

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

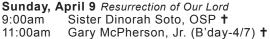
Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power

forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "The one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev (1:5-8). Today we acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death. Just when all seemed a total loss, the disciples experienced his resurrected glory. To those of us who remain faithful. Jesus' story is our story too. Whatever our crosses, disappointments, trials or set-backs, the truth is that troubles don't last always. The Book of Psalms reminds us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come with the morning light." (Ps 30:5). The Easter message is one of victory for us. Whatever situation you may be going through just say, I'll rise! Tell Satan, "Victory is mine!" Address every fear with the words of an old song: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow! This is the feast of Jesus' victory and ours too. Rejoice today that you're on the winning team!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Charles Edelin, Sr. (B'day 3/28) † 7:00pm

Monday, April 10

Intentions of the Smith Family 7:00am

Tuesday, April 11

7:00am Denise Rodgers

Wednesday, April 12

7:00am Intentions of Kathy Richburg

Thursday, April 13

7:00am Intentions of Keith Willams

Friday, April 14

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross †

Saturday, April 15

8:00am For the people

4:30pm Intentions of Pope Francis



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: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28: 8-15 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48 Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14 Friday: Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15 Saturday:

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

- Scan the QR code to the right \rightarrow .
- 2. Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
- 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 (pam@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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MASS ATTENDANCE April 2, 2023

4:30pm 58

9:00am 131 11:00am 253 7:00pm 80 Total: 522

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/10)

Morning Mass at 8:00am

Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday (4/11)

Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday (4/12)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (4/14)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession



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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Mon., April 10th and Tues., April 11th. The office will close early at 4:00pm on Fri., April 21st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sun., April 16th at 9:30am in the school.



CONGRATULATIONS and **WELCOME** Shirlev Campbell. Tomeka Seaborn, Richard Quinones, Cashmir Mitchekll and Carter Ball who were baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8th. Some also received the sacrament of Holy Communion and

Conformation. We also congratulate and welcome Akhil Raiasekar who was received in Full Communion of the Catholic Church. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you. Welcome to our faith family!

We are very grateful to all those who were so helpful during the Lenten season. from assisting decorating the church to serving at the Mass and other liturgies. You are greatly appreciated for your continued support of this parish community.





DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is **April 16th**. Please join with our Sunday school youth after the 11am Mass in the church to sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then participate in a Eucharistic procession into the neighborhood and around Lincoln Park. Divine Mercy Sunday

(Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Saint John Paul II calling it "the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." The Divine Mercy devotion started in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is chanted or sung using the rosary. We will supply words to the chaplet and rosaries. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is dedicated in loving memory of our beloved Deacon Kevin Butler.



Join with Msgr. Pope, the Servants of the Lord and our Sunday School families as they make a Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary beginning April 11th. The consecration will be held online (via FlockNote).

Visit our website (hcscchurch.org) for information on what is a Consecration to Mary and how to participate.



HCSC WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT: May 19-21, 2023, Claggett Retreat Center, Adamstown, MD. Theme: "Finding God in the Detours: Crooked Paths Made Straight".

Facilitator: Dr. Francine Dove-Hawkins. Cost: \$370 (includes accommodations, transportation and meals). To register: contact Laura Stanton 301-326-9467. Bertha Colbert 301-567-9786 or Robin Brooks 202-271-2940.



SAVE THE DATE-HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL MEN'S **RETREAT: Aug. 18-20, 2023** at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center, Adamstown, MD Theme: Trials and Tribulations. Stay tuned for details.



Three female youth from our parish have been invited by the Servants of the Lord to travel on pilgrimage with them to attend the World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal – but they need the funds 2023 to get there! The trip is \$3,000/person. Please

consider a contribution for these young ladies to have this experience. This is a wonderful opportunity for these youth to meet with other Catholic youth from around the world and be inspired in their faith. Pick up a flyer/envelope in the rear of the church for details. We are grateful for any gift.



The National Black Catholic Congress XIII Gathering will be July BLACK CATHOLIC 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord Convention Congress Center in Oxon Hill, MD.

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. For more information, visit: nbccgathering2023.org/Home or scan the QR code.



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 hcscchurch.flocknote.com.





Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and at

hcscchurch.flocknote.com. Questions? Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held EVERY FRIDAY from 6-7PM in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.



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Mass Times: Saturday Sunday

8am & 4:30pm (vigil); 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;

Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays) Weekdays

Rectory Office Hours:

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

Dear Parishioners,

Early on a Sunday morning many centuries ago, Christ Jesus walked out of the tomb that the world had assigned to him and went to encounter the disciples he loved. It is still the case today. Jesus encounters us in every Mass, in every Sacrament, and in every gathering of the faithful. This on-going experience of the presence of the risen Lord is so essential to our well-being and to a proper vision for our life. Without it we are so easily overcome by the darkness and difficulties of this life!

Consider how the resurrection affected the first disciples. The Gospel of John appointed to Easter Sunday Morning is unusual in that it does not feature an actual appearance of the risen Lord. There is news of an empty tomb and a lot of running



about by the women and apostles trying to figure out what has happened. The events take place just before and after dawn and so it is still rather dark. One can rightly say that it still hasn't "dawned" on them that Jesus is risen. To them, the empty tomb elicits thoughts of grave robbers, not resurrection!

All this may surprise us since Jesus had told them on numerous occasions that he would rise from the dead on the third day. Yet, it doesn't even occur to them as one possible explanation for the open and empty tomb. There are hints that St. John started connecting the dots, but even here, it is unclear. Resurrection light is shining but they seemed locked in the gloom of fear and the trauma of Good Friday. Their minds are weak in understanding and their memories are poor in recalling Jesus' own words, "but on the third day I will rise" (e.g. Luke 18:31)

But suddenly Jesus appeared to them in the upper room and their lives were forever changed. Their full transformation from fearful followers to courageous and joyful witnesses would wait till Pentecost, fifty days later. But already Jesus was shedding light and dispelling the darkness of their unbelief and negativity.

This most certainly needs to happen for us as well. We too can become very locked in the tombs and prisons of our negativity and fear. It can become very difficult to see beyond the gloom of this world, especially in difficult moments. Thoughts of future glory and promising scriptures that all things work together for our good (Rom 8:28) seem a distant reality. But stay faithful fellow disciple to the discipline of Holy Mass and prayer and let the Lord increasingly form you in the joy and hope of a Christian who knows what this life is really all about. Crosses and seeming defeats will come, but for those who are faithful, these are just the birth pangs of unending and unspeakable joy. In three days we rise!

This Easter I want you to know of my love for you all and that I offer many prayers and petitions for you. Every one of you is precious to God and He has put that same love in my heart for you. You have often heard me say how I treasure the relationship we have had over the many years as a parish family. Without you I would not be the priest and disciple I am today. You have taught me much and brought forth joy and confidence in me. So many of you have manifested a strong and enduring faith even in the midst of social injustices and persecutions past and present, and the sad tragedy of scandals in the very Church you love. Yet, in all of this you still found Christ in the Church and in the Sacraments. In all the setbacks and sorrows you have chosen to rise with Christ and declare, "Trouble don't last always." We need always to remind each other of resurrection glory. I am grateful for your witness and testimony to me.

Christ is truly risen! Let us rise with him. Alleluia!

Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor





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An Easter Thank You

Many of our parishioners donated to the Easter Flower fund and we are most grateful for your contribution. Many of the donations were given in memory <u>or</u> in honor of a loved one or family member.

The tributes or memorials are listed below:

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April 2023

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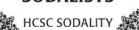
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