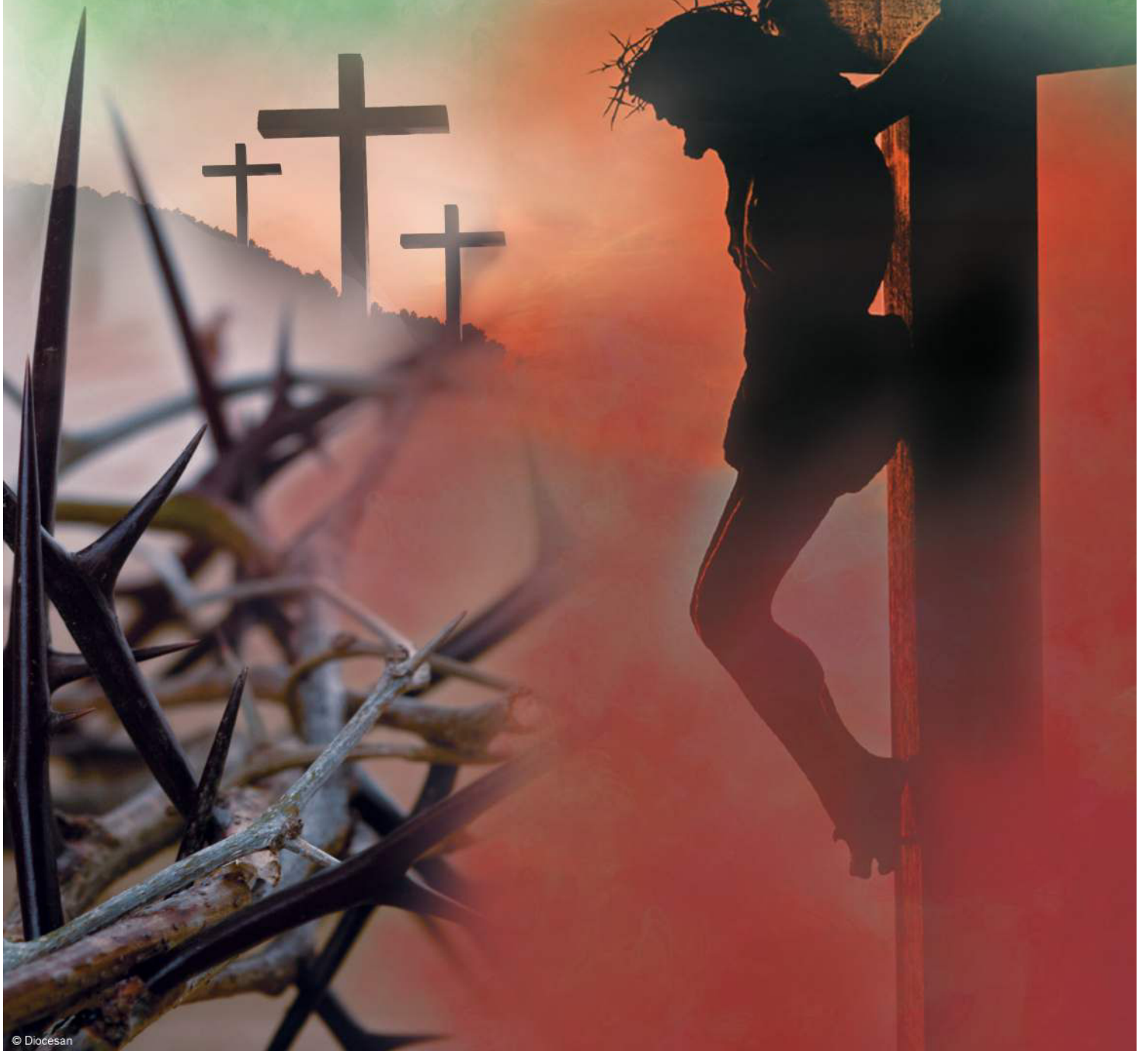


PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion



PALM SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a,37-43 Colossian 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



