

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 2:42-47      1 Peter 1:3-9      John 20:19-31

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33      1 Peter 1:17-21      Luke 24:13-35



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet, if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles did not fully understand the words of Scripture,

that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "Doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas. Or "Thomas the Tireless Traveler. Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt.

**FUNERALS:** Wanda Marie Harris (April 19<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, April 23** *Second Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Theresa Lindsey (birthday-4/24)

11:00am Joseph Bailey †

7:00pm Steven Scully †

**Monday, April 24**

7:00am Thelma Harvey †

**Tuesday, April 25**

7:00am Dolores Gorham †

**Wednesday, April 26**

7:00am For the People

**Thursday, April 27**

7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †

**Friday, April 28**

7:00am Claude Tompkins †

**Saturday, April 29**

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †

4:30pm Blossie Mae Richards Ballard †

**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 4:23-31      John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Peter 5:5-14      Mark 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26      John 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33      John 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42      John 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7      John 6:16-21



**PROVERBS 24 "WITNESS-PRAY-SERVE"**

**EVENT:** In response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community, HCSC joined several other local parishes to form the Proverbs 24 Community and we have held a number of 'witness' events in front of the clinic. 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](http://Proverbs24.eventbrite.com). **Our next witness event is Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** Questions? Contact [P24community@gmail.com](mailto:P24community@gmail.com) or Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org).

**Mass Attendance for April 16, 2017**

8:00pm	203 (Easter Vigil)
8:00am	176
11:00am	591
7:00pm	93
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1063</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/16)	\$17,109
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$763



**THE LORD IS RISEN!** As disciples of

Christ, 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 in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) or on 202-546-1885.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/23)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/26)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (4/24)</b> 8:00 pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (4/27)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (4/25)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (4/29)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30 am Proverbs 24 Witness 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



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** (Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Saint John Paul II calling it “the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery.” The Divine Mercy devotion began in the later 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had a vision of

Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Instruction cards for reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are in the rear of the church.

**MAY PROCESSION REHEARSAL** for the May queen and her court, statue bearers, and altar servers is **Sat., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am** in the church. Please be prompt.



**MAY PROCESSION:** Our Annual May Procession is **Sun., May 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather in Lincoln Park at **9:30am**. All ministries are encouraged to send members to participate in the procession and to bring your ministry banner, if you have one. In the event of rain, we will gather in the church.



HOLY COMMUNION

Some of our youth will celebrate their **First Holy Communion** next **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at the 11am Mass. Please pray that they, with their parents’ help, may make this the first communion of a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.

**NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS (NBCC)** is a 4-day rejuvenating gathering of bishops, priests, and Catholic lay men and women, **July 6—9**. This event offers dynamic speakers and presenters, explores strategies for deepening our faith, and renews our zeal for evangelization. Inspiring workshops, uplifting liturgies and opportunities to share your faith. Retreat opportunities for men, woman and priests. This event **includes a vibrant track for youth!** For more information and to register, go to: [www.nbcongress.org/congress-xii.html](http://www.nbcongress.org/congress-xii.html).

**FRIENDLY SENIORS UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENT—AFTERNOON OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** Join other Seniors on **Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup>** from **11:30am—2:30pm** in the Youth Room at the School (15<sup>th</sup> & East Capitol Streets). A variety of games and refreshments will be available. Call 202-546-1885 or pick up a flyer in the rear of the church and **RSVP by Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**CAG OPENS NEW FACILITY:** Please join the HCSC COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG) in celebrating the Grand Opening of their newly-built multi-purpose facility, named after one of the founders, Harold Gordon, located at 124—15<sup>th</sup> St., S.E. The event is **Fri., April 28<sup>th</sup>**, with a ribbon-cutting at 10am, followed by a tour of the building.

**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE: “OCCASIONS OF GRACE”** Encountering God’s Grace in Day-to-Day Life. Catholic University, **Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am to 4pm**. Keynote speaker: ValLimar Jansen, an inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. **Registration fee: \$40. Deadline: May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Day includes Mass, lunch, and faith based exhibitors. For questions and to register, go to: [www.adw.org/womensconference](http://www.adw.org/womensconference).

Youth Ministry News

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**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL:** The Youth Committee of the East of the River Revival will hold a “Meet-and-Greet” on **Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am—1pm** at **Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE**. This meeting is for youth ages 6 through high school interested in working with the planning committee for the youth segment of the revival. Breakfast will be provided and activities are planned. Parents/Guardians or Youth Ministers must accompany youth. No drop-offs. For more information, contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231).

**TEA PARTY with the BLESSED MOTHER:** For Girls Ages 3 thru 18. “Dress to Impress”, **Sat., May 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke’s Church Hall, 4925 E. Capital St., SE, 1pm—3pm**. Please bring a canned or boxed food item to enter this event.

**HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS:** Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2017 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2017-2018? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This one-time award will be issued to the institution you enroll at next fall. For application information, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/hcscsingletaryeducationfund>. **Application Deadline: May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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**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!**

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at [hcscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@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.

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