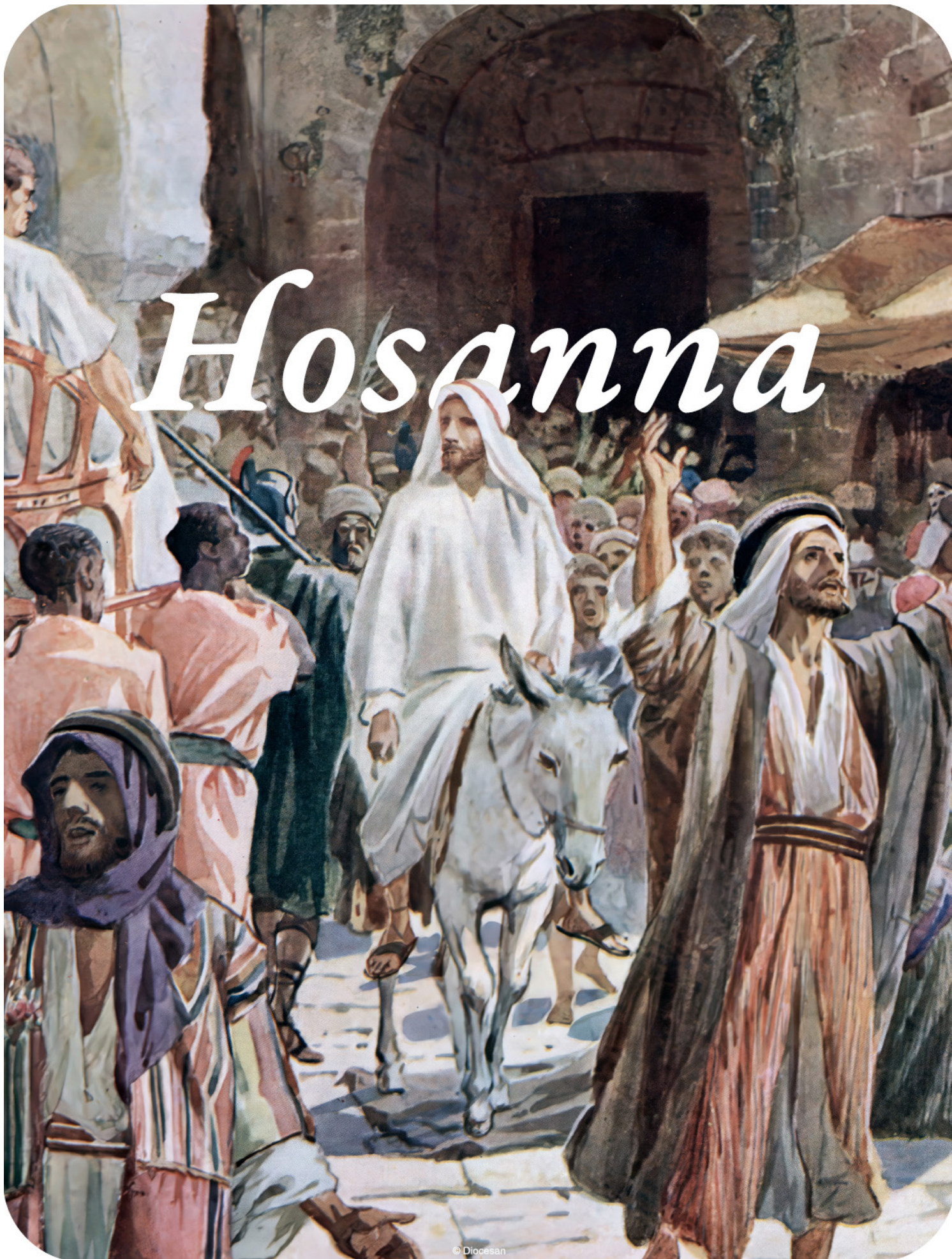


Hosanna



PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .



Perhaps Palm Sunday should be called "Strange Sunday." We begin by praising the Lord with shouts of "Hosanna", a Hebrew word of praise difficult to translate but which is not far from our word "hooray!" We welcome Jesus and rejoice at his presence among us. But as we read the passion, no less than 20 minutes later we shout: "Crucify Him!" We are fickle and inconsistent and at times our behavior is downright strange. Who would blame the Lord for refusing to die for the likes of us? But on this strange Sunday of contrasts, we see that he willingly dies for us. He could have brought down legions of Angels to destroy us for what we attempted, but he did not. Instead, He spoke on our behalf: "Father forgive them." Ask for the grace to let it dawn on you that the Son of God died for you; not just as an intellectual fact but as a heartfelt experience. The strangeness of this Day cannot eclipse the strength of his love.



FUNERAL — Norman Bowlding (4/15)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

8:30am Sharon Graham †
11:00am Marlene Mills Smith †
7:00pm Intentions of Donna Craig & Families

Monday, April 14

7:00am Luther Michael McManus III †

Tuesday, April 15

7:00am Clairponte Williams †

Wednesday, April 16

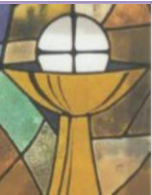
7:00am Olga Fairfax †

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00pm Donna d'Almeida †

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

8:00pm Annie Gould †



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 for a friend or family member (deceased or living), contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ISAIAH 42:1-7 JOHN 12:1-11
TUESDAY: ISAIAH 49:1-6 JOHN 13:21-33, 36-38
WEDNESDAY: ISAIAH 50:4-9 MATTHEW 26:14-25
THURSDAY: EX 12:1-8, 11-14 1 COR 11:23-26 JN 13:1-15
FRIDAY: IS 52:13-53:12 HEB 4:14-16, 5:7-9 JN 18:1-19 20:10-13
SATURDAY: GENESIS 1:1-2:2, 26-31 GENESIS 22:1-18
EX 14:15-15:1 ISAIAH 54:5-14
ISAIAH 55:1-11 BARUCH 3:9-15, 32-4:4
EX 36:16-17 ROMANS 6:3-11 LUKE 24:1-12



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.
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MASS ATTENDANCE

April 6, 2025—5th Sunday of Lent

4:30pm	36
8:00am	67
9:30am	30
11:00am	143
7:00pm	67
Total:	340

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/14)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (4/15)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday (4/16)

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

Thursday (4/17) Holy Thursday

(No morning Mass)
7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday (4/18) Good Friday

(No morning Mass)
12noon Neighborhood Stations
3:00pm Choral Stations
7:00pm Lord's Passion

Saturday (4/19)

8:00pm Easter Vigil



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION or HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. This Catholic devotion dates back to the early days of the Church. During adoration, a consecrated host is exposed, allowing us to sit and pray in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard at this time.



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.

PALM SUNDAY

PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING CHURCH CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, April 18th at 1:00pm, and will be closed Monday, April 21st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 20th. School will resume Sunday, April 27th at 9:30am.

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.



EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday—April 17th

(No morning Mass)

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Transfer of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository until 11:00pm.

Good Friday—April 18th

(No morning Mass) *A day of fasting and abstinence*

12Noon Neighborhood Stations of the Cross
(gather inside the church and then process outside)

3:00pm Choral Stations of the Cross w/HCSC Music Ministry

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Youth presentation of the Passion.

Holy Saturday—April 19th

(No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

8:00pm EASTER VIGIL—Service of Light, Easter Proclamation and Liturgy of the Word.

Easter Sunday—April 20th

Mass at 8:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

NOTE: Please allow time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the CCPCS school parking lot at 15th & East Capitol St on Sunday. **DO NOT** double-park or park behind the rectory. Thank you.

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!

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.



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 upcoming events.



HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & PARIS: Join Msgr. Pope on a Marian pilgrimage on **Nov. 2—13, 2026** to the sites listed 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.



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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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Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor

Daily Mass: 7:00am (M-F) **Saturday Vigil:** 4:30pm, **Sunday Mass:** 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

At the heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery: *the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ*. All of salvation history leads up to and goes forth from these saving events. **The purpose of this flyer is to describe Jesus' Final week.** We call this "Holy Week" for Jesus' public ministry which culminates with his suffering, death and resurrection. **Keep this flyer near at hand and read it each day of this week.** Prayerfully walk with Jesus in his most difficult and yet glorious week. Plan to attend some or all of the special liturgies of Thursday, Friday and here at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian. By celebrating them in community, we make them present today and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord alive in our midst.

Our celebration of Holy Week begins on **PALM SUNDAY (April 13th)** On this Sunday, we remember and make present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday Morning so long ago, but made present to us today. As you receive your palms, consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence during the sacred **Triduum** (which is *Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday*).



According to Mark 11:11, Jesus returned that evening to Bethany which is a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps he stayed with his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. **PRAY** with Jesus this evening as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (April 14th) According to Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and upon seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that he rebuked the unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that he returned to Bethany that night. **PRAY** with Jesus as he is zealous to purify us. **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (April 15th) According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did yesterday. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (*cf Mt 21:33-46*) and the parable of the wedding banquet (*cf Mt. 22:1*). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (*cf Mt 22:15*) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (*cf Mt. 22:23*). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (*cf Mt 24*). Continue to **PRAY** with Jesus and listen carefully to his final teachings just before his passion. **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (April 16th) Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (*cf Mt. 26:14*). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening, Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed him for his burial! (*cf Mt 26:6*). The wicked are besetting Jesus and plotting against him. Are you praying? **Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am.**

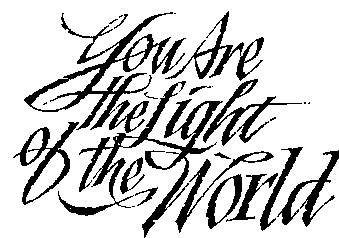
HOLY THURSDAY (April 17th) marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or “three days.” Earlier that day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be his last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (*cf* Mt 26:17). In the **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm**, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles and do what they did. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of 12 parishioners, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for his gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper (First Mass) the apostles and Jesus made a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden where he asks them to pray and he experiences his agony (*cf* Mt 26:30). We too will process in Church with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose) which has been prepared. The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as he goes through his agony. **The church will be open until 11:00pm.** It was near Midnight when Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested and then taken to the house of the High Priest (*cf* Mt. 26:47).



GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th) All through the night Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early this morning he was brought before Pilate who transferred his case to Herod. Herod sent him back to Pilate who, sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion. In the late morning, Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon, he is nailed to the cross where he hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the

tomb hastily before sundown. **Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence.** Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, social engagements and entertainment. You are urged to devote yourself to communal prayer and worship. At **noon** we will gather inside the church to journey forth through our neighborhood following the **Way of the Cross**. This public procession and pilgrimage allows us to see Jesus on our own streets and in the faces of our neighbors. We preach Christ crucified through our witness. The **Choral Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm** encourages us to join Jesus on his journey to Calvary through music and prayer. In the evening, at **7:00pm**, we gather quietly to enter into the **Passion of our Lord** presented by the youth of our parish. We also pray for the needs of the world. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we come forward, one by one, to venerate the cross with a kiss. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 19th). The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. *The hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will Live* (John 5:25). Consider what it must have been like for the dead in Sheol to awaken to the voice of Jesus! Meanwhile, the Disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They had forgotten the promise of Jesus that **He would rise**. We cannot forget His promise. We cannot forget. **Tonight, we gather in church at 8:00pm** to



experience Him rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the *Gloria* is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. **He Lives!** As a Church we sing *Alleluia* for the first time in forty days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join us. Our Vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!

2025 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

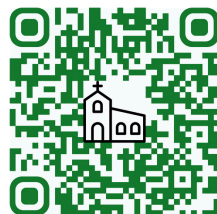
This year, our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence hosts a food drive for a young teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana. Let us give of ourselves during Lent to help others.



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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