

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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, 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.

Music Schedule

Processional

We Three Kings of Orient Are LMGM #273

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Offertory

Jesus, the Light of the World LMGM #274

Communion

What Child Is This LMGM #277

Recessional

The First Nowell LMGM #276

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Mass Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

NOTE: Due to the Christmas holiday, the publisher required early submission of the bulletin. So, we could not post Stewardship or Mass Attendance data for the weekend of December 30th in this week's bulletin. Figures will be updated in the next bulletin.



2018 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

will be used for the much needed renovation of our bathrooms in the rear of the church. We are currently soliciting designs and plans for the renovation. Please use your

Christmas Collection envelope included with your monthly tithing envelopes for your donation. Additional Christmas Collection envelopes are available in the rear of the church or the rectory office. Thank you for your donation.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 6 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00am Juanita Chadwick (birthday)

11:00am Pierre Carter †

7:00pm For the People

Monday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*

7:00am Tyrone Adams † (birthday)

Tuesday, January 8

7:00am Deceased: Cole; Curtis; Greene; & Hill family

Wednesday, January 9

7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

Thursday, January 10

7:00am Mary Hunt

Friday, January 11

7:00am Martin Paczynski †

Saturday, January 12

8:00am For the intentions of Sr. Maria Tin Thac

4:30pm Raymond J. Vanzego, Sr. †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6 Mark 4:12-17, 23-35

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4 Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/6)

9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 8:00pm AA

Wednesday (1/9)

11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

Monday (1/7)

8:00pm YAM Bible study

Friday (1/11)

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday (1/8)

6:30pm Knights of Columbus
 6:30pm Youth Choir
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Saturday (1/12)

10:00am Holy Name Society
 10:00am Liturgical Dance

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.

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PARISH LIFE

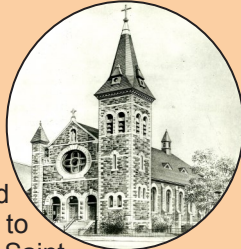
YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: We invite all youth to attend the 11AM Mass and sit in front of the clergy. Be sure to invite a friend.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: The Gospel instructs us to clothe those without clothing. In partnership with DC Catholic Charities and Knights of Columbus, our parish is taking part in their annual *Coats of Many Colors* drive. Please donate your lightly used coats to the less fortunate. The collection bin is in the vestibule. **Please contribute to this effort by January 18th.**

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. See the featured brochure in the vestibule for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



 **The Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary**—will hold its monthly meeting on **Sun., Jan. 6th** beginning with the rosary at 7:30am in the church followed by 8am Mass. After Mass, please join us in the school for fellowship. All are welcome. Questions? Contact: hscsodality@gmail.com

LADIES of CHARITY BAKE SALE: Thanks to all those who supported the Ladies of Charity Annual Bake Sale. And a very special thanks to the Freeman Family who continue to support our efforts every year. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas Season.

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 4, 2019**. Statements will **not** be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either 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. Your statement will **not** reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2018 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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➔ **SAVE THE DATES** ⬅

YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: Join thousands of youth from all over the country as we gather **Fri., Jan. 18, 2019**, at the Capital One Arena for a rally and mass to promote life. The rally/mass will be followed by the **Annual March for Life** on the national mall. Contact the youth director if you are interested in attending.

HCSC YOUTH RETREAT: March 16-17, 2019 at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for registration details.

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!



THE WORD AMONG US: January issues are available in the Candlelight Store. Cost: \$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!*



CALENDARS FOR 2019: A variety of **FREE** 2019 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. Limited supply!



JUST A REMINDER: Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAINT JEROME INSTITUTE (SJI)—is a new Christ-centered liberal arts high school located at 1800 Perry St., NE, close to CUA and the Franciscan Monastery. SJI focuses on an integrative curriculum and seminar-style classes with opportunities for faith formation. Admissions for freshmen and sophomores for Fall 2019 are being accepted through January 15th. Tuition for the 2019-2020 school year is \$12,800. SJI is committed to providing scholarships and financial aid and encourage all to apply. Visit <https://stjeromeinstitute.org/admissions> for more information, or go to [Facebook.com/StJeromeInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/StJeromeInstitute).

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To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: 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.

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