

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Sunday:**

Sirach 27:30—28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

**Readings Next Sunday:**

Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16



The Gospel today is the Mandate of Mercy. Note the problem that is presented. Peter asks how often he must forgive. The Lord's response is to forgive without limit. This answer provokes other questions, such as whether we must continue to take abuse without limit. In brief, we can only state that it is not possible for us to live in peace with everyone. Some simply cannot or will not stop destructive behaviors. Forgiveness does not mean we should abandon all caution. Rather, forgiveness means we let go of our need to change the past. That we allow the Lord to remove all anger and desire for revenge. The Lord can give us this gift, but how? Next, notice the Poverty that is Profound. There is a man who has a debt so large he could never repay it. After begging for mercy from the King, he receives it when the King incredibly cancels his entire debt. Do you realize this man is you and me? We had a debt we could never repay and the Lord canceled it by paying the price himself. Thus, the Lord has shown us Pity that is Personal. Developing gratitude for His unbelievable gift is essential for us to in turn show mercy and to forgive, for actually experiencing what the Lord has done for us will melt our stony hearts and empower us to be more merciful and forgiving. Finally, note the Pitilessness that is Perilous. The Lord goes on to warn us of how that man (hopefully not you) was not moved by the mercy he received and who treated others without mercy. In the end, this is a very bad idea because your treatment of others will be measured back to you. If you want to receive mercy, ask God to make you aware of what he has done for you. Then, filled with gratitude, you will be able to show mercy.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, September 13**

8:00am Cornelia Hamilton †  
11:00am Gary E. McPherson, Jr. †  
7:00pm Coulter Nakamura †

**Monday, September 14** *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00am Ann Bailey †

**Tuesday, September 15** *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Catherine E. Graham †

**Wednesday, September 16** *Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am For the People

**Thursday, September 17** *St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doc of Church*

7:00am Jeffrey Link †

**Friday, September 18**

7:00am Theresa V. Wilson † (birthday)

**Saturday, September 19** *St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00am Maukia McPherson-McDowell (birthday)  
4:30pm Joan Savoy-Grant † (birthday)

To submit a mass intention, contact the rectory (202-546-1885)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Nm 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31 Luke 2:33-35 Jn 19:25-27  
**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Luke 7:31-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Luke 8:4-15

**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** subscription. Currently, bible study and general parish news are sent via **Flocknote**. If you have not done so, **subscribe and stay connected**. It's quick and easy! Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hcscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish.

**COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC:** Visit our parish website ([hcscchurch.org](http://hcscchurch.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!



**PASTOR'S HOMILIES:** If you are unable to attend weekend Mass, Msgr. Pope provides a recording of his homilies online at [frpope.com/audio/recordings.php](http://frpope.com/audio/recordings.php). The homilies are also emailed to those who have subscribed to it through **Flocknote**. See the information box above on how to subscribe to Flocknote.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (9/14)** 8:00pm Bible Study (ZOOM)  
**Friday (9/18)** 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confessions  
**Wednesday (9/16)** 6:15pm Confessions  
7:15pm Bible Study (ZOOM)



Fall is here along with our traditional season of stewardship. This year people throughout our community have turned to us for help. However, Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian can only continue to meet that need with your assistance. Your valuable online donations help us to continue our ministry to answer the call for help. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet and set up a recurring donation, or make a one-time gift. Sign up by visiting [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) or pick up a brochure in the rear of the church.

**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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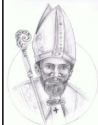
### PARISH LIFE



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated for **AMELIA CARTER, Sun., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**, at the **11AM Mass**. Pray that she, with her parents' help, will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.



We are coordinating a plan to start holding **Sunday School online** starting in October for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sunday School is for any youth, especially those who need to receive their sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. More information will be available by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.



**FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN:** The celebration of our patron feast day is **Sun., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**. Members of the HCSC choir will participate in the 11AM Mass. Please come help us celebrate our day.



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 are celebrating Mass 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 an usher at a weekend Mass, contact us with your name, email/phone number at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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.



**THE POWER OF VOTING:** Join Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and other organizations on **Sun., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2—4PM** for a ZOOM panel discussion on the importance of voting. Questions? Contact: [cateyez6417@gmail.com](mailto:cateyez6417@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE—31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL, A ONE-NIGHT VIRTUAL EVENT: "Things Change But God Remains the Same"**



hosted by St. Luke Catholic Church, **Mon., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**. Revivalist: Father Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor, St. Luke. See flyer in the rear of the church.

**Bible Study**  
everyone is welcome

Msgr. Pope hosts his weekly bible studies online via Zoom. To receive the link, please subscribe to the Bible Study of your choice on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://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**.



**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** Enroll in Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) **virtual** classes which provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although RCIA classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming Catholic, they also offer an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving a sacrament, are looking to enrich their faith, or returning to the Church after a long absence. Visit [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org), or call 202-546-1885.

**SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED:** If you are unable to attend Mass in person, there are several opportunities to view mass online on Sundays:

- ◆ **Sunday TV Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine** at 10:30AM on WDCW-50 (or view the taped Mass at any time at [adw.org/tvmass](http://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/](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).

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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