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Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian  
Roman Catholic Church  
Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor

## Commemorating Black Catholic History Month in the United States Interesting Facts and Myths in Regards to Black Catholics

As we continue to commemorate National Black Catholic History Month, we like to speak on a myth of the Catholic faith. Some people have criticized Christianity as a “white man’s religion” and referred to the Roman Catholic Church as a “white” church. These myths and misconceptions are not accurate. In fact, Blacks in Catholic Christianity have a long and vibrant history. On our bulletin cover this week is a very small list of some of these facts. *(All information was compiled from websites of the Archdioceses of Washington, Baltimore, Chicago & Newark, the Diocese of Raleigh, the NBCC Newsletter and the books: African Saints by Frederick Quinn, The Saints Go Marching In by Robert Fulton Holtzclaw, Blacks Who Died for Jesus by Mark Hyman, and The Anacostia Story: 1608-1930 by Louise Daniel Hutchinson).*

**DID YOU KNOW...?** ...that the New Testament of the Bible speaks of “Simon from Cyrene”, which is located in Africa, carrying the cross of Jesus, in the Gospel according to Luke? And did you know that in the Book of Acts, Apostle and Deacon, Phillip, helped convert an official from the African kingdom of Ethiopia to follow Jesus, even before the conversion of St. Paul? Some scholars say this event marked the very moment when the Church changed from a primarily Hebrew and Greek community to the truly universal and catholic Church.

**DID YOU KNOW...?** ...that the first African-American priest ever ordained in the United States, was born and raised in nearby Baltimore, MD, over 153 years ago? **Charles Randolph Uncles** was the son of a B&O Railroad worker and a dressmaker mother. Father Uncles was an extremely bright student in high school and college. He broke the color barrier in Baltimore’s St. Mary’s Seminary, at a time when segregation within and outside the Catholic Church was the norm. Father Uncles’ ultimate achievement in 1891 made headlines around the country, including those of the New York Times newspaper. Two years after his famous ordination, Father Uncles became one of the founders of the St. Joseph Society of the Sacred Heart. More commonly known as the **Josephites**, this order’s mission is to evangelize African Americans, mostly in the United States.



**DID YOU KNOW...?** ...that the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** in Baltimore, is the first and oldest religious congregation for women of color in the United States? An immigrant from Santiago de Cuba and educator, **Mother Mary Lange**, and three companions founded this order in 1829, when Maryland was still a slave state. Under great risk, these religious women dedicated themselves to serving orphans and educating black children. Also around that time, Mother Lange founded Baltimore’s historic St. Francis Academy. It continues to thrive today as a co-ed high school that educates mainly inner city African American and Hispanic youth. The Oblate Sisters also served at Saint Cyprian School here in DC. Mother Lange’s candidacy for sainthood began in 1990.



**DID YOU KNOW...?** ...that a canonized saint who described herself as “the mother and servant of the Indian and Negro races” helped found Holy Redeemer Parish and School in DC? In 1858, **Saint Katherine Drexel** was born into great wealth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As she grew up, Saint Katherine’s parents taught her that their money was meant to be shared with others. Saint Katherine took this to heart throughout her long life, especially in service to suffering Native and African Americans. She gave more than 21 million dollars of her own money to help found dozens of churches, schools and hospitals across the United States. Besides founding her own religious congregation of the **Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament**, Saint Katherine also established Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. It’s the only Catholic African American College in the country. Saint Katherine Drexel died in 1955 and was canonized a saint in the year 2000.



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Malachi 3:19-20a      2 Thes 3:7-12      Luke 21:5-19

**Readings Next Weekend:**

2 Sm 5:1-3      Col 1:12-20      Luke 23:35-43

*Message from the Pastor*

In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus describes the "Perilous Passage to the Promised Land." He begins with a **Portrait of Passing Things**. Many were admiring the beauty of the Temple buildings. The Lord uses the opportunity to remind them that every one of the beautiful things they were admiring were soon to pass away. And sure enough, within forty years, the temple and all its surrounding buildings were destroyed in a war that killed 1.2 million Jewish people. We have here no lasting city. The Lord then indicates certain **Points of Passage** to expect on the journey to the promised land of heaven. He speaks of "**False Messiahs**" who promise us everything but also demand our loyalty. He speaks of "**Fierce Militarism**" as this world tends to erupt in violence and hatred around us. He speaks of "**Far-flung Marvels**" as people fear the things that shake this world's foundations: everything from natural disasters to political upheaval to financial crisis. Finally, he speaks of "**Fearful Malice**" as we experience hostility and hatred from the world. All of these things are described as an expected part of the perilous passage to the Promised Land. The Lord says, "By your perseverance you will save your souls." The journey is not always easy, but if we stand firm we will one day see total victory. Faith makes things possible, not easy.



**FUNERAL** — Vernel Waters (November 14<sup>th</sup>)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November 13**

8:00am Dolores Gorham (B'day 11/5) †  
 9:30am intentions of Mary Catherin Willoughby (b'day 11/16)  
 11:00am Deacon Charles Edelin †  
 7:00pm **POOR SOULS**

**Monday, November 14**

7:00am Dorothy T. Walker †

**Tuesday, November 15** *Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Ian Lindquist †

**Wednesday, November 16** *St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*

7:00am **POOR SOULS**

**Thursday, November 17** *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

7:00am Kenneth W. Louis †

**Friday, November 18**

7:00am **POOR SOULS**

**Saturday, November 19**

8:00am Beatrice Edelin †  
 4:30pm Margaret Norman †

To inquire about how to offer a mass intention, call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5      Luke 18:35-43  
**TUESDAY:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22      Luke 19:1-10  
**WEDNESDAY:** Rv 4:1-11      Luke 19:11-28  
**THURSDAY:** Rv 5:1-10      Luke 19:41-44  
**FRIDAY:** Rv 10:8-11      Luke 19:45-48  
**SATURDAY:** Rv 11:4-12      Luke 23:35-43



**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 give.
3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](https://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](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885).

