

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Luke 19:28-40      Isaiah 50:4-7      Luke 23:1-49

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 10:34-43      Colossians 3:1-4      John 20:1-9



Perhaps Palm Sunday should be called "Strange Sunday." We begin by praising the Lord with shouts of Hosanna, a Hebrew word of praise difficult to translate but which is not far from our word "hooray!" We welcome Jesus and rejoice at his presence among us. But no less than 20 minutes later we shout: "Crucify Him!" as we read the passion. We are fickle and inconsistent and our behavior is downright strange at times. Who would blame the Lord refusing to die for the likes of us? But on this strange Sunday of contrasts, we see that he willingly dies for us and though he could have brought down legions of Angels to destroy us for what we attempted he did not do so but instead spoke on our behalf: "Father forgive them." Ask for the grace to let it finally dawn on you that the Son of God died for you; not just as an intellectual fact but as a heartfelt experience. The strangeness of this Day cannot eclipse the strength of his love.

**FUNERAL**—Andrea Turner (3/26)



**Palm Sunday, March 24** *The Passion of the Lord*

4:30pm (Sat) Helen Queen (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) †

8:00am For the People

11:00am John A. Savoy †

**Monday, March 25**

7:00am Lester & Natleen Chance (37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv—3/27)

**Tuesday, March 26**

7:00am Alessandro Ciccone †

**Wednesday, March 27**

7:00am Stacey Rubens (birthday—3/29)

**Holy Thursday, March 28**

7:00pm Thomas L. Campbell (28<sup>th</sup> anniv—3/29) †

**Good Friday, March 29**

No Mass

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

8:00pm William G. Miles (19<sup>th</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 the rectory office at 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6

John 13:21-38

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9

Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Isaiah 61:1-9

Rev 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

**Friday:** Is 52:13-3:12

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Exodus 14:15—15:1

Romans 6:3-11

Luke 24:1-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

\* "Let All the People Praise Thee"

arr. by K. Louis

\*\* "Hosanna to the Son of David"

by K. Louis

**Responsorial Psalm**

"My God, why have you abandoned me?"

**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**

\* "The Holy City"

Adams

\*\* "He Decided to Die"

Douroux

**Communion**

"Your Sacrifice"

T. Lucas

**Post Communion**

"The Name of Jesus"

arr. by K. Louis

\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*

\*\* 11:00am *Church Choir*

**Mass Attendance for March 17, 2013**

4:30pm	70
8:00am	99
11:00am	265
<b>Total:</b>	<b>434</b>

**Stewardship Report 2012—2013**

Budgeted Tithes (3/17 )	\$643,442
Actual Tithes (3/17 )	\$635,702
Difference	-\$7,740

**ELECTRONIC TITHING**—*Faith Direct* is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make, and our church to receive, your weekly offering (tithes). With *Faith Direct*, you can save time while also helping our parish reduce our expenses. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to sign up today: **our parish code is DC59**. This program is secure and allows you flexibility with just a phone call. The program now includes the ability to have your tithes withdrawn **TWICE** a month. Contact Kim Peaks in the rectory or [pam@hcschurch.org](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org) for more information about switching to electronic tithing.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Palm Sunday (3/24)**

9:30am RCIA/Inquirers

2:00pm Ladies Aux #64

3:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00pm AA

**Monday (3/25)**

7:00pm Novena

**Tuesday (3/26)**

6:30pm Liturgical Dance

6:30pm Youth Choir

7:00pm Adult Choir

**Holy Thursday (3/28)**

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass

**Good Friday (3/29)**

12:00pm Neighborhood Stations

3:00pm Choral Stations

3:00pm RECTORY CLOSES

7:00pm Passion of the Lord

8:00pm NA

**Holy Saturday (3/30)**

10:00am Vigil Rehearsal

8:00pm Easter Vigil 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

EASTER CLOSINGS

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

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

**FRIENDLY SENIORS**—will not meet March 27<sup>th</sup> or April 3<sup>rd</sup> and **will resume Wed., April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**—will be closed **Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. To contact the credit union call 202-547-3245 or 410-218-5817 or email to: [hscfcu@aol.com](mailto:hscfcu@aol.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—to help decorate the church for the great feast of Easter. Volunteers of all ages are needed on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10am—12noon. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) for questions, ideas for decorations and to volunteer.



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

**NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**—has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those without e-mail. It is also posted on our website ([www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)) and hard copies are available in the sacristy.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-March 28

(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 11pm.

Good Friday-March 29

(No morning Mass) *A day of fast and abstinence.*

**12 Noon** — Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (gather inside the church).

**3:00pm** — Choral Stations of the Cross in the church.

**7:00pm** — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday-March 30

(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-March 31

Mass at 8:00am and 11:00am.

**NOTE:** Please allow yourself time to find legal parking during Holy Week & Easter. Additional parking is available in the school parking lot located at 15<sup>th</sup> & East Capitol St., SE. **Please DO NOT double-park or park behind the rectory or you may be ticketed.**

Youth Ministry News

**Danita L. Colbert, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [Youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:Youthdirector@hscchurch.org)


**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING**—is **Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the Victory Center. Fr. Raymond Moore is guest speaker. These monthly gatherings are for **youth in grades 7—12. Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin ([saustin7@verizon.net](mailto:saustin7@verizon.net)), Wanda Ross ([wtross2002@hotmail.com](mailto:wtross2002@hotmail.com)) or Paula Lancaster ([plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—in grades 7—12 to join in the fun of planning the Archdiocese of Washington monthly youth events. Come and voice your opinion. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin ([saustin7@verizon.net](mailto:saustin7@verizon.net)), Wanda Ross ([wtross2002@hotmail.com](mailto:wtross2002@hotmail.com)) or Paula Lancaster ([plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>. We would like to hear from you! Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook and let us know your thoughts or send an email. 

HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD “We Offer Praise” ON SALE



In celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the HCSC Music Ministry released a new CD titled “**We Offer Praise**” and is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office for \$10!

**2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**, to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if a deposit of \$500 is paid before June 30<sup>th</sup>. See flyer for more information.



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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

**Office Hours:** Mon thru Wed 9am—8pm, Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am—2pm; and Sun 9am—2pm.

For information on baptism, matrimony and sick calls, contact the rectory.

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

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

