



The Good Shepherd

*A Good Shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.*

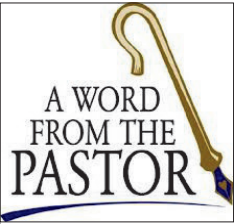
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12



Many Christians have memorized the 23rd Psalm and joyfully recite it. Most consider its words deeply consoling and reassuring. Certainly this is true. But the 23rd Psalm is also a Psalm of Confession. In effect we are saying that since the Lord is my shepherd I follow only him and not another shepherd.

Jesus declares in the Gospel today that his sheep follow him and that they will not follow the voice of another shepherd. In fact they will run from a false shepherd who they do not recognize! Are we like this? Are we as smart as sheep? Too often we not only fail to flee false shepherds we run after them and cling to them. We expose ourselves to all sorts of morally dangerous influences and enjoy the diversions and deviations of the world. If the Lord really is our Shepherd we will listen only to him, judge all other voices against his and run quickly from any voice that is not his. Is the Lord truly your Shepherd or just one voice among many that you heed?



FUNERAL: Audrey Presscott (May 2nd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 30

8:00am Intentions of Phyllis Hooker
9:30am Evelyn Dieckhaus (killed in Nashville, TN) †
11:00am Intentions of Rev. Ronald Potts
7:00pm Reona Chase †

Monday, May 1

7:00am **Tuesday, May 2 St. Athanasius**
7:00am Pat Wright †

Wednesday, May 3 Sts. Philip and James

7:00am Rev. Donald Brice †

Thursday, May 4

7:00am Rev. Robert Guillen †

Friday, May 5

7:00am James O. Neale †

Saturday, May 6

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Intentions of Betty Hamer



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: Acts 11:1-18 John 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 2:19-26 John 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 John 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14



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.

This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation.

Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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MASS ATTENDANCE

April 23, 2023

4:30pm 26
8:00am 54
9:30am 51
11:00am 173
7:00pm 65
Total: 369

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/1)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (5/5)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (5/3)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday (5/6)

9:00am Holy Name Society



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.

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 MISSION STATEMENT:

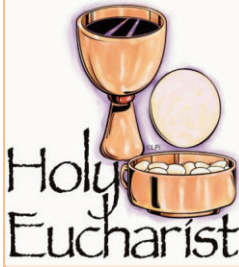
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE



THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2023 celebrate their First Holy Communion this **Sunday, April 30th** at the **11am Mass**.

Our Communicants are:

Cole Bayliss

Savannah Holton

Clara Maga

Jesse Sanah-Youngs

Pray that these youth, with their parents' help, will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is observed on Sunday, April 30th, 2023 which is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the

harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for those discerning vocations can be found at adw.org/vocations/vocations/ or the scan QR code.



FAREWELL & CONGRATULATIONS to DEACON NICOLAS RAPKOC for his service to this parish this past year and on his upcoming ordination to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Raleigh on June 3rd, 2023. May God continue to bless him as he journeys toward his priestly vocation.



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GRADUATE RECOGNITION: As we do every year, our parish would like to recognize and congratulate our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. We want to know who is **graduating in 2023!** Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP: Looking for a high school or college student who is passionately pro-life and seeking an opportunity to gain valuable work experience while making a difference in the fight for life! **Maryland Right to Life** is seeking assistance with social media, communications and special events. Email resume and/or cover letter with interest to julies@mdrtl.org.



A FOCUS RETREAT: The Spiritual Impact Boot Camp - w/FOCUS missionary Jessica Navin &

Fr. James Brent, O.P. "The Spirit of the Lord always remembers every individual, and wishes, particularly through you young people, to 'stir up the wind and fire' of a new Pentecost in the world." Pope Benedict XVI said these words to encourage young people to pursue a relationship with the Holy Spirit. This retreat will introduce you to the Holy Spirit through a variety of talks, Scripture, and prayer periods aimed at inviting this "New Pentecost" into our lives. If you are seeking a way to kindle (or rekindle) the "fire" of your spiritual life, then Come and See. **DATES:** Beginning Fri, May 19th at 6pm through Sat, May 20th ending at 10:30 PM. **COST:** \$60/adults and \$30/students. Lodging not included. **LOCATION:** St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (3400 12th St NE, WDC). Participants must be 18 years and older. For more information, scan the 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 hscchurch.flocknote.com.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Adult 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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Deacon James P. Flagg II

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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

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ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION



Sunday, May 7, 2023

Following the 11:00am Mass, we will gather in the sanctuary and process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. We will return to the Church for the May Crowning. For those unable to process around the park, we invite you to stay and recite the rosary in the sanctuary.

Lia Smart will be crowned the May Queen

The May Queen Court

Attendants: Natalie Powell and Nicolette Wilkins

Statue Bearers: Tyreik Reese, Jeremiah Taylor, Omar Wilkins, Nikiah Young

We invite **ALL** our parish families, organizations & ministries to participate in this annual tradition in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. Bring your rosary and ministry banner.

You are invited to wear traditional May Procession attire:

White dresses or suits (females)

White suits or white shirts w/white or navy blue slacks (males)

**In case of inclement weather, we will process throughout the sanctuary.*

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Catherine E. Graham
Joan M. Graham
Ernestine C. Jackson
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VERMELLE H. HOWARD
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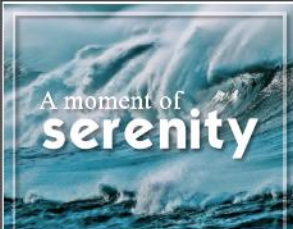
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Helene Crutchfield
Edgell Fairfax
Elizabeth Fairfax
Clyde Fairfax Sr.
Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.
The Family

In Memory of
Our Deceased Members
HCSC
Holy Name Society

In Memory of
**OUR DECEASED
SODALISTS**
HCSC SODALITY

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
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**

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

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**James O. &
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