

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You disregard God's commandment
but cling to human tradition."

Mk 7:8



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Message from the Pastor

In today's readings a proper understanding of the Law and its relationship to our hearts is taught. First, we are taught of the **PROMISE** of the Law when Moses tells us God is giving us the Law so that we can enter the Land and take possession of it. In other words, the Law unlocks many blessings and promises for us. There is also the **PRECISION** of the Law for Moses teaches that we shall not add or subtract from what God gives. Blessings can only really come if we wholeheartedly embrace God's way. For example, if you told me how to get to your house but I only obeyed every other turn, I will most likely not get there. Next, we are taught the **PORTRAYAL** of the Law which is done by our very living of the Law. In so doing we give evidence of the very wisdom the Law itself gives. Next, we are warned by Jesus of the **PRIORITY** of God's law for he warns that we too often substitute human traditions and teachings for God's Law. No, says Jesus, every human thought and law must be subordinate to God's Law which always has priority. Finally, the Lord teaches on the **PLACE** of the Law which must be in our hearts. It is not enough for the Law to be in our intellect. For the heart is the deeper part of us wherein we deliberate, ponder the meaning of things, discern and ultimately choose. Further, the heart describes that part of us which is most truly our very self. And when the Law reaches our heart we keep it not because we have to, but because we want to.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 29 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Deacon Kevin Butler†
 9:30am Deacon Charles Edelin†
 11:00am Deacon Ralph Cyrus†
 7:00pm For the intentions of Ashley Muse
Monday, August 30
 7:00am Deceased Priests†
Tuesday, August 31
 7:00am James & Dorothy Young (59th wedding anniversary)
Wednesday, September 1
 7:00am Beverly Vaughn† (birthday)
Thursday, September 2
 7:00am Theresa Clark-James (birthday)
Friday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Henry Leon Fulford† (birthday)
Saturday, September 4
 8:00am Savannah Blu Holton (birthday)
 4:30pm For the People

To offer a mass in memory of a friend or family, call (202) 546-1885

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY	1 Thes 4:13-18	Luke 4:16-30
TUESDAY	1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11	Luke 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 1:1-8	Luke 4:38-44
THURSDAY	Colossians 1:9-14	Luke 5:1-11
FRIDAY	Colossians 1:15-20	Luke 5:33-39
SATURDAY	Colossians 1:21-23	Luke 6:1-5

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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 22, 2021

4:30pm	31
8:00am	47
9:30am	42
11:00am	120
7:00pm	74
Total:	313



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 (8/30) 6:30pm Organ & Ministry Mtg 7:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (9/3) RECTORY CLOSED 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour
Wednesday (9/1) 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.

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PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED in observance of **Juneteenth, Fri., September 3rd**. Because the law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday was passed on June 17th, we did not have time to adjust our rectory hours, thus we will be observing the holiday on Friday. The office will re-open on Tues., Sept. 7th after the Labor Day holiday.

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.

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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is accepting nominations for its 11th Annual Longest Married Couple project. The project's goal is to recognize couples with long marriages from each state and across the country. Winners are selected solely from nominations submitted. To learn more and to nominate a couple, please call (405) 850-4274 or visit wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple. Nomination deadline is Friday, September 10, 2021. Get your nominations in soon!



RETREAT WEEKEND: Join St. Mary Mother of God Young Adults for their first ever Fall retreat at St. Mary's in Chinatown on September 10-11, 2021 for a weekend of prayer & reflection with talks by Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, visit facebook.com/events/1523631954649757/



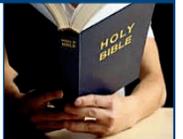
BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: Do you know anyone in need of school supplies for the coming year? The **HCSC Ladies of Charity** are providing assistance to students in grades K-12 who need supplies for school. Contact Sharon Graham at (202) 526-5422 for assistance.

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>



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 **SONG OF SONGS**.



Bible Study everyone is welcome 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. We are studying the **BOOK OF BARUCH**.

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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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