

3rd Sunday  
*of Easter*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41    Revelation 5:11-14    John 21:1-19

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 13:14, 43-52    Rev 7:9, 14-17    John 10:27-30

*Message from the Pastor*

Today's Gospel focuses on Peter's journey of faith. However, if you are ready to accept it, *you are Peter*. Note first the **Regrettable Reversal**. Peter says he is going back to fishing. But Jesus had called him away from fishing and told him to **fish for people**. Sometimes when we struggle we go back to old habits. But next, notice the **Redeeming Reminder**. Jesus calls to Peter and the others and tells them to lower their nets for a catch. He does exactly what he had done before when he had called them to be Apostles. Next comes a **Re-orienting Repast**—Jesus prepares a meal. The charcoal fire reminds Peter of his denial of the Lord. But the Lord has an honest discussion with Peter about the nature of Peter's love. In a moment of honesty Peter admits that although the Lord wants total love from him, he is only able to promise brotherly love. Jesus does not berate him for this but teaches him that there will come a day (when he is martyred) that he will finally be able to pledge complete love. We, too, struggle with half-hearted commitments to God and cannot always give God what he requests. But little by little, if we are faithful, God will get us to that place where we are ready to surrender all.

† **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK** †

**Sunday, May 1** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00am Intentions of Teresa Clark-James  
 9:30am Intentions of Dave Larimer  
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Holton Family †  
 7:00pm Linwood Chatman †  
**Monday, May 2**  
 7:00am Intentions of Ashley Muse (B'day)  
**Tuesday, May 3**  
 7:00am Intentions of Fr. Araia Ghebray (Ordination Anniv.)  
**Wednesday, May 4**  
 7:00am Lucy Jones (B'day) †  
**Thursday, May 5**  
 7:00am Intentions of Brenda "Ginger" Brown (B'day)  
**Friday, May 6**  
 7:00am James O'Neale †  
**Saturday, May 7**  
 8:00am Raymond Vanzego (B'day) †  
 4:30pm For the People

 **MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention. Mass intentions are a work of mercy.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** Acts 6:8-15    John 6:22-29  
**TUESDAY:** Acts 7:51—8:1    John 6:30-35  
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 8:1-8    John 6:35-40  
**THURSDAY:** Acts 8:26-40    John 6:44-51  
**FRIDAY:** Acts 9:1-20    John 6:52-59  
**SATURDAY:** Acts 9:31-42    John 6:60-69



**FAITH DIRECT** (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

1. Scan the QR code below and follow instructions.
2. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church.
3. Or, go online to [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) and register.

This tithing service is **FREE**. Your tithes are automatically deducted twice a month from your bank account or credit card. And, you can change your deduction with an email or call. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks ([pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885). Thank you for your support.



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Mass Attendance Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24, 2022	
4:30pm	52
8:00am	81
11:00am	292
7:00pm	146
<b>Total:</b>	<b>571</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (5/2)</b> 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (5/6)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour
<b>Wednesday (5/4)</b> 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>Saturday (5/7)</b> 11:45am Holy Name mtg



**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 throughout our daily lives. 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH LIFE



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2022

celebrated their First Holy Communion on **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our youth are: **Jade Addison, Robert Collin, Tyson Graham, Isabela Jefferson, Evan Lewis and Jouel Young**. As a community, we ask you to pray that these youth, with the help of their parents, will make this First Communion a life long practice of receiving the Eucharist. A special word of thanks to our wonderful, dedicated teachers!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Eloise Elizabeth Slacker** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless her and her parents.



**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** Monsignor Pope is encouraging parishioners to commit to **First Saturday devotions from April thru August**. At the heart of this devotion is the Request of Our Lady, Mary, that we pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. Your

commitment involves attending **8am Mass in the church on the first Saturday of five consecutive months which began April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> will be our second observance. Your commitment also includes praying the rosary communally after that Mass and going to confession within the first week of each month.

**THANK YOU** to Angelica Tom and those who arranged for refreshments on Divine Mercy Sunday. We are grateful to our parishioners who assist with the coordination of our events and fellowships. We are always looking for volunteers to help! Stay tuned and let us know if you are available.



**THANK YOU** to the HCSC Sodality of the Blessed Mary for their generous donation of the new cushions for the altar chairs and benches. We are very grateful for their continued support and service to this parish community. For more information on the Sodality and how you can become a member, contact Sharon Lewis at 202-259-2580.

### HCSC Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND!

Join with Msgr. Pope and other HCSC pilgrims as they travel the Holy Land for a **10-day pilgrimage, Nov. 8—17, 2022**. Tourists are now able to enter Israel (subject to several health criteria). Pick up a flyer in rear of church or visit: [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for details.

### HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
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**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** As we do every year, our parish would like to honor our HCSC students who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. We want to know who is **graduating in 2022**. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7pm** in the sanctuary. All 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.



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.

### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**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 for Young Adult Bible Study on [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com).



### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**UPDATE: As of March 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Mayor has **rescinded** the indoor mask mandate. You **DO NOT** have to wear a mask while in the church building. **For those who prefer a Mass where masks are required, we have designated the 8:00am Mass on Sundays as Mask-Only (masks are required for this Mass)**. Please note, the following protocols will 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 ministers 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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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

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