



*Ascension of the Lord*



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

### Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



Today's **Solemnity of The Ascension** is sometimes overlooked because it falls between two other major solemnities of the Church: the Resurrection and Pentecost. The fact that it was traditionally celebrated on a Thursday forty days after the Lord's resurrection

also helped to obscure this great feast. The Ascension is important for at least two reasons. First, Christ's ascension into heaven completes his earthly mission. As he was "lifted up into the heavens," the humanity of Jesus enters into its divine glory and the gates of heaven are now opened for us. We have the hope that we too might go with him as he promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). Second, the ascension of our Lord allows for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will give life to the Church and make it holy.



**FUNERAL:** Leola Hamilton Holmes (May 26<sup>th</sup>)



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



#### Sunday, May 21 *The Ascension of the Lord*

8:00am Juanita Losado Cruz †

9:30am Jovon Tatum †

11:00am Theresa Wilson †

7:00pm Ann Bailey †

#### Monday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Casica, Religious*

7:00am James C. Walker †

#### Tuesday, May 23

7:00am Allen Williams †

#### Wednesday, May 24

7:00am Sheila Ray Wilks †

#### Thursday, May 25

7:00am Lydia Brown †

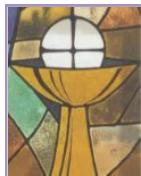
#### Friday, May 26 *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

7:00am Thomas Hawkins †

#### Saturday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

8:00am For the people

4:30pm Nannie Williams †



**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 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25



**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



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- **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

May 14, 2023

4:30pm 34

8:00am 61

9:30am 40

11:00am 188

7:00pm 66

**Total: 389**

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

#### Monday (5/22)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

#### Friday (5/26)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

#### Wednesday (5/24)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

#### Saturday (5/27)

11:00am Knights of St. Peter Claver

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC!** If you want to see what else is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** on our website at [hscchurch.org](https://hscchurch.org). Click on the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera for instant access.



### 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.*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### PARISH LIFE



Congratulations to Abraham and Fay Flores who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and will receive a blessing at the 11:00am Mass this weekend. We are very grateful to Abraham and Fay since they make and provide us with many of the beautiful rosaries that are given out on Divine Mercy Sunday. May God continue to bless your union and bestow his grace and mercy upon you and your family.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Louis Brown and Krista Keil who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in Silverthorne, CO on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



**PENTECOST** is **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. On this day we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love." Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day which is also the feast day of the parish of Holy Comforter. Our guest celebrant at the 11am Mass will be **Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr.**, who will also confirm our youth during the mass. You are invited to **wear RED** in celebration of this feast day of the Holy Spirit. A reception will be held after the 11am Mass out on the plaza. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed** to help with the reception following the Mass. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) to see how you can help. Thanks!

**OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES AND TRAVELING MERCIES** to Fr. Patrick Aboagye as he travels home this coming week to Ghana to bury his father Daniel Akwasi-Bimpeh. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*



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3. Enter your name and email
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**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!** We invite you and your family to the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> so that we as a parish family can recognize and celebrate your achievements. Complete the flyer in the rear of the church or on our website.



Did you know that the **Catholic Standard** (the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington) offers a **FREE** weekly newsletter that is available **online**? Subscribe at [catstan.org/newsletters/subscribers/new](http://catstan.org/newsletters/subscribers/new) or you scan the QR code. You can also sign up by sending your name and email address to [richard@cathstan.org](mailto:richard@cathstan.org). Check it out!



The National Black Catholic Congress XIII Gathering is **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 faith and culture. For information, visit: [nbccgathering2023.org/Home](http://nbccgathering2023.org/Home) or scan QR code. This conference is open to all and sessions are offered for both youth and adults.



### 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).

**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.



### HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor ([www.msgrpope.com](http://www.msgrpope.com))

Deacon James P. Flagg II

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





## JOIN WITH US IN CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

Our parish has the distinct opportunity to celebrate two feast days since we are named Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian. On Sunday, May 28th, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Comforter which is Pentecost Sunday.

Our youth will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11:00am Mass with Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. as the celebrant.



A light reception will be held following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday out on the plaza. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) if you can help!



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# ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

## *Test & Temptations*

Space is still  
available!  
Deposit deadline  
extended!

**AUGUST 18-20, 2023**

### **The Claggett Center**

3035 Buckeytown Pike  
Adamstown, Maryland 21710  
301-874-5147 ♦ [ClaggettCenter.org](http://ClaggettCenter.org)

### **Deacon Richard Walker, Jr.**

Retreat Facilitator

### **Rev. Patrick Owusu Oboagye**

*Celebrant for Mass at Sat. Vigil Mass*

**COST:** \$290 (Single Occupancy)

\$260 (Double Occupancy)

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due **June 4th**  
to secure space and final payment is due **Aug. 6th**.

Cost covers accommodations, meals, and retreat  
materials.

Please indicate if you have special needs such as  
accommodation, food or transportation (carpool).



**Arrival time on Friday (8/18): 2:00pm**



**Departure time on Sunday (8/20): 12 noon**

**For more information & to register:** contact Cyprian Jenifer at 301-580-4273

**This retreat is open to all men!**



## **Meet the Retreat Facilitator**

***Deacon Richard L. Walker, Jr.***



**Deacon Richard Walker was born in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate with the Class of 2008. His first assignment was to St. Thomas More Parish in Southeast Washington where he served for eight years. In October 2016; Cardinal Donald Wuerl appointed him as deacon to St. Luke Parish with his designated Ministry of Charity, the St. Luke Food Bank. He assists the pastor with day to day parish administration, parish organizations programs and projects.**



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The Family*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Lillian H. Myrick**  
**Charles Myrick Sr.**  
**Leon (Tony) Myrick**  
**Lucy Myrick**  
**Lucy Jones**  
**Shirley Ann Jackson**  
*The Family*

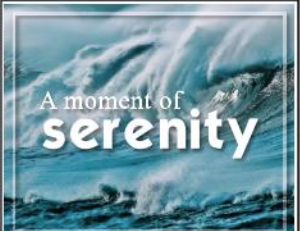
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**Helene Crutchfield**  
**Edgell Fairfax**  
**Elizabeth Fairfax**  
**Clyde Fairfax Sr.**  
**Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.**  
*The Family*

*In Memory of*  
*Our Deceased Members*  
**HCSC**  
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*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. &  
Reba L. Neale**  
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