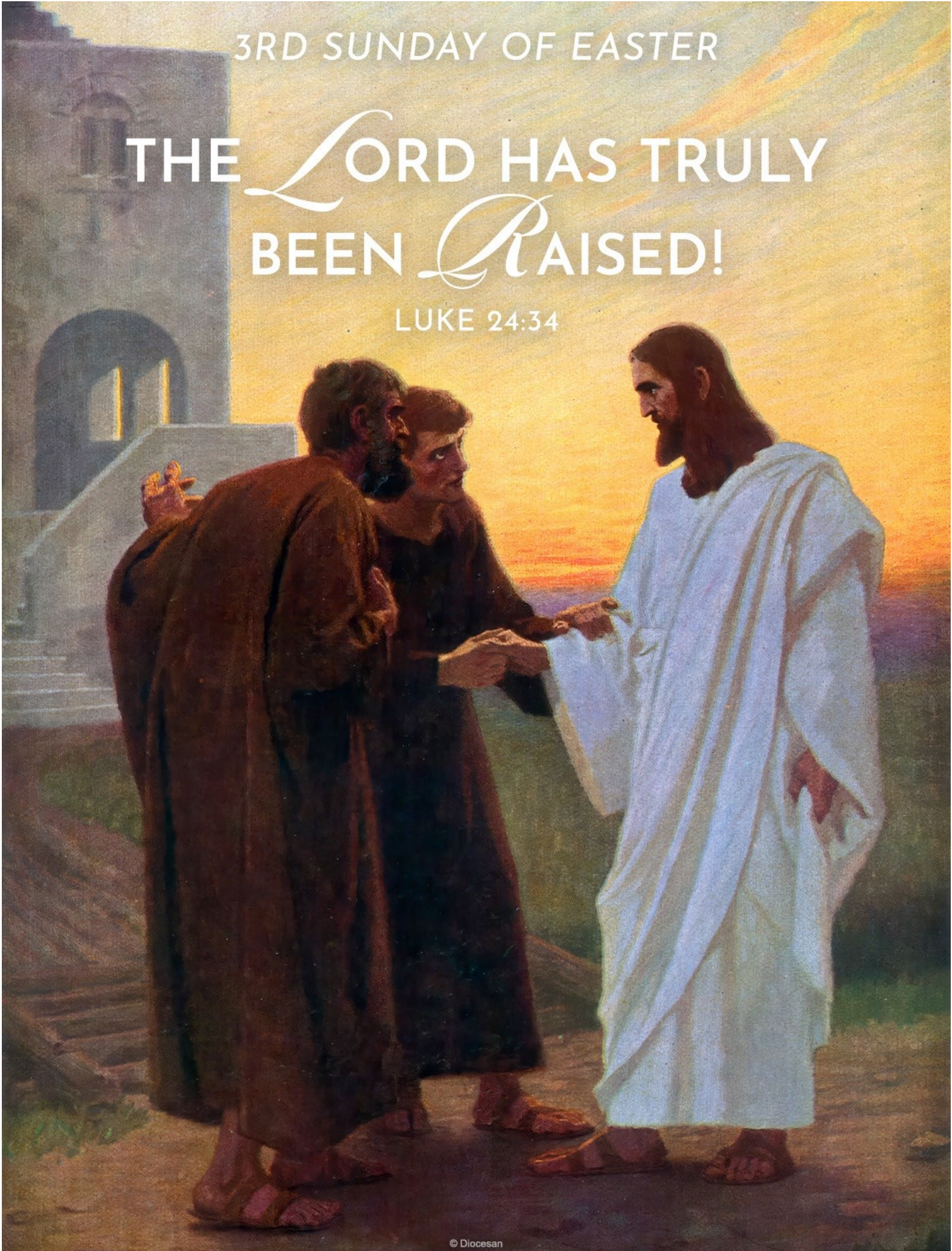


3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LORD HAS TRULY
BEEN RAISED!

LUKE 24:34



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10



The Gospel today speak to us of how better to see Jesus, to have our eyes opened. Interestingly enough the answer is the Mass. For this gospel has the form of a Mass. There is a gathering of two disciples just as we gather for Mass. And sure enough, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20). As Jesus walks with them he engages them in a sort of Penitential Rite as he inquires as to what they are discussing and doing. So too for us, we are asked to reflect on what we are doing and saying at the beginning of Mass. Then comes the Liturgy of the Word where Jesus draws from Scripture and explains its meaning to them. So too for us in the Mass as the readings and the homily break open God's word. Next, Jesus sits at table, breaks the Bread, says the blessing and gives it to them. This is for us done in the celebration of Holy Communion. With all this, their eyes are opened and they recognize him. How? In effect, by the celebration of the Mass. It is the same for us. One last thing—they run to tell others what they have experienced, which is exactly what you are asked to do when the Deacon says, "The Mass is ended, go in peace."



