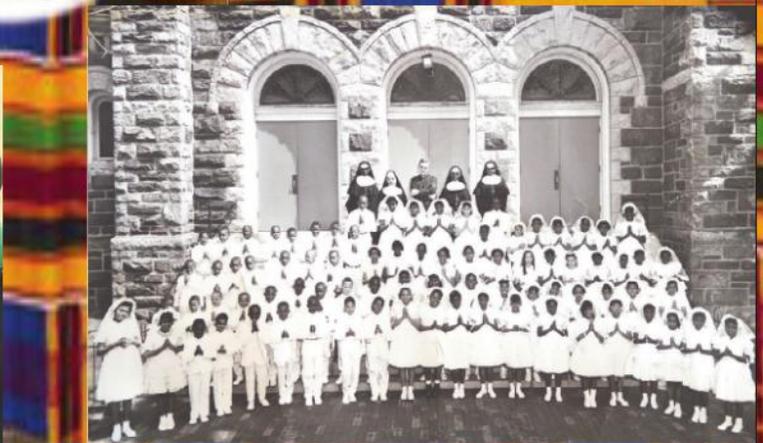
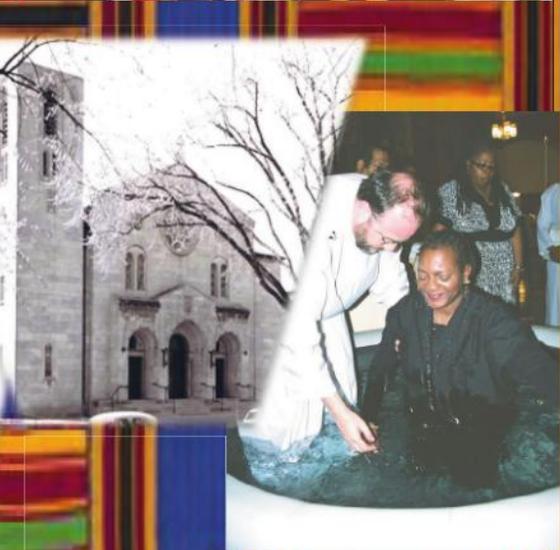


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Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Parish's Celebration of Black Catholic History Month 2021
Black History is Everyone's History—A Shared American Story



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Job 7:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Readings Next Weekend:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45



Today's readings must be seen as a unit. Without this understanding the reading from Job might be seen as one of utter despair. We might refer to this reading as the *DISILLUSIONMENT OF DEEP DESPAIR*. But actually, it is the question for which the Gospel serves as the answer. Job begs for healing and deliverance and for a sense of meaning to his life of sorrow. In the Gospel we see the *DESTINATION OF DISTRESSED DISCIPLES*. Our Lord is healing multitudes and casting out demons. The disciples know and are trained to call upon the Lord for their every need. This should be our instinct also. Too many disciples today do not instinctively pray, but only turn to God as a last-ditch effort. An old hymn reads, "Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." Notice then the *DOCTRINE OF DIVINE DECISION* - The Lord did not heal everyone. When the disciples indicated that many were looking for him he instead went off to the next town. Why? He says, "[S]o that I can preach there too." Notice that he did not merely say 'heal there.' The Lord saw his fundamental mission as one of preaching the kingdom and the healings were the sign of the fuller glory that awaits each of us in that glorious heavenly kingdom. Worldly healing is important and necessary for us but what is more necessary is that we know the glory to which we have been called and to be filled with joy. For now, we may have to carry a cross, but it is carried toward the resurrection and the glory. God decides what is best for us: healing now, glory later.



2021 ANNUAL APPEAL IS HERE!

The theme, *Seeking Christ* reminds us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of those within and beyond our parish boundaries. **Commitment Weekend Change:** Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal the weekend of **Feb. 13-14**. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org or pick up a brochure in the rear of the church.

COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC: Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for updates from the Pastor and on the parish during this pandemic.

Subscribe to Flocknote by texting **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, recorded Mass links and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!



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*). 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!

