

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

Readings Next Weekend:

Zec 9:9-10 Romans 8:9-13 Mt 11:25-30



In today's Gospel the Lord gives three important principles for a disciple. The first principle is the **priority** of a disciple. Note that the Lord says we are to love no one more than him. There is to be no one and no thing in our life that has greater importance than the Lord. But truth be told many Christians give greater allegiance to political parties and movements as well as careers the opinions of men, than the Lord and his Church. Many prefer worldly thinking to what the Lord teaches. Jesus speaks strongly and says that such people as this are not worthy of Him. The second principle is the **passion** of a disciple. Every disciple must be willing to take up a cross. Here too we are often willing to take up crosses for worldly gain. We work hard for a paycheck or for a college diploma. Then why not the Lord? An old song says, "No cross, no crown." And the point here IS a crown. Yet like worldly blessings, it is the cross that brings it. Thus the Lord's insistence on the need for the cross is not unreasonable. The third principle is the **prize** of a disciple. Indeed, the Lord promises reward if we get our priorities and passions right. Even now, we can enjoy the fruits of God's Word as we listen to his prophets and see our life change. And every work of mercy, God says he will reward. God does not demand the cross without pointing to its reward. The Cross ushers in the crown.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 28

8:00am William Donnelly †
11:00am Larry Elgin †
7:00pm Coulter Nakamura †

Monday, June 29 *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

7:00am For the intentions of Lorita Miller

Tuesday, June 30 *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

7:00am For the intentions of Elizabeth Moeller

Wednesday, July 1 *Saint Junipero Serra, Priest*

7:00am Opal Hoff †

Thursday, July 2

7:00am William Hoff †

Friday, July 3 *Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff

Saturday, July 4 *Independence Day*

8:00am For the intentions of John Douglas
4:30pm For the People

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 jwalker@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday: Amos 7:10-17 Matthew 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22 John 20:24-29
Saturday: Amos 9:11-15 Matthew 9:14-17

PARISH NEWS



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 **via emails and texts**. 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 <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to subscribe and receive news on: **Bible Studies; Parish News; From the Pastor's Desk; and Weekly Bulletins.**



TITHING: This is a very difficult time for everyone both spiritually and financially. During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. To keep the work of our church going, we are currently depending on the incoming monies from those using electronic giving. If you are able to tithe, consider submitting 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for weekly video greetings and homilies from the Pastor and other updates on the parish.



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!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (6/29) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	Friday (7/3) Rectory Office Closed 8:00am Daily Mass
Wednesday (7/1) 6:15-7pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)	6-7:00pm Holy Hour
	Saturday (7/4) 4-4:30pm Confessions

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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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Holy Baptism

BLESSINGS to *Taliesin Taylor Ramos* 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.



BLESSINGS upon *Eric Grant & Rosalind Blount* who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **June 20th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



CONGRATULATIONS! Rev. **Monsignor Charles Pope** celebrated the **31st Anniversary** of his Ordination into the Priesthood on **Wed., June 24th**. May Our Lord continue to bless, guide and strengthen him in his faithful service to God and His people.



RECTORY CLOSED in observance of Independence Day, on **Friday, July 3rd and Monday, July 6th**. Morning Mass will be at 8:00am on **both** days. Enjoy your holiday.



Thankfully, Mayor Bowser has decided to move into the next phase of re-opening the city. The new restrictions will allow up to 100 people in attendance at any of our **Public Masses**.

This means we are able to resume our regular liturgical schedule on the weekend: **Saturday—4:30PM; Sunday—8AM, 11AM and 7PM.**

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

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp will be open.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been blocked off and our Ushers will escort you to a seat.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a mask. Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ Attendance at Mass will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until the 100 attendee count is reached.
- ◆ Instructions will be given at Mass for safe reception of Holy Communion.

At the end of Mass all doors will be opened for exit. You are reminded to refrain from congregating out on the plaza after Mass.

Please visit our website (hscchurch.org) for more details (including a video) on protocols that are in place for your safety during the liturgy at our parish. Welcome back!



HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH RE-OPENING: We need **volunteers** who are willing to serve as **temporary** ushers and hosts at our weekend Masses. Contact the rectory at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.



RECORDED HCSC SUNDAY MASS:

Since we are able to celebrate the Mass for a larger amount of our parishioners, **Sunday, June 28th** will be the **final** taped Mass from our parish. If you are unable to attend Mass in the coming weeks due to health concerns, please know that you can still view the **Archdiocese of Washington TV Mass:** Sundays at 10:30AM on WDCW-50 or any time at adw.org/tvmass. Thank you to all those volunteers who assisted with the production and celebration of these taped liturgies during the pandemic.

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).

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.



Introducing **Dr. Benjamin Bralove** who is joining HCSC as our summer seminarian. Ben was born in Washington, DC, raised in Chevy Chase, and attended high school at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac. Ben is a convert to Catholicism and was received into the Church while attending Cornell University. Before hearing God's call to the seminary, he studied at Boston University School of Medicine and became a physician specializing in Emergency Medicine. He worked in ERs in the Bronx and Manhattan. After exposure to so much physical and spiritual sickness, Ben felt the call to provide the most important type of healing: spiritual healing. After summer he will attend seminary at the North American College Rome. He is excited about meeting and working with us.



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**.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

◆ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org

◆ Fr. Pope's Media Links: www.msgrpope.com

◆ HCSC App:  [myParishapp.com](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-parish-app/id1488888888)

◆ **Follow or Like us on social media:**   