

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5:1-3*

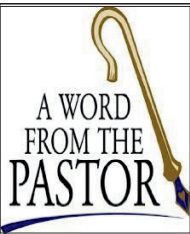
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Readings This Weekend:

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mathew 5:13-16



In today's Gospel we hear the "Beatitudes" ... "Blessed are the poor in spirit the reign of God is theirs ..." and so forth. Now the word, "Blessed" or the word "Beatitude" deserves a little attention. The Greek word which is used throughout the beatitudes which we commonly translate "blessed" is *makariois* which also translates as "happy."

But it is not just an emotional or passing happiness. It is an enduring happiness. It is a happiness independent of conditions. One can be in this state of happiness even in the midst of great struggle and hardship. Now, this understanding of the Greek word as a kind of serene and enduring happiness helps us to understand that the beatitudes are in many ways very topsy-turvy, very paradoxical. Happy are those who mourn? Happy are those persecuted for holiness' sake? Happy are the insulted and slandered for the sake of Christ? It all seems a little strange. And yet, that is precisely the point. Our happiness is not rooted in the passing values and norms of the world. The happiness of the world comes and goes. But our true happiness is rooted in doing God's will, in experiencing His life in us. That is why the martyrs could go to their deaths praising the Lord and in great happiness. So, viewed with the eyes of faith, these beatitudes are not topsy-turvy at all. In fact, they make great sense. And we only have to experience them one by one to know that.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 29

8:00am intentions of Willie Jones (B'day)
9:30am intentions of those suffering in war & civil unrest
11:00am Xiujuan Yu † (killed in Monterey Park)
7:00pm intentions of Gordon Graham & Family

Monday, January 30

8:00am Rev. Joseph E. Gedra †

Tuesday, January 31, Saint John Bosco

7:00am My Nhan † (killed in Monterey Park)

Wednesday, February 1

7:00am Deacon Joseph Curtis, Sr. †

Thursday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Lillian Li † (killed in Monterey Park)

Friday, February 3 St. Blaise

7:00am Rev. Msgr. Charles O'Hara †

Saturday, February 4

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Muoi Ung † (killed in Monterey Park)



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 2:22-40
Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 Mark 6:30-34



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 eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (kpeaks@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 sign up 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
January 22, 2023

4:30pm 39
8:00am 66
9:30am 32
11:00am 180
7:00pm 54
Total: 371

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/30)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (2/3)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (2/1)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday (2/3)

9:00am Holy Name Society mtg

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.

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



2023
ANNUAL APPEAL
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2023 ANNUAL APPEAL:

On the weekend of Feb. 11-12, parishioners will be asked prayerfully to make their commitment to the 2023 Annual

Appeal. In the meantime, take a brochure located in the pews this weekend, or visit appeal.adw.org, to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese, as well as to guide your own level giving. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year, no matter the amount. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH:

On Sun, Feb. 5, 2023, our parish will celebrate **ONE** Mass in the morning at 9:00am, preceded by *Praise & Worship* at 8:30am with our Music Ministry. Our guest celebrant is *Cardinal Wilton Gregory* who is joining with us as we celebrate African-American History Month. We will still celebrate the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Sat., Feb. 4th and the 7:00pm Mass on Sunday. All are welcome.



Capitol Hill
Pregnancy Center

THANK YOU to our parishioners for your generous donations to our Advent Tree campaign to benefit those mothers and fathers who are in need of our love and support. Your donations totaling \$3,908 will greatly benefit the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center. Visit: capitolhillpregnancy.org or scan the QR code to learn more about the center and its work in our community.



CHURCH RESTROOMS ARE BEING RENOVATED:

For the next couple of weeks, the restrooms in the rear of the Church are under construction and will be closed. Please use the handicap and Church basement restrooms located up the ramp to the left of the Mary altar near the front of the church (near the Altar). We apologize for the inconvenience.



The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress

SAVE THE DATE: The National Black Catholic Congress XIII Gathering will be held on **July 20-23, 2023** at the Gaylord Convention Center in Oxon Hill, MD. Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. For more information, visit: nbccgathering2023.org/Home or scan QR code.



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT:

We invite youth (ages 6-12) along with their families on **Sun., Jan. 29th** following the 11:00am Mass in the rectory basement for a special Valentine Day service project. This activity provides a way for our youth to exhibit in word the true love of God by writing message in Valentine Day cards for others. Light refreshments will be provided.

2022 HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION (TITHING) STATEMENTS—will be prepared only upon request

beginning **Wed., Feb. 1, 2023**. Statements will not be automatically distributed. Contact the rectory office (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) to request your statement. It can be **mailed, emailed or picked up** from the rectory. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS: parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2022 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct.



2023 ST. JOSEPH MISSALS ARE IN STOCK!

To purchase your missal, stop by the Candlelight Store, ask an usher, or call the rectory office at 202-546-1885. *Limited supply!*

REMINDER: Our parish will no longer sell monthly copies of *The Word Among Us*. Please visit wau.org to subscribe and receive *The Word Among Us* directly in the mail.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement**. 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** every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and at hscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

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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

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SHARE, LEARN, AND CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET

Praise & Worship

Holy Comforter – Saint Cyprian Church Choir

9:00 a.m. ET

Mass

celebrated by

Wilton Cardinal Gregory

Archbishop of Washington, Principal Celebrant

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope

Pastor, Holy Comforter – Saint Cyprian Catholic Church
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HELP US SEND YOUTH TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (*the “blue nuns”*) will be leading a pilgrimage for young women in the summer of 2023 for the occasion of the World Youth Day being held in Lisbon, Portugal with Pope Francis. The journey will take them through France and Spain, to the sites of the saints and martyrs and to places of culture and history. Three young teenagers from our parish have been invited to attend – but we need the funds to help get them there! The trip is \$3,000/person, which includes airfare, bus travel, food, and lodging for 20 days of pilgrimage. Please consider making a contribution to make it possible for these young ladies to have this experience. Thank you and God bless you!

HERE ARE THE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE:

1. Cash or check payable to HCSC (write *World Youth Day* in memo). Drop in collection basket or mail or drop off at the rectory. Cash should be in an envelope indicating *World Youth Day*.
2. Make a one-time gift (direct debit or credit card) via Faith Direct by scanning the QR code. This is a FREE service.
3. Make a one-time gift via Paypal by scanning QR code and search for *hcsc1357*. Please indicate *World Youth Day* in the notes.



OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!

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