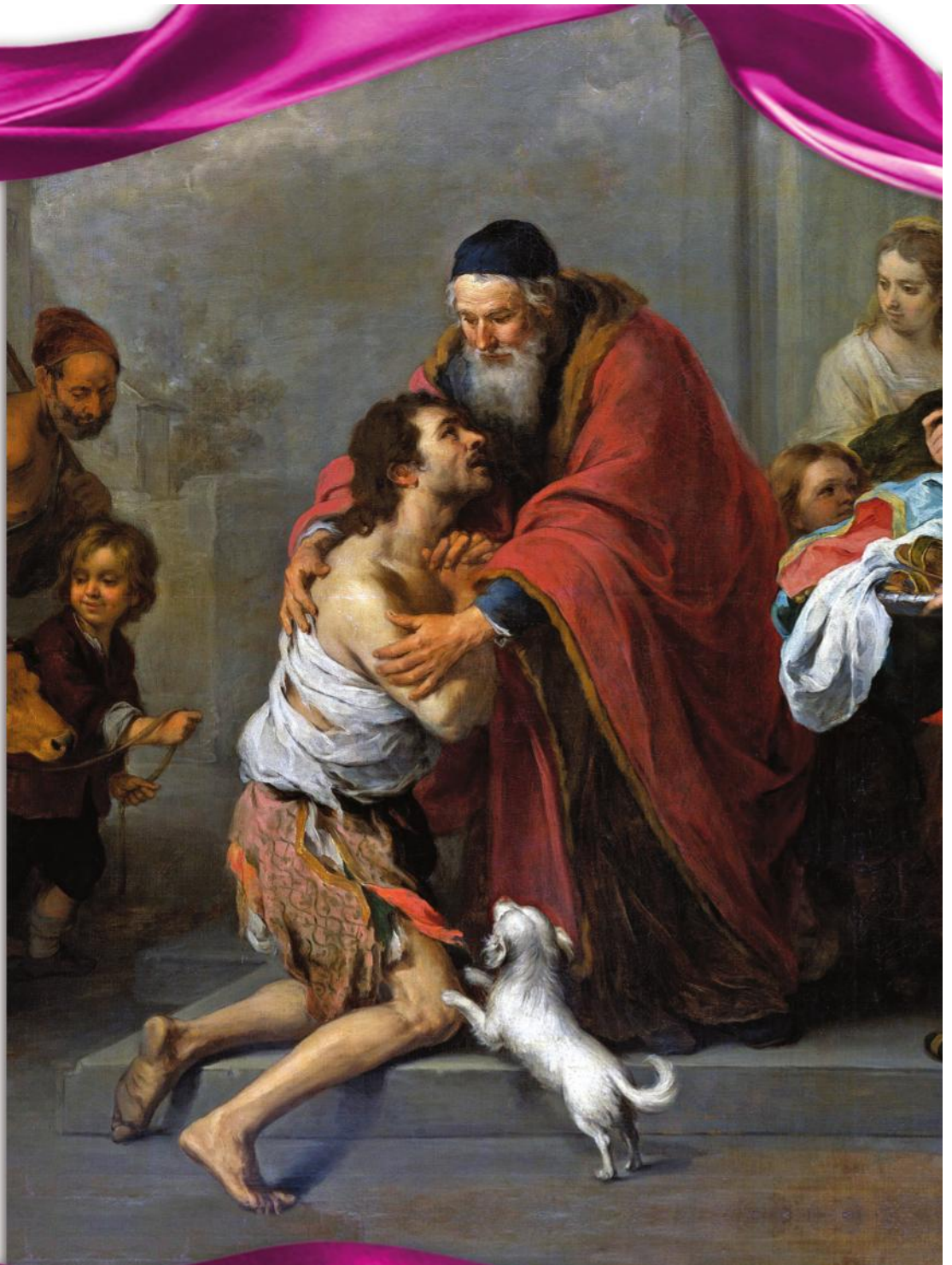


Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost, and
has been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

The Return of the Prodigal Son
by Barolomé Esteban Murillo,
circa 1670



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

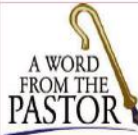
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:1-11



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.



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.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 23, 2025—3rd Sunday of Lent

4:30pm	40
8:00am	57
9:30am	38
11:00am	173
7:00pm	70
Total:	378

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 30 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00am Sharon Graham †
- 9:30am Rev. Araia Ghiday 'Lazarus' Ghebray (B'day)
- 11:00am Francis Yeatman †
- 7:00pm James L. Outtz †

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

- 7:00am Delores Mack †

Wednesday, April 2

- 7:00am Mary Hospedale †

Thursday, April 3

- 7:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Colston (B'day)

Friday, April 4

- 7:00am Dorothy Simpson †

Saturday, April 5

- 8:00am For the People
- 4:30pm Francis Joseph Williams †



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 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	ISAIAH 65:17-21	JOHN 4:43-54
TUESDAY:	EXODUS 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 2-1A, 12-22	JOHN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY	JEREMIAH 11:18-20	JOHN 7:40-53

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/31)

- 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday (4/2)

- 6:00-7:15pm Confessions
- 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (4/4)

- 8am-7pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (4/5)

- 10:00am Holy Week Lit. Mtg
- 1:00pm Altar Servers Mtg

Sunday (4/6)

- 9:30am Sodality Mtg



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 in prayer.

CORRECTION—HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & PARIS:

Join Msgr. Pope on a Marian pilgrimage on **Nov. 2—13, 2026** to the sites above. The cost includes non-stop roundtrip flight from Dulles along with hotels, most meals, tour bus and guides. See flyer in rear of church.



