

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELLING UP TO  
*Eternal Life.*

JOHN 4:14

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Exodus 17:3-7          Romans 5:1-2,5-8          John 4:5-42

**Readings Next Weekend:**

1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13a          Ephesians 5:8-14          John 9:1-41



The Gospel today is rich in symbolism. A woman (this means you) comes to a well (this means the world). She comes because she is thirsty (and this refers to all our desires). She thinks the well will satisfy her. But it does not, for no sooner than she has a drink she is on her way to being thirsty again. The world can provide momentary pleasures, but no lasting ones. Jesus is there waiting for her. Jesus is also waiting for you, who are filled with many desires and questions. He says to her, "Everyone who drinks from this well will be thirsty again." He then offers her the gift of his very self and explains that God alone can ultimately satisfy us. It is simply a fact that our desires are infinite and unlimited. Hence, a finite and limited world cannot satisfy us. Only God who is infinite and unlimited can, at last, satisfy us. At first, the woman laughs at Him, much as we often laugh at those who suggest we can be happier with fewer worldly possessions and a richer spiritual life. But gradually, as she gets to know Jesus, she begins to realize that this is a great satisfaction. It takes time, but eventually she leaves her water jar behind and runs to joyfully tell others what she has discovered in Jesus. This woman's journey is your journey, and mine too.

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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

March 1, 2026

4:30pm	44
8:00am	71
9:30am	23
11:00am	158
7:00pm	<u>72</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>368</b>

*For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. Matthew 18:20*

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, March 8** *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Catherine Glivens †  
 9:30am Earline Brooks †  
 11:00am Skip Culleiton †  
 7:00pm Intentions of Joyce Mathis

**Monday, March 9** *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

7:00am Joan Lancaster †

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:00am Nancy Pope †

**Wednesday, March 11**

7:00am Nancy Pope †  
 7:00pm Intentions of Arlene Long

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00am Intentions of Keith Williams

**Friday, March 13**

7:00am Intentions of Mark Lacey

**Saturday, March 14**

8:00am Janie B. Johnson (B'day) †  
 4:30pm Intentions of William & Angela Scott (62<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)



**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer Mass for a friend or family member (deceased or living), contact the office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hcschurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hcschurch.org). The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	2 KINGS 5:1-15AB	LUKE 4:24-30
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	DANIEL 3: 25,34-43	MATTHEW 18:21-35
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	DEUTERONOMY 4:1,5-9	MATTHEW 5:17-19
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JEREMIAH 7:23-28	LUKE 11:14-23
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	HOSEA 14:2-10	MARK 12:28-34
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	HOSEA 6:1-6	LUKE 18:9-14

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (3/9)**

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

**Tuesday (3/10)**

7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday (3/11)**

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

**Friday (3/13)**

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00pm Station of the Cross

**Saturday (3/14)**

10:00am Women's Ministry



**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Come and pray in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during this time.



**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.*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## PARISH LIFE



**GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!!** Our youth will present a re-enactment of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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?

**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.

**LENTEN 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:** A PDF will be provided for those who do not have the book.



**VOCATION TREE—Pray for Our Seminarians:** Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in rear of church, 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.

**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.

**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.

**LENTEN 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!

**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 ParishSoft Giving 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., March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are 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.



**VIRTUAL REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS:** Parents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age from any cause are invited to join others for an evening of reflection, prayer and conversation on **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**. To receive the virtual link, scan the QR code → and complete the registration form. For more information, contact the ADW Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [flm@adw.org](mailto:flm@adw.org).



**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC?** Check out the full parish calendar at [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) or click the QR code.



## 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 P. Flagg II 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) to receive Zoom link.

**HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be prepared **only upon request**. 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.

**PARISHSOFT GIVING YEAR-END STATEMENTS:** ParishSoft Online Giving has mailed the 2025 contribution statements to parishioners who used electronic tithing in 2025. If you have not received your statement, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff2@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff2@hscchurch.org).

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

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10AM—6PM  
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

HOLY COMFORTER SAINT—CYPRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**R**evive the Spirit and Purpose  
**R**ecommit  
**R**echarge!



We invite the women of our parish to gather for a fellowship and discuss how to a rebuild and recommit ourselves to creating a ministry that will revive and inspire us as we continue our Walk with Christ! All women of the parish are invited!

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**10:00am—1:00pm**

*(Doors open at 9:30)*

Center City Public Charter School Cafeteria  
1503 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC  
*(Enter on the parking lot behind the school)*

**For planning purposes, please RSVP by March 9<sup>th</sup>  
to rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org)**

Light refreshments will be provided!



*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" (Psalm 85:6)*

## HISTORY OF THE HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

In the late 1990's, under the guidance of Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, the first Women's Retreat was held in November 1997 after women of the parish indicated a desire for a spiritual experience that would be geared specifically toward women. Our parish was currently hosting an annual parish retreat for both men and women but it was decided that a 'women's-only' retreat would be most beneficial to focus on the spiritual needs of the Catholic woman.

During the 1999 Women's Retreat, some of the women along with the Pastor began to discern and pray for guidance on how to structure a Women's Ministry at our parish that would reach more of the women at HCSC. It was decided that in addition to the annual retreat, the ministry would host monthly fellowships for all the women of the parish. These fellowships included prayer, testimony, food and the reading and reflection on God's Word. This was a great opportunity for women to gather and discuss how God's Will is vital and applied to their daily lives and families. The HCSC Women's Ministry was formed and began its journey in 2000.

In 2001, the ministry began its 'Prayer Partnership' campaign. Two or more women would agree to a time and day/days that they would connect by phone to offer intercessory prayers. These prayer partnerships continue to this day and are a foundation for this parish's prayer formation efforts.

The ministry has organized and held annual 'off-site' weekend Retreats, Prayer Breakfast Events and Days of Reflection. Our fellowships have included *Gospel Cruises Brunches, movie events and restaurant outings*. Some of our fundraisers have included: *Old School Dances, Auctions and Honey-Baked Ham Sales among other events*.

Many of the women of this parish have served on the Core Team which is the planning committee for the Ministry. We are grateful for their services and hope to bring more onto this team as we continue to grow. A commonly heard title for the women in the ministry is "*Queens for the Kingdom*" and this title emphasizes the desire to provide service in building the Kingdom of God. *Come and join the Queens of the Kingdom for the Glory of God!*



Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Young Adults

# LENTEN YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**March 20, 2026**

6-7PM: Adoration + Confession

7-7:30PM: Stations of the Cross

7:30-9PM: Young Adult Fellowship:

Meal + Reflection

**RSVP HERE**



Fellowship (Ages 18-39):  
Rectorry Basement meeting room  
(entrance located on the far-right side of  
the rectorry building)  
HCSC: 1357 East Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

# 2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

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




Please purchase items from the list below and return no later than **Sun., April 12th** (*Divine Mercy Sunday*). Leave food donations on the table in the vestibule (lobby) of church or bring to rectory during office hours. Monetary donations are also accepted (*to be used for shipping to Africa*). Make check made payable to HCSC and put check/cash in collection basket; at the rectory office or mail (*check only*). **PLEASE** indicate FOOD DRIVE on your check and enclose cash donations in an envelope (*ask usher for blank envelope*). You can also donate electronically through ParishSoft Giving by scanning the QR code and giving a one time gift to the Lenten Food Drive.

Oatmeal  
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Hot Chocolate



Scan QR Code and select **One-time Gift** button and look for **Lenten Food Drive 2026** in drop-down menu.

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**Austina H. Jones**  
*Mother*  
*We Love You Always*  
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*To Our Beloved*  
**Kenyon L. Jones**  
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*We'll always love you,  
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 & Venita*



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