

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 as we read the passion, no less than 20 minutes later we shout: "Crucify Him!" We are fickle and inconsistent and at times our behavior is downright strange. Who would blame the Lord for refusing to die for the likes of us? But on this strange Sunday of contrasts, we see that he willingly dies for us. He could have brought down legions of Angels to destroy us for what we attempted, but he did not. Instead, He spoke on our behalf: "Father forgive them." Ask for the grace to let it 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.



Sunday, March 20 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
 8:00am Leon Jackson, Jr. † (1st anniversary-3/22)
 11:00am Sabrina Taylor (birthday-3/23)
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, March 21
 7:00am Richard E. Coulton †

Tuesday, March 22
 7:00am Dr. Hasina Outtz Reed (birthday)

Wednesday, March 23
 7:00am Sylvester Nettles † (birthday)

Thursday, March 24 *Holy Thursday*
 No morning Mass
 7:00pm For the intentions of Diane McCalvin

Friday, March 25 *Good Friday*
 No morning Mass

Saturday, March 26 *Holy Saturday*
 No morning Mass
 8:00pm Mary Lindsey † (birthday-3/25th)



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 21st. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

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—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Ex 14:15—15:1 Rom 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "Let All the People Praise Thee" LMG #475
 ** "Hosanna, Hosanna" G. Burleigh

Responsorial Psalm
 "My God, my God, why have You Abandoned Me?"

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

Offertory
 * "The Holy City"
 ** "He Decided to Die"

Communion
 "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross" LMG #300

Post Communion
 * "Calvary"
 ** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Recessional
 "Were You There" LMG #301

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** 11:00am Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance for March 13, 2016

4:30pm	45
8:00am	119
11:00am	300
7:00pm	95
Total:	559

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/13)	\$16,633
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$287

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/20) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearse 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (3/23) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Youth Passion rehearse
Monday (3/21) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Holy Thursday (3/24) 7:00pm Mass of Last Supper
Tuesday (3/22) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Good Friday (3/25) 12:00pm Neighborhood Stations 3:00pm Rectory Closed 3:00pm Choral Stations 7:00pm The Lord's Passion 8:00pm NA
	Holy Saturday (3/26) 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples who have been married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 19th, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Call the rectory at 202-546-1885 to register to attend. Registered attendees will receive a certificate. **Names of jubilarian couples need to be turned in to the rectory office by Mon., April 11th.**

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

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

FRIENDLY SENIORS will not meet Wednesday, March 23rd or 30th and **will resume Wed., April 6th.**

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will close early on Good Friday, March 25th at 3pm, and will be **closed Easter Monday, March 28th,** and will reopen Tue., March 29th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Easter Sunday, March 27th, and **will resume on Sun., April 3rd** at 9:30am.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help **decorate the church** during Holy Week. If you can help out, please call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org for questions, ideas for decorations and to volunteer.



HCSC WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: GEORGE STEWART has served as choir director, accompanist, and minister of music for a number of area churches. He has been blessed to share his gift with various church denominations, as well as, television studios, and concert halls on both

coasts. George has played on several recordings including "Catholic Classics, Volume VII" and our own HCSC Choir's CD, "We Offer Praise." He was honored to grace the stage as one of the musicians for the Junipero Serra Canonization Mass celebrated by Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine. A native of Springfield, Mass., George is a 1987 graduate of Howard University with a Minor in Music Education. Welcome, George!

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday-March 24

(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 25

(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 along with Youth Passion presentation.

Holy Saturday-March 26

(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 27

Mass at 8:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm.

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

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

MANY THANKS to ALL the hands that helped make our Annual Youth Retreat a spirit-filled success.

S.O.M.E., Inc.: The Youth Ministry will perform its monthly community service at S.O.M.E., Inc. on **Sat., March 26th, from 10am to 1pm** at 71 "O" St., NW. Any youth, 13 years or older, interested in volunteering, please contact the Youth Ministry director.

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION: The Youth Ministry annual Easter celebration is **Easter Sunday, March 27th, on the plaza following 11am Mass.** Please join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments.

HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS: You may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund. Awards: \$4,000; \$3,000; and \$2,000. Applications are available in the rear of the Church, the rectory office, and the website (hscchurch.org). **Application deadline: Sun., April 24th.**

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at HCSCYoungAdults!

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., March 26th. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe).** Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **close of business Wed., March 23rd.** Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the clergy/staff lot behind the rectory or across the driveway. There are parking spaces just one block away at the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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.

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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