

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



Today's **Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord** is sometimes overlooked because it falls between two other major solemnities of the Church: the Resurrection, and Pentecost. The fact that it was traditionally celebrated on a Thursday forty days after the Lord's resurrection also helped to obscure this great feast. The Ascension is important for at least two reasons. First, Christ's ascension into heaven completes his earthly mission. As he was "lifted up into the heavens," the humanity of Jesus enters into its divine glory and the gates of heaven are now opened for us. We have the hope that we too might go with him as he promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). Second, the ascension of our Lord allows for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will give life to the Church and make it holy.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



- Sunday, May 24** *The Ascension of the Lord*
Clergy Mass — Donald W. Greenfield †
- Monday, May 25** *Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest*
Clergy Mass — Kenyon C. Jones † (birthday)
- Tuesday, May 26** *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*
Clergy Mass — Rose Peter †
- Wednesday, May 27** *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*
Clergy Mass — Deborah Addison-Jones †
- Thursday, May 28**
Clergy Mass — Austin Roe Ketchum †
- Friday, May 29**
Clergy Mass — Coulter Nakamura †
- Saturday, May 30**
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. On Saturday and Sunday when normally more than one Mass is celebrated 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 our staff has been instructed to move one of those Mass intentions to another day. We apologize for mass intentions that must be moved but please understand and maintain a Christian attitude. **We are still accepting Mass intentions for future dates**, so if you have questions or would like to submit a Mass intention, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or email: jcwalker@hcschurch.org

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

PARISH NEWS

REOPENING THE CHURCH: With many of the states gradually reopening, we expect DC to follow suit within the next 2-3 weeks. Please **stay in touch** to learn when and how our parish plans to reopen safely.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website daily at hcschurch.org for weekly video greetings and homilies from the Pastor and other updates on the parish during this pandemic.



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!



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://hcschurch.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—be notified of the current bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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

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| Sunday (May 24)
7:30-8am Confessions
10-10:30am Confessions
6:30-7pm Confessions | Wednesday (May 27)
6:30-7pm Confessions
7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM) |
| Monday (May 25) Memorial Day—Rectory Closed
8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM) | Friday (May 29)
6-7:00pm Confessions |
| | Saturday (May 30)
4-4:30pm Confessions |

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

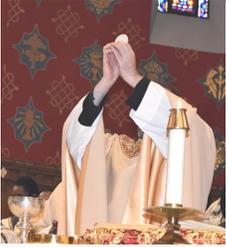
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OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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

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UPDATES IN THE PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE



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.hcscchurch.org) each weekend for the recorded Mass. The video will also be available on our YouTube channel (HCSC Church).

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.



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 on **Sundays during May** and pray the Rosary together at **10AM** via conference call. Dial 1-717-275-8940, with code 4870631.

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

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 hcscchurch.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**.

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.

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:** Every day around 12:30noon, the Sisters walk around Lincoln Park (13th & E. Capitol St., SE) while reciting the Rosary to pray for the community and the world during this pandemic.

A MILLION ROSARIES: Join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up at: littlesistersofthepoor.org.

ADW RE-OPENING UPDATES: Some of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington will be re-opening as early as May 24 (HCSC is not yet included in that re-opening date). The archdiocese has released important information to consider **BEFORE** you return to Mass. Please take a few moments to read and become familiar with some of the protocols and precautions that will be in place when Mass begins again. Visit <https://adw.org/coronavirus/> for details.



2020 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN RECOGNITION: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocese has postponed the Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years to the fall. So, we still want to submit your anniversary information to the Archdiocese to acknowledge your anniversary milestone. Send the information requested below to jcwalker@hcscchurch.org:

Name of couple; Years married; Mailing address and contact information (phone & email).

Stay tuned for more details on how you will be acknowledged.

HAPPY HOUR WITH HOLY TRINITY YOUNG ADULTS: Cheers, you've made it through another week of social distancing! Celebrate with the Holy Trinity Church Young Adult Catholics (YAC) by raising a glass and catching up with friends for a **Virtual Happy Hour, Fridays 5:30—7:30PM**. Email Mary Cain at mary.cain323@gmail.com on Friday by 5PM to get the invite with the meeting room information. We encourage you to donate the cost of your drink to help feed the homeless in DC at Friendship Place.

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.

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To learn more about the HCSC parish community or if you are interested in joining our parish, contact us at: hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hcscchurch) (for Android & Apple)
- Follow us on Social Media: [f](https://www.facebook.com/hcscchurch) [i](https://www.instagram.com/hcscchurch) [y](https://www.youtube.com/hcscchurch)