

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do you think that I have come
to establish peace on earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Luke 12:51



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Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk13:22-30

Message from the Pastor

The Letter to the Hebrews today summons us to keep our eyes on the prize. We are taught three things about faith. First, there is the **PROOF** of faith. We are told that a great cloud of witnesses testify to us and spur us on to victory. Literally and physically we can see these witnesses painted on our church walls. These saints, and many other holy men and women we have known testify to us that God is good and that he can do anything but fail. We ought to listen to the testimony of these heroes and accept their witness as proof of faith. Secondly, we are taught of the **PRIORITY** of faith. We are given the example of a runner in a race. What does a runner do? He or she runs the race! Runners do not stop to watch TV, they do not take detours or go in the opposite direction of their goal. They do one thing: they run the race. So too with our faith, it has priority. Nothing should be allowed to hinder us. Thirdly, we are taught of the **PERSPECTIVE** of faith. We are told that Jesus endured every suffering and gave his all for “the sake of the joy that lay before him.” When we are pursuing something we really value we are willing to make sacrifices. Do you really value heaven? What are you willing to sacrifice for it? Only a proper perspective of the glory and joy of what lies ahead can properly dispose us to accept the cross wholeheartedly. Faith provides this perspective.

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 “HSCS” 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
August 7, 2022**

4:30pm	33
8:00am	67
9:30am	36
11:00am	111
7:00pm	69
Total:	306

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 14
 8:00am Clyde Fairfax Senior (B'day) †
 9:30am Larry Humphrey †
 11:00am For the People
 7:00pm Ian Lindquist †
Monday, August 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am Beverly Vaughn †
Tuesday, August 16 *St. Stephen of Hungary*
 7:00am Ollie and June Johnson (14th Anniversary)
Wednesday, August 17
 7:00am Paul Macon †
Thursday, August 18
 7:00am Steven Stafford
Friday, August 19 *St John Eudes, Priest*
 7:00am intentions of Duane Ford (B'day)
Saturday, August 20 *St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00am Andre Mackniel (*victim in Buffalo, NY*) †
 4:30pm Rojelio Torres (*victim in Uvalde, TX*) †

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (8/15) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (8/17) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
	Friday (8/19) 6:00pm Holy Hour

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
 TUESDAY: Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30
 WEDNESDAY: Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16
 THURSDAY: Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14
 FRIDAY: Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40
 SATURDAY: Ez 43:1-7ab Mt 23:1-12

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PARISH LIFE



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is Monday, Aug. 15th. This feast day commemorates the Catholic belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven to be reunited with her soul. **NOTE:** Because the feast day falls on a Monday, it is not considered a holyday of obligation this year.

Queen, assumed into heaven, pray for us.

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 St. John's Catholic Church, 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 all!



A FOND FAREWELL TO OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN JOSEPH RIORDON who was assigned to our parish from the John Paul II Seminary. We are so grateful for his assistance at the church and rectory. Please keep Joseph in prayer as he returns to the seminary this fall to continue his journey to grow closer to God in service and obedience.

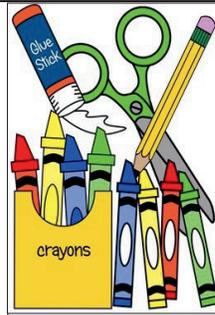


HCSC ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY MEETING: Msgr. Pope will convene a meeting of HCSC organization & ministry chairs on **Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm**. Ministry leaders should have received an email with details. If the chair is unable to attend, please assign another member to attend.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? HAVE YOU MISSED RECEIVING YOUR SACRAMENTS? Consider enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA) which begin **in the fall**. These classes provide 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.

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.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL? The HCSC Ladies of Charity would like to provide school items to those families who have youth who may need supplies or other items (lunch boxes, uniforms, etc.). If you have a need or know of a family that may benefit from this give-away (they do not have to be a parishioner), contact Sharon Graham at 202-526-5422.

The HCSC COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG) 19th ANNUAL COOKOUT: Saturday, Aug. 20th

at the Harold J. Gordon Bldg, 124—15th St, SE from 12noon—5pm. Park at Center City Public Charter School parking lot (15th & E. Capitol Sts). Food, games, entertainment and fun. Open to all. For more information: call Janice Dessaso Gordon at (202) 459-9898. Visit communityactiongroup.org for details on how CAG serves our community.



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.



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

BUT GOD PROVES HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE
STILL SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. ROMANS 5:8

Interested in becoming Catholic? Have you missed receiving any sacraments?

- Have you or a friend or family member been thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- Did you or any family member or friend miss receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion?
- Are you Catholic and searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith?

We offer classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although they are designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also a wonderful opportunity for adult Catholics who have missed receiving one or more of the sacraments or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence.

If you are interested, or you know of someone who is, complete the form below and drop in the collection basket or give to an usher. You can email us at rciahcsc@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

Let us know if you have questions or are not certain how this will work for you. There is no commitment for seeking information. We are available to help you in your journey!

Adult Catechetical Program Inquiry Form

PRINT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Are you Catholic? Yes No (If no, have you been baptized? Yes No)

Are you a baptized Catholic in need of other sacraments? Yes No

(If yes, check which sacraments: Holy Communion Confirmation Not sure



SAVE THE DATE!!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, September 17, 2022

12noon-dusk

Hillantrae Picnic Area—Clinton, MD

**We need your help to plan and to
volunteer for the day of the event!**

**Contact us at 202-546-1885 or
hscstaff@hscchurch.org.**

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 The Deceased Jenifers:
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 Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan

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 Very Dear, The Family*

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OTHA JOHN HAMER III
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 ~Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
 Betty - wife and mother

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 Marc E. Simmons Sr.
 William (Billy) B. Simmons Jr.

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Austina H. Jones
Mother
We Love You Always
Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
Son & Father
*We'll always love you,
 Mom, Kids & Venita*

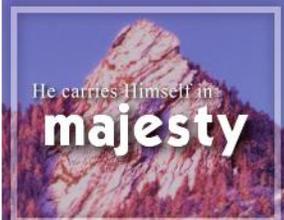


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