

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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BEFORE THEM.

MATTHEW 17:2

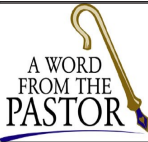
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 17:1-4a Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42,19b-26



Today's Gospel teaches us some important things about facing the trials of life. First, note the PLACE of this gospel. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John go up a high mountain. This was no hill. It was a mountain.

Have you ever climbed a mountain or do you appreciate the difficulty of it? Once up this mountain they will have a great experience of glory but the climb has to come first. And so too for us. Most of the best things in our life come at the high price of long hard work. Next, notice the PRESCRIPTION of this Gospel. Once upon the mountain they get a glimpse of glory. And Peter declares that it is good to be here! He is right. Jesus arranged for this glimpse of glory to prepare them for the difficult days ahead and he does not want them to forget this wonderful moment. We too ought to savor the good things in our life for they are the balance to the crosses and challenges of life. Next, notice the PRODUCT of this gospel. The Lord intends for this experience to remind them all that heaven is more than worth the cross. So too for us, the Lord intends us to meditate frequently on heaven in such a way that we are encouraged to accept the struggle in order to get there.



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MASS ATTENDANCE

Feb. 18th — Ash Wednesday Day

7:00am	60
10:00am	90
7:00pm	169
TOTAL	319

February 22nd, 2026

4:30pm	39
8:00am	47
9:30am	41
11:00am	142
7:00pm	50
TOTAL	319

For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. Matthew

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday Of Lent*

- 8:00am Intentions of James Vandross
- 9:30am William Wilson, Sr. †
- 11:00am Dean Ebel †
- 7:00pm Anne Marlow †

Monday, March 2

- 7:00am Bertha Vanzego †

Tuesday, March 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

- 7:00am Intentions of Charrisse Fairfax-Brown (B'day)

Wednesday, March 4 *Saint Casimir*

- 7:00am Intentions of Christopher Stafford
- 7:00pm Intentions of Kimberly Thompson (B'day)

Thursday, March 5

- 7:00am Intentions of Rev. Patrick Aboagye (B'day)

Friday, March 6

- 7:00am George T. Holton, Jr (B'day) †

Saturday, March 7 *Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

- 8:00am Intentions of Joan Hearn
- 4:30pm Deceased Members of Boland & Lorch Families †



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, (living and deceased). To offer Mass for someone, contact the office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff2@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	DANIEL 9:4B-10	LUKE 6:36-38
TUESDAY:	ISAIAH 1:10,16-20	MATTHEW 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY	JEREMIAH 18:18-20	MATTHEW 20:17-28
THURSDAY	JEREMIAH 17:5-10	LUKE 16:19-31
FRIDAY:	GENESIS 37:3-4,12-13A,17B-28A	MATTHEW 21:33-43,45-46
SATURDAY:	MICAH 7:14-15,18-20	LUKE 15:1-3,11-32

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/2)

- 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (3/3)

- 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Wednesday (3/4)

- 7:00pm Evening Mass
- 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)

Friday (3/6)

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



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



VOCATION TREE—Pray for Our **Seminarians**: Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the rear of the church sanctuary, where you'll see cards for each of the current seminarians of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Take one or more cards and pray for your chosen seminarian(s) each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church. There are other resources on the table next to the tree regarding vocations in general.



GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our youth will present a re-enactment of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 3rd** at 7PM. If you'd would like to participate as an actor, reader or cast member, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at 202-330-8302 or youthdirector @hscchurch.org.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

L **formed** **HOW TO LENT:** To make this your most fruitful Lent yet, here is a plan, a guide, and encouragement right at your fingertips. Prepare for Lent with this four-part video series called *How to Lent*. Our parish has a **FREE** subscription to **FORMED** which is an online service that teaches our faith and provides online resources for the 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. Contact the rectory if you have questions.

N **LENTEEN BOOK STUDY:** Join us in a study of Msgr. Pope's book, *"The Hell There Is: An Exploration of an often-rejected Doctrine of the Church."* The study is online via ZOOM on Wednesdays of Lent: Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30PM to 8:45 PM. Msgr. Pope explores topics such as why hell exists, where in Scripture it is taught, what hell may be like, and why it is critically important to understand the doctrine correctly. If you are not already a subscriber to the Wednesday bible study, sign-up to receive the Zoom link via FlockNote. To subscribe to FlockNote: text HCSC to 84576 OR visit: <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>. It's FREE! You can purchase the book at Tan Books, Amazon and other online stores. **Note:** Msgr. Pope will provide PDF's with his discussion point for those who do not have the book.

Y **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.

G **DAILY MASS:** Mon-Fri at 7AM in the chapel and Wednesdays at 7PM in the church. **CONFESSIONS** held at 6PM on Wednesdays and 1/2 hour before weekend Mass.

V **LENTEEN FOOD DRIVE:** Give to others this Lent. Our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence will host a food drive for a teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana (also home to Fr. Patrick). You can donate requested food items or make a monetary donation for shipping costs. Visit our website or see flyer in rear of church. Thank you!



We are very grateful to **ALL** those who coordinated **and** participated in the Lenten Family Day last Sunday. We had a wonderful fellowship with good food, teachings and fun!

PROVERBS 24: The HCSC parish is part of the **Proverbs 24 Community** formed to pray to promote the dignity of human life against the sin of abortion. **Join us for the next 'Witness' event on Sat., March, 7th**. The schedule is as follows:



8am—Mass at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church
8:40-10:45am—Gather and pray outside Planned Parenthood Clinic (1225 4th St NE, WDC) **or** remain at HCSC in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

11am-12pm—Brunch at HCSC

If interested, please scan QR code to RSVP.



HCSC WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Join us on **Sat., March 14th** from **10AM-1PM** at the Center City Public Charter School (15th & East Capitol Sts., SE, WDC) for "*Revive the Spirit and Purpose, Recommit, and Recharge!*" - a meeting to gather

the women of HCSC interested in reviving our women ministry to inspire, motivate and encourage Women of God in their spiritual journey. All women invited. Visit hscchurch.org!

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7PM in the rectory w/Msgr. Charles Pope.



FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **third** and **fourth** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. Deacon James Flagg is the facilitator.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: held every Wednesday via Zoom at 7:15PM w/Msgr. Charles Pope. Sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link.

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 2, 2026**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

PARISH ONLINE GIVING YEAR-END STATEMENTS: We have received notification from ParishSoft Online that 2025 contribution statements are being mailed to parishioners who used electronic tithing in 2025.

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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)
Wednesdays Evening Mass at 7PM (confessions 6PM)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10AM—6PM
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FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

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

Our parish hosts All-Day Adoration every first Friday of the month. Share this information along with the sign-up details 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, 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.

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