



# *Faith* IN GOD

BE STRONG AND STEADFAST; HAVE  
NO FEAR OR DREAD OF THEM, FOR IT  
IS THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WHO  
MARCHES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER  
FAIL YOU OR FORSAKE YOU

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4c-9a      James 2:14-18      Mark 8:27-35

*Message from the Pastor*

Note first the **PLACE** of the Gospel. It says that Jesus went into the "Decapolis" region, an area of ten Gentile (or pagan) cities. In other words, Jesus is in a region of non-believers. Clearly, this also describes our current culture which increasingly manifests not only unbelief, but even outright hostility to our faith. But notice that Jesus does not hesitate to go there or to engage the culture, and neither should we. Next, note the **PROBLEM** that emerges. A man who is deaf and has a speech impediment is brought to Jesus. This is like a lot of us. In the midst of an increasingly unbelieving culture, many of us have also become deaf to God's truth and because of that deafness have the speech impediment of being silent in the face of this unbelief and sin. Our speech impediment is rooted not only in weak faith, but in fear of what others might say or do to us if we speak. We need healing. Next, note the **PROCESS** when Jesus takes him aside from the crowd. In this we see that the healing is personal. Too many of us wait for the Lord to anoint a leader to speak powerfully, but what if it is you whom the Lord wants to personally heal? Charismatic leaders are a fine gift, but those leaders don't sit at your dinner table each night. Ultimately, we ALL have to be prophets of God. The text says Jesus touched the man's tongue and ears, by this action we see him putting his word in us to empower us to speak. For it is not our word that heals, it is the Lord's word that heals. Finally, note the **PURITY** of the man's healing, for the text says he began to speak plainly. The Greek word is "orthos" from which we get the word orthodoxy, meaning correct doctrine. Thus, the man is not enabled to talk merely that he may gossip or spread error, but rather that he speak correct and clear doctrine, the healing Word of the Lord.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, September 5** *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00am For the intentions of Joy Ruiz  
 9:30am Mr. Louis Butler†  
 11:00am Steve & Janis McPherson†  
 7:00pm Fr. John Hines, M.M.†
- Monday, September 6**  
 8:00am For the intentions of Sr. Sacro Monte
- Tuesday, September 7**  
 7:00am For those suffering from natural disasters
- Wednesday, September 8** *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:00am For the intentions of Kimberly Peaks
- Thursday, September 9** *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*  
 7:00am For those killed in recent Afghanistan attacks†
- Friday, September 10**  
 7:00am Kym Oliver (birthday)
- Saturday, September 11**  
 8:00am Reba L. Neale†  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>MONDAY</b>	Colossians 1:24-2:3	Luke 6:6-11
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 6:12-19
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Micah 5:1-4a	Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 6:27-38
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14	Luke 6:39-42
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1 Timothy 1:15-17	Luke 6:43-49

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Visit our parish website ([hcschurch.org](http://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!

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

**Mass Attendance—August 29, 2021**

4:30pm	40
8:00am	42
9:30am	35
11:00am	111
7:00pm	66
<b>Total:</b>	<b>294</b>

 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](http://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](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org) or (202) 546-1885.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

- Monday (9/6) RECTORY CLOSED**      **Friday (9/10)**  
 8:00am Mass      6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour  
 7:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Wednesday (9/8)**  
 7:15pm Adult Bible Study

 **NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



**RECTORY CLOSED** in observance of **Labor Day, Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Morning Mass is at 8am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Have a blessed holiday weekend!

**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 as of September 5<sup>th</sup>** the requested donation is \$10 per mass intention. We understand it may be a financial hardship for some, so please note that this donation is suggested, not required.



**TRY OUR TIME-OUT TUNNEL:** Coming to Mass with little children can be a challenge, especially when they become restless. At times like these, try our time-out tunnel! In the vestibule (rear) of the church, we have benches for you to sit, speakers so that Mass can be heard and a little more room to attend to your children. It's great to have so many young children in the church but if you or they need a time-out, please try our time-out tunnel!



