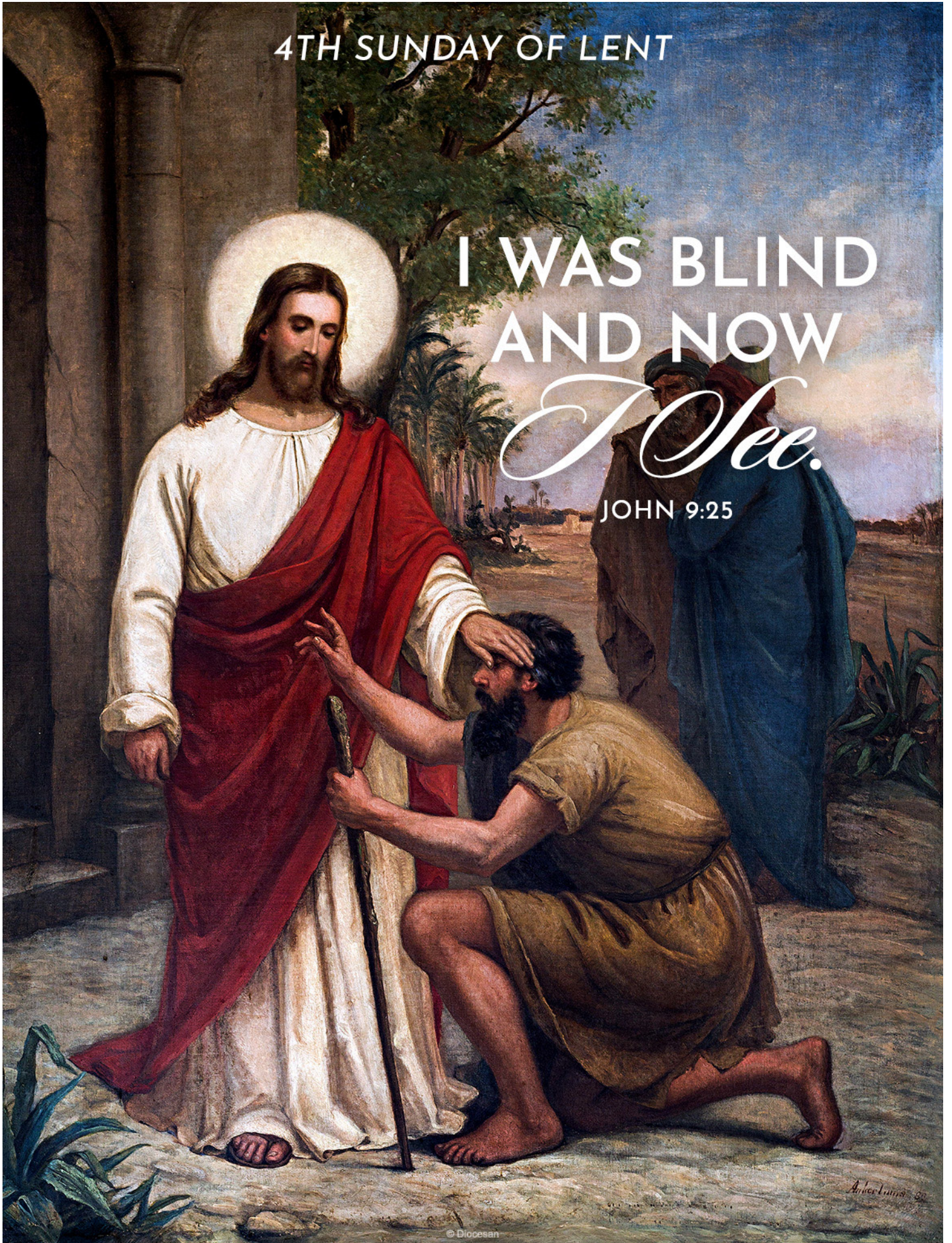


4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
I See.

