

WE MUST **ACCEPT** FINITE
DISAPPOINTMENT,
BUT NEVER LOSE INFINITE
HOPE



AS WE HONOR DR. KING,
LET US REMEMBER HIS MESSAGES OF NON-VIOLENCE,
TOLERANCE, AND UNITY ARE AS IMPORTANT
TODAY AS THEY WERE OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

Message from the Pastor The Gospel today presents us with some Biblical Basics on Mother Mary. Note first the **Prayer** that Mary made. It was Mary who noticed that the couple at the wedding had no wine. We may wonder why Jesus didn't notice. Perhaps he did, but often God waits for us to ask even when He already knows our need. The Book of James says, You have not because you ask not (James 4:2). Thus Mother Mary not only notices, but she prays, she beseeches the Lord. So, don't forget to pray. Too often do we postpone prayer and travel a lot of needless miles. Ask! Next, notice the **Portrait** of Mother Mary. In the first place she is given a **Title** by Jesus who calls her "Woman," a strange thing for a son to call his mother. But Jesus is here harkening back to Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Thus Jesus is portraying her as the woman and himself as the one who would destroy Satan's power. Note too Mary's **Tenacity**. For at one level Jesus seems to be unwilling to grant her request, wondering what the lack of wine has to do with him. But Mary is not overcome so easily and she stays in the conversation. We don't know exactly what happened, perhaps she gave Jesus a look only a mother can give. But the next thing we see is that Jesus is making 60 gallons of the wine. So Mary is tenacious. And she is also **Trusting**, for she does not need to know the details, she only says to the waiter, "Do whatever he tells you." Finally, notice the **Power** of Mary. We have already seen the vast amount of wine Jesus makes. But the text also tells that on account of this miracles many became Jesus followers that day. And herein lies Mary's greatest role, to draw others to her Son.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 16 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Peter Riehle †
 11:00am Betty Gebrehiwot
 9:30am Elizabeth G. Hill †
 7:00pm Seyoum Gebrehiwot
Monday, January 17 *Saint Anthony, Abbot*
 7:00am Joe Baltimore
Tuesday, January 18
 7:00am Bernadette Marlow (B'day—98 years)
Wednesday, January 19
 7:00am Anthony Colbert
Thursday, January 20 *St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr*
 7:00am Teresa Cunningham
Friday, January 21 *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*
 7:00am For the lives of those lost to abortion
Saturday, January 22
 8:00am For the people
 4:30pm Crystal Simpson

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	1 SAMUEL 15:16-23	MARK 2:18-22
TUESDAY:	1 SAMUEL 16:1-13	MARK 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY:	1 SAMUEL 17:32-33,37,40-51	MARK 3:1-6
THURSDAY:	1 SAMUEL 18:6-9;19:1-7	MARK 3:7-12
FRIDAY:	1 SM 24:3-21	MARK 3:13-19
SATURDAY:	2 SAMUEL 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27	MARK 3:20-21



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): For the New Year, consider electronic tithing to make it easier to send your tithes. Many of our parishioners currently use Faith Direct. By enrolling, you have one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass or checks to write. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church or go online to faith.direct/DC59 for more information and to register for this **FREE** service. Your tithes will be automatically deducted from your bank account or credit card. And, you can change your deduction with an email or phone call. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. Thank you for your support.

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MASS ATTENDANCE FOR JAN. 9, 2022

4:30pm	28
8:00am	39
9:30am	25
11:00am	71
7:00pm	56
Total:	219

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/17) <i>Rectory Closed-Mass at 8AM</i> 7:30pm YA Bible Study	Friday (1/21) 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confession
Wednesday (1/19) 7:15pm Bible Study (Zoom)	

 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7pm** in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.

 **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 \$10 per intention.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, January 17th the rectory office is closed in observance of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday. Morning Mass is at 8am (*instead of 7am*).

ADW YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: is held annually (*prior to the March for Life*) on **January 21st, 2022, and** is sponsored by The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Our youth rally is not a political event, rather an opportunity for youth from across the country to gather, worship together, and learn about Catholic teaching on life issues. Our annual event is centered in prayer and the Eucharist, and we always conclude with a Mass for Life. **This year, the event will be virtual.** Join via live-stream on our YouTube channel from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC. The Youth Rally begins at 8:30am with music and activities followed by the Mass at 10am. Visit adw.org/youth-rally-mass-life/ for more information.

NOTE: The **March For Life** begins with a kickoff concert at 11am. Visit: marchforlife.org for more details on this event.



MSGR. CHARLES POPE TO BE HONORED AT THE 'FISHERS OF MEN' BENEFIT DINNER—Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Saint

John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. Holy Mass at 5:00pm with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph L. Coffey, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. **This year's honoree is Msgr. Charles Pope.** Fr. Bill Casey, CPM is the keynote speaker. The 'Fishers of Men' Dinner is an annual benefit that supports the mission of the Guadalupe Radio Network in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia: The salvation of souls! For ticket information or to donate, visit: <https://www.grnonline.com/en/events/fishers-of-men-dinner/37-fom-dc>.



Many thanks to all who made purchases and donations to the Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association Christmas sale last month.

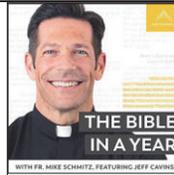
Your generosity benefitted the Oblate Sisters of Providence in the amount of \$850. We are always supportive of the Oblates and invite you to continue to learn more about their community by visiting: oblatesisters.com.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of Dec. 20th, the Mayor has reinstated the indoor mask mandate. You **MUST** wear a mask while in the church and rectory buildings. If you forget your mask, please ask an usher. The following safety protocols will also remain in place:

- ◆ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
- ◆ Wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands by minister's will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we continue to navigate these changing policies.



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SAINT JOSEPH 2022 SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings.

THE WORD AMONG US: January 2022 issues are available in the Candlelight Store. Cost: \$2 each. This 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!*

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—will be prepared only upon request beginning **Tues., Feb. 1, 2022.** Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2021 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm** in the rectory basement, preceded by a short social at 7:00pm. To receive email notifications, sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com.

Bible Study everyone is welcome Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm.** Sign up to receive the Zoom link and information at hscchurch.flocknote.com. Call the rectory office for more details if you are new to bible study.

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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



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

WHAT IS IT?

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to youth from pre-K – 8th grades at the 11:00am Sunday Mass each week. Any child in this age group may participate – no registration is necessary.

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS?

After the Gospel reading, we call forth the youth to the altar and they go with catechists to another location in the church for the duration of the homily. The youth return after the homily. All of the catechist are trained to work with the youth in reading the Gospel and teaching the faith in a manner that is more easily understood by youth. All protocols will be followed regarding COVID-19. We will social distance, wear masks and provide hand sanitizer.

WHEN DOES THIS BEGIN?

We will begin dismissing our youth for the Liturgy of the Word for Children on **Sun., Feb. 6th** at the 11am Mass. This will occur weekly at the 11am Mass only. All youth are invited to participate. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin (Minister of Religious Education) at mre@hcscchurch.org or 202-368-7231.



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