

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Readings Next Weekend:

Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20



The Gospel today speaks about the need to persist in prayer. It opens with a reference to Jesus' TRAVEL.

We are told that he goes north of Israel into modern day Lebanon. This is pagan territory and a rather odd destination for a Jewish preacher. But, this is important for us in terms of understanding Jesus' love for all people, and his ultimate love for the woman in today's Gospel. This leads us to TORMENT. A Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus to heal her daughter. Pagans generally hated Jews but her torment makes her reach out to Jesus. Next comes the TEST. Jesus draws her out by several seemingly hurtful comments. First, he ignores her, then he says he will deal only with Jews, then he says he should not throw (his) food to dogs. But remember, the Lord loves the Gentiles and that is why he has come north into pagan territory. So, his testing of her leads to her TENACITY. She is not put off. She knows what she wants, and that Jesus can accomplish it. Masterfully, she says "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table!" Her tenacity leads to TRIUMPH. For Jesus says to her "O woman, great is your faith, let it be done as you wish" and the woman's daughter was healed. What of us? Would you persevere in prayer, or grow angry and discouraged?

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Friday, August 14** *St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*
7:00am Clyde Fairfax (birthday)
- Saturday, August 15** *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00am For the intentions of Dorothy Taylor
4:30pm For the intentions of the Middleton family
- Sunday, August 16**
8:00am Arthur Yates †
11:00am Ollie & June Johnson (12th wedding anniversary)
7:00pm For the intentions of Steven Stafford
- Monday, August 17**
7:00am Paul Macon † (birthday)
- Tuesday, August 18**
7:00am Emma Wilson (birthday)
- Wednesday, August 19** *Saint John Eudes, Priest*
7:00am For the intentions of Msgr. Charles Pope
- Thursday, August 20** *Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of Church*
7:00am For the intentions of Bettina Washington
- Friday, August 21** *Saint Pius X, Pope*
7:00am Theresa Malone †
- Saturday, August 22** *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Cheryl Walker Ross †

To place a mass intention, call the rectory (202-546-1885)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Ezekiel 24:15-24	Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:1-11	Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:23-28	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	Ezekiel 43:1-7	Matthew 23:1-12

PARISH NEWS



PRAY FOR MONSIGNOR POPE: As many of you know, Msgr. Pope had a set-back with his COVID-19 diagnosis and was re-admitted to the hospital last Monday. We are receiving updates that he is recuperating very well and anticipate that he will be back with us very soon. Please keep Msgr. Pope, our parish, and anyone who has been affected by this pandemic in your prayers. God bless you for your support and kind prayers.



Our parish is currently using an online communication tool called **FLOCKNOTE** to send messages to our parishioners via email during this pandemic. Flocknote enables you to choose the news you want, giving you direct access to manage your **FREE** subscriptions and change your contact info. Currently, bible study and general parish news and updates are sent from **Flocknote**, and we will continue to expand to other areas of interests. If you have not done so already, **subscribe and stay connected**. Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> and subscribe to receive emails with updates from the parish. It's quick and easy!

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hscchurch.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: We know 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). We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

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

In appreciation to **Fr. Bryant** and **Fr. Thomas** for their dedication to their vocation and coming forward to minister to the HCSC parish during Monsignor Pope's absence, we offer this prayer.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. AMEN



After 14-days of mandatory quarantine (due to the recent COVID-19 exposure) and having the sanctuary and rectory professionally sanitized, we re-opened the church for Mass Friday, Aug. 14th with the 7AM Mass.

Local restrictions continue to allow only 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 and daily Mass (Monday-Friday) at 7AM in the sanctuary.**

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 for the weekend Mass celebrations.
- ◆ 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 note the change that our church sanctuary will be **CLOSED during the day (Mon-Fri)** until further notice.

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 prayers as we press forward during these challenging times. God bless you all.



WE NEED HELP FOR OUR CHURCH RE-OPENING: We need volunteers who are willing to serve as ushers and hosts at our weekend and daily 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. **Thank You!**

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 visit ADW.org on Facebook.

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).

THE WORD AMONG US IS FREE ONLINE: During these challenging times, if you do not have a subscription to this monthly publication of daily prayers, meditations, and inspirational articles you can access **The Word Among Us** online free on their website at WAU.org.



SAVE THE DATE—TOLTON'S LEGACY: A ROAD MAP TO UNITY presented by Tolton Ambassadors is a webinar featuring prayer, presentations, and dialogue as we strive to educate and inspire in the hopes of eradicating racism in the Church we love. The example of Augustus Tolton can be used as a road map to achieve healing and direction.

This ZOOM webinar is scheduled for **Sat., Aug. 29th** from **7—8:30PM**. To register: www.eventbrite.com/e/toltons-legacy-a-road-map-to-unity-tickets-113914238554. For information on Augustus Tolton and who he is: visit tolton.archchicago.org/about. If you have questions, email tolton.outlook.com



HCSC FOOD PANTRY: If you or someone you know need food, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885. If you can donate food, give us a call to find out what we can use for our pantry.

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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—4:00PM;
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—closed