

**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Daniel 7:13-14      Revelation 1:5-8      John 18:33-37

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jer 33:14-16      1 Thes 3:12—4:2      Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



There is a crucial question that Jesus asks in today's Gospel. Pontius Pilate begins by asking, "Are you a king?" and Jesus responds with the crucial question: "Are you saying this on your own or have others been telling you about me?" This question is essential for us to answer. It is possible for us who say we believe merely to quote slogans, Bible passages, and things we have heard others say, but to be lacking in our own personal conviction. It's like pulling up to a parking meter and seeing that money is left over in the meter from a previous car. You end up parking on someone else's dime. But at some point it is necessary for us to be able to say on our own that "Jesus is Lord and King." We cannot simply say what others have said. We have to say it and mean it for ourselves. There is an old gospel song that says: "Yes, I know Jesus for myself." Do you? Are you saying this on your own or is it merely that others have been telling you about him?

**FUNERALS:** Lawrence Sanders (November 27<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 25** *Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00am Deceased HCSC Ushers  
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7:00pm Susan Sulzbach †

**Monday, November 26**

7:00am All Souls

**Tuesday, November 27**

7:00am For the People

**Wednesday, November 28**

7:00am All Souls

**Thursday, November 29**

7:00am Bessie B. Walker †

**Friday, November 30** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

7:00am All Souls

**Saturday, December 1**

8:00am Helga Shatto †  
4:30pm William and Marie Zandi †

**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call the rectory at 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention. We also offer Mass cards that you can send to the person or family to notify of your intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Revelation 14:1-5      Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Revelation 14:14-19      Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Revelation 15:1-4      Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9      Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Romans 10:9-18      Matthew 4:18-22  
**Saturday:** Revelation 22:1-7      Luke 21:34-36

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

\* To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King      LMGM #347  
\*\* He Reigns      Shekinah Glory

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is King, he is robed in majesty.      Psalm 93

**Offertory**

\* All Hail the power of Jesus' Name!      LMGM #343  
\*\* Great is the Lord (medley)      arr. G. Stewart

**Communion Hymn**

\* Taste and See      LMGM #750  
\*\* He's God      Edwin Hawkins

**Post Communion**

Lord You're Holy      Karen Wheaton arr. G. Stewart

**Recessional**

\* He Is King of Kings      LMGM #346  
\*\* He Reigns      Shekinah Glory

\* Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
\*\* Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

**NOTE:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and early submission of the bulletin to the publisher, no Stewardship figures or Mass Attendance data for the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup> are available for this week's bulletin. Updated figures will be posted next weekend.

**FAITH DIRECT:** With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are received even if you are out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) - our **Church Code is DC59**. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

**APPEAL UPDATE:** Thank you to all who committed to the **Annual Appeal**. Our parish has reached it's goal of pledges to this appeal and we are grateful for your support. Please know that these funds are used to support many of the Archdiocesan projects that helps to feed/cloth and house the needy, provide health services, provide services for those addicted and in need of mental health and a host of other social concerns. Now that you've made your pledge, please remember to fulfill them over the next year.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (11/25)**  
8:00pm AA

**Wednesday (11/28)**  
11:00am Friendly Seniors  
7:00pm Bible Study

**Monday (11/26)**  
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Friday (11/30)**  
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday (11/27)**  
6:30pm Youth Choir  
7:00pm Adult Choir

**Saturday (12/1)**  
10:00am Men's Bible Study  
10:00am Youth Min Workshop

**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.*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### PARISH LIFE



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** will be held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



The **257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND** presents *The Holidays in Concert* at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort formed over a year ago of several Catholic parishes (*including our own HCSC parish*) in Washington, D.C. in response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. We invite you to join us in our prayer and witness for life. On designated Saturdays, you will be able to serve in one of three ways: **Witness:** *walk, pray, and give quiet witness outside the facility*; **Pray:** *pray in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament while others are outside*; **Cook:** *help prepare a meal for all participants to share afterwards*. **If you are new to this event**, we will hold an orientation on **Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30am-12:30noon** (location to be determined) *Please prayerfully consider joining us or come to the orientation!* You can also send questions to [P24community@gmail.com](mailto:P24community@gmail.com).

### ADVENT 2018

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT “ADVENT” TREE:** HCSC Social Concerns Ministry has begun our annual Advent food drive for the needy. Parishioners are asked to donate food items for Christmas baskets. The food items are listed on the paper ornaments hanging on the Advent Tree (*in front of St. Joseph’s statue*). Please take one or more ornaments and return the listed item back to the church by **Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please write “Advent Tree” in the memo of your check or envelope.



**ADVENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE:** “*The Infancy Gospels*” We will explore the Christmas accounts in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. There are many hidden surprises in these Gospel accounts that help to clarify the Christmas story for us which is often simplified and erroneously described in Christmas songs and modern culture. We meet on three consecutive **Wednesdays** in the Rectory basement on **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. A light meal is offered at 6:30pm and bible study begins at 7:15pm. All are welcome!

**THE WORD AMONG US:** **FREE** Advent issues of *The Word Among Us* are available in the rear of the church. 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!*

### Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!** The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a **YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP** on **Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10AM to 12 noon** for **all youth** currently serving as altar servers, lectors, and ushers. We also invite youth who are interested in joining one of these ministries to attend. We kindly ask parents to encourage their youths to attend since we will discuss our current ministries and how we can enhance and improve them. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot if you are interested.

### HCSC Young Adult Ministry

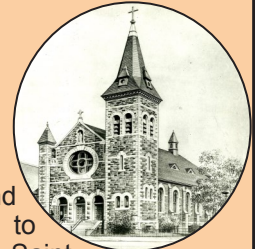
**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We are studying the **Gospel of John**. Come and meet other young adults!



### CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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. See the featured brochure in your bulletin for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks ([pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885).



**SAINT JOSEPH 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$3**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE:** The Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) Alumnae Association will be selling Christmas cards and other items in the vestibule after Mass on **Sun., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)  
Saturday 8am (Chapel), 4:30pm (Vigil); Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
Wed and Thurs, 9am—5pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and, Sun, 9am—2pm.  
For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://www.getty.com/myParishapp.com)
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