**THE WORD AMONG US:** The **September issue** is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$2** each. This monthly publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine 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!*

### 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!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2021—22** for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on **September 26, 2021**. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at [mre@hscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hscchurch.org) or (202) 368-7231. Visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for more information.



**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH** by enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA) which begin **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the rectory basement. These classes provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although these classes are especially designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also a wonderful opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. If interested, contact Liz Butler at [ebutler717@gmail.com](mailto:ebutler717@gmail.com) or (301) 379-5266.

**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION:** There will be only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 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).



### 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](http://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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). We are studying the **BOOK OF BARUCH**.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.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—6pm  
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

## *A Fond Farewell from Sr. Maria del Sacro Monte*

Dear Msgr. Pope and Holy Comforter—Saint Cyprian Parish,

I want to thank you for the cordial welcome you have given me during these past 5 years at your parish, and for making me feel like a part of your family. Thank you especially for all of your prayers, friendship, your attention to the needs of our community, and for sharing with me your testimony of life.

I have been assigned to a new mission in Avondale, Pennsylvania. I will be working at St. Rocco Catholic Church. <https://www.stroccochurch.org/>.

St. Rocco's is the first national parish designated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Hispanics. Our Apostolate in the parish of St. Rocco's involves faith formation of children and youth, adult formation, bringing communion to the sick, and many other activities within parish life.

It is a gift to be able to go to this mission to work with this community and to be an instrument in bringing the light of Christ and the Truth of the Gospel into their homes.

I am very grateful for all of your prayers and I promise to always remember you in my prayers, especially during the Holy Mass. You are always welcome to come and visit.

In Christ Jesus and Mary Most Holy,

*Sr. Maria del Sacro Monte*

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# Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

## In Celebration of The Feast Day of Saint Cyprian

(actual feast date: September 16<sup>th</sup>)

&

## 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Cyprian's Parish

1893–2021

*'This is Our Story. This is  
Our Song.'*

## Parish-wide Celebration of Mass

(One Mass Only)

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Guest Homilist: Fr. Robert P. Bowie, III

(No 8:00AM or 9:30AM on Sunday)  
(4:30PM Mass on Saturday & 7:00PM  
on Sunday will be held)



## Parish Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, September 19, 2021

following the 10:00AM liturgy outside  
the church on the plaza and grounds

*Food, drinks and games for  
the entire family!*



*Artistic Rendition of Saint Cyprian of Carthage*

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the  
earth, where moth and rust do corrupt, and where  
thieves break through and steal. But lay up for  
yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth  
nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not  
break through nor steal. For where thy treasure is,  
there will thy heart be also."*

**Saint Cyprian of Carthage**





## **MEET THE GUEST HOMILIST: Father Robert P. Boxie, III**

Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III, a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the chaplain at Howard University and the priest-in-residence at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. He had been the parochial vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland since July 2017, and was ordained to the priesthood in June 2016 for the Archdiocese of Washington. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, with a degree in chemical engineering and a second major in music, he worked a year abroad in France teaching English as a language assistant at a French high school. Upon returning to the United States, he enrolled at Harvard Law school and graduated in 2007, after which he landed a federal clerkship at the federal court in Greenbelt, Maryland. He then worked for a couple of years at a law firm in Washington, D.C., all while discerning seminary and priesthood. With much prayer and discernment and with the assistance of good spiritual advisors, he decided to enter seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington, beginning his seminary studies in philosophy at Theological College at the Catholic University of America. Thereafter, he was sent to continue his theological studies in Rome at the Pontifical North American College and the Gregorian University and completed his degrees in the summer of 2017. Fr. Boxie is an avid runner, tennis player, and a classical music junkie. He also enjoys going to the gym, traveling, reading, sacred art, and spending time with family and friends.

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 Our Deceased Members  
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**OUR DECEASED SODALISTS**  
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 The Deceased Jenifers:  
 Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,  
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 Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan  
*Still Loved, Still Missed  
 & Very Dear, The Family*

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*We Love You Always*  
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**Kenyon E. Jones**  
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*We'll always love you,  
 Mom, Kids  
 & Venita*



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