Mass Attendance January 31, 2021	
4:30pm	36
8:00am	20
9:30am	17
11:00am	39
7:00pm	26
Total:	138

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am For the intentions of Carolyn Poole
 9:30am For the People
 11:00am Doretha Holley †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Diane Marks
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 *Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*
 7:00am Cornelius Pearson, Sr. † (birthday)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
 7:00am Michael L. Barnes † (birthday)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*
 7:00am Cornelius & Regina Pearson † (wedding anniv.)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 7:00am Dorothy T. Walker † (birthday)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 7:00am For the intentions of Catherine "Kitty" Chandler
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
 8:00am For the intentions of Sylvia Hall
 4:30pm Coulter Nakamura †

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

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday: Genesis 1:20—2:4 Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17 Mark 7:14-23
Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30
Friday: Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37
Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24 Mark 8:1-10

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/8) **Friday (2/12)**
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom 6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions)



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.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



In February 1926, Carter G. Woodson along with the Association for the Study of Negro Life & History (ASNLH) were inspired to launch Negro History Week which has expanded to Black History Month as an effort to bring greater attention to black history. This annual dedication offers all of us time to reflect upon not only one culture, but upon our entire nation's history. Join with us this month as we provide you with information, links, webinars and other resources to learn about the contributions of the black community in our nation and in our world. Black history is everyone's history. In the words of Cardinal Gregory: "... *learn our shared American story.*" See the flyer for more details.

HCSC WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: Join us for a Virtual Fellowship (via Zoom) **Saturday, February 13th**, from **12:00—2:00PM** as "*Queens for the Kingdom*". Guest speaker, Cecilia Braveboy (see the flyer for more details).

 Join our parish in assisting the Oblate Sisters of Providence as they host a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** from **Feb. 3rd—March 3rd** for *Catholic Sisters Week* in March. All donations will be given to local charities in the community focusing on children and teens. We are asking for specific types of canned goods that will be most beneficial to those in need. Please see the flyer in the bulletin and on our website for details. Bring donations to church or rectory.



Under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines we are allowed to celebrate a public mass in the sanctuary for up to 170 people in attendance.

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.**

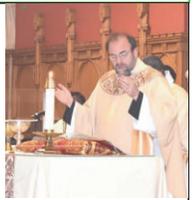
Please note there are a number of restrictions and protocols that we follow at each Mass:

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, use only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been blocked off.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a facial mask or covering. Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ Protocols are in place 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. Our church sanctuary is open daily for private prayer from 8AM—8PM.

HCSC TAPED SUNDAY MASS:

Msgr. Pope is currently providing a taped Mass each Sunday via our Youtube channel (hcschurch). 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.



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

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 hcschurch.flocknote.com. We are currently studying **EPHESIANS**.



Virtual VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA): Do you make less than \$56K? If so, you can have an IRS certified volunteer prepare your tax return remotely during COVID-19 for **FREE!** Stimulus check missing? Get help through the VITA program. Assistance is available to those who have still not received their stimulus check from the IRS! Typical tax returns completed through the VITA program generate a \$2,000 refund due in large part to the earned income credit. If you haven't submitted a tax return yet this year, email the Catholic Charities VITA program (ccvirtualvita@gmail.com) for help with filing your taxes **FREE** and to receive both last year's and this year's stimulus benefit checks.

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 1, 2021**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. Contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either emailed, 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.

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Mass Hours: Saturday—8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday—8AM, 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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The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago in 1915. An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a black history display. Despite being held at the Coliseum, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an organization to promote the scientific study of black life and history. On September 9th, Woodson met with A. L. Jackson and three others and formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

He hoped that others would popularize the findings that he and other black intellectuals would publish in *The Journal of Negro History*, which he established in 1916. A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they created Negro History and Literature Week, which they renamed Negro Achievement Week. Their outreach was significant, but Woodson desired greater impact. In 1925, he decided that the Association had to shoulder the responsibility. Going forward it would both create and popularize knowledge about the black past. He sent out a press release announcing Negro History Week in February, 1926.

