

# HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Celebrating Black History Month 2023

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023











#### **FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

#### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

**Readings Next Weekend:** 

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48



One critical point to understand about the Sermon on the Mount is that the Lord is describing more than prescribing. In other words he is not merely giving moral rules that are more stringent than those in the Old Testament, he is describing transformed human. Jesus is fundamentally

saying that when he really begins to live his life in us this is what we will be like. He then gives (in today's gospel) four antitheses as examples of what he means. They are called "antitheses" because they have the form: "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you." What the Lord teaches us today is that when he begins to live his life in us we will begin to have authority over our anger, we will no longer give way to hateful and retributive anger that seeks to wound, or even kill, others. This sort of anger will abate. Further, we will have authority over our sexuality so that lustful, unchaste thoughts and behavior will give way by the power of God's grace. We will see spousal and family love increase in ourselves so that our fidelity to the marriage vow is strengthened and divorce or infidelity is no longer even a consideration. And, we will experience an integrity between our words and actions. We will stop rendering false promises and vows. When we make commitments we will follow through and we will speak the truth in love. Understand that the Lord is not simply giving you and me a list of prescribed behaviors. He is describing what the power of his cross and grace will do for us if we allow him access to our heart.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 12

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8:00am Robert Cunningham † (killed during Metro shooting)

9:30am Karen Thomas-Mitchell †

11:00am Sr. Margarita Musquera, OSP †

7:00pm

Diego Farnsworth †

Monday, February 13

Yu Kao † (killed at Monterey Park) 7:00am

Tuesday, February 14 (Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop)

Louis & Nancy Geiman + 7:00am

Wednesday, February 15

7:00am Those suffering and killed in natural disasters †

Thursday, February 16

7:00am Chia Yau † (killed at Monterey Park)

Friday, February 17

7:00am intentions of Lonnie Holland

Saturday, February 18 8:00am For the people

4:30pm intentions of the Farnsworth Family

#### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mark 8:11-13 Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25 Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mark 8:14-21 Tuesday: Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13,20-22 Mark 8:22-26 Thursday: Gen 9:1-13 Mark 8:27-33 Gen 11:1-9 Friday: Mark 8:34-9:1 Heb 11:1-7 Mark 9:2-13 Saturday:



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We FAITH DIRECT offer electronic tithing through Faith Direct. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

- Scan the QR code to the right  $\rightarrow$ .
- 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 (pam@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



#### Stay Connected









- Visit our parish website (hcscchurch.org) for news.
- Subscribe to Flocknote by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit https://hcscchurch.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 **February 5, 2023**

4:30pm 9:00am 334 7:00pm 48 Total: 424

#### THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/13)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday (2/15)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Friday (2/17)

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6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Saturday (2/18)

7:00pm Choral Concert

Sunday (2/19)

9:30am RCIA

9:30am Sunday School

1:00pm Marriage Enrichment



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.



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM-8PM every day for you to come in for private praver. Consider spending 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.

#### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Parish Life



YOU to the Clergy, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Rectory Staff, Knights of Peter Claver, HCSC Ministries and the HCSC Music Ministry for the beautiful Opening Mass for Black History Month with Wilton Cardinal Gregory last Sunday. We had a full-house in the sanctuary and we are grateful for our parishioners and many visitors who helped us to celebrate this liturgy.



Please pick up your family prayer card for justice and human dignity in the rear of the sanctuary. The prayer was written by Cardinal Gregory and the auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Washington.



2023 ANNUAL APPEAL:

This weekend we have been asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal.

Please complete or take a commitment form (in your pews) at Mass this weekend or make your gift at give.adw.org or scan QR code. The Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the

archdiocese. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for ृ your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.





NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2023: The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sun., Feb. 12) opportunity are an to focus building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting

marriage and the family. The theme for 2023 "Marriage...one flesh, given and received." At HCSC, blessings will be given at Mass the weekend of Feb 11-12. For more resources on the vocation of marriage, scan the QR code or visit: foryourmarriage.org.





