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# LENT



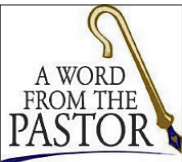
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41



The Gospel today is rich in symbolism. A woman (this means you) comes to a well (this means the world). She comes because she is thirsty (and this refers to all our desires). She thinks the well will satisfy her. But it does not, for no sooner than she has a drink she is on her way to being thirsty again. The world can provide momentary pleasures, but no lasting ones. Jesus is there waiting for her. Jesus is also waiting for you, who are filled with many desires and questions. He says to her, "Everyone who drinks from this well will be thirsty again." He then offers her the gift of his very self and explains that God alone can ultimately satisfy us. It is simply a fact that our desires are infinite and unlimited. Hence, a finite and limited world cannot satisfy us. Only God who is infinite and unlimited can, at last, satisfy us. At first, the woman laughs at Him, much as we often laugh at those who suggest we can be happier with fewer worldly possessions and a richer spiritual life. But gradually, as she gets to know Jesus, she begins to realize that this is a great satisfaction. It takes time, but eventually she leaves her water jar behind and runs to joyfully tell others what she has discovered in Jesus. This woman's journey is your journey, and mine too.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 12

8:00am intentions of Bob Pearson  
9:30am intention of DeLantia Hellums  
11:00am Arielle Anderson (victim at Michigan State Univ) †  
7:00pm Deacon Nerus Martin †

Monday, March 13

7:00am Rev Francis J. Tighe †

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am Janie B. Johnson (B'day) †

Wednesday, March 15

7:00am intentions of Gayle Jones

Thursday, March 16

7:00am Those killed and suffering in war & civil unrest

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick

7:00am Dewitt Keith †

Saturday, March 18

8:00am For the people  
4:30pm Gloria Jean Ramsey †



**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:** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab Luke 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Deut 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14



**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 to the right →
2. Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](https://faith.direct/DC59) and register.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 5, 2023

4:30pm 39  
8:00am 82  
9:30am 30  
11:00am 157  
7:00pm 108  
**Total: 416**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/13)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (3/17)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday (3/15)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday (3/18)

12noon Women's Ministry (Zoom)



**OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM** every day for you to come in for private prayer. 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 throughout our daily lives. 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.*



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### PARISH LIFE

**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 for a donation, email name(s) to [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@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 9<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes available in the rear of church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

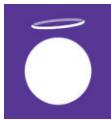


### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

**+** Check out the **LENTEN RESOURCE** table in the rear of the church for more Lenten prayers, devotions and suggestions for your Lenten journey this season.

**P** **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**. Come and journey with Jesus to Calvary this Lent.

**R** Check out ways to pray this Lent on the **HALLOW APP** — the #1 Catholic App in the world. Pick up a flyer/card in rear of church or just download the app on your mobile device.



**E** **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) every Wednesday during Lent at 7:15pm for a Lenten Bible Study titled “*Learning in Lent*”. We will look at scripture and examine the teachings of the Church that seem difficult especially during these times when it appears counter to today’s culture. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link via email at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885. **To attend in-person**, see the **Young Adult Bible Study** in this bulletin. Visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for audios of each session.

**V** **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** Give to others during the season of Lent by donating to our Lenten food drive. You can make a monetary donation; purchase and bring in the food or order and have it delivered to the rectory. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church for the types of food that we are requesting.



**HELP THOSE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA AFTER EARTHQUAKE:** Since Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, we have seen a humanitarian crisis unfold in Turkey and Syria after successive 7.8 magnitude earthquakes devastated the region. The death toll has surpassed 33,000 and will continue to increase. Parishioners are encouraged to pray and to donate to Catholic Relief Services by visiting [crs.org](http://crs.org). Your gift will help CRS partners in the region provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygienic supplies. Thank you for your generous response to help those in need.



### HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
[youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org) ♦ 202.330.8302



**GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!!** Our Youth Ministry will present the re-enactment of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.



Three young women from our parish have been invited to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal – but need the funds get there! The trip is \$3,000/person. Please consider a contribution for these young ladies to have this experience. Pick up a flyer/envelope in the rear of the church for details. Thank you.



