

Jesus,
I trust in You.

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

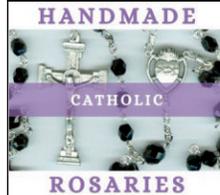
Acts 3:13-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet, if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of Scripture, that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas, or "Thomas the Tireless Traveler." Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is the first Sunday after Easter. The devotion started in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who had a vision of Jesus with blood and water flowing from his heart and asking for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted by Saint John Paul II calling it "the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." Please join Monsignor Pope in the church after 11AM Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish family. We also keep in mind that the Divine Mercy Chaplet was the favorite devotion of our beloved Deacon Kevin Butler.



HANDMADE CATHOLIC ROSARIES Abraham Flores, a HCSC parishioner who has dedicated his life to the Divine Mercy, has again fashioned handmade rosaries for distribution to his parish family for celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Some are full 5-decade rosaries and some are single-decade rosaries. He simply asks that we keep him in prayer.

Mass Attendance for Holy Week 2021

Holy Thursday—April 1	7:00pm	104
Good Friday—April 2	7:00pm	112
Easter Vigil—April 3	8:00pm	112
Easter Sunday—April 4	8:00am	84
	11:00am	167
	7:00pm	41
Total:		620

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/12) 8:00pm Bible Study Zoom	Friday (4/16) 6:00pm Holy Hour & Confession
Wednesday (4/14) 6:15pm Confessions 7:15pm Bible Study Zoom	

THE LORD IS RISEN! As disciples of Christ, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian with **electronic tithing** through **FAITH DIRECT**. It's **FREE** and **convenient!** Your weekly tithes and other donations are deducted electronically using a credit card or checking account. You can sign up at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59**, or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 *Divine Mercy Sunday*
 8:00am Robin B. Hutchinson † (birthday)
 9:30am For the People
 11:00am Joseph R. Washington †
 7:00pm David Jackson (birthday)
MONDAY, APRIL 12 *Easter Monday*
 7:00am June Better Swan †
TUESDAY, APRIL 13 *Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr*
 7:00am Cheryl Walker-Ross †
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
 7:00am Doretha Holley † (birthday)
THURSDAY, APRIL 15
 7:00am For the intentions of Natleen Chance
FRIDAY, APRIL 16
 7:00am For the intentions of Lester Chance
SATURDAY, APRIL 17
 8:00am For the intentions of Sylvia Hall
 4:30pm For the intentions of Janie Hawkins

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY:	Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
TUESDAY:	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7-15
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
THURSDAY:	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
FRIDAY:	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
SATURDAY:	Acts 6:1-7	John 6:16-21

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH LIFE



SAVE THE DATE—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2021 will celebrate their First Holy Communion on **Sun., April 25th** at a **1:30PM** mass. Stay tuned for more details on the names of our youth. The class will participate in their Penance service on Sat., April 24th from 10AM to 12 noon. Pray that these youth, with the help of their parents, will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.



2021 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS at CATHEDRAL of ST. MATTHEW: Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held **Sun., June 27th**, at **3:00PM** at the

Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the mass will be live-streamed. To register to attend the mass and receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate, contact Jimmie Claire Walker (202-546-1885 or jcwalker@hscchurch.org) before May 14th.

HCSC Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND!

Join Msgr. Pope and HCSC pilgrims as we return to the Holy Land for a **10-day pilgrimage, November 8—17, 2022**. The date was postponed from 2020 due to the pandemic, but prayerfully we will be able to travel in 2022. **SAVE THE DATE** and stay tuned for more details.



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

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Local health guidelines allows HCSC 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.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEET-UP: Our youth ministry has formed a support group for parents which is especially vital during these pandemic restrictions. These meet-ups are an opportunity for parents and families to meet (via Zoom) and discuss parental issues/concerns, fellowship and pray. Stay tuned for future 'Meet-Ups' by subscribing to *Youth Ministry* on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION: As we do every year, we would like to honor our HCSC students who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. In the midst of the current pandemic restrictions we are uncertain as to how this will happen but nonetheless we want to know who is **graduating in 2021**. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for information on how to inform the youth ministry of an upcoming graduation.

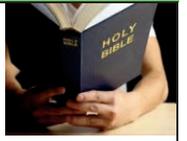


CAMP ST. CHARLES IS OPEN FOR CAMPERS!

Looking for a Catholic summer overnight camping experience for your children? Then consider Camp St. Charles in southern Maryland. The camp can operate with 50% capacity and has many renovations along with intentional COVID-19 safety protocols. For details on a virtual tour, dates for open houses, employment opportunities and important camper information, visit www.campstcharles.com

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. We are currently studying **EPHESIANS**.



Bible Study everyone is welcome
Join Monsignor Pope for 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 **EPHESIANS**.

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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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