

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15      1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12      Luke 13:1-9

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Joshua 5:9-12      2 Cor 5:17-21      Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



**Third Sunday of**



Today's Gospel reminds us of the hymn that says, "It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer!" The Lord begins Presenting the Problem in the form of a question. He asks if certain people who had suffered calamity were worse sinners than others. He answers, firmly, "No." And then he presents the central point, saying, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish." So, rather than comparing ourselves with others and trying to set up some pecking order about who's better or worse, we all need to remember that we all have to get ready for judgment and that we will all need grace and mercy. Yes, Lord, it's me, standing in the need of prayer! Then in the second half of the Gospel, using a parable, the Lord announces a three-fold Portrayal of the Process in terms of the judgment that is upon us. First, there is an **Assessment** that a certain fig tree is not bearing the expected fruit. Faith is a fruit-bearing tree in our life and there are certain fruits we ought to expect, that are born by those who say they have saving faith. In the parable, the tree is lacking the necessary fruits. But the Lord responds to this assessment with **Assistance**. And thus, hearing the request for mercy, the Lord orders that the ground around the tree should be cultivated and fertilized. Yes, for now there are many graces the Lord sends to us to summon us to repentance and to ready us for the day of judgment. This leads to the final stage of the judgment process, **Acceptance**. That is, while judgment is delayed for now, and grace and mercy are supplied in abundance, there comes the day when judgment must finally be rendered. And the judgment is not so much the mere passing of a sentence, but acceptance on the part of the Lord of whether we ever really wanted our faith to bear fruit.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, March 24** *Third Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00am Mary Lindsey † (birthday)  
 11:00am For the intentions of Gregory Teasley  
 7:00pm Austin Roe Ketchum †  
**Monday, March 25** *The Annunciation of the Lord*  
 7:00am For the People  
**Tuesday, March 26**  
 7:00am Marcia Wooden (birthday)  
**Wednesday, March 27**  
 7:00am Harvey R. Clapp, III †  
**Thursday, March 28**  
 7:00am Richard E. Coulton †  
**Friday, March 29**  
 7:00am Mattie Grant † (birthday)  
**Saturday, March 30**  
 8:00am Joseph E. Campbell †  
 4:30pm Carolyn Noack †

*If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10      Heb 10:4-10      Luke 1:26-38  
**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**  
 Come and Go with Me      LMGM #711  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 The Lord is kind and merciful.      Psalm 103  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.  
**Offertory**  
 \* Jesu Walked This Lonesome Valley  
 \*\* Order My Steps      LMGM #527  
**Communion**  
 \* There Is a Balm in Gilead      LMGM #502  
 \*\* Precious Is the Blood      Joe Pace  
**Post Communion**  
 \*\* Jesu Walked This Lonesome Valley      arr G. Stewart  
**Recessional**  
 \* What Wondrous Love Is This      LMGM #500  
 \*\* I'll Say, "Yes," Lord, "Yes"  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance  
 March 17, 2019**

4:30pm 73  
 8:00am 105  
 11:00am 230  
 7:00pm 115  
**Total: 523**

**Stewardship Report: March 1—15, 2019**

Budgeted Tithes: March 1—22, 2019	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: March 1—22, 2019	\$52,562

**ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT):** eGiving with Faith Direct is easy! By enrolling in online giving, you will simplify your monthly budgeting and provide Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian with consistent, reliable support. Signing up is easy, too! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DC59**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (3/24)**  
 9:30am RCIA  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux  
 8:00pm AA  
**Monday (3/25)**  
 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study  
**Tuesday (3/26)**  
 6:30pm Youth Choir  
 7:00pm Adult Choir  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus  
**Wednesday (3/27)**  
 11:00am Friendly Seniors  
 6:30pm Reconciliation  
 6:30pm Lenten Scripture Study  
**Thursday (3/28)**  
 6:30pm Youth Leaders meeting  
**Friday (3/29)**  
 6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday (3/30)**  
 10:00am Liturgical Dance

**FUNERAL: Catherine Price Staley (Friday, March 22)**

**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



Blessings to **Henry Robert Morris** who was baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless him in his journey of faith.

**FIRST SCRUTINY** is **Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8AM Mass** with the *Elect* (non-baptized) of our parish preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). They are: **Mason Johnson** and **President Thomas**. The *Candidates* (baptized) of our parish preparing to accept the theology of our Catholic faith are: **Kevin Quinley** and **Delante Rush, Jr.** The Scrutinies are meant to aid the Catechumens and Candidates in a lifelong struggle to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to teach the Elect gradually about the mystery of sin and fill their spirits with an understanding of Christ.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



Haven't been to confession lately? On **Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30—7:15PM** stop by HCSC and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Churches throughout the Archdioceses of Washington and Arlington will offer hours every Wednesday during Lent for private prayer and confession. For locations and times, visit <https://thelightison.org>.

**P** **BIBLE STUDY:** Our parish has opportunities for you to fellowship with others for bible study. The Lenten season is a good time to renew your understanding of God's word. We offer the following:  
**R** ❖ **Monday Nights**—Young Adult Bible Study at 8PM in the rectory parlor.  
**A** ❖ **Wednesday Mornings**—Adult Bible Study with the Friendly Seniors at 11AM (in the school).  
**Y** ❖ **Wednesday Nights**—Adult Bible Study with a lite meal of soup (during Lent) at 7PM (meal at 6:30PM) in the rectory basement meeting room.

**E** **HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6PM** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7PM**. On **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** the Stations will be led by both the **Ushers** and **Women's Ministries**. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

**G** **LENTEEN FOOD DRIVE:** Hunger is an ever-present reality. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, our Social Concerns Ministry, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, is sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Bags for your donations with instructions will be provided this weekend—March 23-24. You are asked to bring your food donations to church next weekend—**March 30-31**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "**Catholic Charities**" and give it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for your generosity and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
 202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ❖ [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org)

**YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT:** Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**. **Rehearsals begin Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> after 11AM Mass**. If you'd like to participate please contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We are studying the **Gospel of John**. Come and meet other young adults!

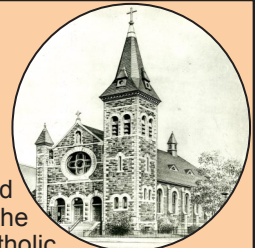


**EASTER FLOWER LIST:** Why not plan ahead and submit the names of your loved ones early for the Easter flower list? Envelopes are in your tithing packet, or you can pick up an envelope in the rear of the church.



**TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING:** The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call **until September 4<sup>th</sup>**, with the special intention of healing for those hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays—Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com), and follow on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH



"A LEGACY OF ENDURING FAITH"

We are planning various activities and events **throughout 2019** to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. **Pickup a brochure** in the vestibule of the church near the displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church for more information on upcoming events. **You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display.** All items will be handled with loving care and returned to the owner. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks ([pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885). Visit our website for more information.

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 Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

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

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
 Wed and Thurs, 9am—5pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and, Sun, 9am—2pm.  
 For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- Pastor's Media Links: [MSGRPOPE.com](http://MSGRPOPE.com)
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
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