

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4-7      Phil 2:6-11      Matthew 26:14-27:66



Today's Gospel is the amazing story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. In this Gospel we see something of the journey we must make with God in order to experience new life. First, there is a **DESIGN** at work. When informed of the grave illness of Lazarus, Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." We don't always understand God's designs, how his plans for us work out, but if he allows difficulties to beset us, it is ultimately for glory, if we believe. Next, note the **DELAY**. Jesus waits four whole days before going to Lazarus' aid, and Lazarus dies as a result. Here too, we don't always understand why God delays in answering our prayers. But, over and over in scripture we are told to wait on the Lord. He has his reasons and is testing and strengthening our faith. All we can say is 'Lord, help me to hold out, until my change comes!' Next, note the **DETERMINATION** of Jesus to raise Lazarus. To do this he must go into harm's way and saving Lazarus will ultimately cost him his own life because by this incident the Temple leaders resolve to kill Jesus. Next, there is **DIALOGUE**. Jesus inquires into the faith of Martha. Our faith is more precious to the Lord than our physical well-being. Above all Jesus wants to strengthen our faith because this is the way he saves us. Next, **DRAMA** ensues. Jesus approaches the grave and scripture says he was deeply troubled and quite angry. Here the Lord comes face-to-face at what sin has done to us. Here the devil's victory is displayed. Jesus is angry in the sense that he is stirred into battle for us. Finally, there is **DELIVERANCE**. Jesus summons Lazarus, and us, out of the tomb. But notice, the deliverance is not just to get his life back. Lazarus (who is us) must be untied and set free from what still binds him. Hence, our deliverance is on-going. Our life in faith is more than answering an altar call or being baptized. We must allow the Lord to untie us and let us go free.



**Sunday, April 6** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) James D. Rodgers (45<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †  
 8:00am Rita Brown †  
 11:00am Cruz Antonio Burk (birthday—1 year old)  
 7:00pm Dorothy T. Brown †

**Monday, April 7** *Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

7:00am Gary McPherson, Jr. (birthday)

**Tuesday, April 8**

7:00am Francis D. Campbell (28<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Wednesday, April 9**

7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †

**Thursday, April 10**

7:00am Ray Simpson †

**Friday, April 11** *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Robin Bellfield-Pollard †

**Saturday, April 12**

8:00am Deceased Greene & Hill Family Members †  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-62      John 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9      John 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95      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

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Yield Not to Temptation"      LMGM #770

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption"

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 Lenten Gospel Acclamation

**Offertory**  
 \* "Give Me A Clean Heart"      LMGM #625  
 \*\* "Healer in the House"      Bradley Knight

**Communion**  
 "Holy Is the Lamb of God"      In Pews

\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \*\* 11:00am *Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator*  
*Josh Graf, Music Associate*

**Mass Attendance for March 30, 2014**

4:30pm	63
8:00am	86
11:00am	289
7:00pm	37
<b>Total:</b>	<b>475</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (3/30)	\$14,771
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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, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

<b>Sunday (4/6)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (4/10)</b> 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (4/8)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (4/11)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
<b>Wednesday (4/9)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Soup & Scripture	<b>Saturday (4/12)</b> 9:30am Liturgical Dance 10:00am Liturgical Ministers 10:00am Holy Name Society 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass

**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.

**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 TODAY**—due to Palm Sunday schedule. Youth and their parents are invited to sit in front of the clergy.

**THIRD SCRUTINY** – At the 11:00pm 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.

**PALM SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**, commemorates the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem. Solemn Procession will form in front of the church for 11am Mass. Solemn Entrance will also be observed before the 4:30pm and 8am Masses. Please plan to arrive early!

**CLOSINGS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—closed Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Will resume on Sun., April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**—closed Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES**—have been issued and available online, our website, or hardcopies in the sacristy.

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



**HONEYBAKED HAM SALE**—HCSC Women’s Ministry is sponsoring sale of HoneyBaked Hams, Turkeys and Desserts. Place orders online at [HONEYBAKEDFUNDRAISER.com](http://HONEYBAKEDFUNDRAISER.com).

**Deadline Mon., April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up on **Sat., April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Call rectory at 202-546-1885.

**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.



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 at 7pm in the rectory basement during Lent. The theme is “*At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus*”. If you can help prepare soup, please let us know.



All Rice Bowls will be collected **next weekend for Palm Sunday**. Donations by check are also accepted (made payable to HCSC with RICE BOWL in the memo line).

**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 the rectory office. See flyer in back of church for details.

**THANK YOU**—Many thanks to all the youth who attended the HCSC Youth Retreat “Walk in the Light.” In addition, thanks to our facilitators Fr. Steven Bell, Ms. Charlene Howard, Sister Theotokos, and Sister Boomiki. Special thanks to our youth leaders for a job well done. Stay tuned!!! Details about the retreat will follow in the next edition of the Youth Newsletter.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)

**THANKS**—to all who attended the Young Adults’ luncheon with Fr. Bell. We look forward to growing this wonderful ministry!

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 7 CHURCH WALK**—Join DCCatholic and 200+ Young Adults **April 12<sup>th</sup>** for this Lenten pilgrimage to 7 churches in downtown DC, **including HCSC**. Register at: [www.dccatholic.eventbrite.org](http://www.dccatholic.eventbrite.org).

**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](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

Young Adult forum later this month. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter (HCSCYoungAdults) for updates!



**FREE TAX CLINIC**—offered by Capitol Hill Group Ministry to individuals or couples with an income of \$57,000 or less. Call **Mike Ambrose at 202-544-5605 for an appointment**. Bring W-2 forms and all 2013 tax documents to Lincoln United Methodist Church, 1301 North Carolina Ave., NE, Thursdays 7pm—8:30pm thru April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tues., April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LENTEN FISH FRY: St. Luke’s Fridays during Lent** at 4925 E. Capitol St., SE, 11am—3pm. Call 202-584-8322. **St. Francis Xavier on Fri., April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 11am—6pm in the Bailey Room at 2815 “O” St., SE. Call Arnold McNeill at 202-341-4513 (or the rectory 202-582-5021).

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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](mailto: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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