

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Readings Next Weekend:

1Kings 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52



We are incited to move toward God in the readings today through the use of fear and encouragement. We are reminded that there will be a day of judgment, which should incite a reverential fear in us. Such fear should both keep us from being presumptive and reckless against the commandments of God and lead to a change in the direction of those “who cause others to sin and all evildoers.” The knowledge and fear of God’s judgment, however, should not paralyze us, but, rather, lead to a more intensive movement toward God. We are also reminded that our God is a gentle and merciful, One who judges “with clemency and with much lenience.” This is a relief but should not delay our movement toward God because of the misinformed idea that we will all be saved no matter how we act. We can never be sure exactly when our judgment day will come or how we will be judged. We can only be sure that the “Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness” and if we both rely upon and obey Him, we will one day be among those who “will shine like the sun.”

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 19

8:00am For the intentions of Anna Maria DiPilla
11:00am Ervin & Regina Frederick (62nd wedding anniv. July 12th)
7:00pm For the intentions of William Zandi

Monday, July 20 *St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. William Zandi † †

Tuesday, July 21 *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*

7:00am Coulter Nakamura †

Wednesday, July 22

7:00am Fr. Silvan Rouse, CP †

Thursday, July 23

7:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff

Friday, July 24

7:00am William Hoff †

Saturday, July 25

8:00am For the People
4:30pm SSG Alex Conrad †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matthew 13:10-17
Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17 Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28

PARISH NEWS



FLOCKNOTE, is a communications tool that enables us to efficiently manage distribution lists and send email messages. It enables you to choose the news you want, giving you direct access to manage your subscriptions and change your contact info. Currently, bible study and general parish news are now sent from **Flocknote**, and we will continue to expand to other areas of interests. **Subscribe and stay connected.** It's quick and easy! Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hcschurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hcschurch.org) for updates from the Pastor and 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!



TITHING: This is a very difficult time for everyone both spiritually and financially. Especially during this challenging time, we depend on your donations to continue our ministries. 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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (7/20) 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)
Friday (7/24) 6-7:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday (7/22) 6:30-7pm Confessions
7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)

Mass Attendance July 12, 2020

4:30pm	37
8:00am	68
11:00am	74
7:00pm	36
Total:	215

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 LIFE



Ervin and Regina Frederick celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 12th! We pray their union will continue to be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



CONGRATULATIONS to LUKE RILEY BRENNAN who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **July 12th**. May God bless him on his faith journey.



Restrictions (due to COVID-19) continue to allow up to 100 people in attendance at any of our **Public Masses**. This means we are able to resume our regular Mass schedule: **Saturday-4:30pm; Sunday-8am, 11am & 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.

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 grateful to be able to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass with all of our parish family and friends. God bless you all.



HELP IS STILL NEEDED FOR CHURCH RE-OPENING: To assist with the re-opening of the Church over 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 hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 with your name and email or phone number and we will send information on how you can help.



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**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org



Calling 2020 Graduates! If you graduated from middle school, high school, or college your HCSC parish family would like to recognize your accomplishment. Please visit our website and complete the *Graduate Recognition Form* or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED: Although HCSC will no longer offer a taped mass online, there are still several opportunities to view mass online on Sundays:

- ◆ **Archdiocese of Washington TV Mass** at 10:30AM on WDCW-50 (or view the taped Mass at any time at adw.org/tvmass)
- ◆ **View a listing of live-streamed Masses around the Archdiocese at** <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/or-facebook.com/adw.org/>

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).



If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Join with us in prayer every Friday for **Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration** at 6PM in the church. Clergy will also be available to hear confessions at that time. Let us gather in prayer for the 'healing of our land'.

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.

HCSC FOOD PANTRY: HCSC maintains a food pantry for those in need. **If you or someone you know need food, contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). If you are able to donate food, we need the following: salmon, sardines, canned potatoes, spaghetti & sauce, cereal, macaroni & cheese, rice or rice sides, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup.** Drop off at the rectory or bring to Mass and give to an usher. **DO NOT** leave in church.

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For information on parish membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory office at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Hours: Saturday 8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday 8AM, 11AM and 7PM; Weekdays Monday—Friday 7AM

Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00AM—3:30PM; Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—closed