

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 1:1-11      Eph 1:17-23      Matthew 28:16-20



In rising from the dead one of the gifts that Jesus gives us is the power to love. In today's gospel, we learn the lessons of love. Note first the **Power of God's love**. The text says if you love me you will keep my commandments. Notice how love is the power by which we keep the commandments. Love changes our hearts. The more God's love is in us the more we keep the commandments, not because we have to but because we want to. Next, note the **Person of God's love**. Jesus promises that he will send us the holy Spirit who will dwell within us. The Holy Spirit is the love of God, the power of God, and the life of God. The Holy Spirit not only transforms our hearts but also our minds, for the Lord describes him as the Spirit of truth. As we grow in God's grace our minds begin to think differently, and we grow to understand God's word more fully. Finally, note the **Proof of God's love**. The Lord says that we will come to realize that he is with and in us. The word "realize" means to experience something as real. Jesus adds "and you will live." What Jesus is saying is that as his love grows in us we will come to experience the power of new life. We will become more alive, more joyful, and more serene. Are you a witness as to how you come to experience new life by the power of God's love?

**DEATHS:**    **Ann Bailey** (died May 3, 2020)  
                  **Lydia Brown** (died May 11, 2020)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, May 17** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Clergy Mass—Mary Lindsey †  
**Monday, May 18** *Saint John 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope and Martyr*  
Clergy Mass—Cornell Tompkins † (birthday)  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
Clergy Mass—Reba L. Neale †  
**Wednesday, May 20** *Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*  
Clergy Mass—Patricia Hines-Stafford †  
**Thursday, May 21** *St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr*  
Clergy Mass—For the intentions of Joyce Williams  
**Friday, May 22** *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
Clergy Mass—James Clyde Walker †  
**Saturday, May 23**  
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 jwalker@hscchurch.org

**PARISH NEWS**

**COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC:** Please visit our parish website daily at [hscchurch.org](http://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**
- ◆ **Fri. 6:00-7:00PM**

**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](http://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**

<b>Sunday (May 17)</b> 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	<b>Wednesday (May 20)</b> 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
<b>Monday (May 18)</b> 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	<b>Friday (May 22)</b> 6-7:00pm Confessions
	<b>Saturday (May 23)</b> 4-4:30pm Confessions

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26—16:4
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	John 16:12-15
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 18:1-8	John 16:16-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23-28

**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:**

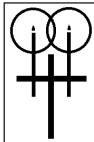
*A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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, the Archdiocese has postponed the Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years until the fall. We will still submit your anniversary information to the Archdiocese to acknowledge your anniversary milestone. Send the information requested below to [jwalker@hscchurch.org](mailto:jwalker@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.



### HCSC SUNDAY MASSES RECORDED:

Msgr. Pope and members of our Music Ministry are recording the Sunday Mass. Visit [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org) for the recorded Mass. The video is also available on our YouTube channel (HCSC Church).

**LIVE-STREAM THE ROSARY:** The Servants of the Lord invite you to join them LIVE daily at **7PM** to pray the Rosary on YouTube at [youtube.com/user/SSVMUSA](https://youtube.com/user/SSVMUSA). The Sisters will LIVE-STREAM their evening devotions during the COVID-19 pandemic. **ALSO:** The Sisters are praying for those suffering every day around 12:30noon. They walk and recite the Rosary around Lincoln Park (13<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol St., SE).

**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 to get the money owed to you. In partnership with the IRS, Catholic Charities offers a free program to help you get your the money owed to you. Typical payments range from \$1200 to \$3900 depending on the number of people in a 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 [fsn@cc-dc.org](mailto:fsn@cc-dc.org).

### PRINCE GEORGE'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE:

Emergency assistance for rental and utility payments is available for PG County tenants whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Applicants should visit: [mypgc.us/renthelp](http://mypgc.us/renthelp) or call 301-864-7161. Payments will be made directly to the landlord or utility company.



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](http://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**.



We're improving the way we connect with you by using **FLOCKNOTE**, a parish communications tool that enables us to manage distribution lists and send messages. You can choose the news you want, giving you access to manage your subscriptions and change your contact info at any time. Bible study and general parish news are sent from **Flocknote**, and we will expand to all ministries and organizations in coming months. Subscribe today and stay connected. It's quick and easy! 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.

### WATCH MASS ON TELEVISION OR LIVE-STREAM

We pray that you and your family are able to celebrate Mass while at home by viewing the recorded HCSC Mass on our website. There are other live Masses available on TV and online during the pandemic. Visit [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://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](http://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.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about the HCSC parish community or if you are interested in joining our parish, contact us at: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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](http://MSGRPOPE.com)
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com) (for Android & Apple)
- Follow us on Social Media: