

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47



The Assumption
of the Virgin by
Giovanni Battista Salvi
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17th Century

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Readings This Weekend:

Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Readings Next Weekend:

Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

Message from the Pastor

Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary wherein we acknowledge that, at her death Mary was taken up into heaven, not just her soul, but body and soul. This is an ancient tradition and teaching of the Church going back to the earliest centuries of the Church. The historical incident is not recorded in the Scriptures but the notion of Assumption is a biblical one. In the Book of Hebrews we are taught that Enoch, an Old Testament Patriarch was so pleasing to God that God “took him up” into heaven and that he did not die (Heb 11:5). In other words, he was assumed (taken up) into heaven body and soul. Elijah, too, was taken up (assumed) body and soul into heaven in the fiery chariot (2 Kings 2:11). There is also an uncertain tradition, though not recorded in Scripture, that Moses was also taken up from his tomb, no one knows the place. (Deut 34:6). So, our ancient belief that Mary was taken up is not without biblical precedent. What does any of this have to do with us? Well, there is an essential connection to the assumption of Mary and us. For one day we too will have our bodies raised and taken up to be joined to our souls and then we shall be with the Lord not only in our souls, but body and soul (1 Cor 15:51ff). So, Mary’s feast prefigures our own.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 15 *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:00am For the intentions of the Acosta Family
 9:30am For the intentions of Marcia Leftwood Holton
 11:00am Ann Bailey †
 7:00pm Intentions of Christene Tantisunthorn
Monday, August 16 *Saint Stephen of Hungary*
 7:00am Ollie & June Johnson (13th wedding anniversary)
Tuesday, August 17
 7:00am Paul Macon † (birthday)
Wednesday, August 18
 7:00am For the intentions of Steven Stafford
Thursday, August 19 *Saint John Eudes, Priest*
 7:00am For the People
Friday, August 20 *Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am For the intentions of Bernadette Nicholson
Saturday, August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*
 8:00am Howard Brown †
 4:30pm For the intentions of Gloria Ramsey



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	Judges 2:11-19	Matthew 19:16-22
TUESDAY	Judges 6:11-24a	Matthew 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY	Judges 9:6-15	Matthew 20:1-16
THURSDAY	Judges 11:29-39a	Matthew 22:1-14
FRIDAY	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22	Matthew 22:34-40
SATURDAY	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17	Matthew 23:1-12

Stay Connected



Visit our parish website (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 “HSCC” 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 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—August 8, 2021

4:30pm	41
8:00am	54
9:30am	31
11:00am	117
7:00pm	54
Total:	297



Summer is almost over—have you made the switch to eGiving? It is a great way to support Holy Comforter–Saint Cyprian and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. You can go online and set up your weekly tithes or make a one-time gift. Tithing electronically is **FREE, EASY, and CONVENIENT**, as your money will be automatically deducted each month for you. Sign up at faithdirect.net using our church **code DC59**, or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Friday (8/20)
 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.

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PARISH LIFE



This Sunday, August 15th, we celebrate the **Assumption of Mary** which commemorates the Catholic belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven to be reunited with her soul. *Queen, assumed into heaven, pray for us.*



HCSC YOUTH RECEIVING SACRAMENTS: On Sunday, August 15th at the 11am Mass, Dominic Acosta will be confirmed and Kiersten Acosta will celebrate her first Holy Communion. Both students



were out of the country during 2020/2021, so it was postponed until today. We pray that Dominic will receive special grace and that Kiersten will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.



Congratulations to Claire Creighton, who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **August 7th**. May God bless her in her journey of faith with the help of her parents.



HCSC ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY MEETING: Msgr. Pope will convene a meeting of HCSC organization & ministry chairs on **Monday, August 30th at 6:30pm via ZOOM**. Stay tuned

for a FlockNote with the ZOOM link. If the chair is unable to attend, please assign another member to attend.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of July 31, 2021 the DC Mayor has reinstated the indoor mask mandate. Our church will remain open with the following protocol:

- ♦ Everyone who enters the church or rectory buildings, even if you have been fully vaccinated, are required to **wear a mask** or covering. If you do not have one, please see an usher.
- ♦ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ♦ Automatic hand sanitizing units will remain available in the rear.
- ♦ Sanitizing of minister's hands will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS: Cardinal Gregory and the Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Baltimore 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!

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: There will be only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 19th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. We will still celebrate the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday. Stay tuned for details!



CATHOLIC PRIDE: Join the Crucifix Crusade by purchasing and wearing these special St. Benedict crosses. These necklaces are designed to allow you to proudly share your faith and spark curiosity from those you come across in your daily life. With your purchase, you will receive information on the Crucifix Crusade, along with prayers and faith facts. If you are interested in purchasing a crucifix, please ask an usher or stop by the rectory during office hours. **Cost: \$10.**

SUMMER WATER BOTTLE DRIVE:

Help **SOME** fight the summer heat by donating to their water bottle drive! Through August 31st, **SOME** will be accepting donations of new reusable water bottles and cases of disposable water bottles. See a flyer in the rear of the church. Visit their Amazon wishlist here: <https://a.co/cob1Kgj>



SUNDAY TV MASS: If you are unable to attend Mass in person due to health issues or advancing age, please note that the Archdiocese of Washington provides a recorded Mass every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50 or view the taped Mass at any time at adw.org/tvmas.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Young Adult Bible Study will not meet on Monday, August 16th and will resume on August 23rd. If you are interested in attending once we resume, subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive information.



SCHEDULE CHANGE: Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be cancelled on Wednesday, August 18th. We will resume on August 25th. To receive the link, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

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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

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