

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45



In today's Gospel we encounter a man who was born blind. And this is us. For we were born into sin and with a spiritual blindness from which we must be rescued. This is the **Problem that is Presented**. Note the **Purification that is Prescribed**. Jesus tells the man to go to the pool and wash. He came back able to see. This is Baptism. But notice the text says he came back **ABLE** to see. Just because I am able to see, does not mean I fully see everything. Thus, his **Perception is Partial**. We spend most of our lives trying to see more deeply into things and grasp proper meaning. So this man, who is us, needs to go through stages of awakening to have the Lord open his spiritual eyes even further. Next, notice the **Progress that Proceeds**. After a long series of questions he progresses in stages from referring to the Lord merely as "the man called Jesus," to seeing him as a prophet, to declaring "he is from God." Then he reaches the final stage, the **Perfection that is Portrayed**. In a conversation with Jesus, he is summoned to deeper faith and responds by saying, "I do believe" and he falls down and worships Jesus. This is us, we are on this journey to know Jesus more deeply and to confess and experience him as more than a mere man, or a prophet, but as Lord and God.



Sunday, March 30 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) William Miles (20th anniversary) †
 8:00am Deidra Ledbetter (birthday 2/15)
 11:00am Irene Counihan †
 7:00pm Maria Isabell Alvarado †

Monday, March 31

7:00am Joseph E. Campbell (27th anniversary) †

Tuesday, April 1

7:00am William & Catherine Miles (birthday) †

Wednesday, April 2 *Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*

7:00am Vincent & Sharon Brown (38th wedding anniv.)

Thursday, April 3

7:00am Elizabeth Colston (birthday)

Friday, April 4 *Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am For the People

Saturday, April 5 *Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

8:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †
 4:30pm James D. Rodgers (45th anniversary) †

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: 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

Music Schedule	
Processional	
"How Firm A Foundation"	LMGM #555
Responsorial Psalm	
"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"	
Gospel Acclamation	
"Alleluia!"	
Offertory	
* "Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door"	LMGM #283
** Choral Praise	
Communion	
"Holy Is the Lamb of God"	In Pews
* 8:00am <i>Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate</i>	
** 11:00am <i>Church Choir</i>	

Mass Attendance for March 23, 2014	
4:30pm	53
8:00am	108
11:00am	288
7:00pm	44
Total:	493

Stewardship Report 2013—2014	
Actual Tithes (3/23)	\$13,716



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, April 14th**. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH	
Sunday (3/30)	Wednesday (4/2)
9:30am RCIA/Inquirers	11:00am Friendly Seniors
1:00pm Young Adult Fellowship	6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Mass	7:00pm Soup & Scripture
8:00pm AA	
Tuesday (4/1)	Friday (4/4)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble	6:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Adult Choir	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
8:00pm YAM Bible Study	8:00pm NA
	Saturday (4/5)
	9:30am 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.

PARISH LIFE

SECOND SCRUTINY—At the 4:30pm Mass on **Sat., March 29th**, we celebrate the second of three scrutinies for our candidates. The scrutinies help those who will be baptized 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 our catechumens and candidate in prayer during their journey.

BLOOD DRIVE REPORT—On behalf of the HCSC Sodality and the American Red Cross, a sincere **THANK YOU** to all the donors and volunteers who assisted with our blood drive. Of the **29 people** who signed up, **17 units** of viable blood were collected. Many people in our community and across the country will benefit from your gift of life.

ATTENTION!!! LITURGICAL MINISTERS—In preparation for Holy Week/Easter, Msgr. Pope will hold a liturgical ministers meeting on **Sat., April 12th at 10am** at the church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SOUL OF IRENE COUNIHAN—Gerry Counihan and his family would like to thank parishioners for your prayers during his mother's illness. Before her death on March 11th, Mrs. Counihan had visited HCSC parish on several occasions. Your continued prayers during Gerry's bereavement are greatly appreciated.

HONEYBAKED HAM SALE—HCSC Women's Ministry is sponsoring sale of HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys and Desserts. Place orders online at honeybakedfundraiser.com. Pick up on **Sat., April 19th**. Questions? Call rectory at 202-546-1885.



LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke's every Friday during Lent at 4925 E. Capitol St., SE, 11am—3pm. Call 202-584-8322.
St. Francis Xavier on Fri., April 11th, 11am—6pm in the Bailey Room at 2815 "O" St., SE. Call Arnold McNeill at 202-341-4513 (or the rectory 202-582-5021).

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

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

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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. On any Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm you can stop by the church and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open to all ages.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE—every Wednesday during Lent at 7pm in the rectory basement. The theme is **"At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus"**. If you can help prepare soup, please let us know.

SHARE IN HOPE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE—In lieu of your monthly pantry donation the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities have partnered for a food drive to benefit our pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **If you did not return a filled bag this weekend, please return it to the rectory no later than 11am, Mon., March 31st.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION FUND AWARDS—Have you applied for an award? Applications available in rectory office. See flyer in back of church for details.

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES!!! The Youth Ministry is seeking youth of all ages interested in being a part of **"A Story of Jesus' Passion"** as it is told in the Gospel of John. In addition, we are looking for a director for the play and others willing to work with the set design. Contact Nicki for further details.

NEWSLETTER—The Youth Ministry needs reporters for our quarterly newsletter which will publish in April. Also, youth celebrating birthdays during the months of April, May, or June can submit the day and month if you want it listed in the newsletter. For details contact Nicki.



INTERACTIVE ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT—for teens offered by the Office of Youth Ministry. Titled **"Christ Lives: Prophesize and Teach with Love"**, the retreat will provide teens the opportunity for prayer, scripture reflection, and individual or group discussion about their faith and belief in Jesus. Retreat concludes with an Easter Celebration. Go to: adw.org/youth-retreats.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

LENTEN LUNCHEON—Young Adults, join us **SUNDAY, March 30th** following the 11am Mass for lunch with guest speaker Fr. Steven Bell.

NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Come attend bible study just for you every Tuesday 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)

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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