



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Message from the Pastor

In today's gospel we see described and taught the miracle of marriage. If your marriage is even reasonably working, it is a miracle. We live in an age that is poisonous to marriage. Successful marriages need to be seen for the miracle they are: namely, that God can take two, and make them one. The gospel begins with a **REJECTION** of God's plan for marriage. The Pharisees approached Jesus and assert that they are free to divorce their wives, if they wish. Jesus responds to them by teaching that their rejection of marriage and their wives is the sign of the hardness of their hearts. Jesus then points to the **RESTORATION** of God's plan for marriage. For it is true that Moses had permitted divorce, but this was not God's original plan. Jesus reminds them that in God's plan the two become one flesh, and that what God has joined together, no one must divide. Jesus then announces the **REALITY** that divorce and remarriage amount to adultery. Whatever human papers from some human judge that we shake in front of God's face, God does not recognize the human dividing of marriages he has truly made. These are hard words in a culture like ours, where divorce is so common. And yet, as with every difficult passage, we must remember that the Lord is announcing a grace that is available to us. In this case, it is a grace that he offers us that we can actually love our spouse, and seek to have our love deepen each year. Next comes a **RE-EMPHASIS** by Jesus. He takes a little child and warns the disciples never to hinder a child in finding their way to the kingdom. This passage relates to the previous text because children are the fruit of godly marriage and it is in the context of a stable and harmonious marriage that children best find their way to the kingdom of God. Finally, there is a **REASSURANCE** where Jesus encourages us to receive this difficult teaching like a little child. In other words, when challenged by a difficult teaching we should be like little children seeking God's help, rather than to bristle and proudly reject it. This gospel does not simply present demands, but rather, offers grace and help.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, October 3** *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am For the intentions of Juanita Moore
9:30am Marlene Whitlock †
11:00am Carol & Curtis Wise (63rd wedding anniversary)
7:00pm For the protection of vulnerable lives
- Monday, October 4** *Saint Francis of Assisi*
7:00am Anthony Brown (birthday)
- Tuesday, October 5** *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
7:00am Kenneth Louis †
- Wednesday, October 6** *Saint Bruno, Priest*
7:00am Monsignor Robert Cary Hill †
- Thursday, October 7** *Our Lady of the Rosary*
7:00am For the People
- Friday, October 8**
7:00am Alice N. Thornton †
- Saturday, October 9** *St. Denis, Bishop, Martyr; St. John Leonardi*
8:00am Priscilla Lyons (birthday)
4:30pm Zoe Elgin-Cossart (birthday)

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY	Jonah 1:1-2:2,11	Luke 10:25-37
TUESDAY	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY	Jonah 4:1-11	Luke 11:1-4
THURSDAY	Malachi 3:13-20b	Luke 11:5-13
FRIDAY	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Luke 11:15-26
SATURDAY	Joel 4:12-21	Luke 11:27-28

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 "HSCS" 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—September 26, 2021

4:30pm	37
8:00am	51
9:30am	26
11:00am	159
7:00pm	65
Total:	339

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

<p>Monday (10/4) 7:00pm YAM Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday (10/6) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>Friday (10/8) 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour</p>
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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



RESPECT LIFE MONTH: October is Respect Life Month which is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the U.S. This year, we are focusing on St. Joseph, defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians to cherish, defend, and protect those most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end. To learn more, visit respectlife.org and pick up flyers in rear of church.



Congratulations to George Woodburn Collin who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **September 26th**. May God bless him in his journey of faith with the help of his parents.

BLESSINGS upon **Ryan Fischer & Caroline Ricardo** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **September 25th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Mon., Oct., 4th**, Msgr. Pope will bless your pets on the church plaza from **6pm—7:30pm**. Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by.



NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION: In response to the enormous need of those affected by recent natural disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti; flash floods in Tennessee, and Hurricane Ida's devastation in Louisiana, we will support relief efforts by taking up a special collection during the weekend of **October 2nd and 3rd**. Funds in our Poor Boxes will also go toward this cause.



32nd Annual East of the River Revival—Mon., Oct. 4th at 7pm. This is a live and virtual event held at St. Luke Roman Catholic Church in Washington, DC. **Revivalist:** Fr. Robert Boxie. **Theme:** *In the Midst of it All*.

This annual revival features scripture, music and relevant inspirational preaching for all. See flyer for links and details.

