

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 Cor 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



Second Sunday of



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.



Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am For the Intentions of the homeless
 11:00am Russell & Barbara Colbert (62nd wedding anniv. Feb. 28)
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, March 2

7:00am Josephine Aloï †

Tuesday, March 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

7:00am O'Sha J. Hamilton †

Wednesday, March 4 *Saint Casimir*

7:00am For the Intentions of the incarcerated

Thursday, March 5

7:00am Michael L. Barnes †

Friday, March 6

7:00am George T. Holton, Jr. (birthday) †

Saturday, March 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †

4:30pm Joseph Bailey †

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: 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: Gn 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
 "Trust Me" R. Smallwood
Responsorial Psalm
 "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ" K. Harris & R. Holland
Offertory
 * "Amazing Grace" LMGM #495
 ** "Jesus I Love You" arr. by K. Louis
Communion
 "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for February 22, 2015

4:30pm	13
8:00am	54
11:00am	145
7:00pm	65
Total:	220

TITHING REPORT—Due to the weather, we are unable to post the tithing information from last week. One way to deal with making sure your tithes are received even when the weather is bad, is to sign-up for electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. Your tithes are deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. And, it's FREE! It is secure and convenient. Enrollment forms in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more details.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015—Due to snow last week, we were unable to hold the follow-up for the Appeal so we will hold it this weekend. The Appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the Archdiocese. **If you have not yet done so, please fill in a pledge card located in the pews and submit it by dropping it in the collection basket, giving it to an usher, or dropping it off at the rectory office.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/1) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/5) 6:30pm Passion rehearsal
Monday (3/2) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/6) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:45pm Youth Fellowship 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (3/3) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday (3/7) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (3/4) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Dance Rehearsal 7:00pm Soup & Scripture	

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.

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Russell and Barbara COLBERT who celebrated their **62nd wedding anniversary** on **Saturday, February 28th**. May God continue to bless their union.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass.

RITE OF SENDING is today at the 11am Mass for our catechumens: Brent Patterson and Mark Nugent; and our candidate Janet L. Jones-Berry. After enrolling here at HCSC they will leave for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a 3pm Mass. This Rite formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation; and the catechumens, now the elect, express their will to receive these sacraments.



ARE YOU CREATIVE WITH FLOWER DECORATIONS? We decorate our sanctuary every Easter and would appreciate your help with creating a prayerful and beautiful display in the sanctuary. Contact Kim Peaks at pam@kpeaks@hcschurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

SHARE IN HOPE 2015 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE—In lieu of your monthly pantry donation the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will partner for a food drive to benefit our pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **We will supply you with a paper bag on March 7—8** to take home, fill with food items (*listed on the front of the bag*) and return the next weekend on **March 14—15**.



Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. Pick up the helpful "How To" Guide on Reconciliation in the rear of the church and on **any Wednesday during Lent** from **6:30—7:15pm** stop by HCSC to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—held during **Lent every Friday** in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm** hosted **this Friday by the Youth Ministry**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE—every Wednesday at **7pm** in the rectory basement. This year's theme is **"Decide to Follow Jesus"**. Join us for a meal and bible study! If you can help prepare soup, please call the rectory on 202-546-1885.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—During Lent, our Sunday School students will participate in the annual Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl project of alms-giving. Parishioners are invited to participate. Pick up your rice bowl in the rear of the Church and return by **March 29th**.

Youth Ministry News

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GOOD FRIDAY DRAMATIC READING—The Youth Ministry is looking for youth willing to participate in the Good Friday Dramatic reading of the Passion of Our Lord. Rehearsals are every Thursday 6:30—7:30pm. Adults are needed to assist with props, design, and management. Please contact the Youth Ministry Director.

SAVE THE DATE!!—HCSC YOUTH RETREAT—April 18th at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, Baltimore, MD. See flyer for details!

YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO "JOSEPH" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on June 20th. **COST:** \$125 (13 & above); \$65 (3-12). **\$25 deposit due March 15th**. Contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcschurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hcschurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSYoungAdults)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE—The schedule for the next quarter has been issued to each minister and copies are also available in the sacristy. **PLEASE NOTE:** the Mass sign-in sheet is now located in the chapel.

2015 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 21st, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885. **Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the rectory office by Monday, April 13th**.

HONEYBAKED HAM SALE—HCSC Women's Ministry is sponsoring a sale of HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys, and Desserts. Place orders online at **HONEYBAKEDFUNDRAISER.com**. **Deadline to order is Mon., March 30th. Pick up on Sat., April 4th**. Questions? Call June at 301-529-7114.

ST. LUKE'S LENTEN FISH FRY every Friday during the Lenten season at 4925 East Capitol St., SE, from 11am to 3pm. Menu includes fried croaker, baked tilapia, fried whiting, fried salmon cakes, sides, and desserts. **COST:** dinners—\$10; sandwiches—\$7; desserts—\$2; and sodas \$1. To order, call St. Luke's at 202-584-8322,

