

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4-7      Philippians 2:6-11      Luke 22:14-23:56



Fifth Sunday of



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.

**FUNERALS:** Alice James (Mon., March 14<sup>th</sup>)  
Earline Brooks (Wed., March 16<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, March 13** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Jovan E. Jenifer †  
11:00am Helen B. Tyler †  
7:00pm Earline Brooks †

**Monday, March 14**

7:00am Janie B. Johnson † (birthday)

**Tuesday, March 15**

7:00am In thanksgiving for Elle Reed

**Wednesday, March 16**

7:00am Alice James †

**Thursday, March 17** *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

7:00am For the People

**Friday, March 18** *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am O'sha J. Hamilton † (birthday)

**Saturday, March 19** *St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am Winifred Ernest †  
4:30pm Phillip Moore †

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-62      John 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9      John 8:21-30  
**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:** 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16      Rom 4:13-22      Mt 1:16-24

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"A Follower of Christ"      LMGM #628

**Responsorial Psalm**  
"Be with me Lord when I am in trouble"

**Gospel Acclamation**  
"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ ..."      K. Harris & R. Holland

**Offertory**  
\* "Yield not to temptation"      LMGM #770  
\* \* "I give myself away"      W. McDowell

**Communion**  
\* "Jesus is here right now"      LMGM #751  
\* \* "Lord listen to your children praying"

**Recessional**  
"Somebody's knocking at your door"      LMGM #283

\* 8:00am  
\* \* 11:00am

**Mass Attendance for March 6, 2016**

4:30pm 78  
8:00am 139  
11:00am 280  
7:00pm 91  
**Total: 588**

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/6)	\$19,341
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$2,995



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

"For whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God, that is a grace. But what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong? But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps" (1 Peter 2:19-21). The spiritual work of mercy of bearing wrongs patiently is an opportunity for each of us to give to others the patience and mercy we have received from God. Learn more about this work of mercy at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (3/13)**  
9:15am RCIA  
1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearsal  
7:00pm Mass  
8:00pm AA

**Monday (3/14)**  
7:00pm Adult Choir  
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Tuesday (3/15)**  
7:00pm Adult Choir

**Wednesday (3/16)**  
11:00am Friendly Seniors  
6:30pm Liturgical Dance  
7:00pm Bible Study

**Friday (3/18)**  
6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour  
6:30pm Lit Minister's Mtg  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
8:00pm NA

**Saturday (3/19)**  
10:00am Liturgical Dance  
12:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
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**

**THIRD SCRUTINY:** At the 11am 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.

**PALM SUNDAY MASS – MARCH 20<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 inside the church will also be observed before the 4:30pm, 8am and 7pm Masses. Please plan to arrive early!

**ANNUAL SALUTE TO SENIORS: Sat., April 9<sup>th</sup>.** All seniors are invited to this dinner and celebration. RSVP is due by **Sun., March 13<sup>th</sup>.** See the flyer to RSVP.

**DECORATING OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY:** Are you clever with flowers and decorating? We could use your help to decorate the Church for the Easter season. If you have ideas or could lend a helping hand, please contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org



**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 Mon., March 21<sup>st</sup>.** An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?**

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

**Haven't been to confession in a while?** No problem. On **any Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm** you can stop by our church and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open to all ages. Please note that all churches in the diocese are open to hear confessions.

**LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE** is every **Wednesday during Lent at 7pm** in the rectory basement. This year's theme is "Making mercy real: The corporal and spiritual works of mercy." **The March 16<sup>th</sup> topics are: "Bury the Dead"; "Comfort the Afflicted"; and "Pray for Living and Dead."** In this year of mercy, Monsignor Pope and Deacon Kevin Butler will teach on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The series will include a video along with teaching and conversation. A light meal is served at 6:30pm, instruction begins at 7:15pm. Join us for a meal and bible study!

**HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm, hosted March 18<sup>th</sup> by the Women's Ministry and the Washington Inter-faith Network (WIN).** All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND:** On the second Sunday of each month we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass and invite our youth to come sit together in front of the clergy. This weekend, our youth will be returning from their annual retreat and will be joining us at Mass.

**YOUTH EASTER PAGEANT**—will hold rehearsal in the rectory basement **Sun., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm** following Mass. Any youth interested in participating, can come to the rehearsal or call the youth director. Adults are also needed to help with the production.

**HCSC-SINGLETERARY EDUCATION AWARDS:** Are you a registered member of HCSC who is graduating high school this spring and looking to further your education? Active in church activities and involved in community service? Is your grade point average 2.5 or higher? You may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletonary Education Fund. Awards: \$4,000; \$3,000; and \$2,000. Applications are available in the rear of the Church, rectory office and website (hscchurch.org).

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org**

**7 CHURCH WALK:** DCCatholic invites young adults to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 7 CHURCH WALK! **March 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 6:30pm.** Join young adults (20s and 30s) for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC! Come on pilgrimage without leaving the city as we will visit seven churches in downtown DC, praying together at each station, and reflecting on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and the upcoming passion of our Lord. For more information, go to: [adw.org/event/7-church-walk-3](http://adw.org/event/7-church-walk-3).

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at [sakeene@gmail.com](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

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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 7am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8am, 11am, and 7pm

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
Thursday, 9am—5pm;  
Saturday, 9am—1pm and Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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