

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:-41



The Gospel today is rich in symbolism. A woman (this means you) comes to a well (this means the world). She comes because she is thirsty (and this refers to all our desires). She thinks the well will satisfy her. But it does not, for no sooner than she has a drink she is on her way to being thirsty again. The world can provide momentary pleasures, but no lasting ones. Jesus is there waiting for her. Jesus is also waiting for you, who are filled with many desires and questions. He says to her, "Everyone who drinks from this well will be thirsty again." He then offers her the gift of his very self and explains that God alone can ultimately satisfy us. It is simply a fact that our desires are infinite and unlimited. Hence, a finite and limited world cannot satisfy us. Only God who is infinite and unlimited can, at last, satisfy us. At first, the woman laughs at Him, much as we often laugh at those who suggest we can be happier with fewer worldly possessions and a richer spiritual life. But gradually, as she gets to know Jesus, she begins to realize that this is a great satisfaction. It takes time, but eventually she leaves her water jar behind and runs to joyfully tell others what she

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 15 *Third Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Willie & Angela Scott (56th wedding anniv.)
 11:00am Larry Elgin †
 7:00pm For the People
Monday, March 16
 7:00am For the intentions of Natleen Chance
Tuesday, March 17
 7:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff
Wednesday, March 18
 7:00am Coulter Nakamura †
Thursday, March 19
 7:00am Opal Hoff †
Friday, March 20
 7:00am William Hoff †
Saturday, March 21
 8:00am Richard Coulton †
 4:30pm Martin Ford † (birthday)

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

TITHING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT: We invite you to join many others at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, saving you time and saving our parish money by eliminating unused offertory envelopes. It's easy! Visit **faith.direct/DC59** or pick up a brochure in the rear of the church. Thank you.

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Luke 2:41-51
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Lord, Help Me to Hold Out LMGM #568
 ** Hold Out John P. Kee
Responsorial Psalm
 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 95
Offertory
 * Fill My Cup, Lord
 ** My Help Jackie G. Farris
Communion
 * Amazing Grace! LMGM #495
 ** Just a Little Talk with Jesus arr. G. Stewart LMGM #559
Post Communion
 ** Fill My Cup, Lord
Recessional
 * Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
 ** Lead Us Lord, Lead Us
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for March 8, 2020

4:30pm	53
8:00am	126
11:00am	179
7:00pm	134
Total:	492

Stewardship Report: Feb. 29—March 13, 2020

Budgeted Tithes: Feb. 29—March 13	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: Feb. 29—March 13	\$27,608



EASTER FLOWERS: All names 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 Mon., April 6th**. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher for one. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/15) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (3/18) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Dance Ministry 6:30pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Lenten Soup & Scripture
Monday (3/16) 7:00pm Latin Mass 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/20) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday (3/17) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/21) 10:00am Dance Ministry 10:00am Holy Name Society 10:30am PROVERB 24 event

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.

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PARISH LIFE

FIRST SCRUTINY is Sun., March 15th at 8AM Mass with the *Elect* (non-baptized) of our parish preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). She is: **Ketstynne JeRelle Powell**. The *Candidates* (baptized) of our parish preparing to accept the theology of our Catholic faith are: **Elliott Kaduck, Josh Lancaster, and Chris Boehmler**. 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. The Scrutinies are meant to aid the Elect and Candidates in a lifelong struggle to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



During Lent, you are invited to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. Here at **HCSC confessions will be heard from 6:30—7:15PM**. Visit: theLightisON.org to find other church times.

G I V I N G LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: HCSC Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will hold a Lenten food drive for local food pantries. Please pick-up a paper bag from the rear of the Church (or ask an usher), look on the side of the bag for instructions on what to bring and return the bag (filled with your food items) next weekend, **March 21-22**. Some of the donated food will be used to stock our own food pantry. God bless you in your generosity.

BEST LENT EVER VIDEO SERIES: Come on a Lenten journey and *Rediscover the Saints* this Lent through daily video reflections by Dynamic Catholic. For more information and to sign up: visit DynamicCatholic.com/Amazing.



P R A Y LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every **Wednesday evening** during Lent in the rectory basement through **April 1st**. This year's theme, is **"Lord, Help Me to Hold Out Until My Change Come."** We'll explore biblical stories of deliverance and conversion. A light meal will be served at **6:30pm**. Instruction will start at **7:15PM**. All are welcome.

E R LENTEN 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**. The **March 20th** Stations will be led by the **Holy Name Society**, and the **Music Ministry**. Come walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN RESOURCES: Become familiar with the practices of our faith and the beauty of this time of reflection and devotion by visiting the following websites:
 → **U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB)**—www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/index.cfm
 → **The Catholic Apostolate Center** (Washington, DC) <https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org>

Youth Ministry News

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

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the **Lord's Passion on Good Friday (April 10th) at 7PM**. Parents are also needed. 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 **Book of Genesis**. Come and meet other young adults!

LATIN MASS: Please join us on **Mon, March 16th at 7PM** for a Tridentine Latin Mass celebrated by Msgr. Pope here at HCSC at Mary's altar in the church. All are welcome, especially if you've never experienced a Latin mass before!

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL FOOD MANAGER TRAINING: This course is on food safety regulations and appropriate staff hygiene for any event where food is offered for sale or prepared for a sizeable group. Sponsored by PROMETRIC, **Sat., March 21st, 10AM—1PM**, in the HCSC rectory basement. **COST: \$125 per person**. For more information, contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786) or Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



SAINT ELIZABETH PROJECT: Will you help pregnant women and their unborn children? The **Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center, 713 Maryland Ave., NE**, needs volunteers, especially those who can come in one day a week to do light secretarial work (i.e., answer phones, type, and enter data). Please contact Mark Stricherz (202/910-2720 or stricherz2@yahoo.com.)



OSP 190TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE: The Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) is celebrating its 190th Anniversary of serving the people of God by hosting a fundraising raffle to support their continued efforts. Raffle tickets are \$100 each for **ONE Grand Prize of \$10,000** (drawing is June 27th). Consider purchasing a ticket with others. Contact Kim Peaks (kpeaks@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885) to purchase a ticket. Limited tickets are being sold!

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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
- **Follow us on Social Media:**