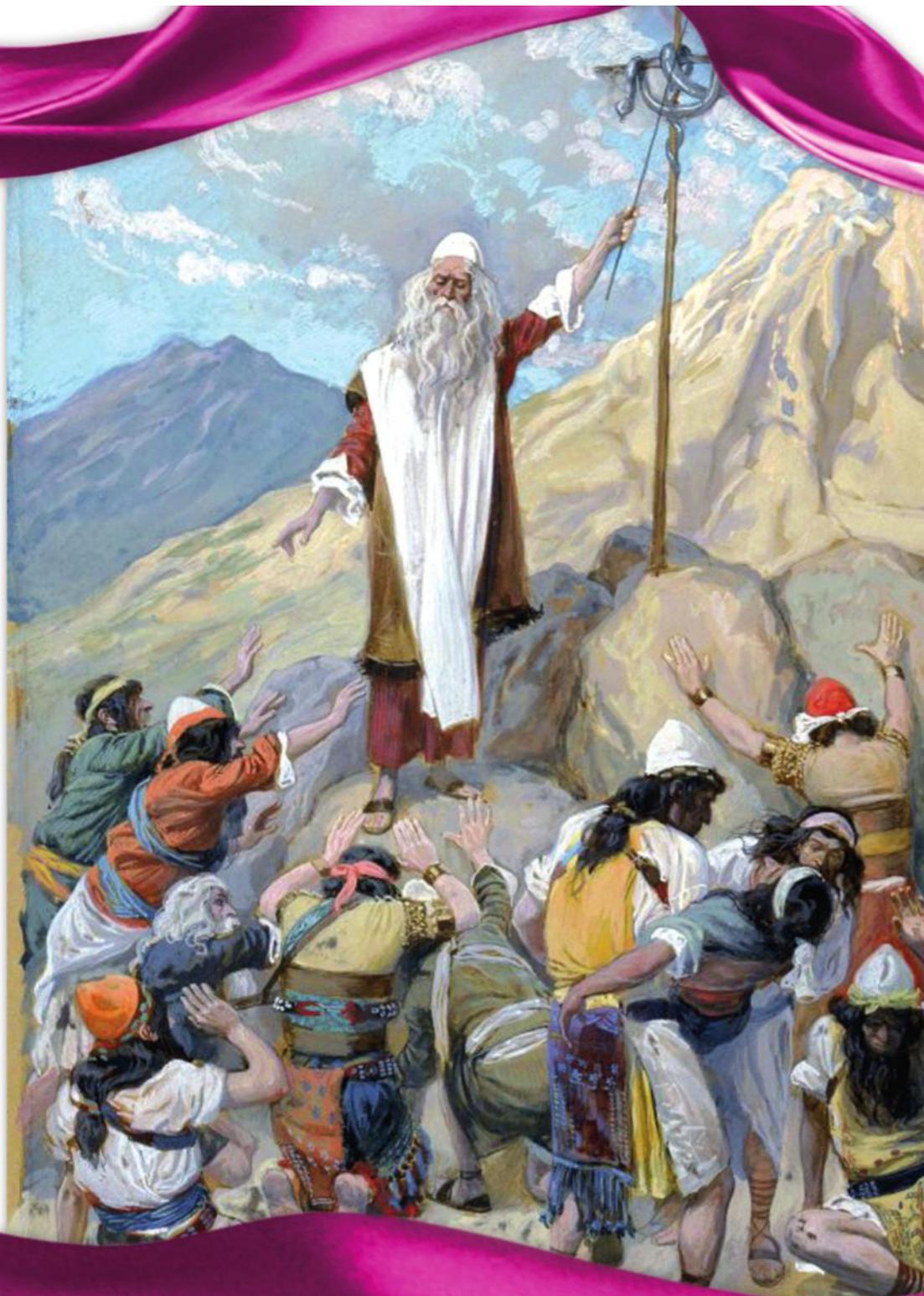


Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33



Fourth Sunday of



Note in the Gospel today a personal prescription for peace. The Gospel begins in somewhat of an odd way. Some Greeks say they want to meet Jesus. Now this seems ordinary but Jesus treats it as an extraordinary moment. But he does not rush over to greet them. Rather, he makes a solemn announcement that the hour for him to be glorified (crucified) has arrived. Why does this requested visit provoke such a response? Well, one of Jesus' central purposes was to reunite the human family that had been scattered by sin. This request that non-Jews make to see the Jewish Messiah indicates an open door. But notice, Jesus cannot go through it yet. He must first suffer and die to affect this reunion and healing from sin. First, as He says, the grain of wheat must fall to the earth and die if it is to produce abundant fruit later. Never forget, the price of our healing and reunion cost Jesus dearly. Jesus then delivers the teaching to us: As he has done, so we must also do. If we want increasing freedom from sin and greater unity in our human family then we must be willing to lose our lives in order to save them. We must be willing to die to the "me first" agenda and make sacrifices for peace. If you are willing to lose, to let go of some things, you will find your life, but whoever clings to this world and its prerogatives is already dead.



CONFRONTING THE SIN OF RACISM: Wilton Cardinal Gregory will serve as keynote speaker, celebrant, and homilist in a discussion of the sin of racism on **Sat., March 20th**. Starting with



Mass at 5PM, main event speakers include the Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, for a discussion entitled, **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love**, a presentation on "confronting the sin of racism through understanding, conversion and action." This event at Nativity Catholic Church, Burke, VA, is hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission. Registration, Live-stream: facebook.com/arlingtondiocese or youtube.com/arlingtondiocese. For in-person attendance go to: openwideourhearts.eventbrite.com. Following Mass there will be a pre-packaged light meal.

