

Return to me with
your whole *heart*.

Joel 2:12

Lent 40 Days



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



Second Sunday of



Today's Gospel teaches us some important things about facing the trials of life. First, note the PLACE of this gospel. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John go up a high mountain. This was no hill. It was a mountain. Have you ever climbed a mountain or do you appreciate the difficulty of it? Once up this mountain they will have a great experience of glory but the climb has to come first. And so too for us. Most of the best things in our life come at the high price of long hard work. Next, notice the PRESCRIPTION of this Gospel. Once on the mountain they get a glimpse of glory. And Peter declares that it is good to be here! He is right. Jesus arranged for this glimpse of glory to prepare them for the difficult days ahead and he does not want them to forget this wonderful moment. We, too, ought to savor the good things in our life for they are the balance to the crosses and challenges of life. Next, notice the PRODUCT of this gospel. The Lord intends for this experience to remind them all that heaven is more than worth the cross. So too for us, the Lord intends us to meditate frequently on heaven in such a way that we are encouraged to accept the struggle in order to get there.



2021 ANNUAL APPEAL IS HERE!

The theme, *Seeking Christ* reminds us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of those within and beyond our parish boundaries. If you would still like to make a pledge or donation, envelopes are available in the pews, or ask an usher for one. Please give your completed envelope either to an usher or drop it in the mail. If you received a request at home, be sure to mail your donation or pledge to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hcschurch.org) for updates from the Pastor and on the parish during this pandemic.

Subscribe to Flocknote by texting **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hcschurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, recorded Mass links and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!

Download **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device to stay in touch with what's happening at our parish. Visit your app store (*available for android & Apple phones*). Turn on your notifications after you download so you can receive updates and information.

HCSC is also on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay in touch!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Ann Armstrong Marlow †
 9:30am Charles H. Brawner †
 11:00am Eusebia Armstrong Black †
 7:00pm For the People
MONDAY, MARCH 1
 7:00am Tyrone Armstrong †
TUESDAY, MARCH 2
 7:00am Margaret Armstrong Roberts †
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*
 7:00am William "Rock" Proctor † (birthday Dec. 25th)
THURSDAY, MARCH 4 *Saint Casimir*
 7:00am Marie L. Brawner †
FRIDAY, MARCH 5 *World Day of Prayer*
 7:00am For the intentions of Christopher Stafford
SATURDAY, MARCH 6
 8:00am George R. Holton, Jr. † (birthday)
 4:30pm Bettye Walker Mayo (birthday)

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 READINGS

Monday: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Attendance February 21, 2021

4:30pm	27
8:00am	41
9:30am	16
11:00am	88
7:00pm	52
Total:	224

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/28) **Friday (3/5)**
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom 6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions)
Wednesday (3/3) 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Confessions
 7:15pm Lenten Bible Study

ELECTRONIC TITHING (e-giving): Join others at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian in electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. Your offertory is automatically deducted and can be easily changed with a phone call or email. Visit faith.direct/DC59 or pick up brochure in rear of church.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

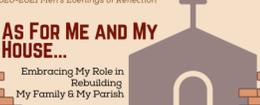
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OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2020-2021 Men's Evenings of Reflection



AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE...
Embracing My Role in Rebuilding My Family & My Parish

MEN'S EVENINGS OF REFLECTION—sponsored by Our Lady of Bethesda: *“As for Me and My House... Embracing My Role in Rebuilding My Family and My Parish.”* Join this month's installment of the Monthly Reflections for Men **Wed., March 3rd**. **Virtual and In-Person options! In-Person program at 7PM; Virtual program at 8PM.** Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi. Discover tools to become a stronger leader in your Church, your parish, and your home. Evening includes: directed meditation; a practical talk; and personal reflection. In-Person attend Mass, opportunity for Confession, a meal and fellowship. **Cost: \$20 In-Person; \$10 Virtual.** Both require advance registration at www.ourladyofbethesda.org/programs. OLB Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



The Light is ON for You. God created us for relationship with Him and one another. During Lent, we invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. **HCSC will be open to hear confessions every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15PM.** We also offer confession on **Fridays from 6—7:00PM.**

VIRTUAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Our theme for this year's Lenten Bible Study is **"God Put A Rainbow In the Sky."** The rainbow was God's sign that he had delivered Noah and his family from the flood. We will study biblical stories of deliverance and seek to build trust in God and a vigorous hope for his on-going deliverance. Virtual Zoom sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** at 7:15pm, (**March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th**). To receive Zoom link: subscribe on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

P **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 **Friday, March 5th** the stations will be led by the **Ushers Ministry.** Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

R This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the **Dynamic Catholic** team for **BEST LENT EVER** - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover, or rediscover, God through prayer. Visit BestLentEver.com to sign-up.

