

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Readings Next Weekend:

Jos 24:1-2, 15-18 Eph 5:21-32 John 6:60-69



Today's readings continue to teach us about the Holy Eucharist. First we are taught by Jesus of the **REALITY** of the Eucharist. Jesus calls himself the Living bread from heaven and then teaches that the bread he will give is His Flesh for the life of the world. At the Last Supper he said of the bread, "This is my Body." It is clear that the reality of the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of the Lord. But next, note the **REACTION** to the teaching on the Eucharist. The assembled crowd largely scoffs and ridicules the teaching of Jesus. They interpret him to be speaking literally (as he was) and then say, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?!" Next, there is the **REINFORCEMENT** of the Eucharist. Jesus does not back down for a minute at this bad reaction nor does he say he merely speaks symbolically of the bread as his flesh. No, he doubles-down and tells them (in the graphic Greek text) that they must gnaw on his flesh. Clearly this teaching is important and he is willing to lose some to save others. There will be no setting aside of this "unpopular" saying. Finally, there is the **REWARD** of the Eucharist. Jesus shows why he sees it as so important by teaching that the Eucharist will cause us to remain in him and he in us and that, on account of that unity, that communion, he will raise us to eternal life with him. The Italians have a desert known as tiramisu which literally means "Pick me up." You might say the Holy Eucharist is the ultimate "pick me up" since by it the Lord takes us up to life eternal.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 19

8:00am Natleen Chance (birthday)
 11:00am Austina Jones †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus

Monday, August 20 *St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am For the intentions of Marlene & Phillip Whitlock

Tuesday, August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*

7:00am Renee Richardson Hampton Garrett

Wednesday, August 22 *The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross † (birthday)

Thursday, August 23 *Saint Rose of Lima*

7:00am Maurice Austin, Jr. (birthday—August 22nd)

Friday, August 24 *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00am For the People

Saturday, August 25 *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:00am For the intentions of Patricia Chase

4:30pm Vashti Woodson (100th birthday)

If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-24 Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10 Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28 Matthew 22:1-14
Friday: Revelation 21:9-14 John 1:45-51
Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7 Matthew 23:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional
 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! LMGM #431
Responsorial Psalm
 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34
Offertory
 * Praise Him! LMGM #446
 ** Music Ministry of Robert Person and Dr. Allyn Johnson
Communion Hymn
 * Taste and See LMGM #750
 ** Taste and See LMGM #512
Post Communion
 ** Music Ministry of Robert Person and Dr. Allyn Johnson
Recessional
 ** Music Ministry of Robert Person and Dr. Allyn Johnson
 * Ruby Robertson, Cantor –Vince Evans, Accompanist
 ** Music Ministry of Robert Person and Dr. Allyn Johnson



Our guest music ministry this Sunday is HCSC's own **Robert E. Person** and **Dr. Allyn Johnson**, currently Director of the Jazz Studies program and jazz ensembles at the University of the District of Columbia. Robert's current CD titled **Classic Covers** is available in our Candlelight Store.



Mass Attendance for August 12, 2018

4:30pm	48
8:00am	101
11:00am	172
7:00pm	103
Total:	424

Stewardship Report: August 5-18, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: August 5-18, 2018	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: August 5-18, 2018	\$31,696



TITHING WHILE ON VACATION: As families go on vacation church attendance tends to drop. But the services provided by the parish community continue, as do the associated expenses. Please consider enrolling in our electronic offertory program: **FAITH DIRECT** to be sure your gift of treasure reaches us when you can't be here. Once enrolled, Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC59** and enroll today. Forms available in the rectory office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at: pam@hscchurch.org or (202.546.1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/19) 9:30am RCIA Meet & Greet 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (8/22) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (8/20) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (8/25) 10:00am Holy Name meeting 10:00am S.O.M.E. (off-site)

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.

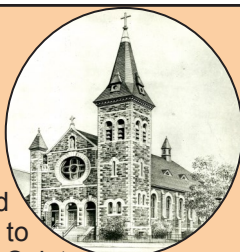
PARISH LIFE

Family VBS HCSC FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will meet at **124—15th St., SE (the C.A.G. facility)** on **Wed., Aug. 22nd at 6:30—8:15pm** for our final summer session. Our 2018 Family Vacation Bible School, titled **Running the Race**, is a series exploring the ancient conflicts in the bible and how its lessons were applied in our times. St. Cyprian Parish was on the front lines of the racial tensions of our land. We have been exploring how the parish endured and applied biblical principles through the ministries of the Josephites and Oblate Sisters of Providence. A light meal will be served so you must register. To RSVP, see flyer in rear of the church or go online to: www.hcscchurch.org

CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

"How Firm A Foundation"

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018-2019 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. Displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church, prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966, are featured in the HCSC vestibule and throughout the church. **You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display.** All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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., Aug. 25th**. Your cooked chicken is **DESPERATELY** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **7pm on Fri., Aug. 24th**. Questions? Contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman (katy.kuhlman@gmail.com or 615-337-2193). Through your charitable contributions of cooked chicken to create a well-rounded meal, **HCSC volunteers fed 268 individuals** for lunch on Sat., July 28th.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The first day of school for Pre-K through 12th grade is **Sun., Sept. 23rd at 9:30am at the school.** Sunday school is for all youth, including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory, and on the website. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin 202-546-1885 or at: mre@hcscchurch.org.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSIONS (or *Mystagogy*): Have you recently attended an RCIA program or are an adult Catholic who want to further your knowledge of the faith? HCSC is organizing discussion groups and need your input. Complete the **Mystagogy Survey** in the rear of the church and let us know your thoughts on organizing these fellowships for you.

Youth Ministry News

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

YOUTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: During our Family Vacation Bible School there will be special sessions for our younger parishioners (grades pre-k to middle school) will be held simultaneously with the adult session. We will focus on **The Saints**. We have videos, as well as lesson materials for each week. We will be teaching our youth about the lives of St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Monica, St. Martin DePorres, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. To RSVP, see flyer in rear of the church or go to: www.hcscchurch.org

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

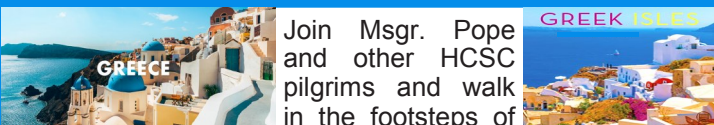
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.



SAVE THE DATE! HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **Sat., Sept. 15th** in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. If you can help with set-up, games, serving or donating food, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699). Free for all! **Souvenir T-shirts** commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Parish go on sell this weekend.



Pilgrimage to GREECE and the GREEK ISLES



Join Msgr. Pope and other HCSC pilgrims and walk in the footsteps of **Saint Paul the Apostle** through Greece on an **11-day pilgrimage, November 5—15, 2019**. Walk the streets of Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki. Also, enjoy a **3-day cruise of the Greek isles. COST: \$3399**. For more information, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church or visit our website (www.hcscchurch.org).

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. Visit **www.DiscoverMass.com** for Mass times and locations. **You can also access this information on myParishapp under DiscoverMass!**

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog & Homilies online: www.msgrpope.com
- ♦ HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hcscchurch)
- ♦ **Follow or Like us on social media:**   