In the sweeping events of today's liturgy we go from crying "Hosanna!" to "Crucify Him!" in a matter of an hour. And this is what we are like and what God has to deal with. Yet, still he loves us and endures his passion for us. Consider the WONDER of the passion. Who is God that he would die for the likes of us. Truly it was not nails that held him to that cross, it was love. Consider the WILLINGNESS of the passion. For Jesus was not merely a victim, but a willing victim. He said, "No one takes my life from me, I lay it down freely" (John 10:18). Isaiah 53:7 says of Jesus, "He was offered because he willed it." Consider too the WRETCHEDNESS of the passion. For the sufferings of the Lord was horrible on account of our sins. The word "excruciating" comes from the Latin "ex cruce" meaning "from the cross." When the Romans saw something awful they could think of nothing more awful to compare it to than to say of it: ex cruce! (i.e. "That is almost as bad as the cross!) And so the word excruciating comes to us and refers to something most awful! Finally consider the WALK of the passion. The Lord has told us to follow him. There is a cross for us all, but if we are faithful, it leads only to glory. The paschal mystery (that is, the dying and rising of Christ) is our life's pattern: Always carrying about in our body the death of Christ, so that his life may be manifest in us (2 Cor 4:10).



FUNERAL — Veronica Hollmon (3/27/26)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday
 8:30am Intentions of Cheryl Luster
 11:00am Ernest Smith, Jr. †
 7:00pm For the People
Monday, March 30
 7:00am Intentions of Rev. Aria Ghiday Ghebray (B'day)
Tuesday, March 31
 7:00am Intentions of Anna Marie DePilla (B'day)
Wednesday, April 1
 7:00am Intentions of Marcia Holton (B'day)
 7:00pm Intentions of Elizabeth Colston (B'day - 4/3)
Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday
 7:00pm Father James Matthew †
Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday
 8:00pm Sr. Mary Charlotte Marshall, OSP †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, (living and deceased). To offer Mass intentions, contact the office at 202-546-1885 or hcsstaff2@hscchurch.org.

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 50:4-9A MATTHEW 26:14-25
THURSDAY: EX 12:1-8,11-14 1CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26 JOHN 13:1-15
FRIDAY: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12 HEBREWS 4:14-16,5:7-9 JOHN 18:1-19:42
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



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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 22, 2026

4:30pm 46
 8:00am 58
 9:30am 44
 11:00am 175
 7:00pm 68
Total: 391

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Monday (3/30) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study | Thursday (4/2) Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper |
| Tuesday (3/31) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal | Friday (4/3) Good Friday 12:00pm Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Choral Stations 7:00pm Lord's Passion |
| Wednesday (4/1) 7:00pm Evening Mass 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (zoom) | Saturday (4/4) 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 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 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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Elliott Brown, Sr.** and **Annette Brooks** and who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **March 24th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY TO OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC—Mr. GEORGE STEWART:

George was officially welcomed as the Director of Music on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. We are so incredibly blessed by the decade of beautiful music George has brought to our parish. His dedication goes beyond teaching notes; he has taught us the joy of worship and brought us closer to God through his gifts. Thank you George for your wonderful talent and your loving devotion to our music ministry and this parish community. We hope you know how much you are loved and appreciated!



'He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God' Psalm 40:3



EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday—April 2nd

(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 3rd

(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 4th

(No morning or 4:30pm Mass)

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

Easter Sunday—April 5th

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.

UPCOMING CHURCH CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:00PM, and will be closed Mon., April 6th. Office will reopen at 10:00AM on Tues., April 7th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 5th. School will resume Sunday, April 12th at 9:30AM.

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.



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.




LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Give to others this Lent. Our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence is hosting 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. **Last day to donate: April 12th**. Thank you!



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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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 (March 29th)** 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. **Palm Sunday Mass at 8:30am, 11:00am & 7pm (Saturday vigil at 4:30pm).**

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (March 30th) 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 (March 31st) 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 1st) 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.**

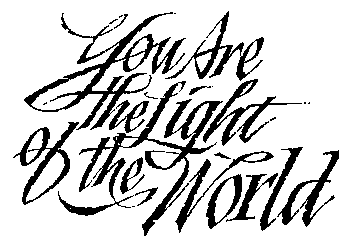
HOLY THURSDAY (April 2nd) marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or “three days.” Earlier that day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be his last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (cf Mt 26:17). In the **Mass of the 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 3rd) 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 4th). 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!



Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th is 8:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm.

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