

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10



The Gospel today speaks to us of how better to see Jesus, to have our eyes opened. Interestingly enough the answer is the Mass. For this gospel has the form of a Mass. There is a gathering of two disciples just as we gather for Mass. And sure enough, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20). As Jesus walks with them he engages them in a sort of Penitential Rite as he inquires as to what they are discussing and doing. So too for us, we are asked to reflect on what we are doing and saying at the beginning of Mass. Then comes the Liturgy of the Word where Jesus draws from Scripture and explains its meaning to them. So too for us in the Mass as the readings and the homily break open God's Word. Next, Jesus sits at table, breaks the Bread, says the blessing and gives it to them. This is for us done in the celebration of Holy Communion. With all this, their eyes are opened and they recognize him. How? In effect, by the celebration of the Mass. It is the same for us. One last thing—they run to tell others what they have experienced, which is exactly what you are asked to do when the Deacon says, "The Mass is ended, go in peace."

FUNERAL: Thomas Dolen Colbert (April 29)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, April 26** *Third Sunday of Easter*
Clergy Mass—Theresa Lindsey (Birthday)
- Monday, April 27**
Clergy Mass—Larry Elgin †
- Tuesday, April 28**
Clergy Mass—Claude Tompkins, Sr.
- Wednesday, April 29** *St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of Church*
Clergy Mass—Zachary Carlson †
- Thursday, April 30**
Clergy Mass—Frank James (birthday)
- Friday, May 1**
Clergy Mass—Frank & Theresa James (wedding anniv.)
- Saturday, May 2** *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of Church*
Clergy Mass—For the People

MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC: Although our parish is unable to celebrate a public Mass until further notice, Msgr. Pope will celebrate his private Mass (*Clergy Mass*) daily and will pray for the Mass Intention for that day. If there is more than one Mass on that day (ex: Saturday & Sunday), then he is only obligated to have ONE Mass intention per day. Thus, if there is more than one **previously scheduled** Mass intention for that day then our staff has been instructed to move one of those Mass intentions to another. We apologize for those mass intentions that we decide to move but please understand the current situation. **We are also accepting new Mass intentions for future dates.** If you have questions or would like to submit a Mass intention, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or email: jcwalker@hscchurch.org

PARISH NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Please visit our parish website daily at hscchurch.org for weekly video greetings and homilies from the Pastor and other updates on our parish.



Download **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device to stay in touch with what's happening at our parish. Visit your app store (*available for android & Apple phones*). Make sure to turn on your notifications after you download so you can receive updates and information.

HCSC is also on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). Make sure you stay in touch!

CONFESSION TIMES AT HCSC: Although we are unable to celebrate a public Mass at our church during the pandemic, Msgr. Pope is able to offer the time schedule listed below to hear confessions (*in the sanctuary*):

Sun. 7:30-8:00AM; 10:00-10:30AM; 6:30-7:00PM, and Sat. 4:00-4:30PM

NOTE: Please be sure to wear a mask to church and practice safe physical distancing. Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary.

TITHING DURING THIS PANDEMIC: This is a very difficult time for everyone both spiritually and financially. If you are able to send your tithes, please know that you can submit it electronically and securely through **Faith Direct**. Visit faith.direct/DC59 or call 1-866-507-8757 to begin eGiving or to make a one-time donation. If you are unable to use electronic tithing, you are welcome to drop your contribution off at the rectory office or mail it to the rectory (1357 E. Capitol St., SE, WDC, 20003). Please do not leave your donation in the church if clergy or staff is not present. Thank you for your support and generosity.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (April 26)
7:30-8am Confessions
10-10:30am Confessions
6:30-7pm Confessions | Wednesday (April 29)
6:30-7pm Confessions
7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM) |
| Monday (April 27)
8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM) | Friday (May 1)
6-7:00pm Confessions |
| | Saturday (May 2)
4-4:30pm Confessions |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Monday: | Acts 6:8-15 | John 6:22-29 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 7:51—8:1 | John 6:30-35 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 8:1-8 | John 6:35-40 |
| Thursday: | Acts 8:26-40 | John 6:44-51 |
| Friday: | Acts 9:1-20 | John 6:52-59 |
| Saturday: | Acts 9:31-42 | John 6:60-69 |

