

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42



The Gospel for this Sunday is about fear. Jesus teaches that we must learn to fear the right thing and the right one. We are forever fearing the loss of temporal and passing things like money, health and so forth. We also fear excessively what others think of us and what they can do to us. But much of this is misplaced and out of proportion to what is truly important. More important than the loss of passing things is the loss of eternal blessings such as God and heaven. Yet we fear losing money more than salvation. And we fear man more than God. The sin of human respect is to fear what people think of us more than what God thinks of us and to desire pleasing man, more than God. To all of this Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." God has the power to welcome us to heaven or consign us to hell. We ought to have a holy fear of God. The loss of eternal things eclipses whatever worldly fears naturally affect us. We ought to fear losing our desire for God and heaven and preferring worldly things and honors. If we fear God, we fear only One. If we fear man's worldly things we fear ten thousand. Why not live more simply and just *Fear the Lord?*

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 21

8:00am Martina Redmond †
11:00am James David Rodgers †
7:00pm Austin Roe Ketchum †

Monday, June 22 *Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs*

7:00am Timothy Walton, Sr. †

Tuesday, June 23

7:00am Patricia Chase †

Wednesday, June 24 *Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

7:00am Ernest Johnson †

Thursday, June 25

7:00am John B. Macon † (birthday)

Friday, June 26

7:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff

Saturday, June 27 *Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop*

8:00am For the People
4:30pm For the intentions of Denver Cannedy

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass Intention in memory of a friend or family contact the rectory at 202-546-1885, or jcwalker@hcscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18 Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Is 41:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kings 25:1-12 Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Matthew 8:5-17

PARISH NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hcscchurch.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://hcscchurch.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 (6/21) 7:30-8am Confessions 10-10:30am Confessions 6:30-7pm Confessions	Wednesday (6/24) 6:30-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Monday (6/22) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (6/26) 6-7:00pm Holy Hour & Confessions
Tuesday (6/23) 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus	Saturday (6/27) 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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BLESSINGS to *John Norman Gregory Mazol* who was baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on June 14th. May God bless him in his journey of faith guided by his parents.



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).



Because of the decrease in new COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days, the Mayor of DC has decided to move into the next phase of re-opening the city on **Mon., June 22nd**. On that date, we will begin a new allowance at Mass. The new restrictions will allow up to 100 people in attendance at any of our **Public Masses**.

This weekend (June 20-21), although we are still under the city imposed 10-person maximum for Public Mass, we are able to resume our regular liturgical schedule (Sat., June 20th at 4:30pm and Sunday, June 21 at 8am, 11am and 7pm). Just remember that these Masses will be restricted to 10 people (including the clergy).

Please note there are still a number of restrictions and protocols that we must continue to follow at each Mass:

- ◆ Only **10 people** are allowed inside the chapel for the Mass and that includes the celebrant until Monday, June 22nd.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- ◆ Attendance at the Mass will be on a first-come, first-serve basis (depending on the maximum limit for that day)

For this weekend, keep in mind that 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.

Daily Masses will be held every week day at 7:00AM in the chapel but we do not have to worry about the limit restrictions. Saturday Mass will be held at 8:00AM and there is no limit restriction.

Msgr. Pope and the staff 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 still available on our website (hcscchurch.org). Please take a moment to view them.

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.

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.

WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND MASS?: The dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time **remains in effect**. All persons who are subjects of the Archbishop of Washington no matter where they may be, and all other persons who are actually present in the Archdiocese of Washington who are under the obligation, are dispensed from the obligation until further notice (cann. 87 §1, 91).



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 hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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 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**.

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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.

Mass Schedule (during pandemic): Mon thru Fri 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: