

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:3-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34



The Wise Men in today's Gospel seek to understand the light of the star and come to understand the light of the world, Jesus. Notice first their **Journey**. God summons them by the star to seek him and they set out. A lot of folks follow movie stars, or sports stars. What star are you following? Is it Jesus? Their journey is not an easy one. Travel was always difficult and dangerous in the ancient world. Next, notice the **Jeopardy** they encounter. As they arrive in Israel two things threaten to misdirect their mission. First, there are Sleepy Saints. As they arrive in Jerusalem the Wise Men expect to find wild celebration. But the town seems quite sleepy. And when Herod, who strangely knows nothing about the birth of a King, summons the religious leaders they rather sleepily give the prophecies and show little or no enthusiasm. The Wise Men could have been quite discouraged by this but they persevere. The second threat they face is that Herod is scheming to use them so that he can kill the child. This is surely not their mission and his secret scheme almost renders them dupes but they are later warned. Finally, in this Gospel we see the **Justification** of the Wise Men. Coming at last to Jesus the text says they worship him and offer him gifts. They also manifest conversion, for having been warned of Herod's plot, they take another route home. That is, they change how they have been walking, they make a course correction if your will. Praise God for the example of the Wise Men who journey to Christ despite jeopardy and thus they find justification.

FUNERAL: Mary Alice Baltimore (January 3rd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 8 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:00am Tyrone Adams † (birthday—Jan. 7th)
 11:00am Ruth Garnett † (birthday—Jan. 6th)
 7:00pm For the intentions of Betty "Nicki" Gebrehiwot
Monday, January 9 *The Baptism of the Lord*
 7:00am Juanita Chadwick † (birthday—Jan. 6th)
Tuesday, January 10
 7:00am Maurice & Shirley Austin (47th wedding anniv)
Wednesday, January 11
 7:00am For the intentions of Jacqueline Simpson
Thursday, January 12
 7:00am Raymond Vanzego †
Friday, January 13 *Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, January 14
 8:00am For the intentions of Marlene Whitlock
 4:30pm Mary Alice Baltimore †

If you want to place a mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 3:13-17
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17



PROVERBS 24 "WITNESS-PRAY-SERVE EVENT": In response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community, HCSC has joined several other local parishes to form the Proverbs 24 Community. The new initiative began on November 12th with our first witness event. **The next scheduled event is Sat., Jan. 14th from 10:30am-12:30pm at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church.** Please prayerfully consider participating in one of three ways: by praying with others in front of the facility; by praying in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament; or by helping to prepare a fellowship lunch to conclude the event. Sign up at Proverbs24.eventbrite.com. Questions? Contact P24community@gmail.com or call Linda Simpson at (301) 735-6432 or Kim Peaks at (202) 546-1885 or pam@hcschurch.org.

Mass Attendance for Jan. 1, 2017

4:30pm	47
11:05pm	96 (Watch Night)
10:00am	180
7:00pm	119
Total:	458

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/1)	\$15,338
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,008

ELECTRONIC TITHING: Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account **TWICE a month** or charged to a credit card. It's easy and **it's FREE!** It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are available in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (**HCSC church code: DC59**). For more information, call Kim Peaks at the rectory office (202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/8) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/11) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/9) 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (1/12) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (1/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (1/14) 10:00am Holy Name Society 2:00pm Adult 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.

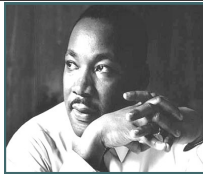
OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come sit together at Mass in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

LIFE CELEBRATION OF DR. KING: Concert and liturgy celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, **Sat., Jan. 14th at St. Thomas More, 4275—4th St., SE. FREE** concert at 4pm, followed by Mass at 5pm. See flyer on bulletin board in rear of Church for details.



ADULT and FAMILY RALLY & MASS is an occasion for people of all ages to come together in prayer on the morning of the **MARCH FOR LIFE, Fri., Jan. 27th, 9am** at the **Cathedral of St. Matthew, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW**. Rally keynote speakers: Mary and Seamus Hasson, pro-life advocates and defenders of religious liberty. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville with Msgr. Bill Parent as homilist. Departure for National March for Life around 11:30am. Questions? Visit adw.org/familyrally.



2017 ITALY PILGRIMAGE: HCSC Parish is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy, **Nov. 6—16, 2017**. Brochures are now available in the rear of the church. **Contact:** Debbie Vanzego at 202-408-4641 or dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com.

CELEBRATING MOTHER MARY LANGE, A SERVANT OF GOD: The Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors invite you to attend the annual liturgical celebration commemorating the **135th anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sat., Jan. 28th, 2pm** at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent (701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227). Mass celebrant is Rev. Michael Kelly, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours church. Reception after Mass. Questions? Contact: Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, Director (410-242-6861).

PRAYER BREAKFAST at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH: The OLP Women's Ministry presents a prayer breakfast in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., **"Pause for Power: Diverse Yet Unified", Mon., Jan. 16th, 9am** at the **Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Road, SE**. Keynote Speaker: Minister Crystal R. Tolson of New Home Baptist Church. Donation: \$35; Children under 12: \$15. Doors open 8am. For tickets, contact: Amanda (301) 204-3482 or Bonita (301) 758-3768.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **ONLY UPON REQUEST** beginning **Monday, February 6th**. Statements **will not be automatically mailed**. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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ATTENTION!!! SAVE THE DATE! The annual "Walk in the Light" Youth Retreat is March 11-12, 2017. **COST: \$125—**middle/high school (age 12+) **overnight; \$45—**elementary school (age 11 under) March 11 (one day only). Registration fee includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations and T-shirt. Stay tuned for details.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org

HOPE CORPS: Catholic Charities is recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month for the next year. Choose your project. Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Hope Corps members receive training, swag, and gratitude! Get information and apply at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

RETROUVAILLE: *A Lifeline for Marriages in Trouble*. Many marriages experience four stages: (1) Romance; (2) Disillusionment; (3) Misery; and (4) Awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vie" with a long "i"). The **next Retrouvaille weekend is January 27-29**, to register or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@Retrouvaille.org. All calls are confidential.

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2017 are available after Mass in the rear of the church. *Limited supply!*

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 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 and funerals call the rectory office.
Follow us on Social Media: Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

