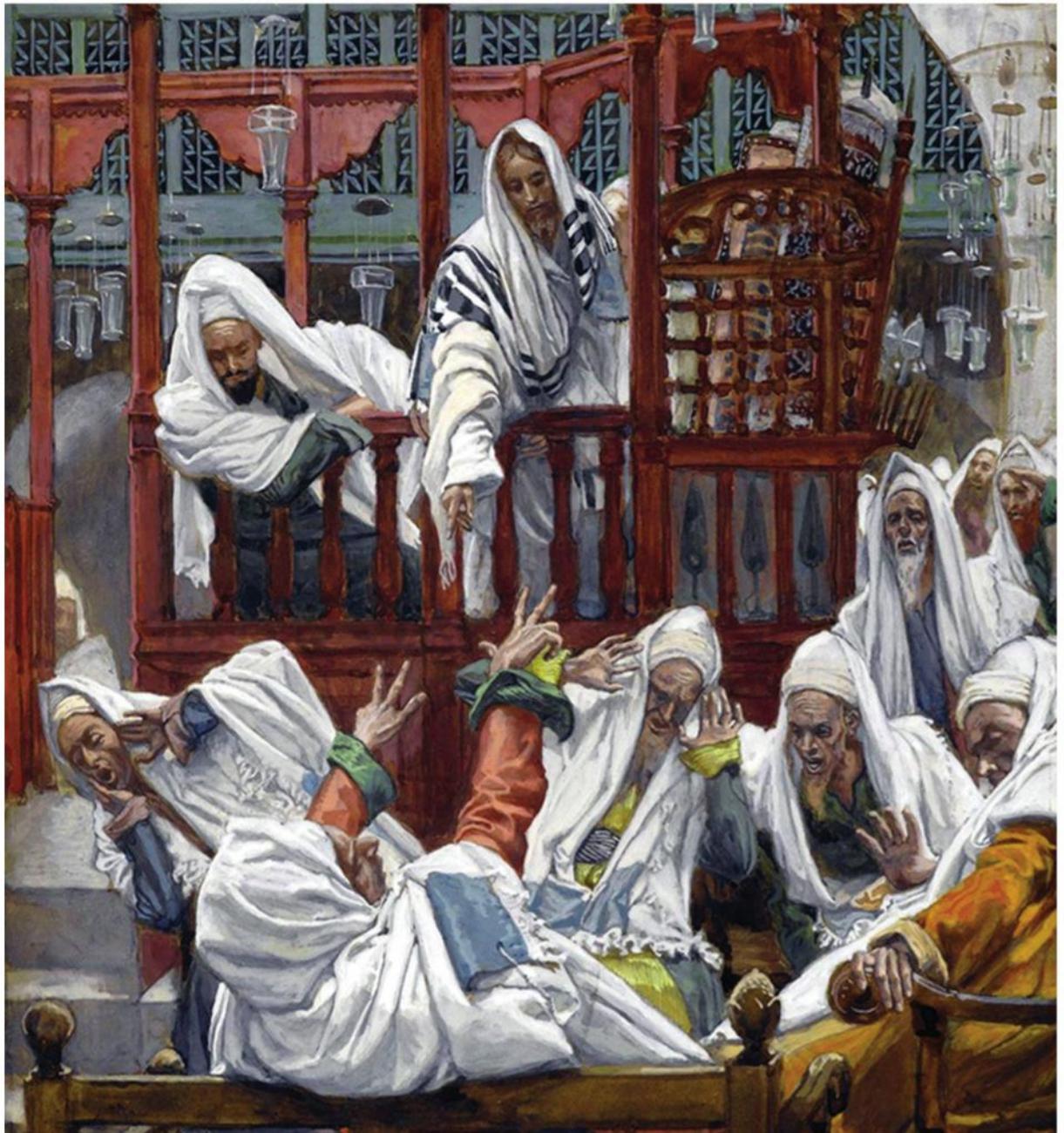


# 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus rebuked him and said,  
"Quiet! Come out of him!"  
The unclean spirit convulsed him  
and with a loud cry came out of him.

MR 1:25-26



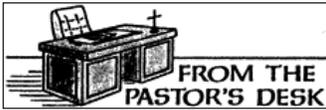
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Dt 18:15-20                      1 Cor 7:32-35                      Mark 1:21-28

**Readings Next Weekend:**

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



In today's Gospel we have a portrait of powerful preaching. Now the thing about powerful preaching is that it can make you mad, or sad, or glad, but it will not leave you unaffected. Let's look at three aspects of Jesus' preaching. First, it is **PERSONAL**. The text says that people were astonished at Jesus' teaching for he taught them as one having authority. The Greek work for authority is "exousia" meaning to speak out of one's own being or substance. Powerful preaching and teaching is when the preacher, or you, or I, go beyond merely quoting others or reciting texts and sayings, to speaking out of our own first hand experience and life. We do not make up our own religion (God forbid), but we are able to say that, in my own life I have come to see and experience as true what the Church has always proclaimed. Next, note that Jesus' preaching was **PROVOCATIVE**. For as he preaches, a man troubled with a demon is affected and the demon trembles. And so it is that good preaching should call forth repentance where necessary, should awaken in us a need for healing, should at times make us mad and sad. Yet again, note that Jesus' preaching was **POWERFUL**. By his preaching Jesus awakens the demon and drives it out. And thus, here comes the glad. For, having been set free, not only is the man glad, but so too is the whole congregation. Pray for personal, provocative and powerful preachers.



**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL IS HERE!**

This year's theme is **Seeking Christ** to remind 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 all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) or pick up a brochure in the rear of the church.

**COMMUNICATIONS AT HCSC:** Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](http://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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, January 31** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00am For the intentions of Gershon Peaks  
 9:30am For the People  
 11:00am For the intentions of June Holton-Johnson  
 7:00pm Coulter Nakamura †
- Monday, February 1**  
 7:00am Alice N. Thornton †
- Tuesday, February 2** *Presentation of the Lord*  
 7:00am James O. Neale †
- Wednesday, February 3** *Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr*  
 7:00am Reba L. Neale †
- Thursday, February 4**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Fr. Peter Tassini
- Friday, February 5** *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
 7:00am For the intentions of Jimmie Claire Walker
- Saturday, February 6** *Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
 8:00am For those suffering from the current pandemic  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Fr. Michael Bryant

**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 READINGS**

- Monday** Hebrews 11:32-40                      Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday** Mal 3:1-4                      Heb 2:14-18                      Luke 2:22-40  
**Wednesday** Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15                      Mark 6:1-6  
**Thursday** Hebrews 12:18-24                      Mark 6:7-13  
**Friday** Hebrews 13:1-8                      Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday** Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21                      Mark 6:30-34

**Mass Attendance January 24, 2021**

4:30pm	30
8:00am	38
9:30am	28
11:00am	78
7:00pm	25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>226</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

- Monday (2/1)**                      **Friday (2/5)**  
 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](http://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:**

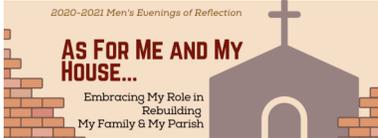
*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

*A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



#### MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION: "As for Me and My House... Embracing My Role in Rebuilding My Family and

*My Parish.*" Join this month's installment of the Monthly Reflections for Men on **Wed., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Virtual and In-Person options!** In-Person program begins at 7PM; Virtual program begins at 8PM. Discover tools to become a stronger leader in your Church, your parish, and your home. Evening includes: directed meditation; a practical talk; and time for personal reflection. Those attending In-Person will receive Mass, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. **Cost: \$20 In-Person; \$10 Virtual.** Advance registration required for both. To register, visit [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Food Drive

Join our parish in assisting the Oblate Sisters of Providence as they host a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** from **Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>—March 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**SAINT JOSEPH 2021 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available for sale. To purchase, ask one of the ushers or come to the rectory office. \$3 each. *Limited supply!*



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.**

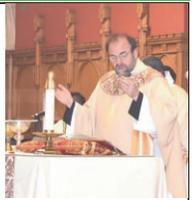
Please note there are a number of restrictions and protocols that we follow at each Mass:

- ◆ 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 (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.



*If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*  
2 Chronicles 7:14

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 gather in prayer for peace, unity, and the 'healing of our land'.



**CATHOLIC STANDARD!** Founded in 1951, this bi-weekly newspaper for the Archdiocese of Washington continues its work of communicating the teachings of Jesus Christ and showing how the Catholic faith is being lived in the metropolitan area, around the nation and throughout the world. Stay informed with the current events within the Faith by reading the *Catholic Standard*. Copies available in rear of the church. **Take home a copy** or visit [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and read the faith-related news of the week.

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



**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 mailed, emailed, 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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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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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February 7 - 28, 2021

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Soups, Sardines, Tuna, Chicken, Salmon,  
Spaghetios and Ravioli

**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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 The Deceased Jenifers:  
 Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,  
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*Still Loved, Still Missed  
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