JOHN 9:25



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45



In today's Gospel we encounter a man who was born blind. And this is us. For we were born into sin and with a spiritual blindness from which we must be rescued. This is the problem that is presented. Note the Purification that is prescribed. Jesus tells the man to go to the pool and wash. He came back able to see. This is Baptism. But notice the text says he came back ABLE to see. Just because I am able to see, does not mean I fully see everything. Thus his perception is partial. We spend most of our lives trying to see more deeply into things and grasp proper meaning. So this man, who is us, needs to go through stages of awakening to have the Lord open his spiritual eyes even further. Next, notice the progress that is portrayed. After a long series of questions he progresses in stages from referring to the Lord merely as "the man called Jesus," to seeing him as a prophet, to declaring "he is from God." Then he reaches the final stage, the Perfection that is Portrayed. In a conversation with Jesus, he is summoned to deeper faith and responds by saying, "I do believe" and he falls down and worships Jesus. This is us, we are on this journey to know Jesus more deeply and to come to confess and experience him as more than a mere man, or a prophet, but as Lord and God.



FUNERAL — Ernest Smith, Jr. (3/20/26)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, March 15 *Fourth Sunday Of Lent*

8:00am Juanita Jackson Moore (B'day) †
 9:30am Intentions of Natalie & Jonah (1st Wedding Anniv.)
 11:00am Andrew Kraus †
 7:00pm Martina Redmond †

Monday, March 16

7:00am Intentions of Shirley Austin

Tuesday, March 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

7:00am Nancy Pope †

Wednesday, March 18 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of Church*

7:00am Nancy Pope †

7:00pm Norma Birke †

Thursday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of Virgin Mary*

7:00am Denise Barfield (B'day) †

Friday, March 20

7:00am Intentions of Michael Edelin (B'day—3/12)

Saturday, March 21

8:00am Intentions of Patrick Edelin (B'day—3/17)

4:30pm For the people

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 hcsstaff@hcschurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ISAIAH 65:17-21 JOHN 4:43-54
TUESDAY: EZEKIEL 47:11-9,12 JOHN 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY ISAIAH 49:8-15 JOHN 5:17-30
THURSDAY 2 SAMUEL 7:4-5A,16/ROM 4:13,16-18,22 LUKE 2:41-51
FRIDAY: WISDOM 2:1A,12-22 JOHN 7:1-2,10,25-30
SATURDAY: JEREMIAH 11:18-20 JOHN 7:40-53



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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 8, 2026

4:30pm	34
8:00am	79
9:30am	26
11:00am	122
7:00pm	71
Total:	332

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/16)

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (3/17)

10:30am Senior Bible Study
 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Wednesday (3/18)

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

Friday (3/20)

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

Saturday (3/21)

10:00am Liturgical Min. Mtg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC? If you want to see what's happening at the parish, check out the **Parish Calendar** at hcschurch.org (or QR code).



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Willie & Angela Scott who celebrated 62 years of marriage on March 14th. May your love story continue to be a reflection of God's faithfulness. *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves"*. Romans 12:10

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 **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.

R **Pray for Vocations** **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.

H **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 **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 the 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. 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 29th**. 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.



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.

CALLING ALL HCSC YOUNG ADULTS! Join other young adults at a **Lenten Fellowship** on **Fri., March 20th**. You are welcome to join us for *Holy Hour* at 6PM followed by *Stations of the Cross* at 7:30PM in the church. Afterwards, we will gather in the rectory basement meeting room for a reflection and fellowship. Let us know if you are coming by scanning the QR code.




HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH! We need to decorate our sanctuary for Easter (**April 5th**) and we could use your help! We need people who have decorating ideas **and** those who can assist with the actual decorating. We have two opportunities to decorate: **Thurs., April 2nd** at 1PM or **Sat., April 4th** at 10AM). **Interested?** Contact Kim Peaks at kpeaks@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 if you have decorating ideas or if you can come to help decorate. Any assistance is appreciated.



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.

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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)

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