

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Malachi 3:1-4      Hebrews 2:14-18      Luke 2:22-40

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 58:7-10      1 Corinthians 2:1-5      Matthew 5:13-16




The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorates the ancient Jewish practice that on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after giving birth, the Jewish woman would present herself and her child at the temple or synagogue. Having completed her convalescence after giving birth, she was received back into the community with joy and blessed. It is now February 2<sup>nd</sup> which is 40 days since Christmas. Mary along with Joseph brings Jesus to the temple presenting him and receiving her blessings. In the liturgy today we also commemorate the fact that Jesus is the Light of the World. For when he acknowledged Jesus, Simeon called him "A light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of his people Israel." And thus today, we celebrate Christ as our light, by blessing candles and praising his power to purify us and cast out the darkness of sin.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, February 2** *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*  
 8:00am For those exposed to life threatening viruses  
 11:00am Larry Elgin †  
 7:00pm Coulter Nakamura †  
**Monday, February 3** *St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop*  
 7:00am Austin Roe Ketchum †  
**Tuesday, February 4**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff  
**Wednesday, February 5** *Saint Agatha Virgin and Martyr*  
 7:00am James Edwin Hardy † (birthday)  
**Thursday, February 6** *Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
 7:00am Opal Hoff †  
**Friday, February 7**  
 7:00am William Hoff †  
**Saturday, February 8** *Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*  
 8:00am Michael Carswell †  
 4:30pm For the People

**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass Intention in memory of a friend or family contact the rectory at 202-546-1885, or jwalker@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13      Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3      Mark 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17      Mark 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12      Mark 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sirach 47:2-11      Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3:4-13      Mark 6:30-34

**Music Schedule**

<b>Processional</b>	The King of Glory	LMGM #341
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	"Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord"	Psalm 24
<b>Offertory</b>	* Glorious Is the Name of Jesus	LMGM #374
	** Great Is the Lord	Michael Dotson
<b>Communion</b>	* One Bread, One Body	LMGM #760
	** Glorious Is the Name of Jesus	LMGM #374
<b>Post Communion</b>	* Ave Maria	F. Schubert
	** The Beatitudes	Gail Murphy-Jones
<b>Recessional</b>	I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes	
	* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music	
	** HCSC Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music	

**Mass Attendance January 24—26, 2020**

9:00am	514 (Latin)
4:30pm	47
8:00am	118
11:00am	241
7:00pm	119
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1039</b>

**Stewardship Report: Jan. 1—31, 2020**

Budgeted Tithes: Jan. 1-31	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: Jan. 1-31	\$46,895

**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](http://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**

<b>Sunday (2/2)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (2/5)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Dance Ministry 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (2/3)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (2/7)</b> 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Tuesday (2/4)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>Saturday (2/8)</b> 9:00am Women's Min Fellowship 10:30am Social Concerns mtg 10:30am Dance Ministry

**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



#### MASS TO REMEMBER SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING / FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:

Remember those enslaved in modern-day slavery and become inspired to act. Observe the World Day of Prayer Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking and the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita with a special

intercultural Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on **Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30PM at St. Camillus Catholic Church**, 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD. Please RSVP to [MRSTraff@uscgb.org](mailto:MRSTraff@uscgb.org). See flyer in rear of church.



#### MSGR. POPE & HCSC CHOIR TO APPEAR ON TV MASS:

You are invited to be a member of the congregation at the taping of the TV Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the Crypt Church, **Thur., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**. Msgr. Pope and our choir will gather in the Crypt Church to record two Masses. The TV Mass is broadcast locally at 10:30AM on WDCW Channel 50 (CW50). For more information on this joyful act of evangelization, contact the rectory office (202-546-1886 or [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)) or just show up at the Crypt Church at the National Shrine by 6:30pm.

**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK**—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass.

**NATIONAL TELEPHONE ROSARY** held in recognition of Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month at 8pm by the National Council of Catholic Women. Call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Questions? Contact Cindy Perry at [cindy.perry@hotmail.com](mailto:cindy.perry@hotmail.com).

**THE WORD AMONG US: February issues** are available in the Candle Light 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!*



**Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council #10008** is grateful to our parish community for generously contributing to our Winter Coat Drive sponsored with Catholic Charities DC. We collected over 60 coats for those in need!

**HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be made available beginning **Mon., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org)

#### YOUTH RETREAT

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** The HCSC Youth Ministry annual **"Walk in the Light"** Youth Retreat is **Sat., March 14<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House** in Sparks, MD.

Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for more 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!



**FEBRUARY THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals on **Tue., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8PM** with a talk and Q&A at **Public Bar Live, 1214—18<sup>th</sup> St., NW**. Theme: **"Real vs. Ideal: Love, Dating, Marriage"** featuring **Chris & Katie Baker**. Happy Hour specials from 6—7PM. For details visit [adw.org/tot](http://adw.org/tot) or [facebook.com/DCCatholic](http://facebook.com/DCCatholic).

**Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:** Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a **Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) at 202-526-8300, ext.111, or email ([dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org)).



**BINGO IS BACK!** at **Incarnation Church, 880 Eastern Ave., NE**, every **First Thursday** of the month. Doors open at 6PM. Games start at **7:15PM**. Questions? Call 202-396-0942.

**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT:** All men are welcome to our annual overnight retreat held at the Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD, on **July 31—August 2**. Deacon Steven Nash of Saint Joseph, Largo, MD, will facilitate the retreat on the theme: **"God is Good—He's Better Than You Think"**. Cost: \$260—\$290. For more information contact Cyprian Jenifer (301-580-4273).

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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.

- Pastor's Media Links: [MSGRPOPE.com](http://MSGRPOPE.com)
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com) (available for iPhone & android)
- Follow us on Social Media: