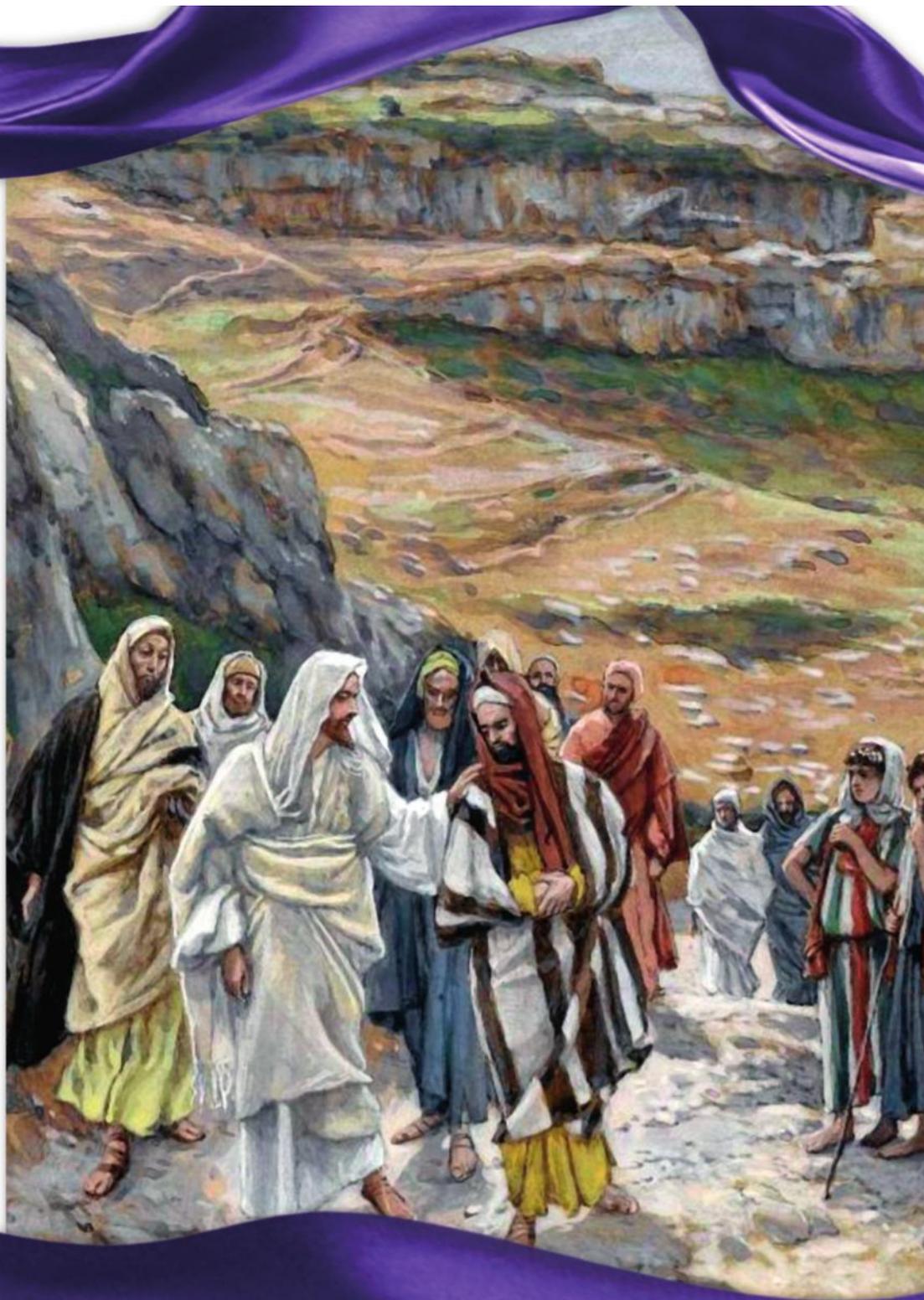


“The hour has  
come for the  
Son of Man  
to be glorified.  
Amen, amen,  
I say to you,  
unless a grain of  
wheat falls to the  
ground and dies,  
it remains just  
a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies,  
it produces  
much fruit.”

*John 12: 23,24*

Jesus Discourses with His  
Disciples by James Tissot  
Circa 1886-1894



5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1—15:47



**Fifth Sunday of**



**PECULIAR**—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. **PURPOSE**—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. **PREREQUISITE**—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: **PRESCRIPTION**—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.



