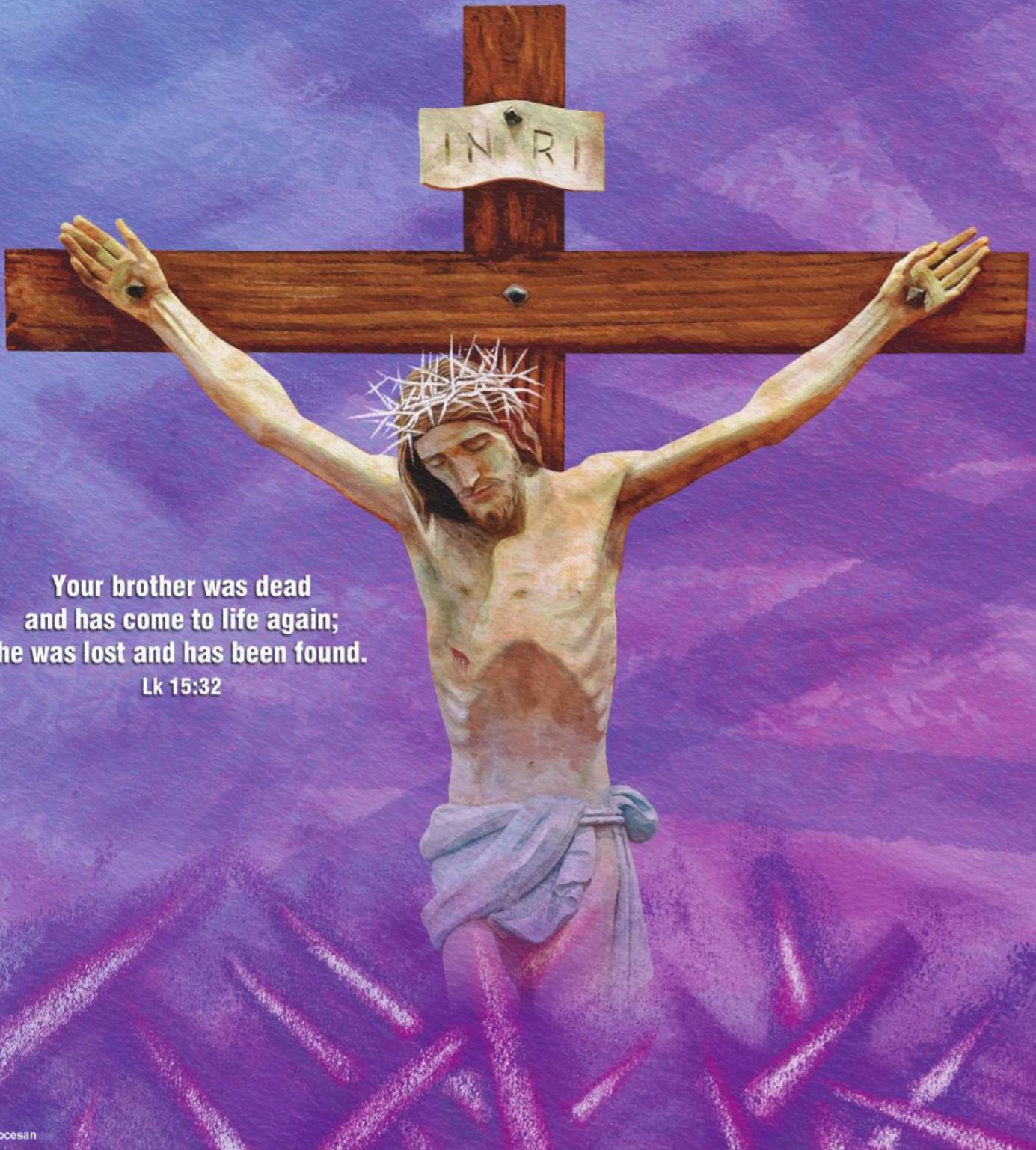


Fourth Sunday of LENT



**Your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.**

Lk 15:32

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Joshua 5:9, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-1 John 8:1-11

Message from the Pastor

Fourth Sunday of



The Gospel today is familiar, perhaps too familiar. What happens with the familiar is that, thinking we know all about it we tune out and miss the details. Here are a few details I'd like to call to your attention. First, there was a Father who had TWO sons. Both sons are very different and both have their issues. But the Father loves them both. So it is with God, our Father. Though we are all different and have our own issues the Father loves us. Secondly, both sons are distant from the Father. We like to think of the one son as obedient and the other not. But it is not that simple. Even the obedient son struggles to love his father and sees obedience to his Father as a kind of slavery. He resents his Father and is angry that his Father hasn't given him everything he wants. He wanted a "kid goat to celebrate with my friends." But the goal in life is not to celebrate with your friends but to celebrate with the Father. And when the Father does celebrate, the son resentfully refuses to enter. His Father pleads with him to enter. And then the story ends. Did the son enter or stay outside? This story must be completed by you and me. The Father is pleading for us to enter. Will we? Will our children and spouses, family and friends enter? You finish the story.



