

**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44



One of the images of the Church from Scripture is Christ crucified between two thieves. The fact is, we are all sinners and we have all used the gifts and things that belong to God in a way that is contrary to his will. To misuse things that belong to others is a form of theft and we are thus thieves. But one thief repented and strove to commit himself to Christ anew. Hopefully, we are that "good thief" and we too, though we sometimes fall and misuse the things that belong to God, we ask mercy and admittance into Christ's kingdom. On the Feast of Christ the King we do well to ask how we use the things that we call our own but which really belong to God. How do we use our time? Are we committed to pray and be at Mass every Sunday without fail? Do we use enough of our time to serve God and others or merely for selfish pursuits? What of our capacity to talk? Do we use our gift of speech to witness, to evangelize, or merely for small talk and gossip? What of our money? Are we faithful to the tithe? Are we generous enough to the poor and needy? Do we spend wisely or foolishly? Do we pay our debts in a timely way? Today is the Feast of Christ the King and we who call Christ our King must be willing to ask if he is really King and Lord of our time, talent, and treasure. In today's homily we have much to celebrate as a community as we reflect on this question. We also have need to reflect on how and where we can do a little better. May God bless us today to commit anew to the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 24** *Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 8:00am For the intentions of the Browder Family  
 11:00am Carole Wise (birthday)  
 7:00pm All Souls  
**Monday, November 25** *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*  
 7:00am Carolyn Poole (94<sup>th</sup> birthday-Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>)  
**Tuesday, November 26**  
 7:00am All Souls  
**Wednesday, November 27**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Lester Chance  
 7:00pm Timothy Bryant †  
**Thursday, November 28** *Thanksgiving Day*  
 8:00am All Souls  
**Friday, November 29**  
 8:00am Bessie B. Walker †  
**Saturday, November 30** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*  
 8:00am All Souls  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Juanita Moore

To request a mass intention call the rectory (202-546-1885).

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28 Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Daniel 6:12-28 Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Daniel 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! LMGM #343  
 \*\* He Reigns Shekinah Glory  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122  
**Offertory**  
 \* Praise Him! Praise Him! LMGM #441  
 \*\* Jehovah Sabbath Donald Lawrence  
**Communion Hymn**  
 \* His Name Is Wonderful LMGM #372  
 \*\* Worthy Is the Lamb Hillsong  
**Post Communion**  
 \*\* We Offer Praise Rodnie Bryant  
**Recessional**  
 \* He Is Lord LMGM #304  
 \*\* Awesome God Donnie McClurkin  
 \* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

**Mass Attendance for November 17, 2019**

4:30pm 50  
 8:00am 119  
 11:00am 220  
 7:00pm 105  
**Total: 494**

**Stewardship Report: November 2-22, 2019**

Budgeted Tithes: Nov. 2-22, 2019	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: Nov. 2-22, 2019	\$45,879

**FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing):** With the approaching holiday season, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during preparations for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. But Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church or go online to [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) for more information and to register. If you have questions, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hcschurch.org](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org). Thank you for your prayerful support of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (11/24)**  
 1:00pm Advent Family Day  
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64  
 8:00pm AA  
**Monday (11/25)**  
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study  
**Tuesday (11/26)**  
 6:30pm Youth Choir  
 7:00pm Adult Choir  
**Wednesday (11/27)**  
 7:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving  
**Thursday (11/28)**  
 8:00am Mass  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
**Friday (11/29)**  
 8:00am Mass  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**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



Our parish will celebrate a **FAMILY THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS** on **Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the church. All are welcome to worship as a Faith family to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **rectory office** will be **closed Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. **Thursday and Friday Mass is at 8AM.** The rectory will re-open on Sat., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** To include a loved one on the "In Memory/Honor of..." list included in the Christmas Mass program, return your Christmas Flower offering envelope to the rectory by **Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes are in the rear of the church and the rectory office. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES!**

The 257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND presents **The Holidays in Concert** here at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!



**HCSC SODALITY EVENT:** Join Holy Comforter–St. Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:30AM to pray the rosary before 8AM Mass. Then after 8AM Mass, come and hear Sr. Maria Theotokos, Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matará, speak on **"Daily Moments with Mary the Total Consecration"** during the Sodality meeting held at the Center City Charter School cafeteria. All are welcome.

### ADVENT 2019



**FAMILY ADVENT DAY:** is this **Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** following the 11AM Mass in the school cafeteria (15<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol St., SE). Our theme is: **Waiting and Wanting.** Join us for a meal and presentation by Fr. Brendan Glasgow (from St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill) on how to prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas. If you have not previously responded, you may still attend. Come fellowship with others and prepare for the Season of Advent!



**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 to be given to families in need. 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 item(s) by Mon., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please write "Advent Tree" in the memo of your check or envelope.

**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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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry is looking for youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve at the **6PM Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **Rehearsals will begin Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> following the 11AM mass.** We also need adults to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. For info and to participate, contact the Youth Ministry Director.

**BRUNCH WITH SAINT NICK** will be **Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **9:30AM** in the Center City Public Charter School cafeteria at 15<sup>th</sup> and East Capitol St., SE. Our youth and their families are invited to enjoy a delicious brunch while learning about Saint Nicholas. Stay tuned for 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 **Book of Genesis**. Come and meet other young adults!



**ST. JOSEPH 2020 SUNDAY MISSALS** have arrived and are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings. *Limited supply.*



**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.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE:** Holiday cards and small gift items for the benefit of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)** will be on sale in the vestibule **through December 22** on Sundays after the 8AM and 11AM masses. Questions? Contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786).



**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The 2020 liturgical year begins **Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** with the **First Sunday of Advent**. Personalized copies of the new **Lectors Workbook** have arrived and are available in the rectory office. There is one copy per household. Please take only your copy.

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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.

- Pastor's Media Links: [MSGRPOPE.com](http://MSGRPOPE.com)
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://myParishapp.com)
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