

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



It is a day of contrasts. We begin by singing loud Hosannas and praising Jesus as the Son of David and Messiah. But we human beings are fickle and before long we also shout “Crucify Him!” Would you have considered joining the crowd? Perhaps you would have been in the first crowd and shouted Hosanna. But, would you have been in the second crowd? It’s too easy to think that we could never say “Crucify Him.” But, we are fickle. One minute we’re here praising the Lord on a Sunday morning and next thing you know, even in the car on the way home, we are any thing but a child of God! It’s so easy for us to be carried away by our emotions or let events overtake us; but somewhere in the midst of all this changeability in us there is a God whose love never changes, who is steadfast and firm. His name is “I AM” not “I MIGHT BE IF I’M IN THE RIGHT MOOD.” Praise the Lord! Today, we acknowledge that we are capable of great and wonderful things and have the capacity to powerfully praise him. But we are also capable of great sin and inconstancy. But at the cross we encounter a God who loves us anyway.



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.

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 Attendance March 21, 2021

4:30pm	41
8:00am	29
9:30am	17
11:00am	90
7:00pm	84
Total:	261

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 Palm Sunday
 8:00am Charles E. Edelin, Sr. † (birthday)
 11:00am For the intentions of Gershon & Kimberly Peaks
 7:00pm For the intentions of Sondra Clark
MONDAY, MARCH 29
 7:00am For the People
TUESDAY, MARCH 30
 7:00am Thomas H. Riehle † (birthday-March 31st)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
 7:00am Ruby Robertson (birthday)
THURSDAY, APRIL 1 Holy Thursday
 No MORNING MASS
 7:00PM ROBERT BROOKS †
FRIDAY, APRIL 2
 No MORNING MASS
SATURDAY, APRIL 3 Holy Saturday
 No MORNING MASS
 8:00pm Elizabeth Colston (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 BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Gen 1:1—2:2 Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 55:1-11
 Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Romans 6:3-11

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/29) 8:00pm Bible Study Zoom	Friday (4/2) No morning Mass 12 noon Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Passion of the Lord
Wednesday (3/31) 6:30pm Confessions	Thursday (4/1) No Morning Mass 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Thursday (4/1) No Morning Mass 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass	Saturday (4/3) No morning Mass No 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm Easter Vigil

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.

PALM SUNDAY

PARISH LIFE

EASTER CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close at **2PM**, on **Good Friday, April 2nd** and will be closed **Easter Mon., April 5th**.

REMINDER: During the pandemic, our rectory office remains closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday until further notice.



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 28th**. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



EASTER BIBLE STUDY JESUS' FINAL WEEK: All are invited to join Msgr. Pope for a discussion of the last days of Our Savior, Jesus Christ—from Palm Sunday to His Resurrection. We will meet **Monday, March 29th, at 8PM via Zoom**. To receive the ZOOM link: subscribe to either the Monday or Wednesday night Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY held at SAINT MARGARET of SCOTLAND on **Friday, April 2nd, 11AM–6PM. COST: \$10** Dinner choices—Fried Whiting or Trout, includes two sides. Call 301-336-3344, or order online: saint-margarets-good-friday-fish-fry.square.site. On-site orders: 410 Addison Rd, Capitol Heights, MD

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday—April 1

(No morning Mass)

7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Transfer of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository until 11:00pm.

Good Friday—April 2

(No morning Mass) *A day of fast and abstinence.*

12 Noon — Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (gather inside the church).

3:00pm — Traditional Stations of the Cross

7:00pm — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Youth presentation of the Passion.

Holy Saturday—April 3

(No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

8:00pm — **EASTER VIGIL** — Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation and Eucharist.

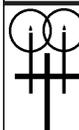
Easter Sunday—April 4

Mass at 8:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm.

NOTE: Please allow yourself time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the school parking lot located at 15th & East Capitol St., SE.



PALM SUNDAY FUND RAISER: the religious order, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, will be selling a variety of handmade items and baked goods on **Palm Sunday, March 28th** after Mass on the plaza. The Sisters currently serve in our faith community with faith formation and Sunday School. Your contributions will help support the religious formation of the women entering their missionary order in Ecuador. **For more information about the order please visit their website: www.ssvmusa.org.**



2021 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held **Sun., June 27th**, at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To register to attend the Mass and receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate, contact Jimmye Claire Walker (202-546-1885 or jcwalker@hscchurch.org before May 14th.

