

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**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.



**Sunday, April 27** *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

4:30pm (Sat) Eric Jackson, Jr. (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) †  
 8:00am Shawntee Rowe  
 11:00am Denise Rodgers  
 7:00pm Arnie Thomas †

**Monday, April 28** *St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am Stanlie Marie Barton †

**Tuesday, April 29** *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am For the People

**Wednesday, April 30** *Saint Pius V, Pope*

7:00am Helen B. Tyler (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Thursday, May 1** *Saint Joseph the Worker*

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz (birthday) †

**Friday, May 2** *Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Robert Gordon (21<sup>st</sup> anniversary—5/1) †

**Saturday, May 3** *Saints Phillip and James, Apostles*

8:00am Margaret Gordon (birthday—5/1) †  
 4:30pm Charles Gorham, Jr. (birthday)

**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:** Acts 4:32-37      John 3:7-15  
**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:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8      John 14:6-14

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Jesus is the Resurrection" LMGM #680  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love is everlasting"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LMGM #309  
 \*\* "No Greater Love"  
**Communion**  
 "Holy Is the Lamb of God" In the Pews  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for April 20, 2014**

8:00pm	170
8:00am	178
11:00am	591
7:00pm	37
<b>Total:</b>	<b>976</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (4/20)	\$14,500
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**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 is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/27)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/30)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Tuesday (4/29)</b> 7:00pm Speaker Series 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (5/2)</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (5/3)</b> 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.

Brochures for reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are in the rear of the church.



The following youth will celebrate **First Holy Communion** this Sunday at the 11am Mass: Breanna Adams; Tyler Butler; Harper Porche; Braedon Stone; Martin Summerfield Jr., and Nevaeh Young. 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.

**HCSC SPRING SPEAKER'S FORUM**—Come join internationally renowned speaker Dale Ahlquist for a fascinating talk on the reflections of G.K. Chesterton on "The Superstition of Economics" **Tues., April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Dale delivers a delightful talk on Chesterton's unique approach to Catholic social teaching and how it influenced and inspired other Catholic servants. This event is **Free.**



**MAY PROCESSION**—The annual May Procession is **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.** We will gather on the church plaza at **9:30am.** See flyer in bulletin for details. 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.

**MAY PROCESSION REHEARSAL** for May Queen & her Court, Statue Bearers, Altar Servers & Liturgical Dancers is in Church on **Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am.** Please be prompt.

*THANK YOU* to all clergy, staff and parishioners who assisted in preparing our joyous celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Through your love of Christ and His Church we are able to worship powerfully and beautifully. Please know that your time and talent are truly appreciated. God will surely bless you many times over. *When praises go up, blessings come down.*

**MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES**—Support the National Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association (NOSPAA) and honor your Mother/Grandmother by ordering beautiful floral corsages after Mass this Sunday. The corsages will be available for purchase on **April 27<sup>th</sup>** and **May 11<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Bertha Colbert on 301-567-9786.

**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**—Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Classes are especially intended for non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform relatives or friends who might benefit from these instructions and formation. For details, contact Monsignor Pope at 202-546-1885 or email: pastor1@hscchurch.org.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

**Our Youth Ministry has much to offer!!** Liturgical Dancers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Youth Choir, Youth Ushers, Youth Retreats and much more. Contact Nicki for information on becoming active in the parish. We are also looking for adult volunteers who want to work with the youth ministry.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

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

**NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Come attend bible study just for you **every Tuesday 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 40ish)! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults! Follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (HCSCYoungAdults) for updates!



**HCSC-SINGLETARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**—If you are



graduating from high school this year and planning to go to college, the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund wants you to apply for a scholarship. For information pick up a flyer and visit the link on our website: www.hscchurch.org under "Links".

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**—the Elizabeth Seton Admissions Spring Tour is **Tues., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am—10:30am** and **Open House Thurs., May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm—8pm.** Visit: www.setonhs.org/admissions for more information.

**THE WORD AMONG US**—April/May issue is available in the Candlelight Store for \$2 each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*



to all who supported the Women's Ministry by purchasing delicious products from our Honeybaked Ham sale.

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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 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.  
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