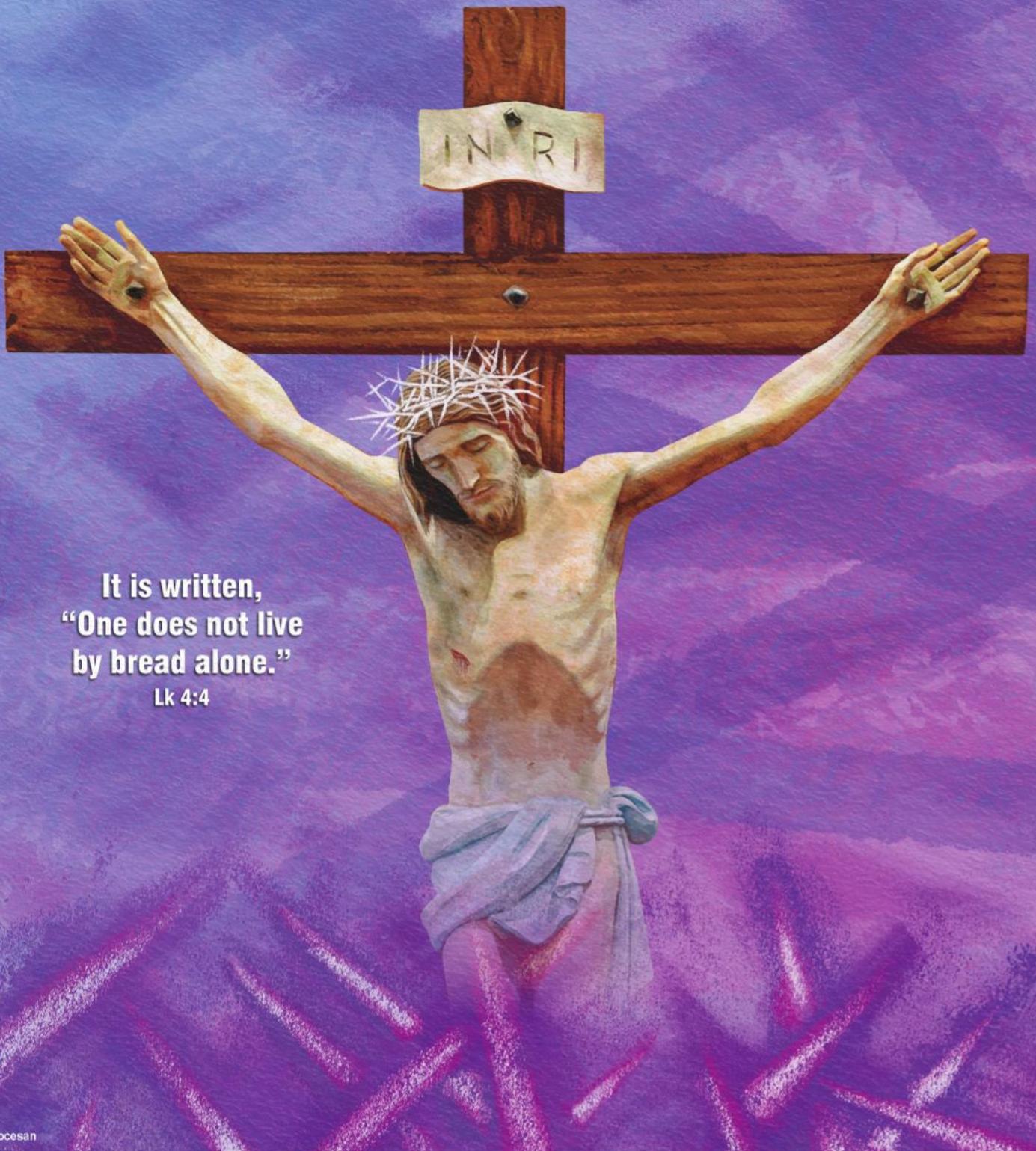


First Sunday of LENT



It is written,
"One does not live
by bread alone."

