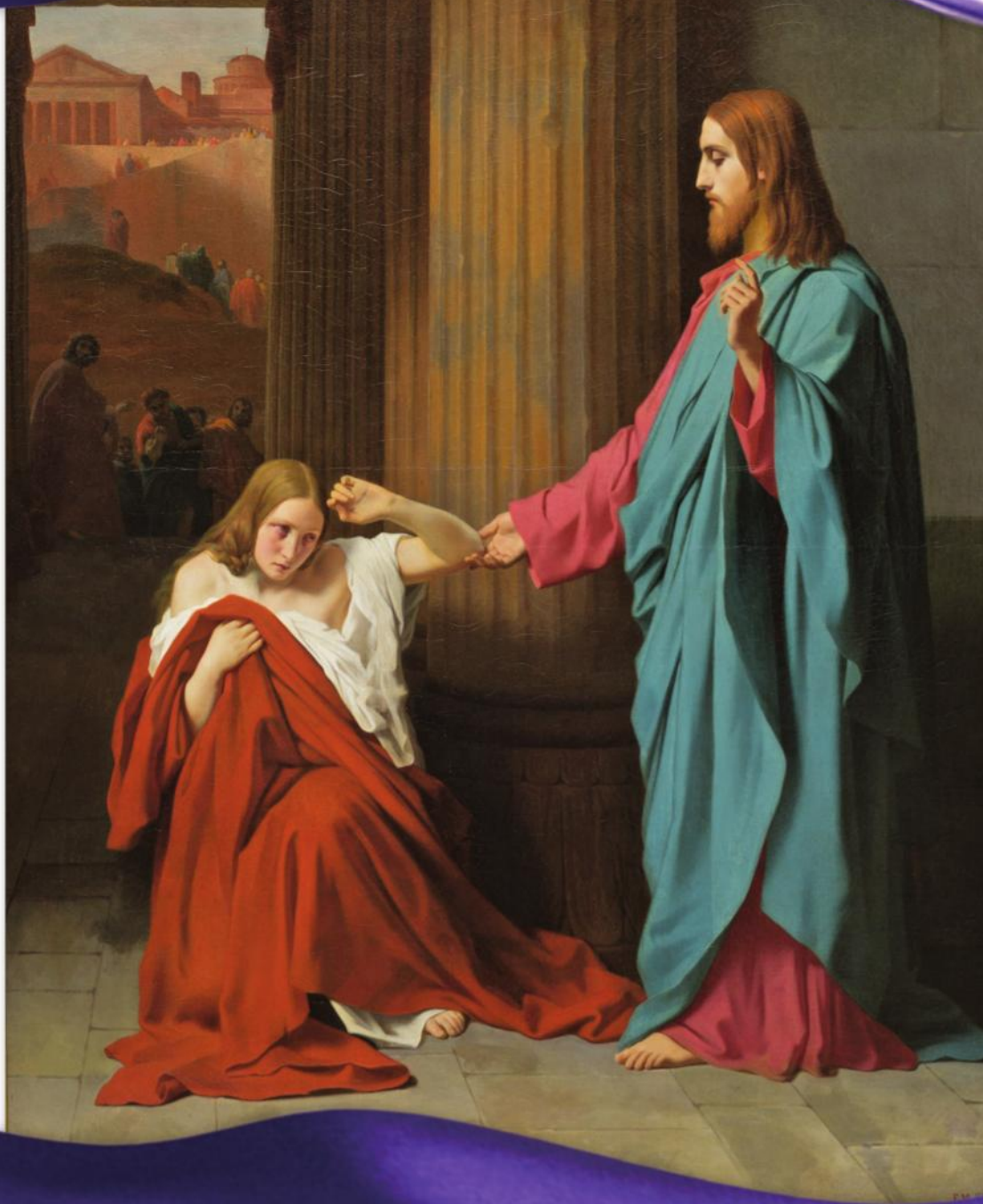


Then Jesus  
straightened up  
and said to her,  
“Woman, where  
are they? Has no  
one condemned  
you?”

She replied,  
“No one sir.”  
Then Jesus said,  
“Neither do I  
condemn you.  
Go, and from  
now on do not  
sin any more.”

