

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 43:16-21      Philippians 3:8-14      John 8:1-11

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Luke 19:28-40      Isaiah 50:4-7      Luke 22:14—23:56



Today's Gospel is about the **Cost of Condemnation**. Be careful before you condemn because it comes at a high cost. Notice first the **Collaboration in Condemnation** that takes place. A woman is caught in adultery and the Temple leadership gathers to condemn her and seek to involve Jesus. But in so doing they collaborate with Satan for the scriptures speak of him as our accuser (Rev 12:10). Why work with Satan? Next, notice that Jesus gets them to **Count the Cost** of what they do. They want Jesus to throw the book at her. But Jesus reasons with these men that such a course is not wise. For the Scriptures say, the measure that you measure out to others will be measured back to you (Matt 6). Hence before they throw the book at her perhaps they do well to consider what is in the book about them. Jesus writes on the ground and one by one they go away realizing it is not wise to insist on strict justice. Finally, in this Gospel there is **Compassionate Correction**. Jesus turns to the woman and without condemning her corrects her by clearly telling her not to commit this sin again.

**FUNERAL**—Barbara Smith (3/13)



**Sunday, March 17**

4:30pm (Sat) Ruth Leftwich †  
8:00am Andrew Adams (birthday) †  
11:00am Irene Briscoe (birthday) †

**Monday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00am O'Sha Hamilton (birthday) †

**Tuesday, March 19 St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am Arnold Adams (birthday) †

**Wednesday, March 20**

7:00am Charles D. Addison †

**Thursday, March 21**

7:00am For the People

**Friday, March 22**

7:00am Hasina Outtz Reed (birthday)

**Saturday, March 23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:00am Leslie Chance (birthday)  
4:30pm Helen Queen (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) †

**MASS INTENTIONS**—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-62      John 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sam 7:4-5; 12-16      Rom 4:13-22      Matthew 1:16-24  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20; 91-95      John 8:31-42  
**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

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"Jesus"      In the Pews  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
"The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
\* "Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ, glory to your name"  
\*\* "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, you are the king of endless glory"  
**Offertory**  
\* "Just A Little Talk with Jesus"      LMGM #211  
\*\* Choral Praise  
**Communion**  
"Glory to his Name"      LMGM #46  
\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for March 10, 2013**

4:30pm	72
8:00am	141
11:00am	270
<b>Total:</b>	<b>483</b>

**Stewardship Report 2012—2013**

Budgeted Tithes (3/10 )	\$626,510
Actual Tithes (3/10 )	\$621,786
Difference	-\$4,724

**THIRD SCRUTINY** – At the 11:00pm Mass this weekend, we celebrate the third and final scrutiny for our catechumens. The scrutinies help those who will be baptized and receive other sacraments at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Please keep them in prayer during their journey.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (3/17)</b> 9:30am Ladies of Charity 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (3/20)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Senior Usher Board 6:30pm Synod Listening Session
<b>Monday (3/18)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Finance Council mtg 7:00pm Novena	<b>Friday (3/22)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (3/19)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (3/23)</b> 10:00am Holy Name Society 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Sodality Board mtg 4:30pm Mass

**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.

## PARISH LIFE

**SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS**—The Archdiocese of Washington is conducting a **Synod**—the process of gathering all the faithful in a given region to encourage us to reflect on church life. HCSC Parish has been hosting Synod sessions every Wednesday during Lent. The final session is **Wed., March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** on **“Administration/Stewardship”** (see flyer for details). A light meal will be served at 6:30pm. Visit our website for details. **Please plan to attend.**

**PALM SUNDAY MASS – MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>** Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem – Solemn Procession will form in front of the church for 11am Mass. Solemn Entrance will also be observed before the 4:30pm and 8am Masses. Please plan to arrive early!

## UPCOMING CLOSINGS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday and will resume on Sun., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**—will be closed **Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**HCSC RECTORY OFFICE**—will be closed **Mon., April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Novena will not be held that evening.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

**HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. On **March 22<sup>nd</sup> Women’s Ministry, Sodality and Altar Guild** will host the Stations. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

**DAILY MASS**—It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday. The Mass is especially designed with workers in mind and ends promptly by 7:30am. Come and pray to start your day. Morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated at 7:30am following Mass for those who wish to stay.



**The Light is ON for You.**  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, visit any church in the Archdiocese and entrust yourself to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If it’s been a long time since you’ve gone to confession, don’t worry! Any priest will guide you or pick up a brochure on making a good Confession in the rear of our church or visit [www.thelightison.org](http://www.thelightison.org). **HCSC has Wednesday confessions 6:30—7:15pm.**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**—Our Sunday School students have begun their Lenten alms-giving project. Parishioners are also asked to participate. We will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world through this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. **Rice bowls are in the rear of the church and should be returned by Palm Sunday.**

## Youth Ministry News

**Danita L. Colbert, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR**—Thank you to everyone who joined the Youth Ministry for its African-American History Tour. It was a pleasure to spend the day increasing our knowledge about our city and history. We would like to give a special thank you to Reggie Wills for serving as our tour guide.

**SOME, Inc.**—The Youth Ministry will perform its monthly community service at SOME, Inc. on **Sat., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10am to 1pm** at 71 “O” St., NW. Any youth, 13 years or older, interested in volunteering, please contact Danita.

**EASTER DAY CELEBRATION**—The Youth Ministry will host its annual Easter Day celebration on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, on the plaza immediately following 11am Mass.** Please join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster** ♦ [plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)

Looking for young adult ages 18-40ish to join us for great discussions, book clubs, social events, and retreats. Leave your contact information at the rectory or email it to Paula Lancaster.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**—Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook and check out our upcoming events.



**SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed**—On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at SOME, 71 “O” St., NW. Our next event is **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe).** Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by close of business on Fri., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



**EASTER FLOWERS**—All names that are submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter program. If you would like to include a loved one on this list, please return your envelope to an usher or the rectory **no later than Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.** An “Easter Flower” offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

**COME HOME FOR EASTER!!** In the rear of the church are postcards for you to send or give to a family member or friend to invite them to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church for Holy Week and the Easter Season. If you have not seen a friend at church in a while, *why not invite them back home for Easter?*

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

