

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16      1 Corinthians 10:16-17      John 6:51-58



When Saint Augustine was asked about the Trinity he responded: "If you ask me, I do not know. If you don't ask me I know." In other words, some things cannot be put into words. An old desert father put it this way: "Those who know do not say. Those who say do not know." His students were puzzled and asked him to explain. He then asked them, "Do you know the smell of a rose?" Everyone raised his hand. He then said, "Put it into words!" And they all remained silent. Again, some things cannot be reduced to words. The mystery of the Trinity that we celebrate today is like that. The less we say the better. And yet we must speak at least a little. God is one and yet God refers to himself in the plural (e.g. Let us make man in our image and after our own likeness. – Genesis 1:26). When God appeared to Abraham, behold three men stood before him (Gn 18:1). Jesus speaks of his Father and Himself as being one and promises that they would send their Holy Spirit. Mysteriously, God is Three and God is One. Careful, don't say too much, just listen and reverence the mystery.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, June 7** *The Most Holy Trinity*  
Clergy Mass — Annise Yates † (birthday)
- Monday, June 8**  
Clergy Mass — Rita G. Holland †
- Tuesday, June 9** *St. Ephrem, Deacon*  
Clergy Mass — Connie Savoy (birthday)
- Wednesday, June 10**  
Clergy Mass — Lydia Brown †
- Thursday, June 11** *Saint Barnabas, Apostle*  
Clergy Mass — For the intentions of Tyree Gilliam, Jr.
- Friday, June 5**  
Clergy Mass — Bernice Fortini †
- Saturday, June 6** *Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest*  
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](mailto:jcwalker@hscchurch.org)

**PARISH NEWS**

**PROBLEMS WITH RECTORY OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM:**

Due to power outage this past week, the rectory phone system is not working properly. We are unable to repair until later. We can still receive phone calls but the voicemail and auto-attendant answering service is not working.

**COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC:** Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](http://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**

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kings 17:1-6	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kings 17:7-16	Matthew 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kings 18:20-39	Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3	Matthew 5:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Kings 19:9, 11-16	Matthew 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Kings 19:19-21	Matthew 5:33-37

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (June 7)</b> 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	<b>Wednesday (June 10)</b> 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
<b>Monday (June 8)</b> 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	<b>Friday (June 12)</b> 6-7:00pm Confessions
	<b>Saturday (June 13)</b> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.



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](http://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**.

**RE-OPENING UPDATE:** The Archdiocese of Washington is working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that parishes in the District open soon. This past week a request for a waiver from the ten-person limit was filed with the DC Government. This is because many churches like ours seat more than 700 people and can permit social distancing even with 75 - 100 present. If we are limited in attendance we may need to request that our parishioners 'reserve' space at each of the Masses so we can accommodate as many as possible.

Meanwhile, Msgr. Pope has convened a task-force that is coordinating a plan for when our parish re-opens in the next few weeks. We will carefully follow the guidelines from the local government. This will include asking you to wear a mask inside the church, and to sit only in designated places to maintain social distancing. Care will be taken in distributing Holy Communion and ushers will assist you in entering and exiting the building.

The archdiocese has released important information for you to consider **BEFORE** you return to Mass. Please take a few minutes to 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.

Please stay tuned to the parish website ([hcscchurch.org](http://hcscchurch.org)) and any emails you may receive over the next two weeks. If possible, we may employ the usage of an automatic phone calling service to relay the updates as well.

We are so looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

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