

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

Luke 12:40

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Readings This Weekend:

Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

Message from the Pastor

Today's Gospel among other things offers a Recipe for Readiness: First, **RE-ASSESS YOUR WEALTH**. Jesus says, Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. While it may not be appropriate for us to sell everything and go live on a park bench, the Lord is surely telling us to be less attached and passionate about money and things for they root us in this world. So simplify, be less rooted in this world and come to experience that your greatest treasure is God and the things waiting for you in heaven. Second, **READY TO WORK**. The Lord says, "Gird your loins" which is the ancient equivalent of "roll up your sleeves." The Lord has a work for us and wants us to get to it. Surely the Lord has more than a worldly career in mind. He has in mind things like raising kids in godly fear, pursuing justice, and growing in holiness. Third, **READ THE WORD**. The Lord says, "Light your lamps." God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto salvation. Being ready means reading scripture each day and basing our life on it. Finally, **REMAIN WATCHFUL**. The Lord says, "And be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open the door immediately when he comes and knocks." This type of watchfulness is like that when we have invited a guest to our home and prepared the house and all is in readiness. All that remains is for the guest to arrive.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 7
 8:00am intentions of Marie Neal
 9:30am For the People
 11:00am intentions of Ollie Johnson (B'day)
 7:00pm Margus D. Morrison (*victim in Buffalo, NY*) †
Monday, August 8 *St. Dominic, Priest*
 7:00am Sharon Johnson (B'day)
Tuesday, August 9 *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr*
 7:00am Tess Marie Mata (*victim in Uvalde, TX*) †
Wednesday, August 10 *St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*
 7:00am intentions of Sharon Graham (B'day)
Thursday, August 11 *St Clare, Virgin*
 7:00am intentions of Rachel Collins
Friday, August 12 *St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*
 7:00am intentions of Joy Ruiz (B'day)
Saturday, August 13 *St Pontian, Pope, and St Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs*
 8:00am Ann Wilson
 4:30pm Andrew J. Barnes

To offer a mass intention, call the office at 202-546-1885.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Mt 17:22-27
TUESDAY:	Ez 2:8-3:4;	Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
WEDNESDAY:	2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
THURSDAY:	Ez 12:1-12	Mt 18:21-19:1
FRIDAY:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63	Mt 19:3-12
SATURDAY:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32	Mt 19:13-15



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 to the right →
2. Text 'Enroll' to 301-478-8900 to tithe.
3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register
4. Pick up brochure in rear of the church.

This tithing service is **FREE**. Your tithes are automatically deducted twice a month. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
- **Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!
- Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on notifications so you can receive parish news. **And**, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).

**MASS ATTENDANCE
July 31, 2022**

4:30pm	33
8:00am	39
9:30am	35
11:00am	109
7:00pm	60
Total:	276

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (8/8) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (8/12) 6:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday (8/10) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	Saturday (8/13) 9:30am RCIA Training

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The indoor mask mandate has been rescinded for DC. However for those who prefer a Mass with masks, the 8:00am Mass on Sundays is designated as **Mask-Only** (*masks are required for this Mass*). We also offer the following:

- ◆ Pews are roped off for social distancing purposes.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
- ◆ Wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands by ministers 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.

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



OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI RAFFLE: THANK YOU to everyone who purchased raffle books for this annual fundraiser that supports the work and efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence who served at both St. Cyprian and the combined parish of Holy Comforter—St. Cyprian. The drawing is being held on Sun., Aug 7th. Winners will be notified by phone. To learn more about this community of religious women: visit oblatesisters.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is tentatively scheduled for **Sat., Sept., 17th**. **We need our parishioners help to make this annual family event happen!**

If you like to offer your time and talent, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. This annual picnic (held offsite at a local park) has been a tradition for a number of years until COVID when we had to cancel. We would love to bring it back to our families!



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.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? MISSED RECEIVING ALL YOUR SACRAMENTS? Consider enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA) which begin **in the fall**. These classes provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although these classes are especially designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. If interested, contact Liz Butler at ebutler717@gmail.com or (301) 379-5266.



FESTIVAL OF THE ASSUMPTION FUNDRAISER: You're invited to a fundraiser for the Servants of the Lord the Virgin of Matara sisters on **Mon., Aug. 15th** at 43950 St. Johns Rd., Hollywood, MD from 4:30pm—9:30pm. Vespers begin at 4:30pm, followed by a Marian procession into the Church for Holy Mass and then a potluck with mocktail bar, lawn games, corn hole tournament, swing/line dancing and bonfire. Fun for the whole family!

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay home or travel, we hope and pray that you and your family enjoy yourself and get some much needed rest. However, vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments, of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting? Visit **DiscoverMass.com** or **masstimes.org** for mass times and locations around the country.



SUMMER AT THE CATHOLIC

CEMETERIES: During the Summer season, kindly consider the *spiritual work of mercy* of prayers for the dead at Catholic cemeteries. Looking for a simple way to help children and grandchildren learn more about the Communion of Souls and Saints? Come visit the sacred grounds of the Archdiocesan and parish cemeteries. All are welcome to attend the monthly Masses in the Archdiocesan cemetery chapels...to pray the Stations of the Cross on the cemetery grounds...to visit the religious features and memorials to say the Rosary and personal prayers. Many of the cemeteries are rich in the history of the people who still make up the Mystical Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information about hours and locations, visit ccaw.org.



THE WORD AMONG US NEW ISSUES: JULY/AUG 2022

issues are available in the usher store and rectory office. **Cost: \$2 each.** This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment by offering meditations based on the daily Mass readings. Ask an usher or stop by the rectory office. *Limited supply!*



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



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. 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.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at 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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Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
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