Woodson believed that history was made by the people, not simply or primarily by great men. He envisioned the study and celebration of the Negro as a race, not simply as the producers of a great man. From the beginning, Negro History Week appeared across the country in schools and the public became participants in and consumers of black literature and culture. teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils, and progressive whites stepped and endorsed the efforts.

In the 1940s, efforts began slowly within the black community to expand the study of black history in the schools and black history celebrations before the public. During the Civil Rights Movement in the South, the Freedom Schools incorporated black history into the curriculum to advance social change. The Negro History movement was an intellectual insurgency that was part of every larger effort to transform race relations.

By the late 1960s, as young blacks on college campuses became increasingly conscious of links with Africa, Black History Month replaced Negro History Week at a quickening pace and the Association used its influence to institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro history to black history. In 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, the Association used its influence to institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro history to black history.

We invite you to journey with our parish this month and beyond as we provide information on our shared American history.

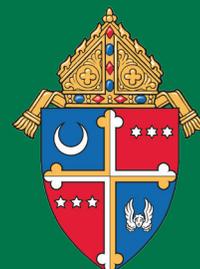


BLACK CATHOLIC VOICES

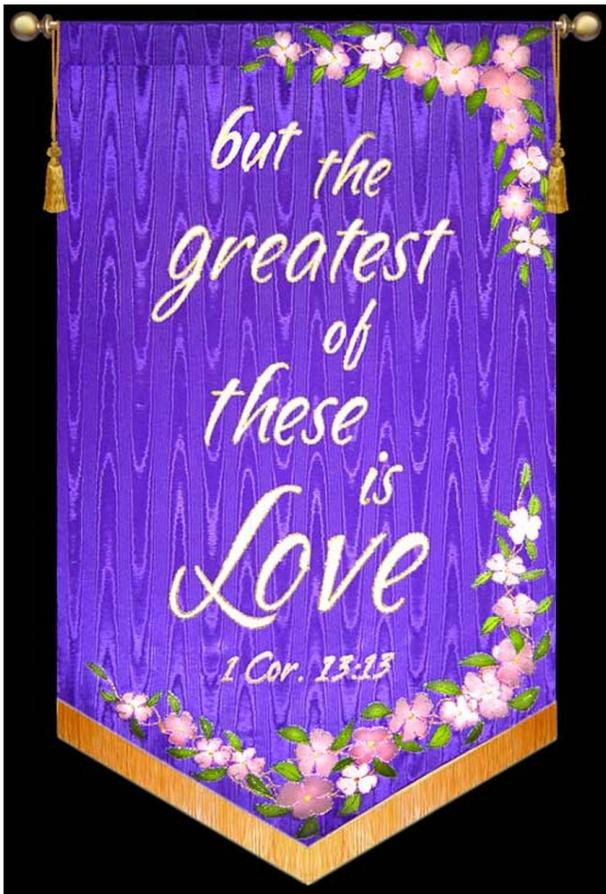
Celebrate Black History Month by checking out our Black Catholic Voices series produced by the *Catholic Standard*! In videotaped interviews, local Black Catholics reflect on their journey of faith, share their insights on combating racism, and affirm what gives them hope for the future.

☞ VISIT LINK AT: <https://cathstan.org/content/filter/feed/all/931>. Also available on our website: www.hcscchurch.org.

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Queens for the Kingdom

Women's Ministry

(New commandment of love, unconditional love He has given us and we must give each other; and in our troubling times, there's some urgency in our giving this strong love)

Join us for a
Virtual Fellowship (via Zoom)
Saturday, February 13, 2021
12:00 noon — 2:00 pm

Guest Speaker

Cecilia Braveboy



“And yet I do write a new commandment to you, which holds true in him and among you...” 1 John 2:8

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Invite others, bring your Bibles and journals

We ask all participants to find a quiet place with the least amount of background distractions and mute your microphones when not talking.

For additional information, reply to this email or contact one of the following committee members

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CANNED FOODS ONLY, THANK YOU!

Donated canned food items may be left in the Church after Mass (on the weekends) or dropped at the rectory office during office hours.

Deadline to donate: Sunday, February 28, 2021.

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