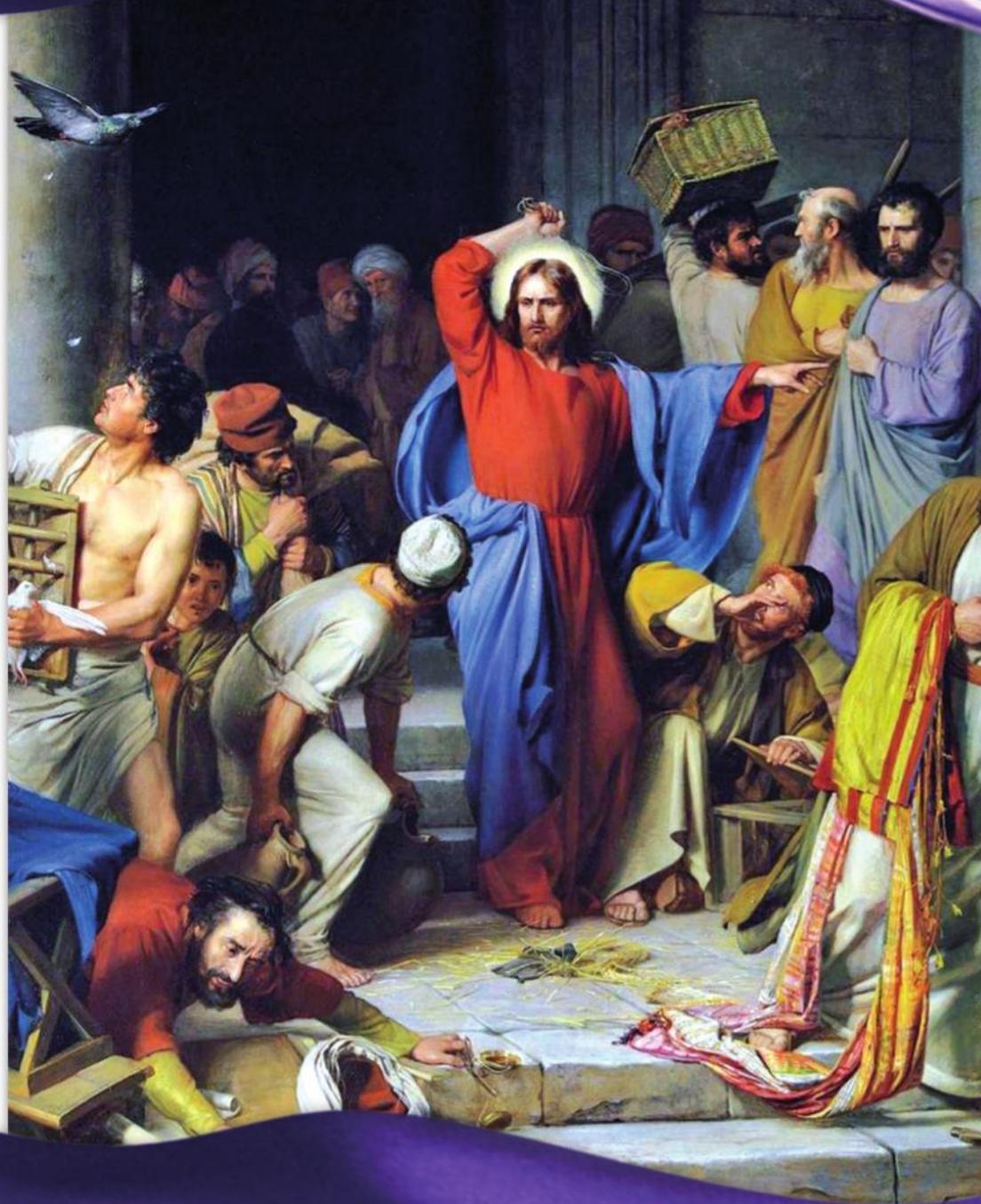


He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16

Jesus Casting Out the Money
Changers at the Temple
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



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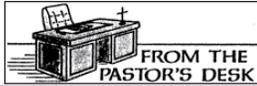
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 John 3:14-21



Third Sunday of



The readings today all speak to us of the Power in the Blood of Jesus Christ and of our need for that power. Note first the **PRESENTATION of the Commandments.**