**THIRD SCRUTINY:** At the 7PM Mass on Sun., March 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the final scrutiny for our candidates **Richard Bennett, Janaiha Bennett, Kerianna Krehbiel, Katherine Santorum, and Samantha White.** The Scrutinies help candidates confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God’s Grace to persevere on their way to salvation. Keep our parishioners who will receive their sacraments, and those being accepted into the Church, in prayer during their journey.

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

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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 March 14, 2021	
4:30pm	33
8:00am	36
9:30am	17
11:00am	86
7:00pm	54
<b>Total:</b>	<b>226</b>

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00am Martin Ford † (birthday)  
 9:30am For the intentions of Joy Marie Ruiz  
 11:00am For the intentions of Morris Freeman  
 7:00pm For the intentions of Sara Werner  
**MONDAY, MARCH 22**  
 7:00am For the People  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 23** *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*  
 7:00am Elizabeth “Betty” Fairfax † (birthday)  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**  
 7:00am Mary L. Dyson †  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 25** *The Annunciation of the Lord*  
 7:00am For the souls in purgatory  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**  
 7:00am Shirley Lancaster † (birthday)  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**  
 8:00am Harvey Clapp, III †  
 4:30pm Tyrone Adams †

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (3/22)** 8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom  
**Friday (3/26)** 6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions)  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday (3/24)** 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](http://faith.direct/DC59) or pick up brochure in rear of church.

**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:** Daniel 13:41—62 John 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92,95 John 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

**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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH LIFE

**PALM SUNDAY is March 28<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**—Solemn Procession inside the church for all mass—4:30PM, 8AM, 11AM and 7PM. There will **NOT** be a 9:30 mass on Palm Sunday nor Easter Sunday. We will not assemble outside this year. Please arrive early!



**EASTER FLOWERS:** Names submitted with your Easter flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Please return your envelope to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need your help this Easter with our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. **We need volunteers to serve as lectors and ushers (adult and youth).** If you would like to help, contact Jimmye Claire Walker (202-546-1885 or [jcwalker@hscchurch.org](mailto:jcwalker@hscchurch.org)).

**ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY:** SAINT MARGARET of SCOTLAND will hold their annual fish fry **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11AM–6PM.** **\$10 dinner choices:** Fried Whiting or Fried Trout, includes two sides and white or wheat bread. Order online: [saint-margarets-good-friday-fish-fry.square.site](http://saint-margarets-good-friday-fish-fry.square.site) or call 301-336-3344. On-site orders also welcome: 410 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.



### 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. **Final virtual Zoom session is Wednesday at 7:15PM, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** **To receive Zoom link:** subscribe to Adult Bible Study on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com).

**P R A Y E R** **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.** Final Stations are **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** led by the **Eucharistic Ministers.** Come 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](http://BestLentEver.com) to sign-up.

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LENT  
EVER



The **Catholic Apostolate Center** will host a **virtual Holy Week Retreat, Palm Sunday, March 28—Easter Sunday, April 4.** 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. Follow **@CathApostleCtr** on Instagram, or Catholic Apostolate Center on Facebook for a short daily retreat reflection video accompanied by reflection questions to assist you in your prayer. For more information, contact Colleen Campbell, Coordinator at [colleen.campbell@catholicapostolatecenter.org](mailto:colleen.campbell@catholicapostolatecenter.org).



To the **Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council** and the volunteers for their **Service Day** of "high-up" cleaning in the sanctuary last Saturday. Your dedication and service to HCSC parish is a blessing.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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



But we want to make sure we are effectively communicating with you. So, we have been using **FLOCKNOTE** which is a NEW parish communication tool that uses emails and texts.

- **With Flocknote** we can manage your information and send messages (via email or text).
- **With Flocknote**, you can choose what news you want to receive from us and you can manage your own subscription (which is FREE).

The following news/announcements are currently being sent to parishioners who have subscribed via **Flocknote**:

- **Bible Studies**—get updates/zoom links on upcoming sessions and past recordings;
- **Parish News**—get info on feast/holy day services, parish-wide activities, mass recordings, changes in hours and other events;
- **From the Pastor's desk**—get message directly from Msgr, including videos and links to pertinent articles;
- **Weekly Bulletins**—receive a link to the current bulletin.
- **Many of the HCSC Ministries** are offered and you can receive announcements of their upcoming events.

**If you have not done so already, we invite you to subscribe today and stay connected. It's quick and easy to do!**

- Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit online at <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>

Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) if you have questions or need more information.



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