*John 8:10, 11*

Christ and the Woman Taken  
In Adultery by Émile Signol  
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5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
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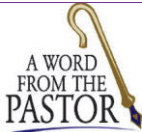
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56



Today's Gospel is about the **Cost of Condemnation**. Be careful before you condemn because it comes at a high cost. Notice first the **Collaboration in Condemnation** that takes place. A woman is caught in adultery and the temple leadership gathers to condemn her and seek to involve Jesus. But in so doing they collaborate with Satan for the scriptures speak of him as our accuser (Rev 12:10). Why work with Satan? Next, notice that Jesus gets them to **Count the Cost** of what they do. They want Jesus to throw the book at her. But Jesus reasons with these men that such a course is not wise. For the Scriptures say, the measure that you measure out to others will be measured back to you (Matt 6). Hence, before they throw the book at her perhaps they do well to consider what is in the book about them. Jesus writes on the ground and one by one they go away realizing it is not wise to insist on strict justice. Finally, in this Gospel there is **Compassionate Correction**. Jesus turns to the woman and without condemning her corrects her by clearly telling her not to commit this sin again.



**FUNERALS** — Vincent L. Long (April 11<sup>th</sup>)  
Ginette Erie (April 8<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, April 6** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
8:00am Sharon Graham †  
9:30am Deceased of the Cole, Green & Hill Families †  
11:00am Mary Guadalupe Angon Feliz †  
7:00pm Intentions of Genevieve Kineke  
**Monday, April 7** *Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*  
7:00am Gary McPherson, Jr. (B'day) †  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
7:00am Intentions of Maukia McPherson-McDowell  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
7:00am Intentions of Lawrence Jones  
**Thursday, April 10**  
7:00am Catherine 'Kitty' Chandler †  
**Friday, April 11** *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*  
7:00am Jacquelyn Kelly †  
**Saturday, April 12**  
8:00am For the People  
4:30pm Mary S. Turner †



**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:** DAN 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 JOHN 8:12-20  
**TUESDAY:** NUMBERS 21:4-9 JOHN 8:21-30  
**WEDNESDAY:** DAN 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** Ez 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.
  3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) and register.
- This service is **FREE**. You can have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month **or** a one-time gift/donation. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org)).



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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

March 30, 2025—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

4:30pm	29
8:00am	64
9:30am	40
11:00am	172
7:00pm	90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>395</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (4/7)</b> 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (4/11)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confessions 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Wednesday (4/9)</b> 6:00-7:15pm Confessions 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>Saturday (4/12)</b> 9:00am Holy Name Society 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.*

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## PARISH LIFE



**PALM SUNDAY** is **April 13<sup>th</sup>**—  
**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, **8:30AM** and 7PM Masses. Ushers will provide instructions to everyone at Mass on the processions. **There is no 9:30AM Mass on Palm Sunday.**

**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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 20<sup>th</sup>) 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 19<sup>th</sup>). **Interested?** Contact Kim Peaks at [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto: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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from 6—7PM in the sanctuary. Gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are heard at this time.



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**—at 7:30PM via Zoom with Msgr. Pope. **Theme:** *The 7 Deadly Sins*. Sign up at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) to receive Zoom link or call the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

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

**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!

**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.

**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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a **FREE** service!



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

**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.



**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 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM. Rehearsals held on Sunday after 11AM Mass. If you are interested, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at 202-330-8302 or [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org).



**GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK DINNER:** 2025 Annual "Fishers of Men" Benefit Dinner on **Sat., April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-9PM at 6023 Fort Hunt Rd., Alex., VA 22307. **The 2025 Honoree:** Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. **Keynote speaker:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (radio, TV host & author). Scan QR for details and to purchase tickets.



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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

# 2025 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

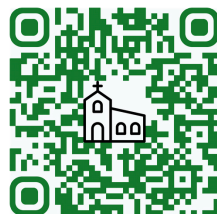
This year, our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence hosts a food drive for a young teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana. Let us give of ourselves during Lent to help others.



Gifty in a donated wheelchair from the Sisters.



We ask you to purchase some of the items from the list below and return no later than **Sun., April 27th** (*Divine Mercy Sunday*). Leave food donations in the lobby of church or bring to rectory. Monetary donations are also accepted (*to be used for shipping to Africa*). Cash or check made payable to HCSC and drop in collection basket or at the rectory. PLEASE indicate FOOD DRIVE on your check or enclose cash in envelope (*ask usher for blank envelope*). You can also donate electronically through Faith Direct by scanning the QR code and giving a one time gift to the Lenten Food Drive.



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