

Peace



Advent

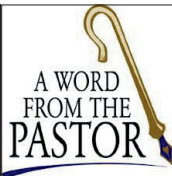
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11



The Gospel today presents some Practical Principles of Prophecy as we focus on the ministry of John the Baptist. Note first, the **Portrait of Proper Prophecy**. Note the content of John's preaching: "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*" Here is a balance to get right. The preacher and the prophet must speak frankly of sin but also of the grace available to conquer that sin. Hence, John the Baptist is willing and able to declare the reality of sin and the necessity of repenting from it. But he is also able to declare the availability of the Kingdom wherein one is able to find the grace to overcome sin. Too many preachers lack this balance. In the past it was all fire and brimstone. Today it is too often, the steady diet of "God is love" with little reference to the need to repent. Next, note the **Product of Powerful Prophecy**. The text describes how many came to John repenting of their sins. The truest measure of success in preaching is a long line for the confessional. Next, note the **Purity of Powerful Prophecy**. The text shows that John the Baptist had no fear of people's opinion and would not compromise the message based on his audience. All the credentials of the temple leaders did not impress him. Neither did the status of the Jews as the chosen people cause him to soften his message. Finally, note the **Person of Powerful Prophecy**. When his audience wants to know more about him, John talks instead about Jesus. That's the message, "Jesus, not me."



FUNERALS: Jonna Bias Baltimore (December 2nd)
Ruby Shello (December 7th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, December 4

8:00am Barbara Colbert (1st Anniv. 11/24) †

9:30am intentions of Marilyn Gilliam

11:00am intentions of Sophia Boursiquot

7:00pm Patricia Hines-Stafford †

Monday, December 5

7:00am George T. Holton, III (B'day)

Tuesday, December 6 *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

7:00am Kathleen Arslanian †

Wednesday, December 7 *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Rev. Deacon Kevin A. Butler (5th Anniv. 12/5) †

Thursday, December 8 *Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am intentions of the Oblate Sisters of Providence

10:00am Mable Henson (B'day) †

7:00pm Robin Brooks (B'day)

Friday, December 9

7:00am Lavel Davis, Jr (killed at Univ. of VA) †

Saturday, December 10

8:00am intentions of Gershon Peaks (B'day)

4:30pm For the People



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.



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 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).



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- 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
November 27, 2022

4:30pm	3
8:00am	46
9:30am	36
11:00am	131
7:00pm	55
Total:	301

Thanksgiving Eve (11/21) & Day (11/24)

7:30pm	24
8:00am	25
Total:	49

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (12/5)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (12/9)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (12/7)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday (12/11)

9:00am Holy Name Society

Thurs (12/8) Immac. Conception

7:00am & 10:00 am Mass

9:30am RCIA

7:00pm Mass

9:30am Sunday School

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Isaiah 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY: Isaiah 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY: Gen 3:9-15, 20

Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY: Isaiah 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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.

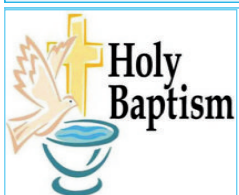
OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH LIFE

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy day of Obligation celebrated on **Thursday, Dec. 8th**. *What is the Immaculate Conception?* Many people think it refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. But, correctly, the Immaculate Conception refers to the state Mary was in from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, allowing Mary to be free from Original Sin. **Join in celebration of the conception of Mary at Mass, on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 7:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm.**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Eleanor Marie & Rhys Arthur** of the **Bennett** family who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Nov. 25th**. May God bless them and their parents as they begin this journey.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Thurs., Dec. 15th at 7:00pm in the church. As we prepare ourselves to meet the newborn King at Christmas, consider Advent as a 'de-cluttering'. A good confession is the equivalent to a good house cleaning, and going to confession is a good way to sweep your soul clean. So, we invite you to de-clutter by examining your life and considering if there are any things that tend to clutter your life and crowd out the spiritual.



IT'S BACK! 'Sounds of the Season' - the annual holiday concert by the 257th U. S. Army Band: Monday, December 12th at 7:00pm in the church. **FREE** for family and friends! Festive seasonal and patriotic music by the '*Band of the Nation's Capital*'.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Your donation to the Christmas flower fund allows us to purchase the beautiful floral Christmas arrangements for the sanctuary. To include loved ones (deceased or living) on the "In Memory/Honor of..." list included in the Christmas Mass bulletin, return your Christmas flower offering envelope to the rectory by **Sunday, Dec. 18th**. Envelopes are in the rear of the church and the rectory office. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES.**



NOTE: If you tithe through Faith Direct and gave a donation electronically, please submit your names to 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT SALE: Christmas cards and small gift items to benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)** will be on sale in the vestibule on Sundays after the 8am, 9:30am and 11am masses. Cash and checks accepted. Questions? Call Bertha Colbert (301)567-9786.



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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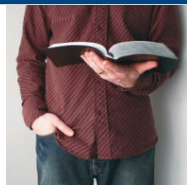


CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Our Youth Ministry needs youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the **6:00pm Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **Rehearsals will be held on Sundays following the 11:00am mass.** We also need adults to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. For more info and to participate, contact the Youth Ministry Director. We need your help!!

ST. JOSEPH 2023 SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a pocket-sized companion guide for the Sunday mass. It includes the readings, prayers and parts of the Mass so you can follow along. *Limited supply.*

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.



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. **Join us for a special ADVENT theme focused bible study this December.**

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.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (www.msgrpope.com)

Deacon James P. Flagg II

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

HOLY COMFORTER—SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

'Gifts of the Spirit'

ADVENT TREE CAMPAIGN 2022

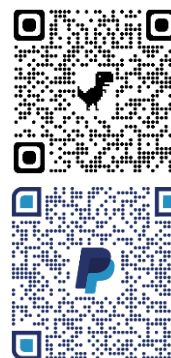


November 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this season of Advent, we want to share our **'Gifts of the Spirit'** with those who are experiencing challenges related to pregnancy, within our parish and surrounding community. As we celebrate the gift of life and pray for an end to abortion, we must realize our obligation to support our local Crisis Pregnancy Centers and other resources that provide assistance to those women and families who face a challenging pregnancy. Our *Advent Tree* is located in front of the St. Joseph's altar with purple paper bulbs hanging from the limbs. We prayerfully ask you to remove a tag, decide on a monetary amount and then make the donation (cash, check or electronically) at your convenience. **We ask you to submit your donation no later than January 1, 2023. Here are the ways to donate:**

1. **CASH**—submit cash in an envelope and indicate ADVENT TREE (include name if you want donation to appear in your annual statement). Ask an usher for an envelope.
2. **CHECK**—make check payable to HCSC and write ADVENT TREE in memo.
3. **FAITH DIRECT**— make a one-time gift (direct debit or credit card) by scanning the QR code ➔ or **TEXT** 'Advent Tree' to 301-478-8900. This is a FREE service.
4. **PAYPAL**—make a one-time gift by scanning the QR code ➔ and make a notation of 'Advent Tree' in your notes (if an option). This is a FREE service.



NOTE: All donations made by cash or check can be dropped in collection basket during Mass or brought to rectory office.



The Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting women and men facing a crisis pregnancy through the provision of services, supplies and counseling. It is located at 713 Maryland Avenue, NE. They have been serving this community for quite a while and some of our parishioners have volunteered and supported the center for many years. Learn about what the Center does to help **ALL** families in need. Scan the QR code or visit: capitolhillpregnancycenter.org.

Please pray about how you are willing to share your *"Gifts of the Spirit"* this year with others who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy and then act on it by participating in this campaign.

A special thanks to our **Social Concerns Ministry** and the **Knights of Columbus** for their assistance with the coordination and support of this project.

We thank you in advance for your generosity during this Advent season. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor



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**HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH
YOUTH MINISTRY**



PRESENTS

The Annual Youth Christmas Pageant

**(HELD ON DECEMBER 24TH AT THE FAMILY
CHRISTMAS MASS AT 6:00PM)**



We need youth actors/actresses ages 5 and up!

We also need adult volunteers to assist with costumes, set design and general production.
Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot at 202-330-8302 or
youthdirector@hcscchurch.org



Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after the 11:00am
Mass in the Church.



Advent

Penance Service

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Thursday, December 15, 2022

7:00pm

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

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In Memory of
Our Deceased Members
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Holy Name Society

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**OUR DECEASED
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In Loving Memory of
The Deceased Jenifers:
Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,
Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
*Still Loved, Still Missed
& Very Dear, The Family*

*In Loving
Memory of*
OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.
OTHA JOHN HAMER III
"ETERNAL LOVE"
~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
Betty - wife and mother

*In Loving
Memory Of*
Vandy L. Jamison Sr.
Cyprian H. Colbert Sr.
Cornella & William B Simmons Sr.
Marc E. Simmons Sr.
William (Billy) B.
Simmons Jr.

In Loving Memory
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
& Denita*



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

In Memory of
**Winnie,
Ray,
Bertie**

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

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Memory of*
Devin M. Wright
*Love Always,
The Family*

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Reba L. Neale**
and
Alice Neale Thornton
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