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V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

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*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 63:16-19; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8



As we enter Advent we are encouraged by the readings to reflect on our need for a savior. The First Reading presents a good description of our needy state. We are depicted as **DRIFTING** for the text describes us as wandering and hard of heart. The text depicts us as **DISAPPOINTED** for it has us wish that God would rend the heavens and come down and do some of the great deeds of the past that we read of in the Old Testament. The text also depicts us as **DEPRAVED** for we are described as not doing what is right, as being sinful and unclean. We are also shown as **DISCOURAGED** for we are wracked by guilt and even our good deeds seem to us as so many filthy rags. Further, we are shown as **DISAFFECTED** for it seems that too many of us do not even have the desire to rouse ourselves and go and cling to God and seek his mercy. But finally, we are depicted as having **DIGNITY** for we are the clay and God himself is the potter who cares about us and is molding and fashioning us, if we let him. Indeed, it is our dignity to say "...we are all the work of your hands." So, come Lord Jesus, mold us, fashion us, thereby save us!

FUNERAL: Clyde Fairfax (December 9th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 29 *First Sunday of Advent*
 8:00am Annise Yates †
 11:00am Bessie B. Walker †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
Monday, November 30 *Saint Andrew, Apostle*
 7:00am Pray for All Souls
Tuesday, December 1
 7:00am For the intentions of Karen Graham
Wednesday, December 2
 7:00am For the intentions of Betty Mayes
Thursday, December 3 *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*
 7:00am For the intentions of Carol & William Carter
Friday, December 4 *Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of Church*
 7:00am For the People †
Saturday, December 5
 8:00am George T. Holton, III (birthday)
 4:30pm Patricia Hines-Stafford †

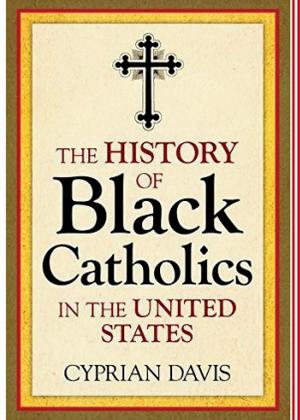
MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-26 Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5-8

HCSC CELEBRATES BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH:

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but to also recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. It is indeed a rich and faithful legacy that is a significant part of the foundation of our own parish community. Throughout this month, we will host online events and provide other information on this spiritual heritage. Visit our website and subscribe to Flocknotes for details on upcoming events and links.



KEEP IN TOUCH with HCSC through our website (hscchurch.org); social media links (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & Youtube**) and **MyParishApp** (download to your mobile device). Also, subscribe to **Flocknote** at hscchurch.flocknote.com (or text HCSC to 84576) to receive email notices and information. It's **FREE** and easy to stay in touch with us!



ELECTRONIC TITHING WITH FAITH DIRECT:

We invite you to join with other parishioners at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian in setting up recurring eGiving (tithing) through **Faith Direct**. Your weekly offertory will be automatically deducted and you can change it easily with a phone call or email. It's easy and **FREE!** Visit faith.direct/DC59 or pick up brochure in rear of church. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 with questions. Thank you.

NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the publisher required early submission of this bulletin. No Mass Attendance data for the weekend of November 22nd are available for this week's bulletin. Updated figures will be posted next weekend.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (11/30) **Friday (12/4)**
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour
Wednesday (12/2)
 7:00pm Bible Study

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH LIFE



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH HCSC SODALITY (followed by Sodality meeting) **Sun., Dec. 6th, via ZOOM at 10AM** (doors open at 9:30AM). On your computer browser, enter <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6171447521>; **Meeting ID:** 617 144 7521; **Passcode:** 024934; or **Dial in via phone:** 301-715-8592.

ADVENT 2020

SEASON OF ADVENT—If you were expecting a great guest in your home, what would you do to get ready? You probably start by cleaning and de-cluttering. You would also prepare the meal with care, use the best china and dress well. All of this is not bad advice for preparing to meet the Lord and advent is a time to focus on making those preparations. A good confession is the equivalent of a house cleaning, sweep your soul clean by going to confession. De-clutter by examining your life and considering if there are any things that tend to clutter your life and crowd out the spiritual. What meal does Jesus want? He once said, *Doing the Father's will is the food that sustains me* (John 4:31). So prepare a meal of obedience and deck yourself in the garments of righteousness.

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH WITH FAITH

Under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines we are celebrating Mass in the sanctuary. **Our church sanctuary is open for all 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 a number of restrictions and protocols that we 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 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.

HCSC TAPED SUNDAY MASS:

Msgr. Pope is currently providing a taped Mass each Sunday via our Youtube channel ([hcsc_church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/hcsc_church)). The Mass is normally posted by 3:30pm on Saturdays and will also be available via our website and our social media links. We pray this effort will allow us to provide the Sunday Mass to those who are unable to attend due to the pandemic.



THE WORD AMONG US: FREE Advent issues are available in the rear of the church. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

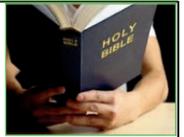


FREE COATS FOR KIDS: DC Knights of Columbus is sponsoring **FREE** coat distribution for children, toddlers-to-teens, on **Dec. 5th**. If you know of someone in need, please spread the word. See flyer in rear of church.

ST. JOSEPH 2021 SUNDAY MISSALS have arrived! To purchase a copy, either ask an usher after mass or come to the rectory during office hours. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings. *Limited supply.*

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM via ZOOM**. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. To receive the ZOOM link: subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.



Bible Study *everyone is welcome* **Seminarian Seth Seaman** hosts the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM at 7:15pm**. To receive the link, subscribe to **Wednesday Night Bible Study** on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We are currently studying **First Peter**.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Join us in this wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer and meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.

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Mass Hours: Saturday: 8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday: 8AM, 11AM and 7PM; Weekdays: Mon—Fri 7AM (8AM on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10AM—4PM; Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed

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