**UPDATE: CHURCH RESTROOM RENOVATION ALMOST COMPLETE!**

Our church building has been around a number of years and with this renovation we encountered a number of issues once they began the initial demolition. Of course, this delayed the work and prolonged the project. But, it is finally coming to a completion! We hope that within the next 2 weeks or sooner, we will have our newly renovated restroom available to all. In the meantime, use the handicap restroom located up the ramp to the left of the Mary altar near the front of the church (near the Altar). We are grateful for your patience during the renovation.

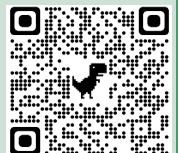
### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement**. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). The theme for this Lent is “*Learning in Lent*”. See the **Lenten Bible Study** in this bulletin for details.



The National Black Catholic Congress XIII Gathering is **July 20-23, 2023** at the Gaylord Convention Center in Oxon Hill, MD.

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics for a celebration of our faith and culture. To register: visit: [nbccgatheing2023.org/Home](http://nbccgatheing2023.org/Home) or scan QR code.



### HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon James P. Flagg II

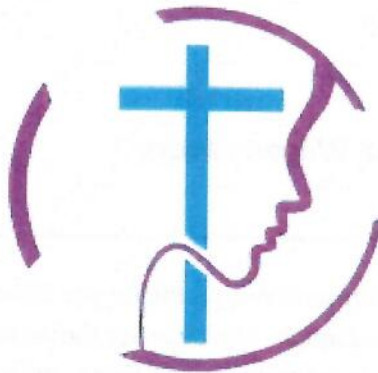
For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or (202) 546-1885.

**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

# Evolving Role of Women in the Church



Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Women's Ministry  
For a virtual fellowship (Via Zoom)

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**12:00—2:00 pm**

*All are Welcome*



Guest Speaker

***THERESE WILSON FAVORS***

Former Director of the  
Office of Black Catholics  
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Meeting ID: 897 4973 1753

Meeting Password: 463758

Or dial in using your phone at 301-715-8592

Invite others. We ask all participants to find a quiet place with the least amount of background distractions and mute your microphones when not speaking.

For additional information, contact one of the following

Laura Stanton (301) 326-9467

Bertha Colbert (301) 567-9786

Robin Brooks (202) 271-2940

Shirley Austin (202) 368-7231

Wanda Ross (301) 523-1017

Miriam Townsend-Edelen (301) 219-7986

Linda Simpson (301) 735-6432

Brenda Worthy (202) 355-4075





## Therese Wilson Favors

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Therese Wilson Favors is the former Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, having served in that role for nineteen (19) years. At the moment of her retirement, Ms. Favors had accumulated 43 years of service in ministry within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She has served as both Program Director and Executive Director of the National Black Catholic Congress, Director of Evangelization at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Coordinator of Elementary Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Her ministry also extended to over five (5) years as a Catholic School teacher at both St. Cecilia and Fr. Charles A. Hall Schools.

She is a Professor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Mrs. Favors lectures throughout the country and prepares programs that focus on African-American issues surrounding catechesis, evangelization, and spirituality. Along with many Black Catholic leaders in Baltimore, Therese launched a campaign of street evangelization titled, "Operation Faith Lift" in year 2000. She has contributed to several books, serving as editor for "What We Have Seen and Heard: Essays and Stories of Black Catholics in Baltimore," published in 2006, twenty (20) issues of "Keep On Teaching," an Africentric catechetical resource and "God Bless Them Who Have Their Own: African American Catechetical Camp Meetin' Proceedings" (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops).

Additionally she has been a contributing writer for resources discussing HIV and AIDS, as well as the National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families. Mrs. Favors is the author of "Rise Up and Re-Build" a resource for African American Families issued by the National Black Catholic Congress. In 2007, she was awarded the Papal Honor of *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice* by Pope Benedict XVI.

For 34 years, Therese has been married to Andrew Favors who is a tremendous blessing; lending enormous support and love. Ms. Favors holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Coppin State University and a Master's Degree in Religious Education from St. Mary's Seminary, both of Baltimore, Maryland.



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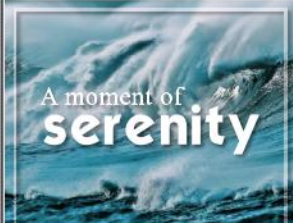
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*Still Loved, Still Missed  
& Very Dear, The Family*

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~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,  
Betty - wife and mother



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*Mother*

*We Love You Always*  
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*To Our Beloved*  
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*We'll always  
love you,  
Mom, Kids  
& Denita*



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**Winnie,**

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