Join us for Echoes of the Ancient—a FREE choral showcase of sacred music by young composers (including HCSC's very own Christina Gillam) on Sat., Feb. 18th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Special performance by LUX. Light refreshment to follow.



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.

- SUMMER JOBS: Camp St. Charles (a Catholic summer camp & retreat facility) in Rock Point, MD is hiring camp counselors, photographers, kitchen janitorial crew for the 2023 summer

season. They are looking for community-oriented, caring young adults, many are college students and recent high school graduates. Will also provide a wide variety of training. Visit: employment page at campstcharles.com or call: 301-934-8799 or email: asstdirector@campstcharles.org.

PARISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS OUTREACH **TEAM**: Parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Outreach Team which brings helpful and lifesaving information to parish groups to raise awareness about domestic violence and community resources that can help families. For information and application, contact Laura. Yeomans DV@CC-DC.org or 301- 247-7926. A great opportunity to volunteer and save lives!



SAVE THE DATE: The National Black Catholic Congress XIII BLACK CATHOLIC 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 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 hcscchurch.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 at

hcscchurch.flocknote.com. Questions? Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.



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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

Mass Times: Saturday Sunday

8am & 4:30pm (vigil); 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

# Echoes of the Ancient

A free choral showcase of sacred music by young composers

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Saturday, February 18th at 7 PM Light refreshments to follow

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#### WHAT IS HCSC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT?

It is a forum of food and fellowship with both secular and spiritual discussion among married couples.

We invite couples of all ages and length of marriage so as to allow a broad range of knowledge to be shared.

Our goal is to be a resource for one another to navigate our culture and its challenges while bringing the Light of Christ to others.

If this sounds interesting to you, please drop by the rectory basement meeting room on the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 am Mass.

Light refreshments will be available.

Here is our schedule for the spring:

February 19
March 19
(April to be announced later)
May 21
June 25

## FROM THE CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

#### THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer... two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and of actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experience the meaning of their unity, and gain an ever deeper understanding of it day by day.

This intimate union in the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissoluble unity between them. Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of his union with the Church. In earlier times God met his people in a covenant of love and fidelity. So now the Savior of mankind, the Bridegroom of the Church, meets Christian husbands and wives in the sacrament of matrimony. Further, he remains with them in order that, as he loved the Church and gave himself up for her, so husband and wife may, in mutual self-giving, love each other with perpetual fidelity.

True married love is caught up into God's love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood.

Christian partners are therefore strengthened, and as it were consecrated, by a special sacrament for the duties and the dignity of their state. By the power of this sacrament they fulfill their obligations to each other and to their family and are filled with the spirit of Christ. This spirit pervades their whole lives with faith, hope and love. Thus they promote their own perfection and each other's sanctification, and so contribute together to the greater glory of God.

Hence, with parents leading the way by example and family prayer, their children – indeed, all within the family circle – will find it easier to make progress in natural virtues, in salvation and in holiness. Husband and wife, raised to the dignity and the responsibility of parenthood, will be zealous in fulfilling their task as educators, especially in the sphere of religious education, a task that is primarily their own. Children, as active members of the family, contribute in their own way to the holiness of their parents. With the love of grateful hearts, with loving respect and trust, they will return the generosity of their parents and will stand by them as true sons and daughters when they meet with hardship and the loneliness of old age.

# The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Information Session

### **National Black Catholic Congress XIII**

"Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive"

Virtual Meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### **Wendi Williams**

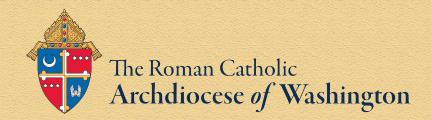
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Please join us to learn more about the National Black Catholic Congress, the Congress movement, and information about Congress XIII.



Click here to register

For more information, please contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-5335 • culturaldiversity@adw.org



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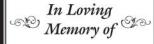
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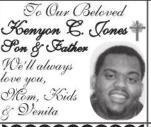


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