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 are available at doors.
- ♦ Sanitizing of minister's hands will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we follow both diocesan and local health guidelines.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. At our parish, the

Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council #10008 conducts fraternal and charitable service at the parish and throughout DC. If you want to learn more, or join today, contact the council's Grand Knight James Mazol, at james.mazol@gmail.com or go to KofC.org/joinus.

THE WORD AMONG US: The **October 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!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2021—22 for Pre-K through 12th grade classes have begun but we are still accepting registrations. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments (Penance, First Communion and Confirmation). Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or (202) 368-7231. Visit hscchurch.org for more information.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH by enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA). If you are interested in becoming Catholic, need to receive missed sacraments, or just learn more about our faith, contact Liz Butler at ebutler717@gmail.com or (301) 379-5266.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 7pm in the rectory basement**, preceded by a short social at 6:30pm. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. After subscribing to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com, you will be able to RSVP each week. For questions, call (202) 546-1885. We are studying **SONG OF SONGS**.



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

CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

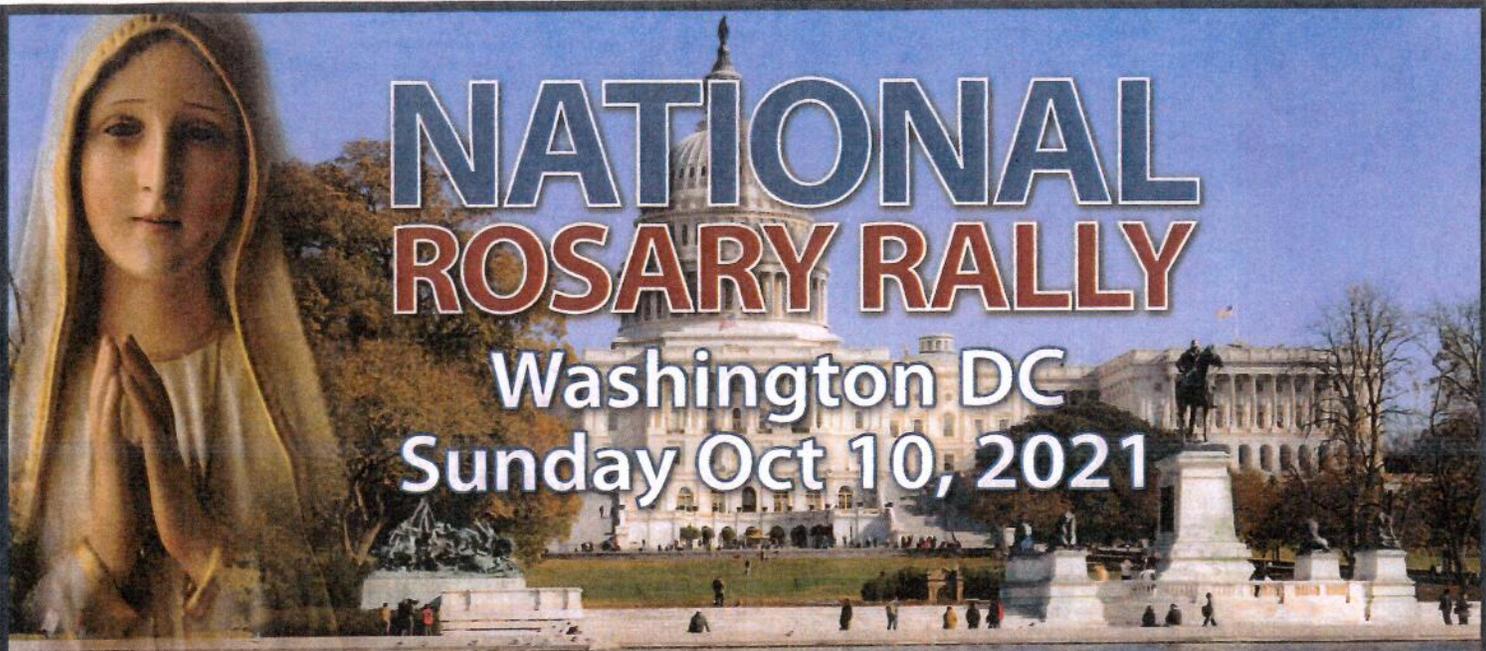
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6:00pm - 7:30pm