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



HCSC's NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Ms. Jorgie Joseph hails from Haiti, a beautiful country in the Caribbean, sharing the island with the Dominican Republic. Known as "la perle des Antilles" (*the Pearl of the Antilles*) in the past, Haiti boasts a rich culture, from its delicious cuisine to its vibrant music and art. Jorgie brings a strong background in International Development from her work with various NGOs. Jorgie started on March 11th and will be your first contact at the rectory office, always ready to assist with a warm, contagious smile. *Welcome Jorgie!*

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025—The Pope has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year and our parish has the honor of being a Jubilee site. Special blessings are available to all who attend or visit here seeking Jubilee graces. See the flyers in the rear of the church and stay tuned for more information.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

formed Prepare for Lent with this four-part video series called **HOW TO LENT**.

L Our parish has a **FREE** subscription to **FORMED** which is an online service that teaches our faith and provides resources such as movies/videos, teaching series and more for the entire family. If you don't already have FORMED on your SmartTV, computer or cellphone, pick up an info card in the lobby of the church and sign in for this informative and interesting video on Lent.

E Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with the **HALLOW** app. Start your day with the daily gospel, rosary, prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions including homilies and bible studies. Pick up a flyer/card in lobby of church for info. There is a subscription, but for Lent you get 3 **FREE** months!



A **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**—at 7:30PM via Zoom with Msgr. Pope. **Theme: The 7 Deadly Sins.** Sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link or call the rectory office.

R **DAILY MASS:** Consider attending a daily Mass this Lent. Mass is held every weekday at 7AM in the chapel.

A **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** During the season of Lent and to accommodate visitors since our parish has been named a "Jubilee Parish" for the Year of the Jubilee, clergy will hear **confessions every Wednesday** from 6:PM—7:15PM in the church. Come and experience God's mercy!

G **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 join with Christ in this journey.

I **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** Our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence is hosting a food drive for a teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana, Africa. You can donate the **requested** food items or make a monetary donation for shipping costs. Visit our website or see flyer in rear of church for info.

Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told



This year, our parish will set our focus on the "Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told". The Scriptures teach us why and how we exist, what happened to us in Original Sin and How God, in his great mercy, has redeemed us and called us back to Him in newness of life. This will be a whole-parish catechesis, led by our pastor, in three stages. Words from a keynote song titled *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* helps us to understand the 3 stages:

- i) **OUR FALL**— *I once was lost in Sin,*
- ii) **OUR REDEEMPTION** — *But Jesus took me in,*
- iii) **OUR GRACE** — *And then a little Light from Heaven Filled my Soul.*

A reflection by Msgr. Pope on the bible stories will be in the bulletin **every other week**. They are also on our website (scan the QR code) or have them emailed via **FlockNote** along with a video. **To sign-up** to receive emails/videos, or visit: hscchurch.flocknote.com and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a **FREE** service!



Yes, Just a little talk with Jesus made me whole!

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 hscstaff2@hscchurch.org. To include a memorial for your loved ones, please return your envelope to an usher (or via email), or drop at the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 13th**. Envelopes available in the rear of church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Please know that any donations received will go toward the cost of the beautiful altar and church flowers.



HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH! We need to decorate our sanctuary for Easter (*April 20th*) and we could use your help! We need people who have decorating ideas sanctuary **and** those who can assist with the actual decorating (*on Sat., April 19th*). **Interested?** Contact Kim Peaks at kpeaks@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 ext 11 if you have decorating ideas or if you can come to help decorate. Any assistance is appreciated.



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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at 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

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FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

**MORNING MASS IS AT 7AM FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST
AND THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN FOR ADORATION UNTIL 7PM.**

Our parish hosts All-Day Adoration every first Friday of the month. Please share this information along with the sign-up information to others. We ask you to consider signing up for one hour (or more) and spend it with Our Lord.

TO SIGN UP:

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE AT 202-546-1885 OR
HCSCSTAFF@HCSCCHURCH.ORG. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SIGN-UP, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
STOP BY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. BRING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND!**



WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

This is a devotional tradition of spending an hour in **Eucharistic Adoration** in the presence of the **Blessed Sacrament**. A consecrated host is exposed to us in the *monstrance* which is placed on the altar.



Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of **Jesus Christ**, who we believe to be present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist.

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying *“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”* (Matthew 26:38) Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and in Matthew 26:40 he asked Peter:

“So, could you men not keep watch with me for an hour?”

You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer.
Please feel free to bring your bible or other devotional prayers if you like.



A priest is available between 6PM-7PM to hear your confessions.



Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Roman Catholic Church Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary



A Jubilee Journey With Mary



HCSC's Sodality's Day of Reflection



*Join the Sodality
as We Explore
Mary During the
Jubilee Year of
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Moderator
Msgr. Charles Pope

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Sharon Lewis
(202) 253-2580

Treasurer
Diana Jennings-Ashton
(301) 868-4553

*If you would like more
information about HCSC's
Sodality of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, reach out to
a Sodalist. We meet every
1st Sunday (Oct. -June),
Mass at 8:00 am.
Following Mass -Rosary
and meeting at the Center
City Public Charter School.*

Sunday, April 6, 2025
Center City Public Charter School
1503 East Capitol Street, SE
Location – Cafeteria
Washington, DC 20003
Following 8:00 AM Mass

Greetings – Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Moderator



HCSC Youth Ministry

CALLING ALL YOUTH ACTORS!!



We need youth actors for the Youth Ministry's presentation of the *Lord's Passion* on April 18th at the 7:00 pm service.

First rehearsal will be held Sunday, March 30th after the 11:00am Mass (approx. 12:30noon).

If you are interested, please stop by the rehearsal or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202-330-8302.

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

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