

# 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is how it is with the kingdom of God;  
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...  
and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Mk 4:26-27



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Ez 17:22-24      2 Corinthians 5:6-10      Mark 4:26-34

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jb 38:1, 8-11      2 Cor 5:14-17      Mark 4:35-41

*Message from the Pastor*

Today's readings speak of three insights that disciples must recall. First is **ADAPTABILITY**. We hear in both the first reading and the Gospel how God can take what is very humble, and adapt it to be something mighty and powerful. Perhaps it is the "tender shoot" of the first reading that becomes a mighty oak. Perhaps it is the mustard seed of the Gospel which becomes a great shade tree. But God adapts us for his purposes and no one should say, 'I cannot be used.' An old song says, "If you can use anything Lord, you can use me." The insight is **AWE-ABILITY**, the capacity to reverence mystery and to have wonder and awe at what God does. In the Gospel, Jesus emphasizes that, though a man plants seeds he does not really know the deeper mysteries of life and growth. Despite our often self-congratulatory celebration of our sciences, there is much more we do not know or understand. And while science is often good at answering "how" it is not good at answering the more ultimate question of "why", and of meaning. We do well to maintain a reverential awe of the deeper mysteries of God's works and his ways. This also opens us to hope and to the possibilities that God can work in hidden ways to exult what is humble and to bring great transformation to those who are cast down and troubled, including ourselves and our culture. Finally, there is **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The second reading reminds us that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and render an account. As we have seen, God is able to adapt, and to work in wondrous and hidden ways to lift us up, even if we are humble and struggle. We must one day render an account of how we have responded to God's grace and his invitation to be exulted. On judgment day the expression "I couldn't" will ring hollow, because as we have seen: "God CAN." Today's readings remind us to be open to what God can do, often in mysterious ways.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, June 13**

8:00am      Mary Jenifer †  
 9:30am      Sylvester Simpson III †  
 11:00am      Robyn Miller †  
 7:00pm      Clifford Ben Tom †

**Monday, June 14**

7:00am      Intentions of Marie Mandong

**Tuesday, June 15**

7:00am      For the People

**Wednesday, June 16**

7:00am      Ann Maureen Hines †

**Thursday, June 17**

7:00am      Intentions of Sylvia Hall

**Friday, June 18**

7:00am      Intentions of Vinson Canady

**Saturday, June 19** *Saint Romuald, Abbot*

8:00am      Intentions of Msgr. Eddie Tolentino  
 4:30pm      Danny Hilburn

*To request a mass intention, contact the rectory (202-546-1885).*



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**Mass Attendance—June 6, 2021**

4:30pm	40
8:00am	53
9:30am	22
11:00am	157
7:00pm	73
<b>Total:</b>	<b>345</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (6/14)**

7:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Friday (6/18)**

6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour

**Wednesday (6/16)**

7:15pm Bible Study

**Stay Connected**

Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)) for updates from the Pastor and events in the parish. Here are other ways to stay in touch:

**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!

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And, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay connected!

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>MONDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Matthew 5:38-42
<b>TUESDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Matthew 5:43-48
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THURSDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 11:1-11	Matthew 6:7-15
<b>FRIDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30	Matthew 6:19-23
<b>SATURDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Matthew 6:24-34

**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.*

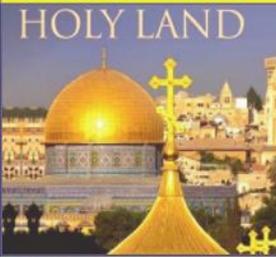
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### PARISH LIFE



**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and parishioners who helped coordinate and participate in our second Annual **Corpus Christi Procession** throughout the neighborhood last Sunday. A special thanks to the Servants of the Lord who created a beautiful mural out on the church plaza for this occasion.

### HCSC Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND!



Join Msgr. Pope and HCSC pilgrims to the Holy Land for a **10-day pilgrimage, Nov. 8—17, 2022**. In July, 2021, Israel will be opening up to tourism under specific health criteria which is positive news. Pick up a flyer in rear of church or visit: [hcschurch.org](http://hcschurch.org).

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS:** Cardinal Gregory and the Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Baltimore (*Archdiocese of Baltimore, Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*) have jointly announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation will be lifted beginning on **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**.

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Washington and local health and government officials, our parish is fully open for mass attendance. We have the following suggestions in place regarding the pandemic:

- ◆ If you have been fully vaccinated, you **DO NOT** need to wear a mask while in the church. If you are **NOT** fully vaccinated, we **highly recommend** you wear a mask or face covering for your safety.
- ◆ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off or closed until further notice.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units will remain available in the rear.
- ◆ Protocols will remain 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. Notices are also posted on our church doors and in the sanctuary.

### Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 29 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcschurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcschurch.org)



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION June 27<sup>th</sup>:** As we do every year, we would like to honor our HCSC students graduating from middle school, high school and college. Complete a graduate registration form and return it into the rectory by **June 13<sup>th</sup>**. See flyer in rear of church and on our website ([hcschurch.org](http://hcschurch.org)).



**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.



**TAKE A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY:** Are your days overcrowded and busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me...." You're invited to come to the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your personal retreat awaits. On **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **8:30AM—4PM**, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, mass, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch. **Cost: \$120 per person.** Visit [ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days](http://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days) or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Advance registration required.

### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 7PM via Zoom OR in-person in the rectory**. 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](http://hcschurch.flocknote.com). We ask you to RSVP if you are attending in-person. We are studying **HEBREWS**.



Join Monsignor Pope for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm**. To receive the link, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at [hcschurch.flocknote.com](http://hcschurch.flocknote.com). We are currently studying **HEBREWS**.

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

**Mass Times:** **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30PM (vigil);  
**Sunday** 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM;  
**Weekdays** Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)

#### Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10AM—4PM  
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

# HOLY COMFORTER- ST. CYPRIAN PARISH NEEDS YOU!

*Consider serving as an Usher, Lector  
or Altar Server.*



As we begin to heal and re-emerge after the pandemic, we are desperately in need of parishioners (both adults and youths) to step forward and consider serving as liturgical ministers during mass.

Let us know if you are interested or just have questions on how you can serve. Call 202-546-1885 or email: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

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