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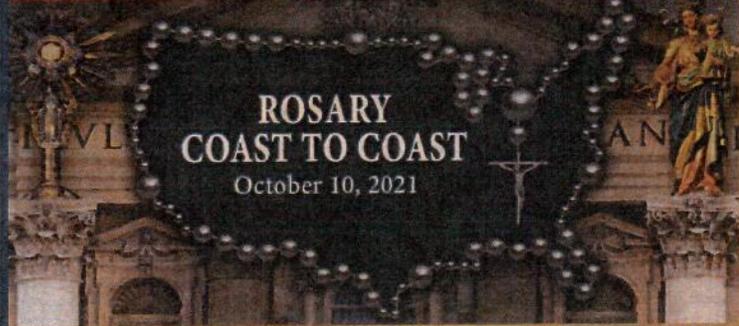




NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Washington DC Sunday Oct 10, 2021

Join 1000's Nationwide and Come Pray for Our Nation's Conversion at Our Nation's Capitol



"I wholeheartedly endorse the Novena for Our Nation and the Rosary Rally... I urge as many as are able to participate in these great spiritual works for the sake of our entire nation."

Cardinal Raymond Burke

"May there arise a new movement of people who courageously will pray the Rosary in public places. May "Rosary Coast to Coast" bring to all citizens of the United States, to the peopel people with governmental responsibilities, to all faithfull Catholics, to priests and bishops a spiritual grace-filled rain of roses."

Bishop Athanasius Schneider

"I am 100% supportive of the Rosary Coast to Coast movement! Our world is in major trouble and we need to turn to the prayer that Our Lady has most insisntly asked us to pray in all of her recent approved apparitions: the holy rosary."

Fr. Donald Calloway MIC, Author, Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon

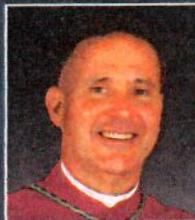
"This 54 day Novena and the Rosary Rally are all part of the effort we need to end preborn child killing and attacks on marriage and the family."

Fr. Richard Heilman, President of the Holy League



Sponsored by The Holy League

- Assemble on St. Peter's on Capitol Hill.
- 2:00 Eucharistic Procession. Pray the Rosary during the half hour procession to the US Capitol
- 2:30 pm at Capitol Reflecting Pool (the east border of the National Mall at 3rd Street)
- Rosaries will be prayed along with intentions which include:
 - Respect for life at all stages of development
 - The sanctity of marriage and families
 - Upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom; and the return of our nation to God and Holiness.



Bishop Joseph L. Coffey
Auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA



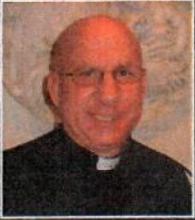
Sr. Deirdre Byrne
Missionary sister for Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts and family doctor and general surjion.



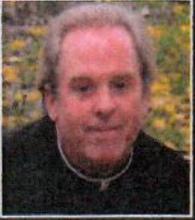
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, host on EWTN and best selling auhor on Divine Mercy



Msgr. Charles Pope
Nationally and world known writer and speaker through Catholic media



Fr. Stephen Imbarrato
A pro-life activist, has made regular appearances on EWTN Catholic TV.



Fr. Richard Heilman
President of Holy League, Founder of United States Grace Force



Doug Barry
Founder of Battle Ready, Co-host of United States Grace Force Podcast

For more information about the rally visit
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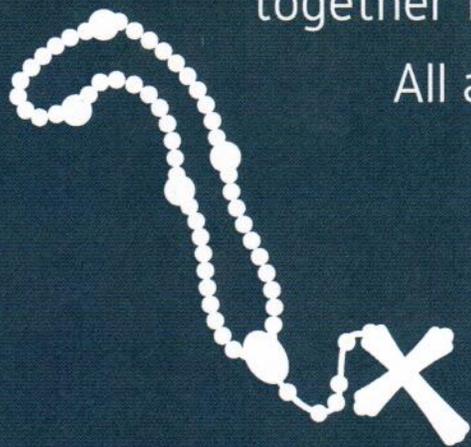
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 7:00 PM

PARISH ROSARY

Pray together as a parish family

Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, editor-in-chief of Aleteia and host of the Godsplaining podcast, will give a special presentation on the rosary. After his presentation we will pray the rosary together for personal and parish intentions.

All are welcome. Bring a friend!



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