Holy City
 ** Sacrifice Deah Harriott
Recessional
 Were You There LMGM #301
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director*
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—*George Stewart, Music Director*

Mass Attendance for March 18, 2018

4:30pm	51
8:00am	128
11:00am	216
7:00pm	160
Total:	555

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (3/18)	\$16,164
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EASTER FLOWERS: All names that are submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. 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 Mon., March 26th**. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing. Additional envelopes are located in the rear of the church or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/25) 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/29) No Morning Mass 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Monday (3/26) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/30) No Morning Mass 12 noon Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Choral Stations 7:00pm Lord's Passion
Tuesday (3/27) 6:00pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/31) No Morning Mass 10:00am RCIA rehearsal 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Wednesday (3/28) 6:30pm Youth Pageant rehearsal 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

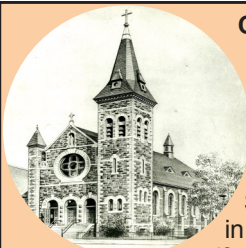
FRIENDLY SENIORS will not meet Wed., March 28th and will resume Wed., April 4th.

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, March 30th at 3pm, and will be **closed Easter Monday, April 2nd**. The office will reopen **Tue., April 3rd**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1st, and will resume on **Sun., April 8th** at 9:30am.



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.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-March 29

(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 11:00pm.

Good Friday-March 30

(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-March 31 (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 1

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. **DO NOT double-park or park behind the rectory.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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EASTER DAY CELEBRATION: The Youth Ministry annual Easter celebration is **Easter Sunday, April 1st, on the plaza following 11am Mass**. Please join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help **decorate the church** during Holy Week. We have two opportunities: **Thur., March 29th or Sat., March 31st** to help with flowers. If you can help out, call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org for questions, ideas for decorations and to volunteer.

ATTENTION SODALITY MEMBERS: We will not pray the rosary, nor meet on **Easter Sunday, April 1st**. The Sodality will meet to elect new officers on Sun., April 8th, at 9:30am, at the Center City Public Charter School.



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

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.

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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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