

Father,
help us to live as the

Holy Family



... united in respect and love.

*Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Author Unknown

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**Readings This Weekend:**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-6

Matthew 2:1-12



It is the Feast of the Holy Family today and we ought to meditate on the central purpose of marriage and family which is the birth and raising of children. In recent decades we have seen a shift in this understanding. Most people today see the happiness of the couple as the central purpose of marriage. But God set forth marriage with this central mission: Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it (*Gen 1:28*). While the happiness of the couple may be a nice goal and something to hope for, we all know that happiness has its ups and downs in every aspect of life. In the "old days" parents were often known to "stick it out for the sake of the kids." This is because children need stability and a dedicated mother and father to form them best. Job #1 in the family is children and their well-being. Notice, therefore, in today's Gospel that, when Jesus' life is threatened by Herod, Joseph and Mary set everything else aside and go to Egypt. Joseph, when instructed to go there did not protest about his comfort or his career. The text says that Joseph arose that very night and took Jesus and Mary away from harm. He stayed in Egypt as long as required for Jesus' safety. It is clear that his vocation as (foster) father and husband had priority over his career and his business prospects. And thus we are taught to have the same priorities.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday, December 27** *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:00am Eliza Yates †
 9:30am Deceased Campbell Family members
 11:00am Leola E. Greenfield † (birthday-12/29)
 7:00pm James O. Neale †

Monday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00am Sr. Marion Riley †

Tuesday, December 29 *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Jimmeye Claire Walker (birthday)

Wednesday, December 30

7:00am Marcie Savoy (birthday)

Thursday, December 31 *Saint Sylvester, I Pope*

7:00am Bethel Sexton †

7:00pm Nicole Ream (birthday-12/27)

Friday, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10:00am Larry Elgin †

Saturday, January 2 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

8:00am For those on our Christmas Flower list
 4:30pm For the People

To submit a Mass intention contact the rectory (202-546-1885).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

Friday: Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 John 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule**Solemnity of Mary (Vigil Mass)**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour / Eucharistic Adoration

11:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of GodFRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

10:00 a.m.

(Note: There will **not** be a 7:00 a.m. Mass)**Epiphany of the Lord**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORDSUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**Closed Monday, December 28th***(The office will re-open on Tues., Dec. 29th)*

Daily Mass will be at 8:00am

Closed Thursday, December 31st**Closed Friday, January 1st***(The office will re-open on Mon., Jan. 4th)*

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**Monday (12/28)**

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am Mass

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Friday (1/1) Solemnity of Mary

No 7:00am Mass

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am Mass

Thursday (12/31)

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

**ELECTRONIC TITHING WITH FAITH DIRECT:**

We invite you to join with other parishioners at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian in setting up recurring eGiving (tithing) though **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.

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

PARISH LIFE



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: This feast day was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. It is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church to honor Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. This Roman Catholic religious festival falls on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although feast days exist for each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the **Feast of the Holy Family** commemorates their life together, celebrates and focuses on religious family life.



Much appreciation to all who contributed to the **Gifts of the Spirit / Advent Tree** in response to the needs of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** (oblatesisters.com) and the **Servants of the Lord** (ssvmuse.org). Your generosity of love and support for these religious communities is a blessing to both you and the sisters.



CALENDARS FOR 2021: FREE 2021 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. Limited supply!



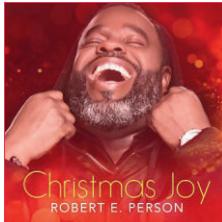
Under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines we are allowed to celebrate a public Mass in the sanctuary.

As of 11/25/20, local pandemic restrictions were adjusted to allow only up to **50 people** in attendance at any of our **public Masses**. To accommodate this change, we have added a **9:30AM Sunday Mass**. Thus, our updated Mass schedule is: **Saturday—8AM and 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, 9:30AM, 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 50 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.

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. Please know that our church sanctuary will always be open for private prayer from 8AM until 8PM.



Our very own **ROBERT E. PERSON** has recorded a new collection of Christmas music titled, **Christmas Joy**. A limited number of CD copies are available in our Candlelight store or the rectory office. **COST: \$10**. You can also listen and purchase digital copies at <https://roberteperson.hearnow.com/>. Support a local musician while providing some soulful Christmas Joy to you and yours this season!

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 1, 2021**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2020 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct.

HCSC TAPED SUNDAY MASS:



Msgr. Pope is currently providing a taped Mass each Sunday via our YouTube channel ([hcsc_church](https://www.youtube.com/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.

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 hcscchurch.flocknote.com.



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 hcscchurch.flocknote.com. We are currently studying **First Peter**.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Hours: Saturday—8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, **NEW 9:30AM**, 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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