MEMORIAL MASS — Alan Barnes (April 1st)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, March 27 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Harvey Clatt †
 9:30am Richard B. Coultin †
 11:00am For those suffering from the war in Ukraine
 7:00pm

Monday, March 28

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, March 29 *Saint John of God, Religious*

7:00am Intentions of Fr. Araia Ghebray (B'day 3/30)

Wednesday, March 30

7:00am Damian Jones †

Thursday, March 31 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

7:00am Intentions of Anna Maria DiPilla (B'day)

Friday, April 1 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor*

7:00am intentions of Theresa Clark James

Saturday, April 2

8:00am intentions of Matthew Flores

4:30pm Alan Barnes †

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 or cherrera@hscchurch.org.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53



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 MARCH 20, 2022

4:30pm	43
8:00am	64
9:30am	51
11:00am	142
7:00pm	73
Total:	373

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/28) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (4/1) 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Lenten Healing Service
Wednesday (3/30) 7:15pm Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	Saturday (4/2) 10:00am Lenten Penance Service

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL: From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity: Thank you to all who made a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal! Your support strengthens our archdiocesan ministries to be a beacon of hope and help for all who seek Christ's love. If you haven't made your gift, **please do so today** and help our parish reach our 2022 goal of \$56,000. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about the 2022 Annual Appeal and to donate online. Extra envelopes are in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your gift of charity as a sign of God's abundance in your life.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE

SECOND SCRUTINY: At the 7PM Mass on **Sun., March 27th**, we celebrate the second of three scrutinies for those who are entering the church this Easter. The scrutinies help those candidates who will be baptized at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Keep our parishioners who will be baptized and receive their sacraments and those who are being accepted into the church in prayer during their journey.

EASTER FLOWERS: Remember your loved ones this Easter by submitting their names with your Easter Flower envelope. All names submitted will be listed in the Easter bulletin. If you use Faith Direct, email name(s) to cherrera@hscchurch.org. To include a memorial for your loved ones, please return your envelope (or email) to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 10th**. Envelopes available in the rear of church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



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 are held on **Wednesdays** at 7:15pm, (**March 30 & April 6**). To receive the 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 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. On April 1st, the Stations will be led by the Social Concerns Ministry and Knights of Columbus. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

A LENTEN HEALING SERVICE will be held Friday, April 1st at 7:30pm in the church. See the flyer for more information on this service which is different from the Sacrament of the Sick. All are invited.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: on Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00am. An opportunity for all to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the celebration of the great feast of Easter. We will have our own clergy and invited clergy present to hear confessions.

Thank you
THANK YOU to all who participated in the **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE** in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Your donations will benefit a teenager named Gifty living in Ghana with special needs. **All food donations are due this weekend: Sun., March 27th**. If you were unable to donate food, you are can still make a monetary donation for the shipping to Ghana. Make checks payable to HSCC and write **FOOD DRIVE** in the memo. For cash donations, ask ushers for an envelope and indicate **FOOD DRIVE**.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Looking for other resources for Lent? Visit: catholicapostolatecenter.org! The Catholic Apostolate Center is a ministry responding to the needs of the Church by developing programs for the New Evangelization.

HSCC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
youthdirector@hscchurch.org ❖ 202.330.8302

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 youth director.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Remy Mosler Taran** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **March 5th**. May God bless him and his parents.



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.

HSCC 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.



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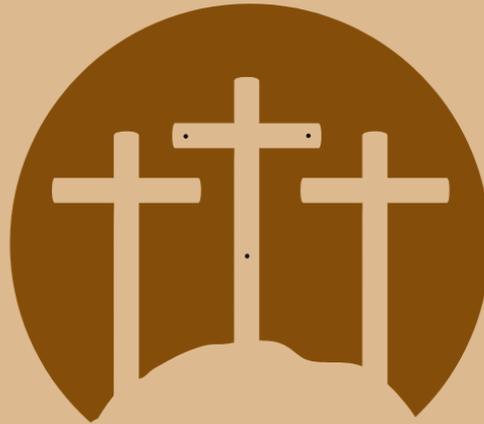
Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

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

HCSC Youth Ministry

CALLING ALL YOUTH ACTORS!!



We need youth actors for the Youth Ministry's presentation of the *Lord's Passion* at the Good Friday Service on April 15th at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are held every Sunday after the 11:00am Mass in the church.

We also need parent volunteers to help with costumes, sets and clean-up after the pageant.

Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at
youthdirector@hscchurch.org or
202-330-8302

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE



Friday, April 1, 2022 - 7:30pm

Most of us are in need of ongoing healing in our life. In some cases it is due to physical things such as the effects of aging, or disease, or illness. In other cases there are needs for spiritual healing such as when there is anxiety, depression, grief, addiction or the effects of worldly and demonic oppression. In a healing service, we seek to come humbly before God, and ask for his grace and strength as well as spiritual and physical healing. After a period of brief communal prayer, there is the opportunity to come forward and pray with designated leaders, both clergy and laity who lay hands on us and seek the healing power of God and offer encouragement.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration - 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm

(Confessions will be heard during Holy Hour and Healing Service)

Join with us for other Lenten Opportunities

Saturday, April 2, 2022



8:00 am - FIRST SATURDAY MASS

In 1917, our Blessed Mother urged us to pray the rosary for peace and observe the five First Saturdays. We gather for Mass, pray the rosary and spend 15 minutes meditating on the Mysteries, and then seek to get to confession with the next week. We will observe First Saturday Mass over the next 4 months.

8:30 am - COMMUNAL ROSARY

followed by time for meditation

9:30 am - Continental Breakfast

10:00 am - LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

After a brief service, visiting Priests will assist with our Parish priests in hearing Confessions.



All are welcome to attend any or all of the above Lenten events which are held in the Church.



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