

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Readings Next Weekend:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48



One critical point to understand about the Sermon on the Mount is that the Lord is describing more than prescribing. In other words he is not merely giving moral rules that are more stringent than those in the Old Testament, he is describing a transformed human being. Jesus is fundamentally saying that when he really begins to live his life in us this is what we will be like. He then gives (in today's gospel) four antitheses as examples of what he means. They are called "antitheses" because they have the form: "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you." What the Lord teaches us today is that when he begins to live his life in us we will begin to have authority over our anger, we will no longer give way to hateful and retributive anger that seeks to wound, or even kill, others. This sort of anger will abate. Further, we will have authority over our sexuality so that lustful, unchaste thoughts and behavior will give way by the power of God's grace. We will see spousal and family love increase in ourselves so that our fidelity to the marriage vow is strengthened and divorce or infidelity is no longer even a consideration. And, we will experience an integrity between our words and actions. We will stop rendering false promises and vows. When we make commitments we will follow through and we will speak the truth in love. Understand that the Lord is not simply giving you and me a list of prescribed behaviors. He is describing what the power of his cross and grace will do for us if we allow him access to our heart.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, February 16**
8:00am Darryl Graham (birthday)
11:00am Eleanor M. Holland †
7:00pm For the People
- Monday, February 17** *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
8:00am Ruby Davis-Clark †
- Tuesday, February 18**
7:00am For the intentions of Grace Stewart & family
- Wednesday, February 19**
7:00am Brevard Smith †
- Thursday, February 20**
7:00am Leocadia Stafford †
- Friday, February 21** *Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
7:00am James David Rodgers †
- Saturday, February 22** *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*
8:00am Willie Wood †
4:30pm Helen Price †

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** James 1:19-27 Mark 8:22-26
- Thursday:** James 2:1-9 Mark 8:27-33
- Friday:** James 2:14-24 Mark 8:34-9:1
- Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19

Music Schedule	
Processional Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way	LMGM #599
Responsorial Psalm "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"	Psalm 119
Offertory * Lead Me, Guide Me	LMGM #538
* * Ride on, King Jesus	
Communion I Know It Was the Blood	LMGM #382
Post Communion * * 'Tis the Ole Ship of Zion	
Recessional * * Lead Me, Guide Me	LMGM #538
* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music * * HCSC Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music	

Mass Attendance February 9, 2020	
4:30pm	46
8:00am	119
11:00am	228
7:00pm	117
Total:	510

Stewardship Report: Feb. 1—14, 2020

Budgeted Tithes: Feb. 1-14	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: Feb. 1-14	\$41,931

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 (2/16) 9:30pm Ladies of Charity mtg 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/19) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (2/17) Rectory Office closed 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (2/21) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (2/18) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Saturday (2/22) 10:00am 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

RECTORY CLOSED

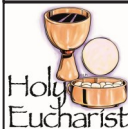
Monday, February 17th the rectory office is closed in observance of **Presidents' Day**. Morning Mass is celebrated at 8:00AM.



THE STORY OF BLACK CATHOLICS: This is a Tuesday night series led by Deacon Richard Walker at St. Dominic Church, 630 E St., WDC. Adoration is at 7:00pm (Church) and the session begins at 7:40pm (Parish Meeting Room). The **Feb. 18th** session topic is **"How to Evangelize Black non-Catholics Today"**. Visit stdominicchurch.org for details. All are welcome to this **FREE** event!



The **NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS** is an organization of African-American Roman Catholics, founded in 1889 by Daniel Rudd as the Colored Catholic Congress, and revived in the 1980s under its current name. Their mission is to improve and enrich the lives of African-American Catholics and the NBCC operates in close cooperation and coordination with the African-American Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Visit nbccongress.org for more information and a variety of resources offered on Black Catholics in the United States.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WORKSHOP will be offered **Sat., March 14th** at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**, 10201 Woodland Dr., Silver Spring, MD. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by contacting the Office of Worship at: liturgy@adw.org or call Maria Hamm (301-853-4594) and leave your name, phone, email, and parish name.

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: All men are welcome to our annual overnight retreat on **July 31—August 2** held at the Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD. 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).



Come see our very own **Robert E. Person** in **"The Amen Corner"** at The Shakespeare Theatre Company (610 F St. NW, WDC) thru March 15th. This powerful play, rich with music and lyrical prose by James Baldwin, tackles the role of the church in the Black community. For tickets: www.shakespearetheatre.org/events/the-amen-corner-19-20/. Call the rectory office for possible group discounts.

Youth Ministry News

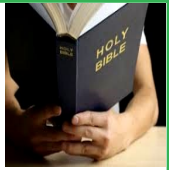
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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YOUTH RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!!! The HCSC Youth Ministry Annual Retreat is **Sat., March 14th** at **Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House** in Sparks, MD. The theme is **"I Will Speak Boldly the Gospel of Jesus Christ."** Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Registration forms with more information are available in the rear of the church and on our website (hscchurch.org).

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!



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Feb. 22nd**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory office by **4PM on Fri., Feb. 21st**. Questions? Please reach out to our new **HCSC CONTACT: Evette Benton** (240-863-7969 or EvetteRBenton@hotmail.com).

DIACONATE FORMATION: The diaconate formation office is holding **"Come and See"** meetings for men to learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program, which will be conducting interviews for the Ordination Class of 2025. Men of prayer with a heart for service to the Church and the community, between the ages of 30 to 60 who are feeling called to learn more about deacons are encouraged to attend on **Wed., March 4th, 7-9 PM** at the **Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., N.E.** Inquiring married men are strongly encouraged to bring their wife to the "Come and See" meeting. Current Deacons and their wives will be at these meetings to answer questions and share their experiences. For more information, visit the diaconate formation webpage on the Archdiocese of Washington website (adw.org).

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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 (available for iPhone & android)
- Follow us on Social Media: