

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jer 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33



One of the key texts of Scripture to commit to memory is John 6:53, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Jesus was referring to the Holy Communion we must receive every Sunday. He references the situation of the Jewish people in the wilderness. They had finally been led out of slavery in Egypt and passed through the Red Sea into freedom. This is an image of baptism. But they were not in the promised land yet. They had to journey across the desert before they could enter the Promised Land. Food was scarce in the desert and when they were near death God gave them manna from heaven each morning. Manna was a dough-like substance they collected from the field and could be kneaded and baked like bread. Hence, they called it "bread from heaven." Without that bread they would not have made it to the Promised Land. Jesus is saying the same to us. It is not enough to be baptized. We have to journey across the desert of this life to the Promised Land of heaven. In order to make it we also have to eat or perish. This is why Jesus says UNLESS you eat... Unless we regularly receive Holy Communion we are starving spiritually and Jesus warns that we will not make it. He says we are dying and have no life in us. Please pray that public Masses resume at once. Many are spiritually famished.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 14 *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

Clergy Mass — Wanda Veney †

Monday, June 15

7:00am — Ray A. Blanchard, Sr. †

Tuesday, June 16

7:00am — Maureen Hines †

Wednesday, June 17

7:00am — Margaret Dean †

Thursday, June 18

7:00am — Ann Bailey †

Friday, June 19 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7:00am — Rose Peter †

Saturday, June 20 *Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am — For the People

MASS INTENTIONS: As we begin our gradual re-opening with the celebration of a public Mass beginning June 15th, we invite you to continue your spiritual work of mercy by offering the intentions of the Mass in the memory of a loved one. Contact Jimmie Claire Walker at the rectory at 202-546-1885 or jcwalker@hscchurch.org for more information on mass intentions. The standard donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16 Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29 Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14 Matthew 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11 1 John 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Luke 2:41-51

PARISH NEWS

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.

TITHING: This is a very difficult time for everyone both spiritually and financially. If you are able to tithe, you can submit it electronically and securely through **Faith Direct** at 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 at the rectory office or mail it to the rectory (1357 E. Capitol St., SE, WDC 20003). Thank you for your support and generosity.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (6/14) 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	Wednesday (6/17) 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Monday (6/15) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (6/19) 6-7:00pm Holy Hour & Confessions
	Saturday (6/20) 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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PARISH NEWS



As the city begins to lift its restrictions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocese of Washington is following the local jurisdiction's guidelines to resume the celebration of a **PUBLIC MASS** under a limited basis.

Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian will resume a PUBLIC MASS beginning Monday, June 15 at 7:00AM. Please note that there are a number of restrictions and protocols that we must follow:

- ◆ Only **10 people** are allowed inside the church building for the Mass and that includes the celebrant.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- ◆ Other protocols have been created so that everyone in attendance will be in a safe environment.
- ◆ Attendance at the Mass will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The chapel will open at 7:00AM and once the maximum has been reached (9 people), the remaining parishioners who cannot attend will be given the Holy Eucharist at a brief communion service held outside the chapel (prior to the Mass). After that brief communion service, the celebrant will continue with the Mass for those inside the chapel. Please know that we would like to accommodate more people but we have to follow the local jurisdiction's restrictions at this time. Daily Masses will be held every week day at 7:00AM in the same manner until further notice from the city. Saturday Mass will be held at 8:00AM with the same restrictions.

Our Sunday Mass will resume the weekend of June 20-21 but we are waiting to hear from the Mayor as to whether the 10 person limit will be increased when the local government makes a decision on June 19 (which is dependent on the current status of COVID-19 infection numbers). So, at this time we are unable to provide more information on the times and limitations for next weekends Mass schedule and protocols.

Msgr. Pope and the staff have created two brief videos to explain our re-opening and provide more logistical details on what to expect. The videos were sent out via email to many of our parishioners and is available on our website (hscchurch.org). Please take a moment to view them.

Please know that we want to resume our public liturgies as soon as possible. We are being prudent and cautious because we care for you and your family's safety and well-being. We continue to ask for your patience and continued prayer as we press forward during these challenging times. We are looking forward to once again celebrating the Mass with all of our parish family and friends. God bless you all.



RECORDED HCSC SUNDAY MASS: 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).

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.



HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH RE-OPENING: We have assembled a task-force to coordinate our church re-opening for next weekend. **We need volunteers** who

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



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**.

Dialogue with Archbishop Gregory on "Racism in Our Streets and Structures". The Georgetown Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life recently hosted an online public dialogue on "Racism in Our Streets and Structures: A Test of Faith, A Crisis for Our Nation." Almost 8,000 viewers participated in the dialogue, including Cardinal Peter Turkson from the Vatican who surprised the group by joining the dialogue to offer words of solidarity. If you missed this event you can still view a video recording of the dialogue on YouTube. Search for *Racism in Our Streets and Structures*.

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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.

Mass Schedule (during pandemic): Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel), Saturday 8am (Chapel)

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:   