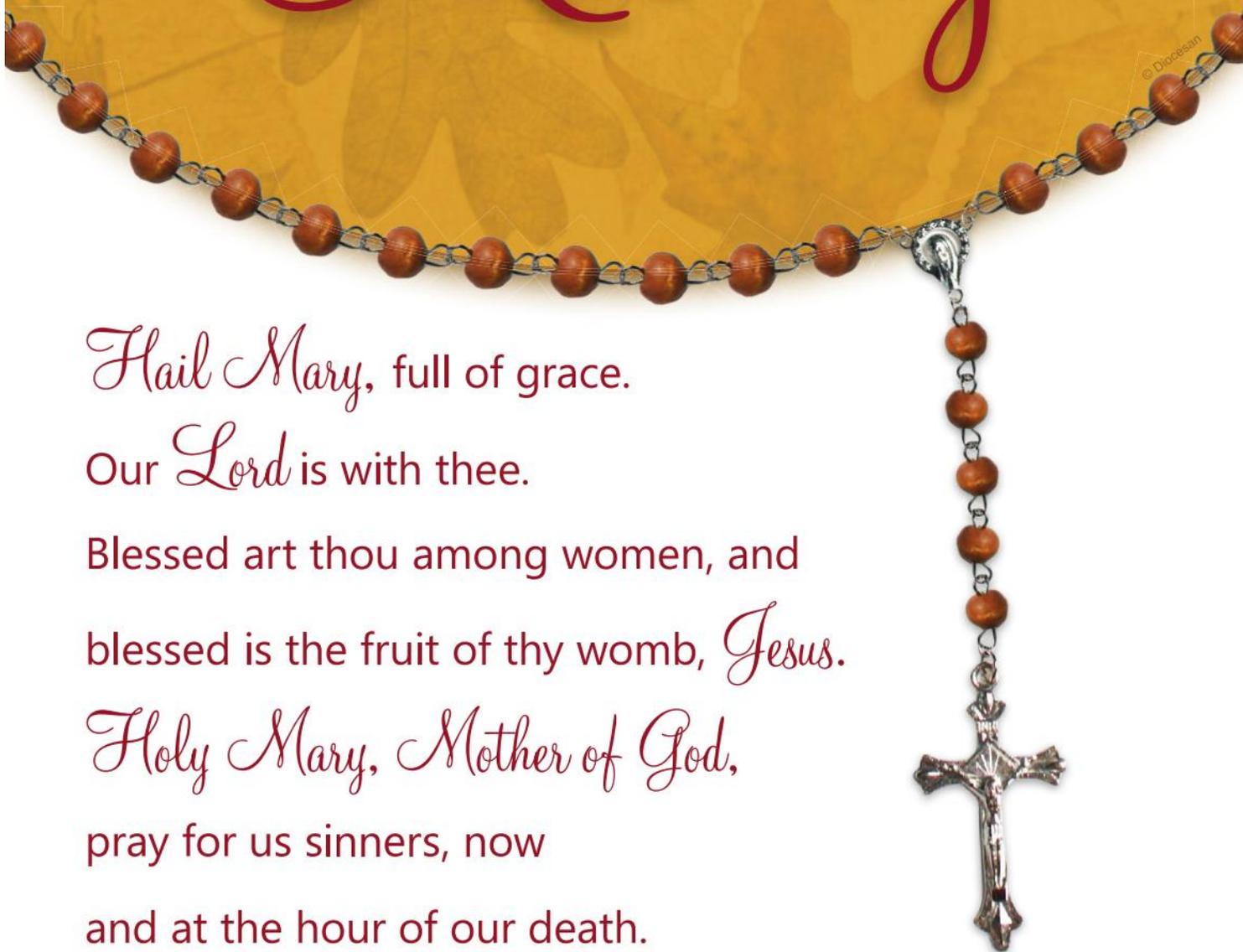


October

Month of the
Rosary



Hail Mary, full of grace.

Our *Lord* is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, *Jesus*.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.

Amen

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Readings Next Weekend:

Dt 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34

Message from the Pastor

The Gospel today speaks of our struggle to see. Now, the danger for us is that we think of this Gospel only in terms of a man who was physically blind 2000 years ago in a city called Jericho. If that is all we "see," then our own blindness needs attention. Actually, we are the blind man. To a large degree we fail to see and understand our own sin, and we struggle to see God. Until we perceive our problem, our blindness will go largely uncured. First, note the **proclamation that is prescribed**. The story opens with the blind man seated by the roadside begging. The blind man hears of Jesus and begins to call on him. And this is the proclamation that is prescribed: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Next, note the **perseverance that produces**. As the blind man calls out he is rebuked and scorned by many, but he is not discouraged and continues to call out all the louder for Jesus. After an extended period of calling Jesus stops and calls out. His perseverance pays off. Next, note the **priority that is presented**. The text says that he threw aside his cloak and went to Jesus. Now, his cloak was probably one of the most valuable things that this man owned. But in order to go to Christ he willingly leaves everything else behind. And this is sometimes required of us. Next, note the **permission that is procured**. Jesus asked the blind man a strange question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Is it not obvious to Jesus what the man needs? Yes, but note that God respects his dignity and asks him anyway. For it is a true fact that it takes guts to be healed. Many people in life want relief, rather than healing. Finally, note the **path that is pursued**. Upon receiving his sight, the text informs us that the man followed the Lord on the way. His life has been changed and he can no longer go on sitting by the roadside. Now he must follow the path that leads to life.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 24 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Shirley Austin
 9:30am Bruce Donnelly (*birthday*) †
 11:00am The Moore, Jackson, Pye Families
 7:00pm Ruby Person

Monday, October 25

7:00am Pauline Macon (*birthday*) †

Tuesday, October 26

7:00am For the intentions of Cheyenne Rowe

Wednesday, October 27

7:00am Bryan Goodlett †

Thursday, October 28 *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

7:00am For the People

Friday, October 29

7:00am For the intentions of the Rodgers Family

Saturday, October 30

8:00am John Young †
 4:30pm For the intentions of the Millhouse Family

NOTE: To place a mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY	Romans 8:12-17	Luke 13:10-17
TUESDAY	Romans 8:18-25	Luke 13:18-21
WEDNESDAY	Romans 8:26-30	Luke 13:22-30
THURSDAY	Ephesians 2:19-22	Luke 6:12-16
FRIDAY	Romans 9:1-5	Luke 14:1-6
SATURDAY	Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29	Luke 14:1,7-11

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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!



FUNERALS: John Young — Wed., October 20th
 Eric Robinson — Wed., October 27th

Mass Attendance—October 17, 2021

4:30pm	39
8:00am	54
9:30am	25
11:00am	163
7:00pm	74
Total:	355



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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (10/25) 7:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (10/27) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday (10/26) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg	Friday (10/29) 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional

month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. To include your relatives and friends, list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in the rear of the church) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated. The envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the month of October. **FAITH DIRECT eGIVING:** If you tithe via Faith Direct, email your names to hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call (202) 546-1885.

12th ANNUAL WHITE MASS: The Archdiocese of Washington is celebrating the 12th Annual White Mass on **October 31st at 11:00 am**. The White Mass is held in honor of the dignity of those living with disabilities. The Mass has the designation "white" because of that color's connection to our baptismal promises. It has now become a tradition that participants at the liturgy wear white, to symbolize the bonds of community we all share through this sacrament of initiation. The Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. For more information, visit adw.org/event/white-mass/.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: If you have an infant or young child that needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Monsignor Pope will hold a virtual baptism class on Saturday, **November 6th at 11am**. Please contact June Holton-Johnson at (202) 546-1885 ext. 12 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

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.



ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Prospective families are invited to an open house at The Academy of the Holy Cross on **Sun., Nov. 7th from 10am-1pm**.

School tours will be available and opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about financial aid and scholarships will be available. Holy Cross is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. For more information, visit www.academyoftheholycross.org.



PREGNANCY CENTER BABY DRIVE: To honor Respect Life month, the Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council is collecting donations for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center from **October 16—31**. They are accepting baby clothes, blankets, diapers, and formula. No cribs or toys! See flyer for information or email: James.mazol@gmail.com.

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

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 currently 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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