Now most of us moderns see things like the Commandments merely as "rules." However, the deeper reality we must see is that in giving us commandments, the Lord is both summoning us to freedom, and describing what a free and transformed human person is like. In the Old Testament times the law could do little more than give a vision and summon obedience. But in New Testament times, by the power of Grace, through the power of his blood, the Lord Jesus can actually bring about this vision in our lives. Note next, the **PURIFICATION by Jesus.** We see in the Gospel that he cleanses the Temple. Now this act is more than a story about a building 2000 years ago. For we, as Scripture says, are the Temple of God. And the first thing the powerful Blood of Jesus does for us is to cleanse us from our sins. But that is not enough. Note lastly the **POWER in the Blood.** St. Paul says of Jesus Crucified that He is the "Power of God and the Wisdom of God." Hence, his blood and cross convey real power to us. He gives us a new mind and heart, a new principle of power wherein he transforms us, by stages, into the very glory of God. It is this glory that the commandments and all the moral precepts of Scripture describe.



ADW OFFICE OF LIFE ISSUES—COVID-19 VACCINE:

Although we are grateful for the medical development of vaccines, there has been discussion within the Catholic community about the safety and morality of how the vaccines were created. We are glad to say that both the Moderna and Pfizer have developed vaccines using mRNA, and without the use of controversial fetal cell lines. Similarly, both vaccines have been tested in an ethical way that is in line with previous moral statements made by Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Academy for Life. Receiving either vaccine would be morally permissible in the Catholic Church and would also be an important pro-life decision that would help to defend the most vulnerable. For more information on the discussion, visit the Catholic Standard website at www.cathstand.org. Let's work together to protect each other during this time.

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

Subscribe to Flocknote by texting **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.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 Attendance February 28, 2021

4:30pm	35
8:00am	39
9:30am	30
11:00am	82
7:00pm	43
Total:	229

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- SUNDAY, MARCH 7** *Third Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Russell & Barbara Colbert (68th wedding anniv.)
 9:30am Kimberly Ross (birthday)
 11:00am Charrisse Fairfax-Brown (birthday)
 7:00pm DeLante Hellams, Jr. (birthday-March 5)
- MONDAY, MARCH 8**
 7:00am For the intentions of Kenneth Springfield
- TUESDAY, MARCH 9**
 7:00am For the intentions of the Johnson Family
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**
 7:00am For the intentions of Sheila Ellis
- THURSDAY, MARCH 11**
 7:00am For the intentions of Abraham Flores
- FRIDAY, MARCH 12**
 7:00am Ashby Ford † (birthday)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 13**
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Angela Hill †

To submit a mass intention, contact the rectory (202-546-1885).

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: 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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday (3/8)** **Friday (3/12)**
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom 6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions)
Wednesday (3/10) 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:

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Let us keep in prayer our six adults who are continuing their journey of faith in the Catholic Church. They are: **Richard Bennett, Janaiha Bennett, Kerrianna Krehbiel, Dewanna Powers, Katherine Santorum, and Samantha White.** They are called **Candidates** because although they have been baptized they need to receive additional sacraments (Confirmation or Eucharist) or reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. This will occur at the Easter vigil on April 3rd.

The **Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council** will do some "high-up" cleaning in the sanctuary as part of their next scheduled **Service Day.** This effort is open to any and everyone to participate. If you are interested and available next **Saturday, March 13th from 9—11AM,** RSVP to chrisboehmler@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Since we have been stringently following the city health guidelines for COVID-19, many parishioners have begun to return for Mass. Thus, **we need more ushers and lectors (adult and youth) to serve at Mass.** If you would like to help, contact Jimmie Claire Walker (jcwalker@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



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.**

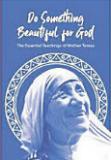
VIRTUAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Our theme for this year's Lenten Bible Study is **"God Put A Rainbow In the Sky."** The rainbow was God's sign that he had delivered Noah and his family from the flood. We will study biblical stories of deliverance and seek to build trust in God and a vigorous hope for his on-going deliverance. Virtual Zoom sessions are held on **Wednesdays** at 7:15pm, (**March 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 12th** the stations will be led by the **Youth and Sodality Ministries.** 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.

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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.



MONTHLY VIRTUAL MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN sponsored by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center titled **"Nothing Captivates the Heart Like... A Good Story."** March's topic: **Exile and Return** examines God's love for His people. Two retreat sessions: **Wed., March 24th, 7—8:15PM;** and a morning retreat on **Thurs., March 25th, 9:45AM—11AM.** The mini-retreat includes directed meditation, practical talk, and time for personal reflection. **COST: \$10 per person.** Advance registration required for log-in information. To register, visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org.



Thank You to the volunteers who assisted with the Lenten Women's Day Retreat last Saturday and a special thanks to Angelica Tom for coordinating. Stay tuned for details on the recordings.

