

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ex 34:4-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18



Today is the **Feast of Pentecost**. The word Pentecost is from the Greek and it means “fifty days.” So it is fifty days since the Lord has Risen from the dead. In the first reading from Acts we see that the Apostles and numerous other disciples along with Mary are gathered together to pray. Up until this time they have been a rather frightened little group. They dared not venture out and speak openly of Jesus for fear of repercussions. In many ways we can be like them. We fear to speak of Jesus and our faith to others. Perhaps they will laugh or perhaps they will rebuke us. It is so easy to stay behind the closed doors and just witness to each other where it’s safe. But notice that the Holy Spirit came upon this early gathering of disciples and He changed them. They open the doors and they, along with Peter, go forth. Peter preaches a powerful sermon out in the open and that day 3000 are added to their number. Many of us will be returning to Mass soon. I know some who are vulnerable will return later. But I ask all of you to help me rebuild the parish. I think we need to be aware that it’s going to take consistent effort to rebuild. Things we were used to such as vibrant music and ministries will take time to come back online. Patient, prudent and persistent rebuilding must be our goal at this point. Come Holy Spirit and help us!

FUNERAL: Wanda Marie Veney (June 1, 2020)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday**
Clergy Mass — Briana Snell (birthday)
- Monday, June 1 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
Clergy Mass — Linda Simpson (birthday-May 31st)
- Tuesday, June 2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**
Clergy Mass — Brian Gilliam (birthday)
- Wednesday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**
Clergy Mass — Betty Jean Robinson †
- Thursday, June 4**
Clergy Mass — Vernon Flemming †
- Friday, June 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
Clergy Mass — Ann Bailey †
- Saturday, June 6 Saint Norbert, Bishop**
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@hscchurch.org

PARISH NEWS

RE-OPENING UPDATE: Although DC Mayor Bowser recently announced that the District is entering Phase 1 of re-opening on Fri., May 29th, our parish is awaiting instructions from the Archbishop before we announce the re-opening of our church. Please see next page for details.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hscchurch.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://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**—be notified of the current bulletin.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Acts 1:12-14	John 19:25-34
Tuesday:	2 Peter 3:12-18	Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Mark 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Mark 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Mark 12:38-44

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (May 31) 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	Wednesday (June 3) 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Monday (June 1) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (June 5) 6-7:00pm Confessions
	Saturday (June 6) 4-4:30pm Confessions

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

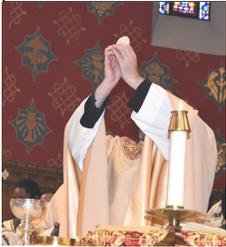
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

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



RECORDED HCSC SUNDAY MASS: 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. Please do not crowd more than 10 people at a time in the sanctuary.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Although we are unable to celebrate a public Mass at our church during the pandemic, Msgr. Pope is able to offer scheduled times to hear confessions. Please see 'This Week at the Parish' box on the opposite page for times. **NOTE:** Please be sure to wear a mask to church and practice safe physical distancing. Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary.



HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH RE-OPENING: We have assembled a task-force to coordinate our church re-opening within the next few weeks. **We need**

volunteers who are willing to serve as ushers and hosts at our weekend Masses. Please contact the rectory at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: During this pandemic, the demand for food has increased. We are grateful to the parishioners who have donated over the last two months but we would use some more specific food items. If you are able, please purchase the following items and drop off or have it delivered to the rectory: boxed spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned potatoes, mixed veggies, corn, tuna, salmon, pancake syrup, jelly, rice, and canned chicken. Call 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

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.



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**.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON RE-OPENING UPDATES:

Some of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington re-opened on May 24th (HCSC was 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 may be in place when Mass begins again. Visit <https://adw.org/coronavirus/> for details.

The process for our parish may be a bit different since we have a very large sanctuary and are able to seat more people. Msgr. Pope has convened a task-force that is coordinating a plan for our re-opening in the next few weeks. We will probably have some form of reservation for parishioners so that we can follow the guidelines from the local government to keep every one social distancing and safe. We kindly ask your patience as we navigate this process. Stay tuned to the website and any email you may receive over the next few weeks. If possible, we may employ the use of automatic phone calling services to relay any updates. We are so looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

HAPPY HOUR WITH 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 other young adults 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](http://FriendshipPlace.org).

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, please 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 (for Android & Apple)
- Follow us on Social Media: