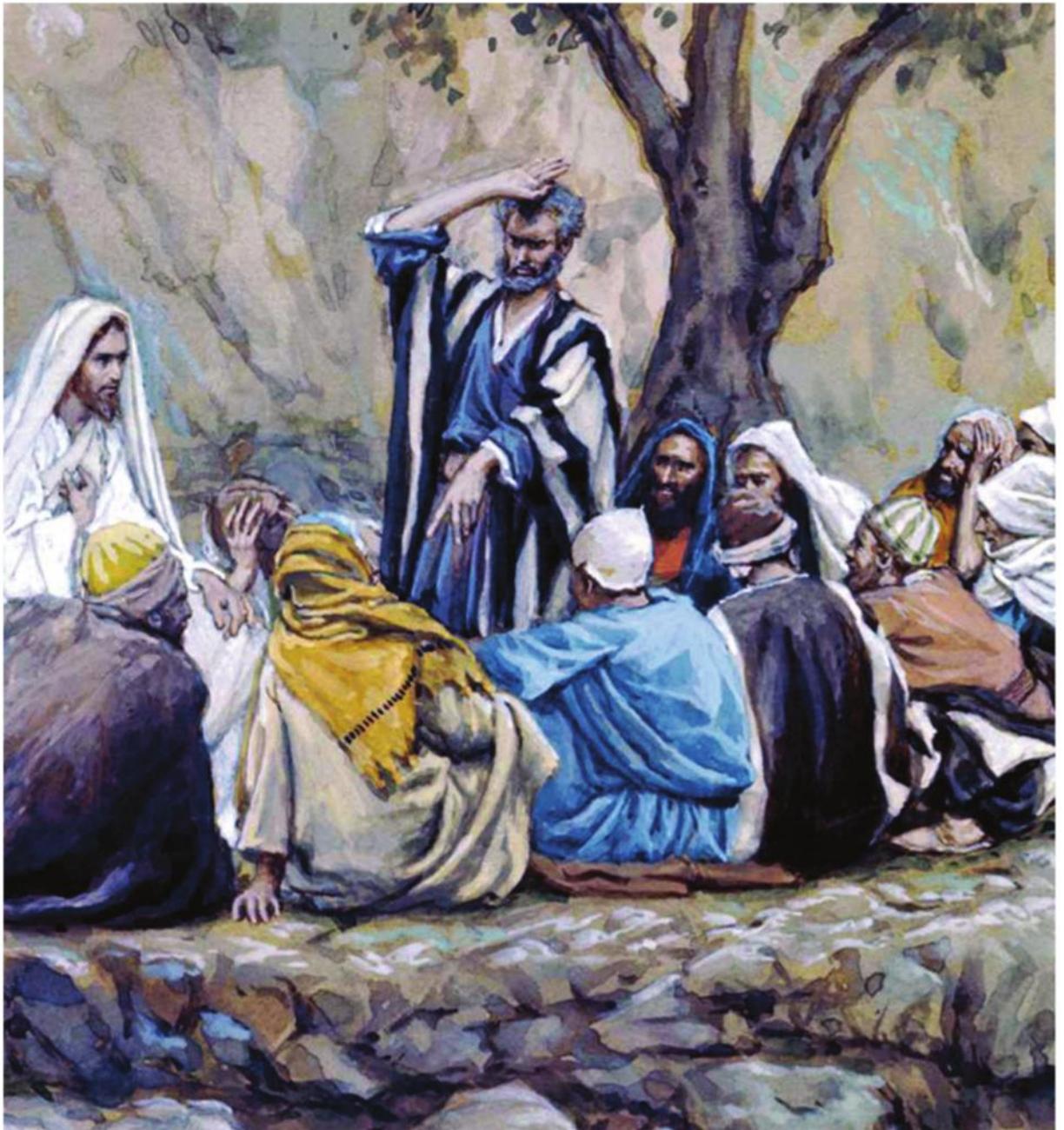


21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Jn 6:67-69



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Message from the Pastor

The readings today contain two “hard sayings.” The One which we have been examining for five weeks now is Jesus teaching on the Holy Eucharist and his insistence, despite grumbling crowds, that Holy Communion really is his Body and Blood. So upset were many who heard this that, as we read today, many left him and would no longer follow him because he taught in this way. Your Amen today for Communion indicates you stand with Jesus in this first hard saying. The second hard saying is from St. Paul, who as an apostles speaks for Christ. We are taught that wives should be submitted to their husbands. A hard saying for some! Of course the Lord goes on to teach through St. Paul that a husband should have a passionate (sacrificial) love for his wife and also a purifying love, and a providing love. Hence the husband has serious and significant obligations to his wife and children. Headship, in the Christian tradition is always about service and responsibility not rank. Still, a hard saying for the wife, but also for the husband if he takes to heart his charge.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, August 22** *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am For the intentions of the Waiters Family
 9:30am For the intentions of Juanita Waiters
 11:00am Cheryl Walker Ross† (*birthday*)
 7:00pm Watson L. Williams†
- Monday, August 23** *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*
 7:00am For those suffering from crisis in Haiti
- Tuesday, August 24** *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*
 7:00am William R. Hawkins Sr. †
- Wednesday, August 25** *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*
 7:00am William R. Hawkins Jr. †
- Thursday, August 26**
 7:00am Protection for vulnerable populations in Afghanistan
- Friday, August 27** *Saint Monica*
 7:00am Virginia Slaughter Ailer †
- Saturday, August 28** *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
 8:00am For the intentions of Harold Watson
 4:30pm For the intentions of Jada Fields



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** 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Matthew 23:13-22
- TUESDAY** Revelation 21:9b-14 John 1:45-51
- WEDNESDAY** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32
- THURSDAY** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Matthew 24:42-51
- FRIDAY** 1 Thes 4:1-8 Matthew 25:1-13
- SATURDAY** 1 Thes 4:9-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Stay Connected



Visit our parish website (hcschurch.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://hcschurch.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 15, 2021

4:30pm	41
8:00am	41
9:30am	31
11:00am	165
7:00pm	67
Total:	345



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@hcschurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday (8/23)** 7:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Friday (8/27)** 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour
- Tuesday (8/24)** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg
- Saturday (8/28)** 11:00am St. Peter Claver Mtg
- Wednesday (8/25)** 7:15pm Adult Bible Study



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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



WE BID FAREWELL TO JESSIAH ROJAS:

Our summer seminarian, Jessiah Rojas, completed his time with HCSC this past week. We enjoyed having Jessiah with us and are grateful for his service to the parish, and particularly his work with the altar servers and liturgical ministers. Jessiah will be returning to complete the second year of his pre-theology studies at St. John Paul II

Seminary. Please join us as we pray for many blessings for Jessiah and the other seminarians. We also pray for God's grace in their lives as they continue their journey in service to the Lord through this holy vocation.



Congratulations to Landon Brandt Butler and Guillermo Ignacio Brunell de Arana, who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **August 14th** and **15th**, respectively. May God bless them in their journey of faith with the help of their parents.

HCSC ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY MEETING:

Msgr. Pope will convene a meeting of HCSC organization & ministry chairs on **Mon., Aug. 30th at 6:30pm via ZOOM**. Stay tuned for a FlockNote with ZOOM link. If chair is unable to attend, assign another member to attend.



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 have the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday. Our guest celebrant will be **Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III** (a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana who is the Catholic chaplain at Howard University and the priest-in-residence at Immaculate Conception Church).



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of July 31, 2021, the DC Mayor 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: On June 26, 2021, Cardinal Gregory and the Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Baltimore jointly announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation has been lifted. We gladly welcome you back to Mass!

UPDATE ON MASS INTENTIONS: The norm in the Archdiocese of Washington for mass intentions is that persons submitting a Mass intention make a sacrificial donation of \$10 per intention. Our own parish has been suggesting a donation of \$5 per intention but we would like to begin operating under the norm of the diocese. **Please note that beginning September 5th** we will increase the requested donation to \$10 per mass intention. We understand it may be a financial hardship for some, so please note that this donation is suggested, not required.



BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: Do you know anyone in need of school supplies for the coming year? The **HCSC Ladies of Charity** are providing assistance to students in grades K-12 who need supplies for school. Contact Sharon Graham at (202) 526-5422 for assistance.

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/tvmass.

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 hscchurch.flocknote.com. We ask you to RSVP if you are attending in-person. We are studying **HEBREWS**.



Join Msgr. Pope for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm**. To receive the Zoom link via email, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. Stay tuned for the next topic!



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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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