

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21



Today's second reading gives us a way to go from being tombstones to living stones, in three stages. The first stage is the Call. The text says come to Jesus, a living stone, rejected by man but chosen by God and let yourself, like living stones, be built into a spiritual house. Notice the image of a stone. A stone has weight, substance, is no push over. But note the image of a living stone. And so, we who are alive are called to have the qualities of the stone, but are alive in Christ. Next, notice the Choice. The text says whoever believes shall not be put to shame. Hence, we become living stones through faith. We have a choice to make, either we will chose Christ and grow into living stones, or we will just remain a tombstone. Finally, notice the Characteristics of we who become living stones. Note that we have a pedigree for the text says we are a chosen race. We also have a priesthood for the text says we are a royal priesthood. We also have a place, for the text calls us a Holy Nation. The word holy means, called out to be different. So, we are in the world but not of the world. Lastly, we have a proclamation for the text says that we are to announce the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, May 10** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Clergy Mass—Deceased Holton Family members
- Monday, May 11**
Clergy Mass—Ray Anthony Blanchard, Sr. †
- Tuesday, May 12**
Clergy Mass—Martina Redmond †
- Wednesday, May 13**
Clergy Mass—For those suffering from this pandemic
- Thursday, May 14**
Clergy Mass—Vashti Woodson †
- Friday, May 15**
Clergy Mass—Thomas Dolen Colbert †
- Saturday, May 16**
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 then 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 jwalker@hscchurch.org

PARISH NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Please visit our parish website daily at hscchurch.org for weekly video greetings and recorded Masses 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**
- ◆ **Sat. 4:00-4:30PM**
- ◆ **Wed. 6:30-7:15PM**

NOTE: Please be sure to wear a mask 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 10) 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	Wednesday (May 13) 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Monday (May 11) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (May 15) 6-7:00pm Confessions
	Saturday (May 16) 4-4:30pm Confessions

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

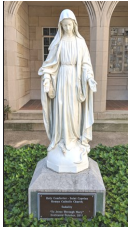
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

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 month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. 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 **10AM** via conference call. Dial 1-717-275-8940, Participant Code 4870631.



2020 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN RECOGNITION:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is uncertain as to whether the Archdiocese will celebrate a Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years in June. But, we would still like to submit your anniversary information to the Archdiocese to acknowledge your anniversary milestone. Send the information requested below to jcwalker@hscchurch.org:
Name of couple; Years married; Mailing address and contact information (phone & email).
Stay tuned for more details on how you will be acknowledged.

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. We ask that you do not crowd more than 10 people at a time in the sanctuary.



RECORDED SUNDAY MASS FROM HCSC:

Msgr. Pope and members of our Music Ministry have been recording the Mass for upcoming Sundays. Visit our website (www.hscchurch.org) each weekend for the recorded Mass. The video will also be available on our YouTube channel (HCSC Church).

WATCH MASS ON TELEVISION OR LIVE-STREAM

We pray that you and your family are able to celebrate Mass while at home. Besides viewing the recorded Mass from HCSC on our website; there are other ways to watch a live Mass during the pandemic. Visit adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a weekly list of parishes offering a live-stream of the mass or see the list below:

- ⇒ **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.



We're improving the way we connect with you by using **FLOCKNOTE**, a parish communications tool. It

enables us to efficiently manage distribution lists and send messages. It enables you to choose the news you want to get, giving you direct access to manage your subscriptions and change your contact info at any time. Bible study and general parish news are now sent from **Flocknote**, and we will expand to all ministries and organizations in the coming months. Subscribe today and stay connected. It's quick and easy to do! Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit online at <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>

Bible Studies—get updates on upcoming sessions and past recordings;

Parish News—get info on feast/holy day services, parish-wide activities, mass recordings, changes in hours;

From the Pastor's desk—get message directly from Msgr, including videos and links to pertinent articles;

Weekly Bulletins—get notified when the current bulletin is available.



NEW SIGN-IN INFORMATION:

During the pandemic, join Msgr. Pope online via Zoom. To receive the link and subsequent

recordings, add yourself to our email list by subscribing to the group of your choice at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

⇒ **Monday Young Adult Bible Study** group begins 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*.

LIVE-STREAM THE ROSARY: The Servants of the Lord invite you to join them **LIVE every evening** to pray the Rosary on YouTube at youtube.com/user/SSVMUSA at **7PM**. The Sisters will continue to LIVE-STREAM their evening devotions during the COVID-19 pandemic. **ALSO:** 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). Meet up with them a few minutes prior to 12:30noon in front of HCSC or join them in the park.

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>.

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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: