

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS *Wept.*

JOHN 11:35



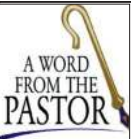
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Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11



Today's Gospel is the amazing story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. In this Gospel we see something of the journey we must make with God in order to experience new life. Consider the stages of this Gospel. First, there is a DESIGN at work. When informed of the grave illness of Lazarus, Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." We don't always understand God's designs, how his plans for us work out, but if he allows difficulties to beset us, it is ultimately for glory, if we believe. Next, note the DELAY. Jesus waits four whole days before going to Lazarus' aid, and Lazarus dies as a result. Here too, we don't always understand why God delays in answering our prayers. But, over and over in scripture we are told to wait on the Lord. He has his reasons and is testing and strengthening our faith. All we can say is 'Lord, help me to hold out, until my change comes!' Next, note the DETERMINATION of Jesus to raise Lazarus. In order to do this he must go into harm's way and his act of saving Lazarus will ultimately cost him his life since, after this incident the Temple leaders resolve to kill Jesus. Next, there is DIALOGUE. Jesus inquires into the faith of Martha. Our faith is more precious to the Lord than our physical well-being. Above all Jesus wants to strengthen our faith because this is the way he saves us. Next, note the DRAMA that ensues. Jesus approaches the grave and the text says he was deeply troubled and quite angry. Here the Lord comes face to face at what sin has done to us. Here the devil's victory is displayed. Jesus is angry in the sense that he is stirred into battle for us. Finally, there is the DELIVERANCE. Jesus summons Lazarus, and us, out of the tomb. But notice, the deliverance is not just to get his life back. Lazarus (who is us) must be untied and set free from what still binds him. Hence our deliverance is on-going. Our life in faith is more than answering an altar call or in being baptized. We must also allow the Lord to untie us and let us go free.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 22 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Intentions of Byron Browder (B'day-3/23)
 9:30am Gloria Ramsey †
 11:00am Mary Monica Sparacino-Manser †
 7:00pm Rev. William Norvel, SSJ †
Monday, March 23 *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*
 7:00am Elizabeth Fairfax (B'day) †
Tuesday, March 24 *Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop*
 7:00am Intentions of Carolyn Campbell (B'day)
Wednesday, March 25
 7:00am Charles Myrick †
 7:00pm Dr. James Outtz †
Thursday, March 26
 7:00am Lillian Myrick †
Friday, March 27
 7:00am Harvey Clapp †
Saturday, March 28
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Ginette Erie †

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



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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 15th, 2026

4:30pm 34
 8:00am 61
 9:30am 34
 11:00am 217
 7:00pm 61
TOTAL 407

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

<p>Monday (3/23) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Tuesday (3/24) 10:30am Bible Senior Study</p>	<p>Wednesday (3/25) 7:00pm Evening Mass 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)</p> <p>Friday (3/27) 6:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration 7:00pm Station of the Cross</p>
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OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer and quiet time with the Lord. All are welcome.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DANIEL 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 JOHN 8:1-11
TUESDAY: NUMBERS 21:4-9 JOHN 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY ISAIAH 7:10-14,8:10 HEBREWS 10:4-10 LUKE 1:26-38
THURSDAY GENESIS 17:3-9 JOHN 8:51-59
FRIDAY: JEREMIAH 20:10-13 JOHN 10:31-42
SATURDAY: EZEKIEL 37:21-28 JOHN 11:45-56

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Miles Henry Rogers who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, this past Sunday. May God bless Miles and his parents as he begins this spiritual journey.



PALM SUNDAY is March 29th—It is the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. Our Mass times for Sunday will be **8:30AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM.** The Saturday Vigil Mass remains at **4:30PM.** Please note that a solemn procession will form in front of the church out on the plaza for the **11AM Mass.** At every other Mass that weekend, a Solemn entrance inside the church will be observed before the 4:30PM, 8:30AM and 7:00PM Masses. Ushers will provide instructions to everyone at Mass on the processions. **There is no 9:30AM Mass on Palm Sunday.** It is highly suggested that you arrive early due to the processions.



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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE: If you want to view the full Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass and event schedule, visit our website at hscchurch.org (or scan QR code). This schedule will also be posted in next week's bulletin.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



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 the bulletin for details. 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.






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.



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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)

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

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 check and enclose cash donations in an envelope (*ask usher for blank envelope*). You can also donate electronically through ParishSoft Giving (see below).

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