**BEST
LENT
EVER**

R **Do Something Beautiful for God**—Also available from Dynamic Catholic is a publication of essential teachings from Saint Teresa of Calcutta. **FREE** copies are available in the back of the church.

G **HCSC is assisting the Oblate Sisters of Providence** as they host a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** through **March 7th** for **Catholic Sisters Week** in March. Donations will be given to local charities in the community focusing on children and teens. See flyer in rear of church or visit our website to see the specific food list. Bring donations to church or rectory.



Since we have been stringently following the city health guidelines, many parishioners have begun to return for Mass. Thus, we are in need of more ushers and lectors (adult and youth) to serve at Mass. If you would like to help, contact Jimmye Claire Walker (jcwalker@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



During February we celebrate **Black History Month.** This annual dedication offers all of us time to reflect upon not only one culture, but our entire nation's history. Although the month is coming to an end, we will continue to share this history on our website throughout the year. Visit www.hscchurch.org for links, videos and other resources. In the words of Cardinal Gregory: **"... learn our shared American story."** See the flyer for the latest information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM via Zoom.** Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. To receive the ZOOM link: subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We are currently studying **EPHESIANS.**



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Local health guidelines allow us to celebrate a public mass in the sanctuary for up to 170 people in attendance.

Our public mass schedule is: **Saturday—8AM and 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM & 7PM, and daily mass (Monday—Friday) at 7AM** in the sanctuary.

Following are some of the protocols that we follow at each Mass for your safety:

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, use only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been roped off.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a facial mask or covering. Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ Protocols are in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We are prudent and cautious because we care for you and your family's safety and well-being. Visit our website for more details on pandemic protocols. Our church sanctuary is open daily for private prayer from 8AM—8PM.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Hours: Saturday—8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM; **Weekdays:** Mon—Fri 7AM (8AM on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10AM—4PM;
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed

Black History is Everyone's History—A Shared American Story

Although we are coming to the end of Black History Month and we hope you have taken this opportunity to learn more about the African-American culture and its impact in our community and around our world. After this weekend, our parish will continue to provide links to a variety of events and informational websites on our website at www.hcscchurch.org.

The following links are from two interviews with Cardinal Wilton Gregory and his own experience as a black Catholic. These links are available on our website.

❖ **CARDINAL GREGORY interview with AI ROKER on THE TODAY SHOW:**
<https://www.today.com/news/america-s-1st-black-cardinal-wilton-gregory-opens-about-experiences-t208418>

❖ **CARDINAL GREGORY interview on CNN:**
<https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2021/02/23/cardinal-gregory-prayer-tapper-covid-special-sot-vpx.cnn>

A PRAYER FROM THE USCCB

As in all things, we turn to prayer, asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf:



Mary, friend and mother to all,

Through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: *pray for us.*



BLACK CATHOLIC VOICES

Celebrate Black History Month by checking out our Black Catholic Voices series produced by the *Catholic Standard*! In videotaped interviews, local Black Catholics reflect on their journey of faith, share their insights on combating racism, and affirm what gives them hope for the future.

☞ VISIT LINK AT: <https://cathstan.org/content/filter/feed/all/931>. Also available on our website: www.hcscchurch.org.

A collaboration between the Catholic Standard, Office of Communications, and the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach.



Archdiocese of Washington

Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Social Concerns Ministry
in conjunction with the
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is hosting a

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February 7 - March 7, 2021

PLEASE DONATE THESE ITEMS:

**CANNED: Potatoes, Green Beans, Greens,
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CANNED FOODS ONLY, THANK YOU!

Donations may be left in the Church after Mass (on the weekends) or at the rectory during office hours (M, T, W, F - 10AM-4PM). You can also order from local grocery or online for delivery to the rectory office (1357 E. Capitol St., SE, Washington, DC 20003). Make sure deliveries are scheduled for days when the office is open and no later than **Friday, March 5th.**

Deadline to bring in your donation: Sunday, March 7, 2021.

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