Lk 4:4

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1 Luke 9:28-36

Message from the Pastor

First Sunday of



On this first Sunday of Lent we are asked to consider the reality of temptation in our life. Jesus in the desert is tempted. Now this very fact should teach us that the mere fact of being tempted is not a sin. Sometimes people do think they are already sinning when something bad occurs to them. This is not necessarily so since Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Jesus is tempted in three basic ways. The first is **PLEASURE**. The devil tells him to turn stones to bread, to satisfy his hunger, to reach for creature comforts and pleasure. Jesus rebukes this by quoting the scripture that says that we do not live by bread alone. In other words that there is more to life than mere pleasure. Next, he is tempted by **POWER AND POPULARITY**. The devil shows him all the kingdoms of this world and promises him that all the notoriety and power of being a king would be his. Here too Jesus rebukes this by declaring that the most important thing is to be loved by God and to love him. Finally, Jesus is tempted to **PRESUMPTION**. The devil tells him to do something risky and foolhardy and that no matter what God will save him. Jesus rebukes this by declaring that we have no business putting God to the test.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, March 6** *First Sunday of Lent*
8:00am Intentions of the Rodgers Family
9:30am Theresa Smothers †
11:00am George T. Holton, Jr. †
7:00pm For those suffering from the war in Ukraine
- Monday, March 7** *Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*
7:00am Intentions of those who suffer homelessness
- Tuesday, March 8** *Saint John of God, Religious*
7:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Claggett
- Wednesday, March 9** *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*
7:00am For the People
- Thursday, March 10**
7:00am Intentions of Rachel Collins
- Friday, March 11**
7:00am John Friday †
- Saturday, March 12**
8:00am Intentions of Cathy Thompson
4:30pm Melba Robertson †



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25:31-46
TUESDAY:	Isaiah 55:10-11	Matthew 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY:	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32
THURSDAY:	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Matthew 7:7-12
FRIDAY:	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Matthew 5:20-26
SATURDAY:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Matthew 5:43-48



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. [Here are 3 ways to get info and register:](#)

1. Scan the QR code below and follow instructions.
2. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church.
3. Or, go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.

This tithing service is **FREE**. Your tithes are automatically deducted twice a month from your bank account or credit card. And, you can change your deduction with an email or call. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885). Thank you for your support.



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MASS ATTENDANCE FOR FEB. 27, 2022

4:30pm	39
8:00am	64
9:30am	42
11:00am	139
7:00pm	60
Total:	344

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/7) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (3/11) 6pm Eucharistic Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross
Wednesday (3/9) 7:15pm Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	Saturday (3/12) 10am Altar Server's Meeting 12pm Women's Ministry (Zoom)



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. This is a time for all to consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles during this pandemic and other difficulties. All are welcome.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



This year during **Black History Month**, we focused on the history and power of the **Spirituals**. Msgr. Pope provided some insight in his homilies and in a variety of flyers which can be found on our website (hscchurch.org). **To hear some of the inspiring and motivating music, be sure to check out the links on our website.**

RITE OF SENDING is this Sunday at 11AM Mass. Our parish will pray for and send our catechumens (**Calvin Wilson, Keron Campbell**) and candidates (**Dana Relue, Alexandra Shaffer, Tiffany Shannon, Jennifer Simon, Angela Swinson, and Naomi Zeigler**) off to the Shrine where they will join others from around the Archdiocese of Washington for the **Rite of Election** where they are presented to the Cardinal who will officially welcome them as they begin their Lenten journey to Easter.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LENTEN FELLOWSHIP (via Zoom): **Saturday, March 12th from 12noon—2:00pm.** Theme: 'Joy Inside My Tears' - A Lenten Reflection with guest speaker Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins from St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in St. Ingoes, MD. See flyer for details.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

VIRTUAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Our theme for this year's Lenten Bible Study is '**The Healing Power of God**'. We will study biblical stories of healing and seek to build trust in God and a vigorous hope for his on-going healing. Virtual Zoom sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** at 7:15pm, (**March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6**). **To receive the Zoom link:** subscribe on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

P **FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US:** To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during Lent, **free copies** of **THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply.