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.

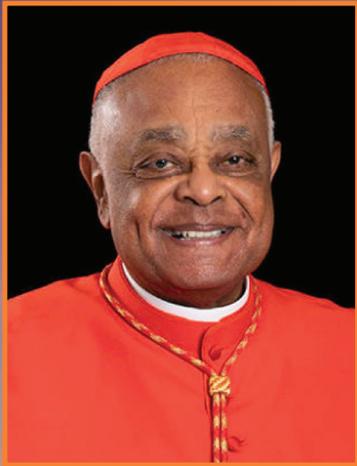
Mass Hours: Saturday—8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM; **Weekdays:** Mon—Fri 7AM (8AM on holidays)

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

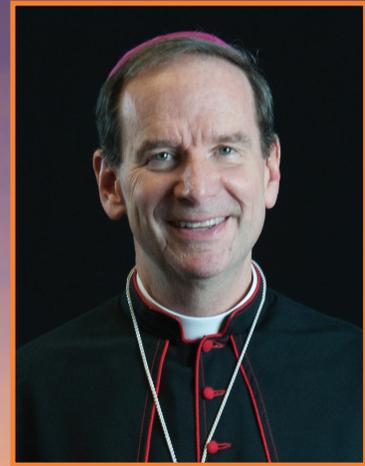
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The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic

“Often it is the people closest to us who need our help.

We should not go out in search of some unknown business to accomplish.

It is better to begin with the simplest, which the Lord tells us is the most urgent.”

– Pope Francis General Audience (10/12/2016)

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise; they “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (*U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*).

FEED THE HUNGRY

- Check in with your parish community to see if there are parishioners who cannot (or should not) go grocery shopping themselves.
- Check in with your parish to see if the food pantry is adequately stocked.
- Organize a network of volunteers in each parish/community to grocery shop for parishioners in need, especially the more vulnerable populations in our community.

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

- Do not purchase or hoard more water than you need.
- While handwashing is vitally important, make an effort not to waste water—in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

- Consider donating toiletries and sanitary items to a local shelter since those who suffer homelessness—and the facilities that minister to them—are especially vulnerable at this time.
- Financially support organizations that are working to support the homeless population in your community.

VISIT THE SICK

- While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members by grocery shopping or cooking for them so they do not have to risk exposure.
- Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.

VISIT THE PRISONERS

- Explore whether your parish or diocese has a prison ministry and, if so, check whether they are in need of supplies or support.
- Given that people in prison can be especially isolated and vulnerable during this pandemic, consider how to support those who are ministering to them and bringing them the Word of God.

BURY THE DEAD

- Now that funerals may be limited or restricted, reach out with cards or phone calls to those who have recently lost a loved one.
- If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

- Reach out to those who may have been especially burdened during this pandemic, especially those whose occupations make them more vulnerable to economic instability.
- Remember that the lack of public celebration of Masses may result in parishes struggling financially in the next few months; be sure to continue your support and if possible, increase offerings for those who cannot donate due recent financial hardship or inability to work.
- Remember that Catholic Relief Services continues to serve the most vulnerable and consider making a donation or praying for them as you are able.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history; just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to “help our neighbor in their spiritual needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL

- Reassure and support those who may be especially anxious during this time.
- If someone asks you for advice, orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT

- With public celebration of Masses unavailable, learn and/or teach someone else how to make a [Spiritual Communion](#).
- Take this time to recommit to your own study and formation and, for those home with children, take advantage of this time to reflect on the faith as a family.

ADMONISHING THE SINNER

- Being confined in close quarters for long periods of time with families or housemates can test us in more ways than one, so be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes.
- Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare in daily interactions and strive to cultivate the corresponding virtues needed to resist your personal temptations.

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL

- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering and let them know you are thinking of them.
- Remember that a few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.
- Consider sharing links to spiritual resources with those who may be isolated, such as livestreamed Masses, so that they can participate in community worship from home.

FORGIVING INJURIES

- For families, this time may maximize opportunities to exercise forgiveness, so take this

time to model the importance of forgiveness both for this life and the next.

- If the sacrament of Reconciliation is not available in your parish at this time, commit to making a regular [examination of conscience](#).
- Learn and/or teach your family members the [Examen prayer](#) and/or the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#).

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY

- Practice developing and strengthening the virtues of temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice.
- When frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.
- Commit to praying the [Stations of the Cross](#) once a week.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

- Pray the rosary with family members, via video conference or conference call if needed, for all those who are suffering from the effects of this pandemic.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers, and let people know that you are praying for them.
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.

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