SODALITY ROSARY: Join the Sodality in praying the Rosary on **April 4th**, via Zoom at 10:00AM. You can dial (301) 715-8592. **Meeting ID: 617 144 7521.**

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Local health guidelines allow us to celebrate each 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, 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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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (www.msgrpope.com)

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, 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

Celebrating Holy Week at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church

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Daily Mass: 7:00am (M-F) Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm, Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

At the heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery: *the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ*. All of salvation history leads up to and goes forth from these saving events. **The purpose of this flyer is to describe Jesus' Final week.** We call this "Holy Week" for Jesus' public ministry culminates with his suffering, death and resurrection. **Keep this flyer near at hand and read it each day of this week.** Prayerfully walk with Jesus in his most difficult and yet glorious week. Our parish will be open for Holy Week and Easter with some pandemic precautions in place (face mask and social distancing). Plan to attend some or all of the special liturgies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday here at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian. You do not need a reservation since we can safely host up to 170-200 people in our sanctuary. By celebrating them in community, we make them present today and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord alive in our midst. **NOTE:** Msgr. Pope will facilitate a Zoom & in-person bible study on Monday, March 29th at 7:00pm reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life on earth. See bulletin for details.



Our celebration of Holy Week begins on **PALM SUNDAY (March 28th)**. On this Sunday, we remember and make present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday Morning so long ago, but made present to us today. As you receive your palms, consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence during the sacred Triduum. According to Mark 11:11, Jesus returned that evening to Bethany which is a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps he stayed with his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Pray with Jesus this evening as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (March 29th). According to Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and upon seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that he rebuked the unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that he returned to Bethany that night. Pray with Jesus as he is zealous to purify us. **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (March 30th). According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did yesterday. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (*cf* Mt 21:33-46) and the parable of the wedding banquet (*cf* Mt. 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (*cf* Mt 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (*cf* Mt. 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (*cf* Mt 24). Continue to pray with Jesus and listen carefully to his final teachings just before his passion. **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (March 31st). Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (*cf* Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening, Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed him for his burial! (*cf* Mt 26:6). The wicked are besetting Jesus and plotting against him. Are you praying? **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

HOLY THURSDAY (April 1st) marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or “three days.” Earlier that day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be his last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (cf Mt 26:17). In the **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm**, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles and do what they did. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of two of our parishioners, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for his gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper (First Mass) the apostles and Jesus made a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden where he asks them to pray and he experiences his agony (cf Mt 26:30). We too will process in Church with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose) which has been prepared. The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as he goes through his agony. **The church will be open until 11:00pm.** It was near Midnight when Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested and then taken to the house of the High Priest (cf Mt. 26:47).



GOOD FRIDAY (April 2nd). All through the night Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early this morning he was brought before Pilate who transferred his case to Herod. Herod sent him back to Pilate who, sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion. In the late morning, Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon, he is nailed to the cross where he hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the

tomb hastily before sundown. **Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence.** Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, social engagements and entertainment. You are urged to devote yourself to communal prayer and worship. At **noon** we will gather inside the church to journey forth through our neighborhood following the **Way of the Cross**. This public procession and pilgrimage allows us to see Jesus on our own streets and in the faces of our neighbors. We preach Christ crucified through our witness. This year, we will hold a traditional **Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm** to encourage us to join Jesus on his journey to Calvary. In the evening, at **7:00pm**, we gather quietly to enter into the **Passion of our Lord** presented by the youth of our parish. We also pray for the needs of the world. At this service, we acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 3rd). The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. *The hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will Live* (John 5:25). Consider what it must have been like for the dead in Sheol to awaken to the voice of Jesus! Meanwhile, the Disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They had forgotten the promise of Jesus that **He would rise**. We cannot forget His promise. We cannot forget. **Tonight, we gather in church at 8:00pm** to experience Him rising from the dead. We gather in



darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the *Gloria* is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. **He Lives!** In the joy of the resurrection we then celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist for our Candidates who have prepared for many weeks for this night. As a Church we sing *Alleluia* for the first time in forty days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join us. Our Vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!

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