

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20



The Gospel today is a reminder of the fundamental Christian rule: “No cross, no crown.” We can see the Gospel in four basic stages. First, there is the **REQUIREMENT** of the cross. Jesus describes that his journey leads to the cross, but looks beyond to the resurrection. In effect he teaches that the path to the resurrection—to glory—passes through the cross. This is simply a required milestone on the journey to glory. Next, there is **REACTION** – Peter cannot withstand that the Messiah must suffer. Most of us hate the cross and protest as well. But next notice the **REBUKE** from Jesus. He is not mild at all. He calls Peter Satan. The Lord is like a doctor who is speaking sternly to a stubborn patient (us). He is stern because the Cross is necessary, for him and for us. Without accepting the Cross, things like discipline, self-denial, and eventually even death, we cannot inherit heaven. We have to travel the way of the Cross. This thus leads to the Lord’s **REITERATION** that the only way to find our life is to lose it. Hence, any disciple of his must take up a cross and follow Jesus, the only way to glory, by way of the Cross. No cross, no crown.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, August 30**
 8:00am Ruby Roberts (101st birthday-August 29th)
 11:00am Larry Elgin †
 7:00pm Coulter Nakamura †
- Monday, August 31**
 7:00am For all those suffering through this pandemic
- Tuesday, September 1**
 7:00am Beverly Vaughn † (birthday)
- Wednesday, September 2**
 7:00am Theresa Clark-James (birthday)
- Thursday, September 3** *St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church*
 7:00am Henry Leon Fulford † (birthday)
- Friday, September 4**
 7:00am Savannah Blu Holton (birthday)
- Saturday, September 5** *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Fr. John Hines, M.M. †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Monday: | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 | Luke 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 | Luke 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 | Luke 4:38-44 |
| Thursday: | 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Friday: | 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 | Matthew 1:1-23 |
| Saturday: | 1 Corinthians 4:6-15 | Luke 6:1-5 |

PARISH NEWS



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, and direct access to manage your **FREE**. Currently, bible study and general parish news are sent from **Flocknote**. 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

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| Monday (8/31)
8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM) | Friday (9/4)
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm YAM Movie Night |
| Wednesday (9/26)
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 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.

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



HCSC FOOD PANTRY: If you or someone you know needs food, contact the rectory (202-546-1885). **If you can donate food**, please call to find out what we need.

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



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH HCSC SODALITY: Join the Sodality in praying the rosary on **Sun., Sept. 6th**, via **ZOOM at 10AM**. Dial: 301-715-8592, meeting ID: 617 144 7521 or enter the following address in your computer browser <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6171447521>

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



Under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines we have begun celebrating Mass again in the sanctuary. **The sanctuary is open daily from 8AM-8PM for private prayer and meditation**

Restrictions allow up to 100 people in attendance at any of our **Public Masses**. Our regular Mass schedule is: **Saturday-8:00AM and 4:30PM (vigil); 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 facial mask or covering. 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.
- ◆ Ushers will dismiss by pew at the end of Mass. Please refrain from congregating out on the plaza.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are able to serve as a usher at a weekend Mass, contact us with your name, email/phone number at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

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 during these challenging times. God bless you all.



Msgr. Pope will **resume** his weekly bible study online via Zoom. To receive the link, please subscribe to the Bible Study of your choice on Flocknote 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**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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Congratulations to SHELBY SMITH, recipient of the ADW Office of Youth Ministry's **Saint Timothy Award for Outstanding Catholic Youth** presented to high school juniors/seniors who demonstrate mature leadership qualities. Shelby has been a positive role model with dedicated service to the Church with S.O.M.E. and Ladies of Charity. We are excited to recognize Shelby's great work and gifts!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry



THE CHOSEN—The Young Adult Ministry is hosting a 'movie' night w/discussion on the church plaza continuing with the showings of *The Chosen*. Two episodes (45-minutes each), will be shown **Fri., Sept. 4th at 8PM**. Anyone who missed the first episode can view it on Youtube. Bring your lawn chair (we have a few at church), personal snacks, and your face mask. RSVP to hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED: If you are unable to attend Mass in person, there are 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).

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THOSE LOST TO RACISM: Join St. Joseph on Capitol Hill, **Tues., Sept. 1st at 7PM** on their lawn, 313—2nd St. NE. **For info:** www.stjosephDC.org

SIGHT & SOUND PRESENTS QUEEN ESTHER

—Sept. 4—6! Join viewers around the world as this riveting Bible story comes to life right in your home. This event is available exclusively at <https://www.sight-sound.tv/>. Visit their website for more details. **COST: \$25.**



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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