FUNERAL — Wayne Caraway (4/15/26)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, April 19 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Intentions of Abraham Flores
 9:30am Jacqueline Perry †
 11:00am Intentions of Celine Elgin-Cossart (1st Communion)
 7:00pm Ray Blanchard, Sr. †

Monday, April 20

7:00am Thomas Colbert †

Tuesday, April 21 *Saint Anselm, Bishop & Dr. of the Church*

7:00am Fernando Javier †

Wednesday, April 22

7:00am For the People
 7:00pm Norma Jackson †

Thursday, April 23 *St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Jovan Tatum †

Friday, April 24 *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

7:00am Intentions of Mark Johnson (B'day)

Saturday, April 25 *Saint Mark, Evangelist*

8:00am Intentions of Courtney Colston (B'day)
 4:30pm Mabel Henson †



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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	ACTS 6:8-15	JOHN 6:22-29
TUESDAY:	ACTS 7:51-8:A	JOHN 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY:	ACTS 8:1B-8	JOHN 6:35-40
THURSDAY:	ACTS 8:26-40	JOHN 6:44-51
FRIDAY:	ACTS 9:1-20	JOHN 6:52-59
SATURDAY:	1 PETER 5:5B-14	MARK 16:15-20



ELECTRONIC TITHING: Our parish offers electronic tithing through ParishSOFT Online Giving. For more information:

1. Scan the QR code to the right →
2. Or, text 'Enroll' to 301-478-8900
3. Visit: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-59



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 2. Visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>
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MASS ATTENDANCE

April 12th, 2026

4:30pm 24
 8:00am 79
 9:30am 46
 11:00am 132
 7:00pm 62
TOTAL 343

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (4/21)

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

Friday (4/24)

6:00pm Adoration/Holy Hour

Wednesday (4/22)

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



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sun., May 3rd following the 11AM Mass. We will gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park with a statue of Mary while reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. Upon return to the Church, we have a brief ceremony for the May crowning of our May Queen and Court. **NOTE TO HCSC MINISTRIES:** Please invite your members to process with us. We will provide ministry banners (if needed). We invite ministries and families to unite and pray together! *To Jesus through Mary.*



PEACE IN THE STORM WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS:

Are you feeling spirituality exhausted from being a caregiver? Does God hear us if we live with chronic illness and pain? Come and learn about 'The Peace in the Storm Project' developed by Catholic author Maureen Pratt on **April 25th from 9:30am-2pm** at the Pope Francis Center (7202 Buchanan St., Landover Hills, MD 20784). This is a resource for parishes to develop outreach to caregivers and to those living with chronic illness and pain. Cost: \$10 for lunch. Learn more about this resource at: <https://www.thepeaceinthestormproject.com/>. Contact the Office of Deaf and Disabilities Ministry for questions: specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-853-4560. To register for workshop, scan the QR code:



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. This Catholic devotion dates back to the early days of the Church. During adoration, a consecrated host is exposed, allowing us to sit and pray in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard at this time. On the First Friday of each month, we also hold **All-Day Adoration** from 8AM until 7PM. Check back with us for the next adoration on May 1.



MSGR. POPE'S HOMILIES & TEACHINGS are available at msgrpope.com. Check out this online resource on the teachings, homilies, radio show (The Quest), published books and much more from Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC? If you want to see what is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** at hscchurch.org or click on 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 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.



OUR LADY OF BETHESDA PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS - April 24 or May 15—9am-4pm: Rejoice in the new life of the Risen Lord by setting aside a quiet day for prayer and reflection. These personal retreat days are a peaceful opportunity during the Easter Season to rest in God's presence and renew your faith. It includes Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the option for spiritual direction, plus lunch and light snacks. Cost is \$135 per person. Advance Registration is required. Come spend a day with the Risen Christ and grow in the joy of Easter. To register and to find more dates visit: ourladyofbethesda.org. Or, call 301-365-0612. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Join the Council of Catholic Women-ADW in Praying for Peace. In a written message

to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Pope Leo XIV urged Americans to deepen their prayer lives and renew evangelization as the Nation approaches its 250th Anniversary. Please join the Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington's **"250 Prayer for Peace"** on our nightly Rosary call. For 250 days, let us pray to the Lord for "peace in our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world"—**starting Sunday, April 19 and concluding December 24**. To join the nightly Rosary call at 8:00PM, dial 605-468-8016, access code: 357090#. **Pray for Peace!**



PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY: Have you experienced guilt, shame, regret or sadness after abortion? Do you feel that God can never forgive you? Women who have gone through an abortion are invited to an **Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Sat., April 25th** from 9am-6pm. Suggested donation is \$40.00. In this retreat you will find the Sacraments, a witness talk, and a caring retreat team in a safe environment characterized by peace and trust, and free from judgment, to be able to heal the negative emotions that come after abortion. When you register, you will be given the confidential location. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington: 301-982-2008; email for Women: hope@adw.org; for Men: prmwashington@adw.org.

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For info on membership, sacraments (baptism, first communion, confirmation, weddings) and funerals contact rectory 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
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed