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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Genesis 9:8-15      1 Peter 3:18-22      Mark 1:12-15

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-18      Romans 8:31-34      Mark 9:2-10



**First Sunday of**



The second reading today speaks to us of the gifts and images of our baptism and the new life given to us through the death of Christ.

First, note the **PURPOSE** of our baptism. The text tells us that Christ died for us that "he might lead you to God. Yes, indeed, for we have all gone astray like sheep" (Is 53:6). Once we walked with God in the garden in love and familiarity. But then we sinned and became alienated from God and dead in our sins. Christ, like a Good Shepherd, gathers us and leads us back to God. Next, notice the **PATTERN** of our baptism. We are given the image of Noah's ark. Text says that they were saved through water. Further, it is a combination of wood and water. The ark, made of gopher wood, helps them to benefit from the saving waters by not being overwhelmed by them. It is the same for us who are saved through the waters of baptism. But those waters are given power by the wood of the cross. Finally, note the **PURIFICATION** of our baptism. In Jesus we have been given a clear conscience since we have risen to a whole new life. Note that Jesus offers us an entirely new and different life. This life is increasingly victorious over sin and receptive of new graces and virtues. Because of this our conscience becomes clear and we, with Christ, ascend to the heavens. The text is clear to emphasize: new life, ascension to heaven, and authority and power (over sin and death). All of these things Christ died to give us.



**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. Last weekend was our commitment weekend. If you would like to make a pledge or donation, envelopes are available in the pews, or ask an usher for one. Please give your completed envelope either to an usher or drop it in the mail. If you received a request at home, be sure to mail your donation or pledge to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC:** Visit our parish website ([hcschurch.org](http://hcschurch.org)) for updates from the Pastor and on the parish during this pandemic.

**Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hcschurch.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, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay in touch!

**Mass Attendance February 14, 2021**

4:30pm	06
8:00am	29
9:30am	25
11:00am	59
7:00pm	36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>155</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21** *First Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00am Jovan Jenifer †  
 9:30am For the People  
 11:00am Eunice White †  
 7:00pm For the intentions of Cheryl Luster
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22** *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*  
 7:00am Coulter Nakamura †
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
 7:00am Catherine "Kitty" Chandler (birthday)
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
 7:00am Bettye Dunson †
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Marlene Whitlock
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
 7:00am Betty Taylor (birthday)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
 8:00am Eloise Matthews †  
 4:30pm Evelyn L. Hawkins † (birthday)

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

**DAILY READINGS**

- Monday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4      Matthew 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11      Matthew 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10      Luke 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25      Matthew 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28      Matthew 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19      Matthew 5:43-48

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

- Monday (2/22)** 8:00pm YAM Bible Study Zoom  
**Friday (2/27)** Women's Day Retreat (tbd)  
**Wednesday (2/24)** 6:30pm Confessions  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 7:15pm Virtual Lenten Bible Study

**ELECTRONIC TITHING (e-giving):** Join others at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian in electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. Your offertory is automatically deducted and can be easily changed with a phone call or email. Visit [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) or pick up brochure in rear of 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.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



God created us for relationship with Him and one another. During Lent, we invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. **HCSC will be open to hear confessions every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15PM.**

**VIRTUAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Our theme for this year's Lenten Bible Study is **"God Put A Rainbow In the Sky."** The rainbow was God's sign that he had delivered Noah and his family from the flood. We will study biblical stories of deliverance and seek to build trust in God and a vigorous hope for his on-going deliverance. Virtual Zoom sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** at 7:15pm, (**Feb. 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**). To receive Zoom link: subscribe on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com).

**P** **HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church with **Holy Hour at 6PM** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. On Friday, **Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** the stations will be led by the **Lectors Ministry**. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

**A** **FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US:** To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during Lent, **free copies** of **THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply.

**Y** This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the **Dynamic Catholic** team for **BEST LENT EVER** - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover, or rediscover, God through prayer. Visit **BestLentEver.com** to sign-up. A limited quantity of accompanying journals are available at the back of the church.

**BEST LENT EVER**

**+** **Do Something Beautiful for God**—Also available from Dynamic Catholic is a publication of essential teachings from Saint Teresa of Calcutta. **FREE** copies are available in the back of the church.



