



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-7 Luke 23:1-49

Readings Next Weekend:

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

Message from the Pastor



Perhaps Palm Sunday should be called "Strange Sunday." We begin by praising the Lord with shouts of "Hosanna", a Hebrew word of praise difficult to translate but which is not far from our word "hooray!" We welcome Jesus and rejoice at his presence among us. But as we read the passion, no less than 20 minutes later we shout: "Crucify Him!" We are fickle and inconsistent and at times our behavior is downright strange. Who would blame the Lord for refusing to die for the likes of us? But on this strange Sunday of contrasts, we see that he willingly dies for us. He could have brought down legions of Angels to destroy us for what we attempted, but he did not. Instead, He spoke on our behalf: "Father forgive them." Ask for the grace to let it dawn on you that the Son of God died for you; not just as an intellectual fact but as a heartfelt experience. The strangeness of this Day cannot eclipse the strength of his love.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday

8:30am Intentions of Janice Gordon (B'day)
11:00am Intentions of Rachel Collins
7:00pm Dewitt Keith †

Monday, April 11

7:00am For those suffering from the war in Ukraine

Tuesday, April 12

7:00am Joseph K. Washington †

Wednesday, April 13

7:00am For the People

Thursday, April 14 Holy Thursday

7:00am Virginia Rodney Valdry †
7:00pm Cheryl Walker Rosst †

Friday, April 15 Good Friday

No Masses

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil

8:00pm Intentions of Cora Campbell



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: Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
TUESDAY: Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-38
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25
THURSDAY: Exodus 12:1-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
FRIDAY: Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
SATURDAY: Gen 1:1-2:2 Gen 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ezekial 35:16-17, 18-28 Luke 24:1-12



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.



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
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MASS ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 3, 2022

4:30pm	48
8:00am	54
9:30am	35
11:00am	170
7:00pm	65
Total:	372

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/11)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (4/15)

11:00am KoC Fish Fry (offsite)
12:00pm Neighborhood Stations

Thursday (4/14)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

3:00pm Scriptural Stations

7:00pm Lord's Passion

Saturday (4/16)

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass



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.

PALM SUNDAY

PARISH LIFE



EASTER FLOWERS: Names submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. For those who use Faith Direct, email your names to cherrera@hscchurch.org. Please submit your envelope to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 10th**. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, April 15th at 1PM, and will be **closed Easter Monday (4/18) and Tuesday April 19th**. **NOTE:** The rectory office will have the following hours on Wed, April 20th and Friday, April 22nd—10:00am-4:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 17th, and **will resume on Sun., April 24th** at 9:30am.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help **decorate the church** for Easter. We have two opportunities: **Thur., April 14th** or **Sat., April 16th** to help with flowers. If you can help, contact Kim Peaks: 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.

THE WORD AMONG US—EASTER SEASON EDITION: is available in the Candlelight Store. **Cost: \$2 each.** This book offers daily reading with meditations. *Limited supply!*

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday—April 14th

(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 15th

(No morning Mass) A day of fast and abstinence

12Noon Neighborhood Stations of the Cross
(gather inside the church and then process)

3:00pm Scriptural 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 16th

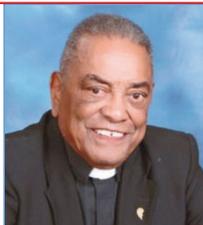
(No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

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

Easter Sunday—April 17th

Mass at 8:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

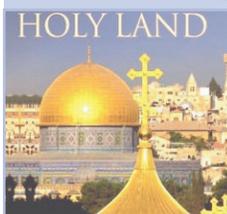
NOTE: Please allow time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the school parking lot at 15th & East Capitol St. **DO NOT** double-park or park behind the rectory. Thank you.



FORMER HCSC PASTOR FR. JOSEPH CONWAY RODNEY, SSJ, died March 23rd in Baton Rouge, LA. He was 84. Fr. Rodney served as Pastor at HCSC from 1983-86. He served as a priest for 54 years in parishes in Houston, Texas, Washington DC, and Alabama. His brother Charles Rodney and wife Judy

have been active as lectors and in a number of ministries here at HCSC. Father Rodney's funeral Mass was offered March 31st at St. Augustine Church in New Roads, LA. Bishop John Ricard was celebrant and homilist. May he rest in peace.

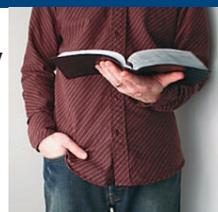
HCSC Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND!



Join with Msgr. Pope and other HCSC pilgrims as they travel the Holy Land for a **10-day pilgrimage, Nov. 8—17, 2022**. Tourists are now able to enter Israel. Pick up a flyer in rear of church or visit: hscchurch.org for details.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets on **Mondays at 7:30pm** in the **rectory basement**, preceded by a short social at 7:00pm. Msgr. Pope is the facilitator. 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

Celebrating Holy Week at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church

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Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor ❖ Deacon James P. Flagg, II
Daily Mass: 7am (M-F) Saturday: 8am and 4:30pm (vigil), Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, and 7pm

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. Plan to attend some or all of the special liturgies of Thursday, Friday and Saturday here at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian. 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.



Our celebration of Holy Week begins on **PALM SUNDAY (April 10th)**. 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 (April 11th). 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 Church at 7:00am.**

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (April 12th). 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 Church at 7:00am.**

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (April 13th). 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 Church at 7:00am.**

HOLY THURSDAY (April 11th) 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 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 15th). 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. The **Scriptural Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm** encourages us to join Jesus on his journey to Calvary through prayer. 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. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we venerate the cross as it is brought into the sanctuary. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 16th). 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 Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our Catechumens and 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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