

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12



Many Christians have memorized the 23rd Psalm and joyfully recite it. Most consider its words deeply consoling and reassuring. Certainly this is true. But the 23rd Psalm is also a Psalm of Confession. In effect we are saying that since the Lord is my shepherd I follow only him and not another shepherd. Jesus declares in the Gospel today that his sheep follow him and that they will not follow the voice of another shepherd. In fact, they will run from a false shepherd who they do not recognize! Are we like this? Are we as smart as sheep? Too often we not only fail to flee false shepherds we run after them and cling to them. We expose ourselves to all sorts of morally dangerous influences and enjoy the diversions and deviations of the world. If the Lord really is our Shepherd we will listen only to him, judge all other voices against his and run quickly from any voice that is not his. Is the Lord truly your Shepherd or just one voice among many that you heed?

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!

FUNERAL: Ray Anthony Blanchard (Wed., May 6th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, May 3** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Clergy Mass—Clarence Lindsey (birthday)
- Monday, May 4**
Clergy Mass—Leola Greenfield †
- Tuesday, May 5**
Clergy Mass—Lucy Jones † (birthday)
- Wednesday, May 6**
Clergy Mass—James O. Neale †
- Thursday, May 7**
Clergy Mass—Raymond J. Vanzego, Sr. † (birthday)
- Friday, May 8**
Clergy Mass—David H. Gwynn †
- Saturday, May 9**
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

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

Sunday (May 3) 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	Wednesday (May 6) 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Monday (May 4) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (May 8) 6-7:00pm Confessions
	Saturday (May 9) 4-4:30pm Confessions

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18	John 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5	John 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14

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 PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE



MAY DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. Join the HCSC Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary **every Sunday during May** and pray the Rosary together at 10:00AM via conference call.

Dial 1 (717) 275-8940, Participant Code 4870631.



Please note that our church sanctuary is **OPEN** every day from 8AM-8PM for private prayer. Please remember to wear your mask and follow appropriate physical distancing. Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary and we ask that you do not crowd more than 10 people at a time in the sanctuary.

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>.

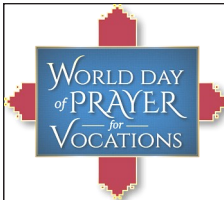
OUR LADY OF BETHESDA ONLINE: OLB offers on-line versions of the Spiritual Exercises retreats, Women's Mini-Retreats, Men's Evenings of Reflection, and a reflection for married and engaged couples. The popular **Three To Get Married** marriage prep program will also be offered online! If you are an engaged couple worried about finishing marriage preparation in the near-term, OLB can be of service. The next 3 previously scheduled dates will be offered remotely: **May 7-10 / Jun 11-14 / Jun 25-28**. For all questions, contact Jane Newstedt at: jnewstedt@ourladyofbethesda.org or 301-365-0612.

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

During the pandemic, join Msgr. Pope **online via ZOOM**. To be added to the list to receive the link, send your name via email to: pam@hscchurch.org for the Monday night session; and dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com for the Wednesday night session.

- ⇒ **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**.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations on May 3rd. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
 - Throughout the week, pray for our parish clergy.
 - Encourage your children/grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
 - Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.
- Visit worlddayofprayerforvocations.com for more info.

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

LIVE STREAM THE ROSARY: Join the Servants of the Lord **LIVE every day** to pray the Rosary at **4PM**. You can participate at youtube.com/user/SSVMUSA. The Sisters will continue to **LIVESTREAM** their devotions every day during the pandemic. **NOTE:** If you live in the neighborhood, join the Sisters daily as they walk and recite the Rosary around Lincoln Park (13th & E. Capitol St., SE). You can meet them at 12:30noon in front of HCSC or 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: hscstaff@hscchurch.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: 