15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began
to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mk 6:7

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings This Weekend:

Amos 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

Message from the Pastor

The Gospel today provides a series of rumble strips that make us slow down and take notice of what is meant by real faith. First, there is the **RADICAL REQUIREMENT** that we love the Lord God with our whole being and our neighbor as our self. This is a radical requirement because we don't have the resources to do it. This is a gift received from God. Only if we understand this radical requirement does the rest of the gospel make sense. Secondly, there is the **RIDICULOUS REDUCTION.** A lawyer basically tries to reduce the concept of "neighbor" to a manageable idea. In effect, "If I have to love my neighbor, let's define neighbor down to mean something I can manage." But the Lord will not take the bait. Since loving our neighbor is going to be God's work in us, there is no need for reductions. Finally, there is **REQUIRED REALITY.** The Lord gives a parable that describes how God's love leaps the boundaries of nation, race, and friendship to embrace everyone in need. The Good Samaritan loved his enemy, cared for someone from a different race and nation. God's love does not exclude, it includes. It is easy to love our close friends and those who love us. But how hard it is to love troublesome people. We may struggle to do this, but Christ living in us can and will do it. His heart must replace our own.

FUNERALS: Birdie Mae Travis (Fri., July 16th)

✝ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK ✝

Sunday, July 11 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Natalie Mercer ✝
9:30am For the People
11:00am Celine Elgin-Cossart (birthday)
7:00pm Josue Lopez Peinado ✝

Monday, July 12
7:00am Maria Ford Moore✝ (birthday)

Tuesday, July 13 *Saint Henry*
7:00am Lawrence D. Barnes✝ (birthday)

Wednesday, July 14 *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*
7:00am Charlena D. Addison✝ (birthday)

Thursday, July 15 *Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
7:00am Cheri Drumgoole-Parker (birthday)

Friday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
7:00am Birdie Mae Travis✝

Saturday, July 17
8:00am Elizabeth Butler (birthday)
4:30pm Intentions of Betty Hamer

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	Exodus 1:8-14, 22	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-15a	Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12	Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3:13-20	Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	Exodus 11:10-12:14	Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12:37-42	Matthew 12:14-21

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Visit our parish website **(hcscchurch.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://hcscchurch.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 the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device to stay in touch with what's happening at our parish. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on your notifications after you download so you can receive updates and information.

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

Mass Attendance—July 4, 2021

4:30pm	51
8:00am	62
9:30am	30
11:00am	118
7:00pm	25
Total:	**286**

You can help Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian flourish by making the switch to **eGiving.** You can sign up online and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the brightest days and the darkest storms. Your weekly tithes and other donations are deducted electronically using a credit card or checking account. Sign up at 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@hcscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

This Week at the Parish

Monday (7/12)
7:00pm YAM Bible Study

Wednesday (7/14)
7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Friday (7/16)
6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour

NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: As of July 6th, the rectory is open from 10am-6pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We remain closed on Thursday and the weekend.

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.

Parish Life

NATIONAL OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI RAFFLE: The drawing will be held on August 1st at 3pm. Please support the efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 tickets to a book) for $5 until July 25th. All prizes are monetary (3 prizes: $1000, $500 & $200). Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hcscchurch.org or purchase from rectory during office hours.

HELP WANTED
Your parish needs you!

WE NEED YOU!! As we emerge from the pandemic, our parish is in need of parishioners who can serve as *Ministers of Hospitality* (ushers) or *Lectors (readers at Mass)*. If we have enough parishioners come forth, we can continue to serve God and His people in the manner that is worthy of our Lord. Contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org for details.

THE WORD AMONG US*: July—August* issues are available in the Candlelight Store for $2 each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

UPDATE ON RECORDED SUNDAY MASS: As we emerge from the pandemic and return to church, Msgr. Pope will no longer provide a recorded Sunday Mass. If you are still unable to attend Mass in person, please know that the Archdiocese of Washington continues to provide a recorded Mass every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50 or online at adw.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 has been lifted as of June 26, 2021. We gladly welcome you back to Mass!

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 protocols 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.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

ALTAR SERVER RETREAT/TRAINING: **Sat., July 17th at 10am** in the church. Msgr. Pope and others will speak on serving as an altar server and provide training. All current servers are invited **but** if you are interested in becoming an altar server, you are welcome to attend. See flyer for more information or contact the Youth Director.

VACATION NOTE: While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. Go to **www.discovermass.com** for Mass times and locations around the country. You can also access this information on **myParishapp** under *DiscoverMass*!

GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK: WMET 1160 AM/103.1 FM offers faith-filled and uplifting programming, including the Holy Mass. A new program, *Catholic Drive Time,* offers news from a Catholic perspective. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church for more information. You can also find a schedule and listen online at GRNonline.com.

Catholic Charities
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Would you like to help others this summer? To learn about the ongoing service opportunities offered by Catholic Charities including food distribution, assisting with planting vegetables at Mona Center Farm, and more, visit: catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 7pm via Zoom OR in-person in the rectory basement**. 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.** We ask you to RSVP if you are attending in-person. We are studying ***HEBREWS.***

Bible Study
everyone is welcome

Join Msgr. Pope for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm.** To receive the link, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at **hcscchurch.flocknote.com.** We are currently studying ***HEBREWS.***

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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—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & RECRUITMENT

for current and interested youth
(in grade 3 thru high school)

Saturday, July 17 - 10:00 am

HCSC Church Sanctuary

Altar Servers enhance the quality of liturgical celebrations by serving the Priest at Mass and other liturgies. We invite all current servers along with any youth who is interested in becoming an altar server to attend.

Questions or to RSVP: call 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org

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