R **HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6:00pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**. On **March 11th**, the Stations will be led by the **Sodality, Altar Guild, and Ushers**. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

A **LENTE HEALING SERVICE** will be held **Friday, April 1st at 7:30pm** in the church. Stay tuned for more information on this service which is different from the Sacrament of the Sick.

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The **HCSC Social Concerns Ministry** will hold a **LENTE FOOD DRIVE** the weekend of **March 26-27** to benefit our food pantry. We can always use volunteers to help sort the food. Call 202-546-1885 to help. Stay tuned for more details.

HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Dir. of Youth Ministry
youthdirector@hscchurch.org ❖ 202-330-8302

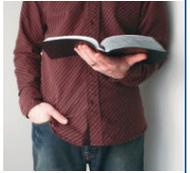
We will celebrate **YOUTH SUNDAY** next weekend (3/13) at the 11am Mass. Our youth will lector, sing and serve as altar servers and ushers. **We celebrate Youth Sunday the second Sunday of every month.** If you are a youth or know of a youth who is interested in serving as a lector, choir member, altar server or usher, contact the youth director.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING—Sat., March 12th at 10am in the church. We invite all youth and their parents who are interested in joining the Altar Servers. If you have questions please contact the Director of Youth Ministry.

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will present the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 15th** at 7pm. Rehearsals held on Sunday after 11am Mass. If you'd would like to participate as actor, reader or cast member, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm** in the **rectory basement**, preceded by a short social at 7:00pm. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com. Come and see!



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of March 1st, the Mayor has **rescinded** the indoor mask mandate. You **DO NOT** have to wear a mask while in the church building. **For those who prefer a Mass where masks are required, we have designated the 8:00am Mass on Sundays as Mask-Only (masks are required for this Mass).** Please note, the following protocols will remain in place:

- ◆ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
- ◆ Wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands by minister's will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we continue to navigate these changing policies.

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Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

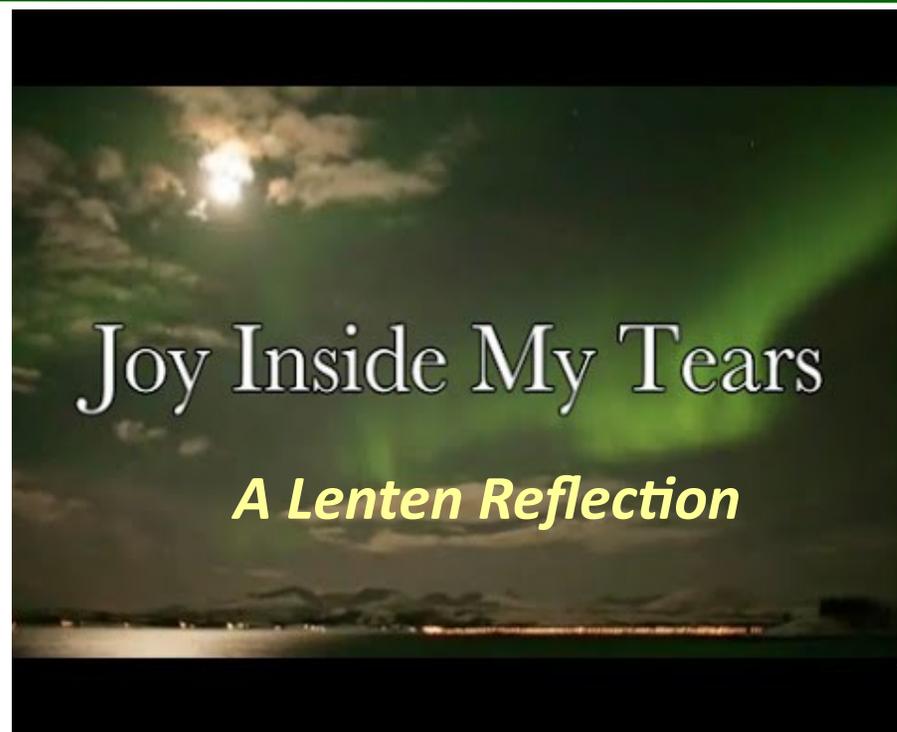
Rectory Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church
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Guest Speaker

Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins



Saturday, March 12, 2022
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Please invite your family and friends to worship with us.
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BIOGRAPHY OF FRANCINE DOVE HAWKINS

Evangelist Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins is on fire for the Lord. Winning souls for Christ is her goal. **“Stirring up God’s gifts in His people”** is her mission. **“Ain’t gonna let nobody turn me around”** reflects her determination to do God’s will in her life.

Born and raised in St. Mary’s County, MD to a Methodist Dad and a Catholic Mom, Evangelist Hawkins learned about the power and the freedom of the Holy Ghost from her Methodist roots and the overwhelming love of God and the matchless gift of the Real Presence of Jesus from her Catholic roots. These roots, according to Evangelist Hawkins shaped her growth in her personal relationship with Jesus.



Evangelist Hawkins is humbled by her continued opportunities to give witness to “what a mighty God we serve” and is grateful, especially to a number of priests who saw her through the eyes of faith as being a vessel for proclaiming the Word of God in a variety of forums. **Father Raymond Moore**, former pastor at SPC first inspired Evangelist Hawkins with the founding of the Women of the Word Ministry and later calling on her to be the revivalist on a number of occasions at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, MD. Then, **Father Damian Shadwell**, another former pastor at SPC, followed suit by having Evangelist Hawkins lead several of the Days of Reflection held at his churches. Additionally, Evangelist Hawkins has had the opportunity to dramatize **“The Biblical Martha”** in a one-woman act with **Sisters of the Spirit** of the Archdiocese of Washington. In 2013, Evangelist Hawkins was granted the privilege of delivering the Word of God at the **East of the River Revival** where over 800 people from churches in DC gather each year to worship, praise, and petition God. In 2015, Evangelist Hawkins served as a keynote speaker to help kick off the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the **Assumption Catholic Church** in DC. In 2016, she served as the revivalist at her Dad’s home church, **St. Luke United Methodist**, and as the keynote for a Day of Reflection at **Father Kevin Regan’s** Holy Family Church.

In 2017, Evangelist Hawkins led a day of reflection for the women’s ministry at **Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian** in DC and was the guest speaker for a prayer breakfast for the **Women of Faith** in Leonardtown. She also has had the great privilege of serving as a keynote for the **Archdiocese of Washington’s Preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress**.

Evangelist Hawkins is very active in her parish, **St. Peter Claver-St. Inigoes, MD**, where she serves as the Church Office Manager, Weekly Bulletin Writer, Gospel Choir Member, Welcomer, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Evangelization Chairman, and Women of the Word Member, and member of numerous “call me when you need me” committees. Currently, she is leading the Synod effort at her parish. In the community, she spends most of her time mentoring students and young adults and participating actively in **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®**, **Nu Zeta Omega Chapter** in Waldorf, MD, where she has served as its two-term chaplain.

Evangelist Hawkins received her B.S. in education from the University of Virginia, her M.S. in communication sciences from the Pennsylvania State University, and her Ph.D. in speech/language pathology from the University of Maryland.

Evangelist Hawkins is married to **Steve Hawkins**, her childhood sweetheart and owner of KeThink sfs, a telecommunications firm. Steve and she have one natural child, **Stevie-Mari**, and a son-in-law, **Captain Adam Starks**, United States Air Force. The Starks recently blessed the Hawkins with a beautiful granddaughter, **Aria-Mari**. The Hawkins family also has **7 foster children** and **13 Godchildren**.

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