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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RESOURCES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: Many people feel powerless in the face of this pandemic. We see in a devastating way how widely a virus spreads person to person. We have confidence that God allows the good that we do, our prayer and our actions, to make a positive impact on brothers and sisters. As Pope Francis encourages us, *“Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty.”* (Evangeli Gaudium, no. 259)

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE FALLEN: The Catholic Labor Network will honor Memorial day by live-streaming a memorial mass for fallen workers 3PM on April 28th, and you are invited. Whether you are able to attend or not, you are invited to submit the names of friends, relatives, co-workers and others who have died on-the-job or from work-related illnesses, so they can be remembered in this votive mass. Send the names of those you would like remembered to clayton@catholiclabor.org. Visit: catholiclabor.org for more information on the Mass and how to view the live-stream.

WATCH MASS ON TELEVISION OR LIVE-STREAM

We pray that you and your family are trying to find ways to celebrate Mass while at home. There are many ways to watch a live Mass from home during the pandemic. Visit adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a weekly list of parishes that are offering a live-stream of the mass. Here are a few other ways to view Mass on a daily and weekly basis:

- ⇒ **Archdiocese of Washington TV Mass:** Sundays at 10:30AM on WDCW-50 or any time at adw.org/tvmass.
- ⇒ **Cathedral of St. Matthews the Apostle (WDC):** Sunday homilies on the parish *YouTube* Channel.
- ⇒ **Catholic Information Center (WDC):** Daily Mass at 9:30AM, Adoration at 10AM and Rosary at 12:30noon on their *YouTube* channel.

A MILLION ROSARIES: Every prayer counts! Join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up at: <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.



During this pandemic, you are invited to join Msgr. Pope **online through ZOOM**. If you'd like to be added to the invite list to receive the link, please send your name via email to pam@hcschurch.org and indicate which bible study you prefer (or both if you like).

- ⇒ **Monday Bible Study group** will begin at **8PM**. The current topic is **Acts of the Apostles**.
- ⇒ **Wednesday Bible Study group** begins at **7:15PM**. The current topic is the **First Letter to Timothy**.

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR STIMULUS CHECK? If you did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and/or do not receive social security, you need to take action in order to get the money you are owed. In partnership with the IRS, Catholic Charities offers a free program to help you quickly get paid the money you are owed. Typical payments range from \$1200 to \$3900 depending on the number of people in your household and your income. To qualify, you must: have a Social Security Number (ITIN holders are excluded); and NOT be a tax dependent of someone else. Contact Catholic Charities at fnsn@cc-dc.org.



NIGHTLY ROSARY: The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in a nightly Rosary at **8PM, 7 days a week**. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health-challenged world. To join us, **call 605-468-8016. ID: 357090#**. If you have any questions, please email archdiocesecw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources visit <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>. See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily meditations.

LIVE STREAM THE ROSARY: The Servants of the Lord invite you to join them **LIVE every day** to pray the Rosary at **7PM**. You can participate via YouTube at youtube.com/user/SSVMUSA. The Sisters will continue to **LIVESTREAM** their devotions every day during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. **NOTE:** If you live in the neighborhood, please join the Sisters as they walk and recite the Rosary around Lincoln Park (13th & E. Capitol St., SE). You can meet up with them a few minutes prior to 12:30noon in front of HCSC or just join them in the park.

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To learn more about the HCSC parish community or if you are interested in joining our parish, contact us at: hcsstaff@hcschurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am—3:30pm;
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—closed

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- Pastor's Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com
- HCSC App: myParishapp.com (for Android & Apple)
- Follow us on Social Media: