



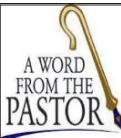
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

Readings Next Weekend:

Mt 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66



Today's Gospel is the amazing story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. In this Gospel we see something of the journey we must make with God in order to experience new life. Consider the stages of this Gospel. First, there is a DESIGN at work.

When informed of the grave illness of Lazarus, Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." We don't always understand God's designs, how his plans for us work out, but if he allows difficulties to beset us, it is ultimately for glory, if we believe. Next, note the DELAY. Jesus waits four whole days before going to Lazarus' aid, and Lazarus dies as a result. Here too, we don't always understand why God delays in answering our prayers. But, over and over in scripture we are told to wait on the Lord. He has his reasons and is testing and strengthening our faith. All we can say is 'Lord, help me to hold out, until my change comes!' Next, note the DETERMINATION of Jesus to raise Lazarus. In order to do this he must go into harm's way and his act of saving Lazarus will ultimately cost him his life since, after this incident the Temple leaders resolve to kill Jesus. Next, there is DIALOGUE. Jesus inquires into the faith of Martha. Our faith is more precious to the Lord than our physical well-being. Above all Jesus wants to strengthen our faith because this is the way he saves us. Next, note the DRAMA that ensues. Jesus approaches the grave and the text says he was deeply troubled and quite angry. Here the Lord comes face to face at what sin has done to us. Here the devil's victory is displayed. Jesus is angry in the sense that he is stirred into battle for us. Finally, there is the DELIVERANCE. Jesus summons Lazarus, and us, out of the tomb. But notice, the deliverance is not just to get his life back. Lazarus (who is us) must be untied and set free from what still binds him. Hence our deliverance is on-going. Our life in faith is more than answering an altar call or in being baptized. We must also allow the Lord to untie us and let us go free.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 26

8:00am Nannie Elizabeth Williams †
9:30am Ruth Campbell †
11:00am Bishop Ferdinand J. Cheri III, OFM †
7:00pm Thomas Riehle †

Monday, March 27

7:00am Harvey Clapp †

Tuesday, March 28

7:00am Richard E. Coulton †

Wednesday, March 29

7:00am Sr. Elizabeth Ellen Kane, OSF †

Thursday, March 30

7:00am Bertha Regina Vanzego †

Friday, March 31

7:00am James Leroy Holland †

Saturday, April 1

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Sylvia Maria Moraes †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 John 8:1-11
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56



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 and register.

This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation.

Questions? Contact Kim Peaks
(pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 19, 2023

4:30pm	37
8:00am	55
9:30am	40
11:00am	156
7:00pm	76
Total:	364

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/27)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (3/31)

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

Wednesday (3/29)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)

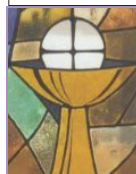
Saturday (4/1)

9:00am Holy Name Society
4:00pm Family Movie Day



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.



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.

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.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



PALM SUNDAY is April 2nd—Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem: Solemn procession will form in front of the church for the 11am Mass. Solemn entrance inside the church will be observed before the 4:30pm, **9am** and 7am Masses. Ushers will provide instructions to everyone at Mass on the processions. **There will not be a 9:30am Mass on Palm Sunday.**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Michael Andrew Broaddus** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **March 18**. May God bless Michael and his parents as they begin this spiritual journey.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

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.

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.



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. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885. **To attend in-person**, see the **Young Adult Bible Study** in this bulletin. Visit hscchurch.org for audios of each session.



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. 6th, 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. 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 ♦ 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 7th** 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.



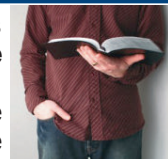
FAMILY MOVIE DAY: Sat., April 1st, 4-7pm at the rectory. Refreshments will be available. We will have a variety of movies available for **ALL** age groups (pre-K thru 12th grade). Parents need to accompany youth. Please RSVP to mre@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 so that we can have enough refreshments. All are invited!

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 your name(s) to 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 2nd**. Envelopes available in the rear of church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



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. The theme for this Lent is "*Learning in Lent*". See the **Lenten Bible Study** in this bulletin for details.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR GENEROSITY! We have finally completed the renovation of the church restrooms. There are a couple of superficial items to finish but the overall renovation is done. Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas & Easter collections in 2018 and 2019 (and prior years) which funded this project. The renovation was delayed due to COVID and unexpected issues with our aging building. Praise God!

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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

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Family **MOVIE DAY**

Saturday, April 1st

**4:00pm - 7:00pm
HCSC Rectory**



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In Memory of
Our Deceased Members

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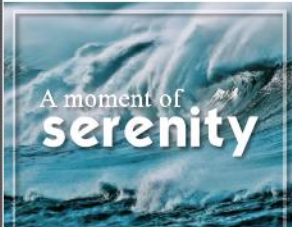
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**OUR DECEASED
SODALISTS**

HCSC SODALITY

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The Deceased Jenifers:
Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,
Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan

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& Very Dear, The Family*

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Memory of*
OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.
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"ETERNAL LOVE"
~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
Betty - wife and mother



In Loving Memory
Austina H. Jones

Mother

We Love You Always
Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
Son & Father
*We'll always
love you,
Mom, Kids
& Denita*



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Maxwell Smart**
(Tony)
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**Winnie,
Ray,
Bertie**

In Memory of
**Hump,
Will,
Henny**

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