

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 5:12-16      Revelation 1:9-19      John 20:19-31



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev (1:5-8) Today we acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death. Just when all seemed a total loss, the disciples experienced his resurrected glory. To those of us who remain faithful, Jesus' story is our story too. Whatever our crosses, disappointments, trials or set-backs, the truth is that troubles don't last always. The Book of Psalms reminds us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come with the morning light" (Ps 30:5). The Easter message is one of victory for us. Whatever situation you may be going through just say, I'll rise! Tell Satan, "Victory is mine!" Address every fear with the words of an old song: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow! This is the feast of Jesus' victory and ours too. Rejoice today that you're on the winning team!



**Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday**

8:00am Annise Smith † (birthday)  
 11:00am Emma S. Coulton †  
 7:00pm Marcia B. Wooden (birthday—3/26)

**Monday, March 28**

7:00am Helen Queen † (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:00am William Miles † (22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)

**Wednesday, March 30**

7:00am Fr. Robert Kerns †

**Thursday, March 31**

7:00am Doris Dandridge †

**Friday, April 1**

7:00am William & Catherine Miles † (birthday)

**Saturday, April 2**

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †  
 4:30pm Joseph Bailey †

**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:** Acts 2:14, 22-33      Matthew 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41      John 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10      Luke 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26      Luke 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12      John 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21      Mark 16:9-15

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Alleluia Sing to Jesus" LMGM #752  
 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LMGM #315  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "Because He lives" LMGM #303  
 \*\* "Power in His hands"  
**Communion**  
 "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" LMGM #383  
**Post Communion Music**  
 "Love Medley"  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir – George Stewart – Director of Music

**Mass Attendance for March 20, 2016**

4:30pm	62
8:00am	122
11:00am	390
7:00pm	109
<b>Total:</b>	<b>683</b>

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/20)	\$17,653
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,307



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

Celebrate the amazing mercy of God: that he sent his Son to become man, to die for us, and conquering death to rise again. He did all this to save us from our human brokenness and bring us to Eternal Life with him. Not because we deserve it, but because he created us and loves us. In the words of Scripture recited during the Easter Vigil, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities... I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you... you shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:25-28) Share in the celebration of mercy at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (3/27)</b> 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (3/30)</b> Rectory Office Closes at 5pm 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
<b>Monday (3/28)</b> <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (4/1)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (3/29)</b> Rectory Office Closes at 5pm	<b>Saturday (4/2)</b> 4:30pm Mass 6:30pm Liturgical Dance

**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 **Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. The office will re-open Tue., March 29<sup>th</sup>, but will close early on both Tue., March 29<sup>th</sup> and Wed., the 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will resume **Sun., April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:30am.

**FRIENDLY SENIORS** will not meet Wed., March 30<sup>th</sup>, but will resume **Wed., April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11am.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Torin Davis, Cameron Gibson, Christopher Gibson, William Lyle, DeShawn Powers, Da'Lonna Powers and Angela White**, who were baptized at the Easter Vigil and the other parishioners who received their sacraments: **Jayson Farmer, Stacey Kornegay, Ricardo Kornegay, Gia Morgan and Lisa Wooden**. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you.



**ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Couples who register and attend the Mass receive a special certificate. **Call the rectory at 202-546-1885 to register your name by Mon., April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**HCSC BULLETINS ONLINE:** Did you know that we post our bulletins for up to a year on our website ([www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org))? So, if you are traveling or away from Church, you can still know what is happening at the parish. Visit our website and find out what you've been missing!

**THE LORD IS RISEN!** As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church **code DC59** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org).

**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:15am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org) for more information..

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**APPLICATION CORRECTION:** A vital section of the **2016 HCSC SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARD application was accidentally omitted from the application package—the Criteria & Letters of Recommendation** section. If you are in the process of completing an application you **MUST** include this omitted section. Corrected copies are available in the rear of the church, at the rectory office and on our website (under 'Parish News'). **NEW Application deadline: Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ [YAM@hcscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.org)**

**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>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter** at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



To everyone who gave of their time to help decorate the church and the liturgical ministers who helped make our Easter a joyous and beautiful celebration. Also, to all who donated to the **Lenten Share in Hope Food Drive** this year. Hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items were collected and shared with local area food banks our own food pantry.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** If you are visiting our church and are interested in joining, stop by our rectory office located next to the church or call at 202-546-1885 for registration information.

**Public Dialogue on Faith, Pope Francis, and the 2016 Campaign:** Join the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at **Georgetown University, Wed., March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the ICC Building. Speakers include Lauren Ashburn, EWTN News Nightly; E.J. Dionne, Jr., columnist for Washington Post; Emma Green, The Atlantic; Gregory Smith, Pew Research Center; and Michael Sean Winters, columnist National Catholic Reporter. Go to: [catholicssocialthought.georgetown.edu](http://catholicssocialthought.georgetown.edu) for info and to RSVP.

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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 [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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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