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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †	
SUNDAY, MARCH 14 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00am	Willie & Angela Scott (57 th wedding anniversary)
9:30am	Joseph R. Washington † (birthday)
11:00am	Janie B. Johnson † (birthday)
7:00pm	For the People
MONDAY, MARCH 15	
7:00am	For the intentions of the Ford Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 16	
7:00am	Maria Moore †
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>	
7:00am	For the intentions of Deacon Bobby White
THURSDAY, MARCH 18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of Church</i>	
7:00am	Markyta Ratcliff (birthday)
FRIDAY, MARCH 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
7:00am	Broderick Smart (birthday-March 18 th)
SATURDAY, MARCH 20	
8:00am	Coulter Nakamura †
4:30pm	Juanita Chadwick † (birthday)
<i>To submit a mass intention, contact the rectory (202-546-1885).</i>	

Mass Attendance March 7, 2021	
4:30pm	36
8:00am	37
9:30am	20
11:00am	134
7:00pm	45
Total:	272

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH	
Monday (3/15)	Friday (3/19)
8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom	6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions)
Wednesday (3/17)	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.

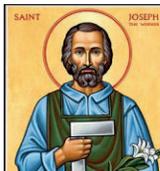
DAILY BIBLE READINGS		
Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15	John 5:17-30
Thursday:	Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20	John 7:40-53

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to **Dominic Gordon Torres** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **March 9th**. May God bless him and his parents.



SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Join Rev. Peter Tassini (Diocese of Syracuse) as he presents a short reflection on the life and spiritual inspiration of St. Joseph entitled, **Saint Joseph: The Man God Chose...for Us!** on **Mon., March 15th**, at **7PM**, in the sanctuary, either in-person or via livestream. Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and marked the occasion by proclaiming throughout the world a "Year of Saint Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec. 8, 2021. Visit hscchurch.org for more detail.

Join the HCSC Women's Ministry for a fellowship via Zoom, **Sat., March 20th, 12—2PM**. Theme: **God Put A Rainbow in the Sky...There's beauty after the storm**. Guest speaker: **Charlene Howard**. For more information see flyer, or contact June Johnson (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**.

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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 17th and 24th**). To receive Zoom link: subscribe on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

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 19th** the stations will be led by the **Holy Name**. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

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

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.



To all who generously donated to the **Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)** canned food drive. **Over 1,160 cans of food** were donated and will benefit many living within Baltimore City.



The **Catholic Apostolate Center** will host a **completely virtual Holy Week Retreat**, taking place **Palm Sunday, March 28th—Easter Sunday, April 4th**. Holy Week is one of the richest parts of the liturgical year, celebrated by drawing from some of the most ancient traditions of the Church. No registration or fee needed to participate. Simply follow **@CathApostleCtr** on Instagram, or Catholic Apostolate Center on Facebook for a daily retreat reflection video each day. These short videos are accompanied by reflection questions to assist you in your prayer. For more information, contact Colleen Campbell, Coordinator at colleen.campbell@catholicapostolatecenter.org.

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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SAINT JOSEPH: THE MAN GOD CHOSE ...FOR US!

Presented by
Father Peter Tassini
(Diocese of Syracuse)

MONDAY, MARCH 15TH
7:00 PM

In-Person or Livestream
1357 E. Capitol St., SE, WDC

This event provides an opportunity for prayer and reflection in the person of Saint Joseph and why his Son has kept his earthly father so seemingly hidden, mysterious, and unknown until this very time in salvation history.



Visit www.hcscchurch.org or YouTube (hcsc church) for livestream link and details on attending in-person

God Put a Rainbow in the Sky...

There's beauty after the storm

**Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church
Women's Ministry—"Queens for the Kingdom" for a virtual fellowship (via Zoom)**

Saturday, March 20, 2021 (12:00 noon—2:00 pm)

**If using your computer, IPAD/
Tablet, go to Zoom.com**

Click join a meeting

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Or dial in at 1-301-715-8592

**Guest Speaker
Charlene Howard**



**For additional information , contact one
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Linda Simpson (301) 735-6432

Shirley Austin (202) 368-7231

June Holton-Johnson(301) 529-7114

Invite others, bring your Bibles

**We ask all participants to find a quiet
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background distractions

**and mute your microphones when not
speaking.**



Charlene Howard's Bio

Charlene Howard wears many hats. She is the chair of the Religion Department at Archbishop Carroll High School and has a Master's Degree in Catechesis and Religious Education from Catholic University. She is a mother of 4 children and the grandmother of 4. She works with her husband, Michael Howard, presenting workshops at various catechetical conferences, assisting in the formation of catechists and writing curriculum for the University of Dayton Virtual Classes for Faith Formation program. At her parish of St. Teresa of Avila, she is a spiritual 'mama' to a wide range of people and coordinates the Faith Links Small Groups to cultivate missionary discipleship and evangelization within her parish and the Archdiocese of Washington..

Additionally, Mrs. Howard serves as the National Secretary on the Pax Christi USA National Board working to further the organizations presence in responding to issues of racial justice, the inclusion of youth and young adults in the work of the organization, as well as, increasing the visibility and viability of the organization among communities of color. Most importantly, Charlene Howard is a child of God working to proclaim the good news that we are made in His image and greatly loved.

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