

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27



The Gospel today sets forth the prescribed purpose of Peter. As the Gospel opens we see the **INQUIRY THAT ILLUSTRATES**. Jesus asks a question, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” A variety of answers come back, none of them right. Jesus then asks the twelve apostles who they think he is. There is silence. Finally, Peter speaks the truth. This whole process illustrates that the truth of the faith isn’t going to be found by taking a poll or holding a committee meeting. God’s way is to choose an individual, (Peter) and anoint him to speak the truth. Thus we come to the next stage, the **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INSPIRED**. As we have seen, it is Peter alone who eventually speaks the truth. But how has this happened? The text tells us it is not that he is necessarily the smartest, or has studied more. These things have their place, but what closes the deal is, as Jesus says, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” It is the grace of God that makes Peter know the truth. Thus, Jesus ratifies this through the **INSTALLATION THAT IS INITIATED**.

For Jesus says that Peter is going to be the rock on which he will build his Church. Peter was the first Pope. As Catholics we continue to believe that God especially blesses the current Pope, Francis, just as he did Peter, to be the means of guaranteeing the truth of our faith. The Pope is not alone, God is with him and he is able to have insight, not because he is the smartest, but because he is anointed by God.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 23

8:00am For the intentions of Dorothy Taylor
11:00am For the intentions of Msgr. Charles Pope
7:00pm Mr. & Mrs. William Zandi, Sr. ††

Monday, August 24 *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, August 25 *Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00am Vashti Woodson †

Wednesday, August 26

7:00am For the intentions of Brenda Worthy

Thursday, August 27 *Saint Monica*

7:00am Opal Hoff †

Friday, August 28 *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am William Hoff †

Saturday, August 29 *Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00am Coulter Nakamura †

4:30pm For the intentions of William Zandi, Jr.

To submit a mass intention, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885.



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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Revelation 21:9-14	John 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Corinthians 1:17-25	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Mark 6:17-29

PARISH NEWS



PASTOR UPDATE: With all praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ, Msgr. Pope returned home Aug. 13th and is recuperating very well. Although he is out of the hospital, he will be limited as to when he will begin celebrating a public Mass again but we think it will be soon. Thank you for your prayers.



Our parish is currently using an online communication tool called **FLOCKNOTE** to send messages to our parishioners via email during this pandemic. Flocknote allows 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 are sent from **Flocknote**, and we will continue to expand to other areas of interests. If you have not done so, **subscribe and stay connected**. It’s quick and easy! Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish.

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!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (8/24)

8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)

Friday (8/28)

7:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday (8/26)

7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)



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 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 may drop your contribution at the rectory or mail it to the rectory (1357 E. Capitol St., SE, WDC 20003). Thank you 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

ARCHBISHOP CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON: On Fri., Aug. 28th at 4PM, Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory will celebrate a Mass of Peace and Justice in honor of the 57th Anniversary of the 1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON. People are invited to watch the YouTube livestream Mass from St. Matthew's Cathedral at <https://youtu.be/KSCtdXuMQa4>. The Archdiocese of Washington's website (adw.org) will also include a link to the Mass, as will as a related article on the Catholic Standard's website (cathstan.org).



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 hope 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 **Sat., Aug. 29th from 7—8:30PM**. To register: www.eventbrite.com/e/toltons-legacy-a-road-map-to-unity-tickets-113914238554. For info on Augustus Tolton: visit tolton.archchicago.org/about. If you have questions, email tolton.outlook.com



On Fri., Aug. 14th, we began celebrating Mass again in the sanctuary under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines. **NOTE: the sanctuary is again open during the day from 8am-8pm for private prayer and meditation.**

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-8:00AM and 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.
- ◆ 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 prayers as we press forward during these challenging times. God bless you all.

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

Msgr. Pope will **resume** his weekly bible study online via Zoom. To receive the link and subsequent recordings. Please 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 Book of Philemon**.

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/ or **visit:** ADW.org on Facebook.

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CELEBRATE MASS:

We need volunteers willing to serve as ushers and hosts at our weekend Masses. Please contact the rectory (hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885) with your name, email, or phone number. We will send information on how you can help. **Thank You!**



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'.

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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 10AM—4PM; Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed