

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted in  
his own native place.”

Luke 4:24



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Jer 1:4-5,17-19      1 Cor 12:31-13:13      Lk 4:21-30

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Is 6:1-2a,3-8      1 Cor 15:1-11      Lk 5:1-11

*Message from the Pastor* The first reading today is of the Call of Jeremiah the Prophet. In it we learn three things about our own prophetic call. First, that there is a **Call**. Jeremiah is told by God that he has been called to be a prophet long before his birth. It is not as if God, on a whim, pointed to him and said, "He'll do." Rather, God has very carefully prepared and planned for Jeremiah's prophetic call. So it is with us too. God has summoned you to prophesy not in some sort of vague manner but in a long planned for way. Each interaction has been provided beforehand. Next, notice the **Courage** of the call. Jeremiah is to accept the fact that he will be opposed and ridiculed. But he is to stand fast and remember that God has everything under control and that Jeremiah has all he needs to accomplish his task. He is not to be afraid. The same is true for us. We may not feel up to the task of evangelization but that doesn't matter. It is God who is the real evangelizer and He will use us as he sees fit. Finally, there is the **Conclusion** of the prophetic task. An old Spiritual says: "... see what the end shall be." And the end or conclusion is always victory if we trust the Lord. So, fight on. Stay on the battlefield and know that ultimate victory awaits you.

**FUNERALS** — Gilbert Edward Johnson, Sr. (Mon., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Delores Martin (Fri., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>)

 **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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, January 30** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00am Eugene Pawlowski (B'day 1/24)  
9:30am Delores Hawkins †  
11:00am Diane Offutt (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) †  
7:00pm Martin Ford †  
**Monday, January 31** *Saint John Bosco, Priest*  
7:00am Intentions of Wanda Peacock  
**Tuesday, February 1**  
7:00am Rev. George Golden †  
**Wednesday, February 2** *The Presentation of the Lord*  
7:00am Fr. Thomas Valayathil (B'day)  
**Thursday, February 3** *St. Blaise, Bishop/Martyr; St. Ansgar*  
7:00am Bernard Johnson, Jr., (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) †  
**Friday, February 4**  
7:00am Robert Vessels, Sr., †  
**Saturday, February 5** *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
8:00am For the Poor  
4:30pm Donald Clark †

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13	MARK 5:1-20
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10,14B,24-25A,30-19:3	MARK 5:21-43
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	MAL 3:1-4      HEB 2:14-18	LK 2:22-40
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12	MARK 6:7-13
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	SIR 47:2-11	MARK 6:14-29
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	1 Kgs 3:4-13	MARK 6:30-34



**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](http://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@hcschurch.org](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org). Thank you for your support.

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- Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on your notifications so you can receive parish news. **And**, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).

**MSGR. POPE'S SUNDAY HOMILY:** Did you know you can receive and listen to Msgr. Pope's pre-recorded Sunday homilies by subscribing to *Parish News* on **Flocknote**? See **Stay Connected** box on opposite page to subscribe.

**MASS ATTENDANCE FOR JAN. 23, 2022**

4:30pm	31
8:00am	41
9:30am	38
11:00am	127
7:00pm	55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>292</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (1/31)</b> 7:30pm YA Bible Study	<b>Friday (2/4)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confession
<b>Wednesday (2/2)</b> 7:15pm Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>Saturday (2/5)</b> 9:00am Holy Name Society (RB)



**OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM** every day for you to come in for private prayer. This is a time for all to consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles during this pandemic and other difficulties. All are welcome.

**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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE

Please welcome **Cindy Herrera** to the HCSC Rectory Staff Family!



*Hello everyone, I currently live in Maryland with my husband and three children and I am looking forward to serving at the Parish. Please let me know if there is something I can pray for you. God Bless you!*

You can contact Cindy at [cherrera@hscchurch.org](mailto:cherrera@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885 ext 10. She is in the office each week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please stop by the rectory to welcome Cindy to our community.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

will be returning on Sunday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am Mass. We welcome the Servants of the Lord/Virgins of Matara who will serve as catechists each Sunday. See the flyer for more details.



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

The HCSC Social Concerns Ministry provides our faith community with spiritual, emotional, and financial support as appropriate. This includes direct hands-on charitable activities as well as advocacy opportunities through programs that seek to create a better society. Some activities are one-time opportunities; others are short-term, and others are on-going long-term opportunities and they all aid the community in some way. Our intent is to broaden the Christian response to social needs within our faith community. As we enter 2022, we need volunteers to give as little as 1 hour per week to prepare food bags and sort/stock the pantry. We would like to set up a basket of winter gloves/mittens/hats/white socks for those who need them. Contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) and let us know you are interested. The ministry will contact you with details on how you can help others!



**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.

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**UPDATE:** As of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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>.



**THE WORD AMONG US:** February 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com).



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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Call the rectory office for more details if you are new to bible study.

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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



**HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**A NOTE OF LOVE**

**Service Project**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**Following the 11:00am Mass  
in the Rectory Basement**

We invite youth (grades 6-12) to join with us for a Valentine Day service project! This activity provides a way for our youth to exhibit in word the true love of God by writing messages in Valentine Day cards for our seniors. By adding their thoughts and signing these cards they are sharing that gift of love with others.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed so wear a mask. Light refreshments provided.

**Please RSVP to [youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcscchurch.org) or  
301-330-8302 so we can be prepared with  
supplies for all.**



# **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](mailto:mre@hcscchurch.org) or 202-368-7231.



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