

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



Third Sunday of Lent 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.



Sunday, March 8 *Third Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) Joseph Bailey †
 8:00am For the intentions of the incarcerated
 11:00am Cyrus Artz
 7:00pm Stacey Ann Kahikina †

Monday, March 9 *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

7:00am Josephine Aloï †

Tuesday, March 10

7:00am For the intentions of the homeless

Wednesday, March 11

7:00am Destineé Monét Brown (birthday)

Thursday, March 12

7:00am Helen B. Tyler †

Friday, March 13

7:00am Joseph Bailey †

Saturday, March 14

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For the intentions of Bettye W. Mayo

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
 "Trust Me" R. Smallwood
Responsorial Psalm
 Lord you have the words of everlasting life"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ" K. Harris & R. Holland
Offertory
 * "Down at the Cross" LMGM #282
 ** "I Give Myself Away" W. McDowell
Communion
 "There's Something About That Name" LMGM #380
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am ** Youth Ensemble

Mass Attendance for March 1, 2015

4:30pm	70
8:00am	106
11:00am	130
7:00pm	43
Total:	349

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/1)	\$18,158
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,812

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015—Due to ice and 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 rectory office.** Thank you.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—To avoid lapses in your weekly tithes due to weather, please consider electronic tithing with *Faith Direct*. There are brochures in the rear of the Church or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/8) 9:00am Ladies of Charity mtg 9:30am Holy Name Society mtg 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/12) 6:30pm Passion Play rehearsal 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (3/9) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/13) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (3/11) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Soup & Scripture	Saturday (3/14) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 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.

PARISH LIFE

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

2015 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES—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.**

NEW SOUND SYSTEM—You should have noticed the new speakers in the sanctuary indicating the new sound system has been installed. Our Sound Ministry needs your help and patience in working out the glitches and to do some fine tuning. We need parishioners to critique the new sound system and complete a series of questions. Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 if you are able to help. Thanks!



OUR VERY OWN ROBERT PERSON'S NEW CD, LOVE DIVINE, is available in the Candlelight Store for \$10 (and online at iTunes and CDBaby). For more information, to hear his music, and view his videos, visit www.roberteperson.com.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held during Lent every Friday starting with a Holy Hour at 6pm and followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers this Friday, March 13th. 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.



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 the church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 this weekend** to take home, fill with food items (listed on the front of the bag) and return next weekend (March 14—15).

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

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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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. See flyer.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.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@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



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 Johnson at 301-529-7114.

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

THE HOLY LAND NEAR HOME—Experience Gethsemane, Calvary, Christ's burial and the Resurrection without leaving DC, at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. A pilgrimage site for those who cannot travel to the place of Jesus' Incarnation, the monastery includes full-size replicas of Calvary and the Tomb in the Church. Outside, visit the Grotto of Gethsemane and walk the stations of the cross. Free tours daily. The monastery is at 1400 Quincy St., NE; free parking. For information call 202-526-6800 or visit: myfranciscan.org.



ST. LUKE'S LENTEN FISH FRY every Friday during the Lent at 4925 East Capitol St., SE, from 11am—3pm. Menu MENU: fried croaker, baked tilapia, fried whiting, salmon cakes, sides, and desserts. To order, call St. Luke's at 202-584-8322.