

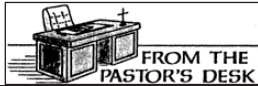
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:3-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34



In today's Liturgy we celebrate the fact of Jesus' Baptism. In the Gospel we note first the PATTERN of Baptism. Jesus comes to be baptized and John protests. We tend to think of Baptism only in terms of washing away sin. It does do that for us, though Jesus was not in need of this. Why then does he insist on baptism? Because there is more to baptism than washing: there is also dying and rising. This is the pattern. In baptism by immersion this is especially seen when, for a moment the person goes under the water and passes from sight. This is a symbol of death. But then they arise out of the water in a resurrection to new life. Jesus establishes this pattern for us in baptism and chooses to exhibit it himself to show us the way. St. Paul refers to this pattern of our life when he describes us as: Always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body (2 Cor 4:10). This is the whole pattern of our life: the paschal mystery. Next, notice the PURCHASE of Baptism. Jesus goes into the water and gets four things for us: ACCESS – for the text says that the heavens are opened; ANOINTING – for the text says that the Spirit descended on Jesus; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – for the Father says to Jesus and through Jesus to us, "This is my beloved Son"; and finally, APPROVAL – for the Father says of him and through him to us, "I am well pleased." Today rejoice in the pattern and purchase of your baptism. The Lord died to give this to us. Let us rejoice!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 12 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00am Raymond J. Vanzego, Sr. †
11:00am Noah Shaeffer †
7:00pm Gary McPherson, Jr. †

Monday, January 13

7:00am Larry Elgin †

Tuesday, January 14

7:00am Frank Perna, Sr. †

Wednesday, January 15

7:00am Gary McPherson, Jr. †

Thursday, January 16

7:00am Ellis Poole † (birthday)

Friday, January 17

7:00am For the intentions of Mary Paul Jones

Saturday, January 18

8:00am For the People
4:30pm For the intentions of Denver Cannedy

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mark 2:13-17

Music Schedule

Processional
* On Jordan's Bank LMGM #240
** Joy to the World LMGM #249

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29

Offertory
* Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord LMGM #237
** Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Communion
Taste and See LMGM #750

Post Communion
*** Let There Be Peace on Earth

Recessional
** Joy to the World LMGM #249
* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
** HCSC Youth Choir – LTanya Holley Director, Liuba Pupo Accompanist
*** Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance
January 5, 2020**

4:30pm 48
8:00am 119
11:00am 219
7:00pm 115
Total: 501

Stewardship Report: Jan. 1—10, 2020

Budgeted Tithes: Jan. 1-10	\$15,769
Actual Tithes Received: Jan. 1-10	\$16,748

ELECTRONIC TITHING: WHY FAITH DIRECT? Your regular donations to our parish literally help keep the doors open. Not only does your contribution help pay for all the different aspects of celebrating Mass throughout the Church Year, as well as the charitable programs we actively participate in, but also the sizeable maintenance and utility expenses for both the sanctuary and the rectory, where numerous meetings are held by our various ministries. By using **FAITH DIRECT** for your monthly (or bi-weekly) contribution to the parish you help guarantee that our financial obligations are met. It's **FREE** and convenient! Sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/12) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/15) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/13) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/17) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (1/14) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Saturday (1/18) 9:00am Holy Name Society mtg 10:00am Baptism Class

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 THIS WEEKEND: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11AM mass. All our youth and their parents are invited to sit together in the pews in front of the clergy.



SPECIAL ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION:

The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains and a flock spread out among military installations across the world. Parishes are asked to support the AMS which receives no funding from the military or the government. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Veterans Medical Centers, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home. Prayerfully consider making a donation to these clergy who serve our country on the front lines of war. The collection continues this weekend (**Jan. 11-12**). Envelopes available in the pews or ask an usher. Make checks payable to HCSC and write "military services" on the memo line. Thank you.

Thank You Much appreciation and best regards from the Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association for your support of the Christmas gift and card sale. The ministry chair, Bertha Colbert, raised over \$1,000 for the Oblate Sisters.

Thank you Monsignor Pope and the staff would like to thank all the parishioners who helped decorate the church for our Christmas celebration this season. Your creativity and assistance helped us create a beautiful environment for our celebration of the birth of Christ.

REV. DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR. ARCHDIOCESAN MASS: All are invited to the Annual Mass for the Memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on **Sat., Jan. 18th**, at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church**, 3800 Ely Place, SE. A Praise and Worship service will begin at **3:30PM**, featuring the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir, followed by the **4PM mass**. Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the celebrant and homilist.

CALENDARS FOR 2020: A variety of **FREE** 2020 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. Limited supply!



HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—will be made available beginning **Mon., Feb. 3rd**. Statements are not mailed automatically and will be prepared **only upon request**. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request to have your statement 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 electronically tithe through Faith Direct will be automatically mailed as part of your membership. You can also obtain a copy via the website using your login.

Youth Ministry News

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

THANK YOU to all the youth, parents and parishioners for your participation in our Family Mass Youth Pageant. It was an uplifting experience for everyone involved.

YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: Join thousands of youth from all over the world as we gather **Fri., Jan. 24, 2020**, 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. If you are interested in attending, contact the HCSC Youth Director.

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!



Upcoming Respect Life Events



PROVERBS 24: HCSC parish is part of the **Proverbs 24 Community** formed in response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community. **Join us for our next 'Witness' event on Sat., Jan., 18th from 10:30am-12:30pm at Holy Name Church, 920-11th St., NE.** Please prayerfully consider participating in one of three ways: by quietly praying with others in front of the facility; by praying in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament; or by helping to prepare a lunch to conclude the event. Questions? Contact P24community@gmail.com or visit www.p24community.weebly.com.



Join our local pro-life community in preparation for the March for Life as we screen **"UNPLANNED"** on **Sat. Jan. 18th at 7PM** at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 630 E Street, SW. *Unplanned* is the powerful and important story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director's transition to the pro-life cause. **PLEASE NOTE:** This movie is rated R because it contains graphic depictions of abortion and may not be suitable for all audiences.

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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.

• Pastor's Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com

• HCSC App: myParishapp.com

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