



*5th Sunday of Easter*



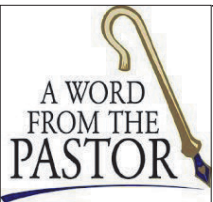
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17      1 Peter 3:15-18      John 14:23



Today's second reading gives us a way to go from being tombstones to living stones, in three stages. The first stage is **the Call**. The text says *come to Jesus, a living stone, rejected by man but chosen by God and let yourself, like living stones, be built into a spiritual house*. Notice the image of a stone. A stone has weight, substance, is no push over. But note the image of a *living stone*. And so, we who are alive are called to have the qualities of the stone, but are alive in Christ. Next, notice **the Choice**. The text says *whoever believes shall not be put to shame*. Hence, we become living stones through faith. We have a choice to make, either we will chose Christ and grow into living stones, or we will just remain a tombstone. Finally, notice **the Characteristics** of we who become living stones.

Note that we have a **pedigree** for the text says *we are a chosen race*. We also have a **priesthood** for the text says *we are a royal priesthood*. We also have a **place**, for the text calls us a *Holy Nation*. The word holy means, called out to be different. So, we are in the world but not of the world. Lastly, we have a **proclamation** for the text says that *we are to announce the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light*.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 7

8:00am Raymond J. Vanzego Sr. (B'day) †  
9:30am Mabel Henson †  
11:00am Deceased Members of the Holton Family †  
7:00pm Cora Campbell †

Monday, May 8

7:00am Cora Campbell †

Tuesday, May 9

7:00am Russell Colbert †

Wednesday, May 10

7:00am Hallie Scruggs (*killed in Nashville, TN*) †

Thursday, May 11

7:00am Audrey Prescott †

Friday, May 12

7:00am Catherine R. Guiffrida (B'day) †

Saturday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

8:00am For the people

4:30pm Yolanda Berry †



**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

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21



**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.

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](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885).



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](https://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!
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MASS ATTENDANCE

April 30, 2023

4:30pm	39
8:00am	43
9:30am	29
11:00am	157
7:00pm	56
<b>Total:</b>	<b>324</b>

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/8)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (5/12)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (5/10)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday (5/13)

11am Holy Name Society Bd mtg



**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.*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH LIFE



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2023** celebrated their First Holy Communion on **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Our youth are: **Savannah Holton, Clara Maga, Jesse Sanah-Youngs and Coles Baylis**. As a community, we ask you to pray that these youth, with the help of their parents, will make this First Communion a lifelong practice of receiving the Eucharist. A special word of thanks to our wonderful, dedicated teachers!

### HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> following the 11am Mass.

We gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. Upon return to the Church, we have a brief ceremony for the May crowning. We invite **ALL** families and HCSC ministries. *Hail Mary, full of Grace!*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Carlos Valdes, III and Emma Banks** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** Do you have an infant or young child who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism? Parents must attend a baptism preparation class prior to the baptism. Our next class is scheduled for **Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am** via Zoom. Contact June Johnson (202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org)) if interested.

**MONTH OF MARY:** During the month of May, Catholics offer up to Mary from their hearts a loving homage of prayer and veneration. Outside of Mass there is no other prayer more pleasing to our Queen of Heaven than the Rosary. *"In this month, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"* (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). St. John Paul II in his document on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary insisted, pleaded, that the whole world **pray the Holy Rosary for the salvation of the family and for world peace**. As part of the message from Our Lady of Fatima, let us also be obedient children and pray our Mother's requested prayer. We have **FREE** rosaries and guides on how to pray the rosary available in the back of the church.



*To Jesus Through Mary*



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** As we do every year, our parish would like to honor our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. Let us know if you are **graduating in 2023!** Complete the flyer in the bulletin and on our website.

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE:** Are you looking for a gift for Mother's Day? There will be a small gift sale following the morning Masses over the next two weekends in the rear of the church. All proceeds benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**. So stop by and see the lovely items offered for Mother's Day.



**THE CIC's EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** You are invited to the first Catholic Information Center's (CIC) Eucharistic Procession in our nation's capital on **Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and bring Christ's **Real Presence** onto the streets of downtown DC. Visit [cicdc.org/procession](http://cicdc.org/procession) for details and to RSVP.



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### 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](http://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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

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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

# CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

If you are a **registered parishioner** graduating in 2023 from Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School **ONLY** (please, no elementary or kindergarten), the parish of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian would like to Acknowledge and Congratulate you on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please complete and return this form to rectory office no later than **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** **or** email to [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) **or** complete online at [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)



Graduate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18)  
(Please Print)

Name of Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18)

Graduating from: ☐ Middle school ☐ High school  
(check one) ☐ College ☐ Graduate school

Name of school graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

If college, list degree rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, name of high school or college/university attending in the fall of 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone to contact graduate/family: \_\_\_\_\_

You and your family are invited to the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** and sit in the reserved pews in the front of the Church. You are also highly encouraged to bring your cap & gown. **If you are unable to attend**, please let us know by contacting the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org).



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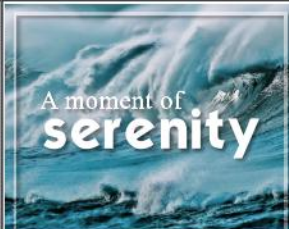
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*The Family*

*In Memory of*  
*Our Deceased Members*  
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*In Memory of*  
**OUR DECEASED  
 SODALISTS**  
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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*

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 Memory of*  
**OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.**  
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 ~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,  
 Betty - wife and mother



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*Mother*  
*We Love You Always*  
**Willie, Lawrence & Maria**

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

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 MEMORY OF**  
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**(Tony)**  
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 Ray,  
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**Hump,  
 Will,  
 Henny**

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 Memory of*  
**Devin M. Wright**  
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