**G** **HCSC is assisting the Oblate Sisters of Providence** as they host a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** through **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** for **Catholic Sisters Week** in March. Donations will be given to local charities in the community focusing on children and teens. We are asking for specific types of canned goods. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church or visit our website for details. Bring donations to church or rectory.



**g** **LENTEEN WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT—** **Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**, join Msgr. Pope and other guest speakers for a day retreat titled **"A Desert Journey With our Biblical Sisters"**. Listen to talks and meditations on the spiritual desert stories of Ruth and Hannah from the Old Testament and Mary, Elizabeth and Anna the widow from the New Testament. The event is **FREE** and you can join us **in-person** in the sanctuary or via **livestream**. The time of this event was not available at this printing. See the flyer for more details or visit [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org).



During the month of February we celebrate **Black History Month** in the United States. This annual dedication offers all of us time to reflect upon not only one culture, but our entire nation's history. Join us this month as we provide 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."** We invite everyone to journey and learn. See the flyer and visit our website.

### 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). We are currently studying **EPHESIANS**.



**HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are prepared **only upon request**. Statements will **not** be automatically mailed. Contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) to request your statement to be either emailed, mailed, or pick-up from rectory.

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Local health guidelines allow us to celebrate a public mass in the sanctuary for up to 170 people in attendance.

Our public 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.

Following are some of the protocols that we follow at each Mass for your safety:

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, use only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been roped 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.

We are prudent and cautious because we care for you and your family's safety and well-being. Visit our website for more details on pandemic protocols. Our church sanctuary is open daily for private prayer from 8AM—8PM.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor ([www.msgrpope.com](http://www.msgrpope.com))

For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

**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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# Women's Retreat

**8 AM - 3 PM FEBRUARY 27**

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View schedule & RSVP at [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org).

**Questions?** call 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org)

Holy Comforter—Saint Cyprian Parish's Celebration of Black Catholic History Month 2021

## Black History is Everyone's History—A Shared American Story

As we continue to journey through Black History Month, we invite you to take the opportunity to learn more about the culture and its impact in our community and around our world. We continue to provide links to a variety of events and informational websites with specific emphasis on our Catholic faith. These links are also provided on our website ([www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)) for easy access:

❖ **Archdiocese of Washington (ADW)**—view the interview on racism featuring our own Auxiliary Bishops Campbell and Dorsonville, and moderated by Paula Gwynn Grant. The interview can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ke-7SCtDWJk&t=583s&ab\\_channel=WashArchdiocese](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ke-7SCtDWJk&t=583s&ab_channel=WashArchdiocese)

❖ **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** — learn about the various Catholic ministries and organizations formed to provide support and to educate Catholics on the community of African Americans in our country: visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/links-national-black-catholic-sites>

**Visit our website at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) for much more.**

### **WITNESSING WITH THE CHARISMS OF SERVANT OF GOD SISTER THEA BOWMAN, F.S.P.A.**

HOST--OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE/MINKISI SISTER THEA BOWMAN COMMITTEE, ARLINGTON VA

Virtual Event

Thursday, February 25, 2021

6:45-8:30 PM

Information & Registration by Feb. 22:

<https://bit.ly/theabowman>.

For this Black History Month celebration, come to a Zoom event about Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman. Be renewed in prayer, music, song, spiritual readings, and faith in action. As Sr. Thea said: "Getting to know whose we are!"

Coordinator – Cecilia Braveboy.

Music Director – Kristofer Pandohie.



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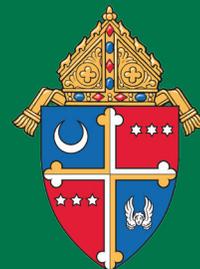


# BLACK CATHOLIC VOICES

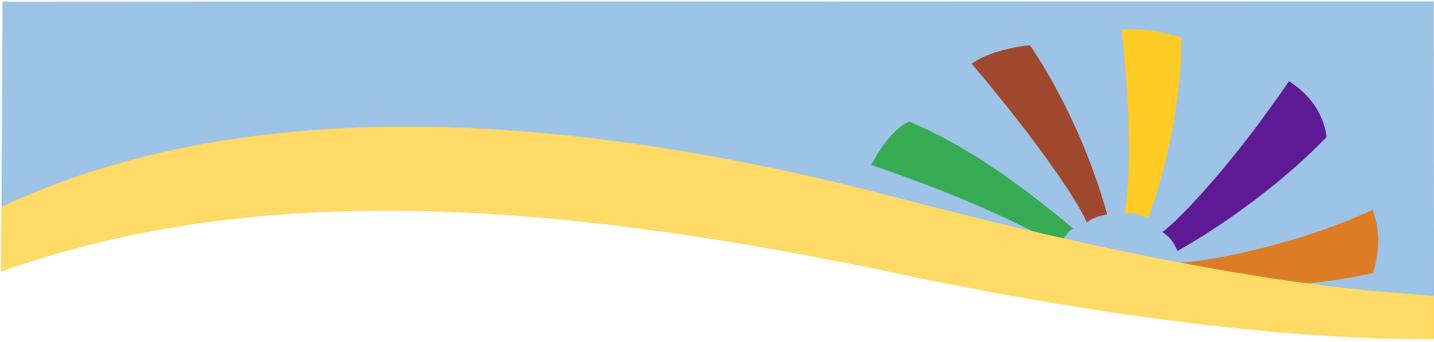
Celebrate Black History Month by checking out our Black Catholic Voices series produced by the *Catholic Standard*! In videotaped interviews, local Black Catholics reflect on their journey of faith, share their insights on combating racism, and affirm what gives them hope for the future.

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

A collaboration between the Catholic Standard, Office of Communications, and the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach.



Archdiocese of Washington



Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church Youth Ministry  
invites all families to our virtual

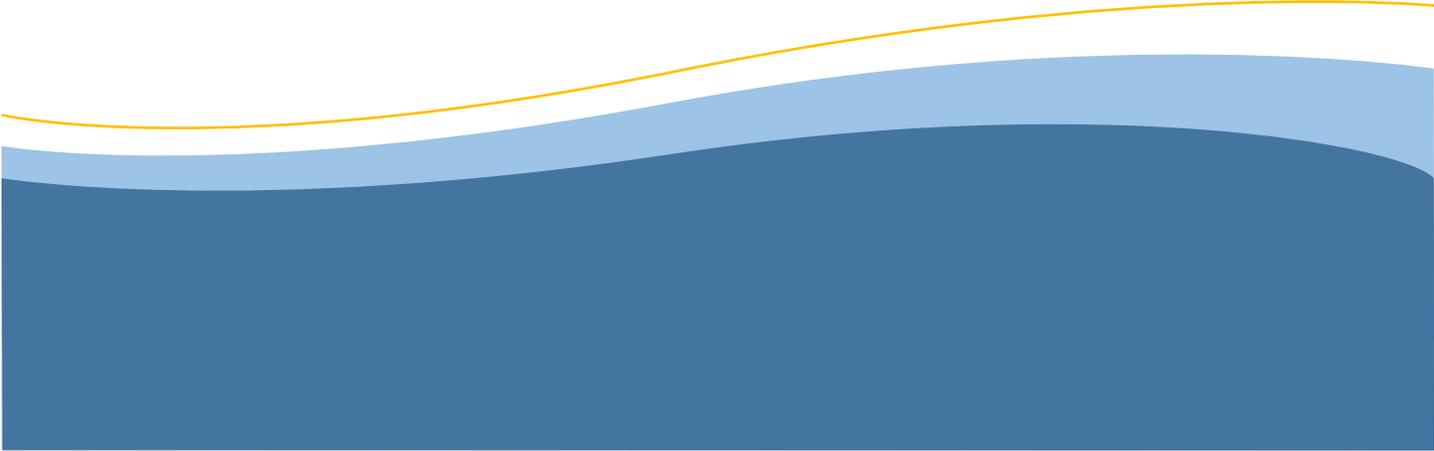
# HCSC Parent Meet-up



The HCSC Youth Ministry is inviting all parents of the parish to a virtual **Parent Meet-Up**. The idea behind this faithful gathering is to provide a virtual gathering space in the community dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents as they continue to navigate our new normal during the restrictions and stress of the current pandemic.

The **HCSC Parent-Meet Up** is here to support our parents by listening to each other, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Lent is here and it is time to widen our gaze and begin to work and pray together for the good of all the families in this faith community.

**To receive the link for the virtual meeting:** subscribe to Youth Ministry at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](https://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Our first virtual gathering is **Monday, Feb. 22 at 7PM**. If you have questions, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org).



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