

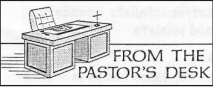
PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-7 Luke 23:1-49

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



Perhaps Palm Sunday should be called "Strange Sunday." We begin by praising the Lord with shouts of "Hosanna", a Hebrew word of praise difficult to translate but which is not far from our word "hooray!" We welcome Jesus and rejoice at his presence among us. But as we read the passion, no less than 20 minutes later we shout: "Crucify Him!" We are fickle and inconsistent and at times our behavior is downright strange. Who would blame the Lord for refusing to die for the likes of us? But on this strange Sunday of contrasts, we see that he willingly dies for us. He could have brought down legions of Angels to destroy us for what we attempted, but he did not. Instead, He spoke on our behalf: "Father forgive them." Ask for the grace to let it dawn on you that the Son of God died for you; not just as an intellectual fact but as a heartfelt experience. The strangeness of this Day cannot eclipse the strength of his love.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday
 8:00am William Hoff †
 11:00am Cheryl Walker Ross †
 7:00pm Donald Strickland †
Monday, April 15
 7:00am Helen B. Tyler †
Tuesday, April 16
 7:00am Joseph Bailey †
Wednesday, April 17
 7:00am Opal Hoff †
Thursday, April 18 Holy Thursday
No morning Mass
 7:00pm John N. Graham †
Friday, April 19 Good Friday
No morning Mass
Saturday, April 20 Holy Saturday
No morning Mass
 8:00pm For the People

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-9 Rev 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Ex 14:15—15:1 Rom 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional
 Ride on, King Jesus LMGM #692
Responsorial Psalm
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Gospel Acclamation
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
Offertory
 * Down at the Cross LMGM #282
 ** Hosanna, Hosanna Glen Burleigh
Communion
 * Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross LMGM #300
 ** Here I am to Worship Tim Hughes
Post Communion
 Calvary LMGM #296
Recessional
 Were You There LMGM #301
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
 April 7, 2019**

4:30pm 45
 8:00am 126
 11:00am 236
 7:00pm 119
Total: 526

Stewardship Report: April 1—12, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: April 1—12, 2019	\$15,769
Actual Tithes Received: April 1—12, 2019	\$15,070

ELECTRONIC TITHING: Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account **TWICE a month** or charged to a credit card. **It's Easy, it's FREE, it's Secure, and a Convenient** way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (**HCSC church code: DC59**). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/14) 9:30am Holy Name meeting 8:00pm AA	Thursday (4/18) No morning Mass 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Monday (4/15) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (4/19) No morning Mass 12 noon Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Choral Stations 7:00pm Passion of the Lord
Tuesday (4/16) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/20) No morning Mass 10:00am Vigil rehearsal No 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Wednesday (4/17) 6:00pm Pageant rehearsal 6:30pm Dance rehearsal 6:30pm Reconciliation	

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

FRIENDLY SENIORS will not meet Wed., April 17th and will resume Wed., April 24th.

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, April 19th at 3PM, and will be **closed Easter Monday April 22nd**. The office will reopen Tue., April 23rd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 21st, and will resume on Sun., April 28th at 9:30am.

NEW DATE—2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: The Archdiocese of Washington has moved the date of the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years to **Sun., June 16th**, at 2PM at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register for this special event, married registered parishioners of HCSC can call the rectory office (202-546-1885) or use a sign-up form in the back of the church. Names of Jubilarians must be **submitted to the rectory no later than Fri., April 26th**.



“HOT CROSS BUNS” for sale on **Palm Sunday, April 14th**, after 8am Mass on the plaza by the religious order of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. Your purchase will support the formation of the women entering their missionary order in Ecuador, Brazil and the Philippines. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated and will help support many religious vocations. For more information about the order please visit their website: www.ssvmusa.org.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-April 18

(No morning Mass)

7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Transfer of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository until 11:00pm.

Good Friday-April 19

(No morning Mass) *A day of fast and abstinence.*

12 Noon — Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (gather inside the church).

3:00pm — Choral Stations of the Cross in the church.

7:00pm — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Youth presentation of the Passion.

Holy Saturday-April 20 (No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

8:00pm — **EASTER VIGIL** — Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Easter Sunday-April 21

Mass at 8:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm.

NOTE: Please allow yourself time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the school parking lot located at 15th & East Capitol St., SE. **DO NOT double-park or park behind the rectory.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2019 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2019-2020? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from HCSC-Singletary Education Fund. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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 FLOWERS: Names submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. To include a loved one on this list, please return your envelope to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 14th**. Envelopes available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



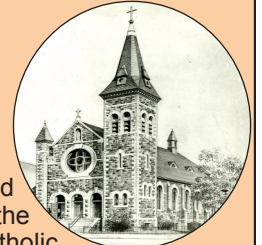
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help **decorate the church** for Easter. We have two opportunities: **Thur., April 18th or Sat., April 20th** to help with flowers. If you can help, call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.



CELEBRATING the 125TH 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 125th 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. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885). For more information visit our website at hscchurch.org.



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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 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
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hscchurch)
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