**Stay Connected**



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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 notifications so you can receive parish news. **And**, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).

MASS ATTENDANCE	
November 6, 2022	
4:30pm	55
8:00am	80
9:30am	35
11:00am	151
7:00pm	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>391</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (11/14)** 7:30pm Young Adult Movie Night  
**Sunday (11/20)** *Christ the King* 9:30am RCIA  
 9:30am Sunday School  
**Friday (11/18)** 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

**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.*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Malcolm Jaemin Contron** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless him and his parents as they begin his journey.



**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional month to pray for

our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. **To include your deceased relatives and friends**, list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in the rear of the church) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month of November. **FAITH DIRECT USERS:** If you tithe via Faith Direct, email your names to [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885.

**SAVE THE DATE:** As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and welcome the season of Advent (*which begins Sun., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>*), We invite our parish family to come together in prayer and thanksgiving on **Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm** for a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Let us  
*Give thanks*  
to the Lord our God!

### BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH 2022

In July 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the U.S. designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics in the United States. This month provides opportunities to learn and share the whole history and rich heritage of Christian Catholicism. Here are a few resources to learn more about Black Catholic history:



**Article on Contributions of Black Catholics:**  
<https://www.osvnews.com/2017/02/02/celebrating-the-contributions-of-black-catholics/>



**Article on History of Black Catholics:**  
<https://www.osvnews.com/2012/02/05/history-of-african-american-catholics/>

**ST. JOSEPH 2023 SUNDAY MISSALS** have arrived and 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. *Limited supply.*

**THE WORD AMONG US NOV 2022** issue is available in the usher store and rectory office. **Cost: \$2 each.** This publication offers Catholic meditations based on the daily Mass readings. Ask an usher or stop by the rectory office. *Limited supply!*

### HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
[youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org) ❖ 202.330.8302

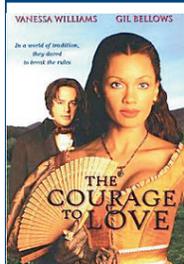


**YOUTH LECTOR RECRUITMENT & TRAINING: Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** in the Church. We invite our current youth lectors **AND** any interested youth to attend this special fellowship and training session. A great opportunity to meet other youth and our adult lectors along with a guest speaker. See flyer for details.



**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry is looking for youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the **6:00pm Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **We also need adults** to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. For more information, contact: Nicki Gebrehiwot at [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org).

### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY MOVIE NIGHT: Mon., Nov. 14 at 7:30pm** in the rectory basement. Join with other young adults in commemoration of Black Catholic History Month as we watch 'The Courage To Love'. A movie about the life of Henriette Delille who is currently on the journey toward sainthood. To RSVP, contact Joy at [joymarie812@gmail.com](mailto:joymarie812@gmail.com).

**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.



**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.

### HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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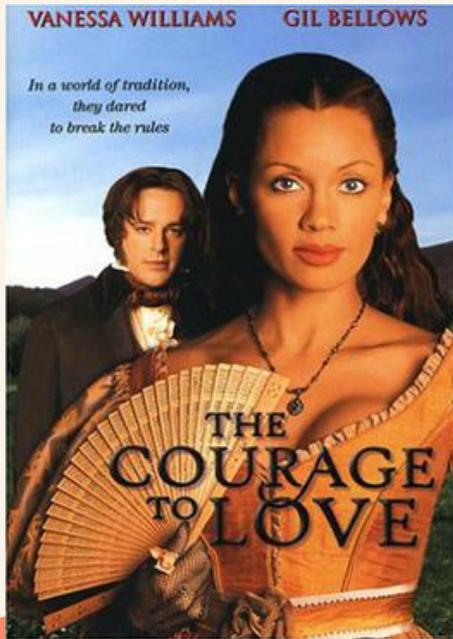
For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or (202) 546-1885.

**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

# *Young Adult Ministry* **MOVIE NIGHT**



**Free  
Refreshments**

Join us for 'The Courage To Love' - the story of Venerable Henriette DeLille who is currently on the road to Sainthood and is the Foundress of the African-American order named Sisters of the Holy Family.

**Mon., Nov. 14th - 7:30pm**  
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**Rectory Basement**

HCSC LECTOR MINISTRY

# LECTOR TRAINING & FELLOWSHIP



**Sat., Nov. 19, 2022**

10:30am-12noon  
Church Sanctuary

The HCSC Lector Ministry is hosting a Lector Training Fellowship for current Lectors and for any person (youth and adult) who is interested in becoming a lector and proclaiming God's Word at Mass.

**Guest Presenter:** Marcellus Shepard  
HCSC Lector and Actor/Radio Host/Emcee

Please RSVP to 202.546.1885 or  
[hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org) by Nov. 16



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**Helene Crutchfield**  
**Edgell Fairfax**  
**Elizabeth Fairfax**  
**Clyde Fairfax Sr.**  
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 Our Deceased Members  
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**OUR DECEASED SODALISTS**  
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 William (Billy) B. Simmons Jr.

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*We Love You Always*  
 Willie, Lawrence & Maria

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



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**Anthony Maxwell Smart**  
 (Tony)  
 - The Family

*In Memory of*  
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 Ray,  
 Bertie**

*In Memory of*  
**Hump,  
 Will,  
 Henny**

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