



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 10:32

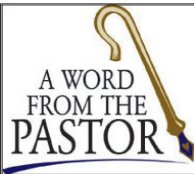
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42



The Gospel for this Sunday is about fear. Jesus teaches that we must learn to fear the right thing and the right one. We are forever fearing the loss of temporal and passing things like money, health and so forth. We also fear excessively what others think of us and what they can do to us. But much of this is misplaced and out of proportion to what is truly important. More important than the loss of passing things is the loss of eternal blessings such as God and heaven. Yet we fear losing money more than salvation. And we fear man more than God. The sin of human respect is to fear what people think of us more than what God thinks of us and to desire pleasing man, more than God. To all of this Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." God has the power to welcome us to heaven or consign us to hell. We ought to have a holy fear of God. The loss of eternal things eclipses whatever worldly fears naturally affect us. We ought to fear losing our desire for God and heaven and preferring worldly things and honors. If we fear God, we fear only One. If we fear man's worldly things we fear ten thousand. Why not live more simply and just Fear the Lord?



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, June 25

8:00am Sylvester "Lucky" Simpson †
9:30am John B. Macon (B'day) †
11:00am Intentions of Alice Allen-White
7:00pm Medhan Giday †

Monday, June 26

7:00am Shawn Xavier Baldwin †

Tuesday, June 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

7:00am Those murdered in the Ugandan massacre †

Wednesday, June 28 Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00am Steven John Stafford (3rd Anniv. of Baptism)

Thursday, June 29 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00am Marion Miles †

Friday, June 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00am Ella Bowie †

Saturday, July 1 Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Intentions of those newly ordained



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 Intention in memory of a friend or family (living or deceased), call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday: Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Matt 16:13-19
Friday: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15 Matthew 8:5-17



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
June 17-18, 2023

4:30pm	39
8:00am	58
9:30am	38
11:00am	130
7:00pm	45
Total:	310

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (6/26)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (6/29)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (6/28)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)



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



THE ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT sponsored by HCSC Holy Name Society is **August 18-20, 2023** at the Claggett Retreat Center (Adamstown, MD). **Theme:** *Tests and Temptations*. Deacon Richard Walker, Jr. is the retreat facilitator. **Cost:** \$260(double) or \$290(single). Cost includes accommodations, food and carpool (if needed). Contact Cyprian Jenifer at 301-580-4273 to register and for more details.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2023: *Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom* takes place June 22—June 29. Religious freedom allows the Church and all religious communities to live out their faith in

public and to serve the good of all. Beginning with the feast of **Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher**, the USCCB invites Catholics to *pray, reflect, and act* to promote religious freedom. For resources and to learn more and subscribe to the online Religious Freedom newsletter, visit: usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek or scan the QR code.



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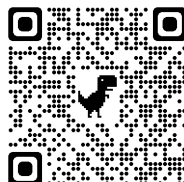
For Your Marriage helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages by providing educational and spiritual resources. The website was launched in 2007 as part of the **National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage**, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. Visit: foryourmarriage.org or scan the QR code for lots of resources on dating, marriage and parenting.



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 or scan QR code. This conference is open to ALL and sessions are offered for both youth and adults.



The first annual **DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE**, sponsored by the Dominican Friars Foundation, is on **Sat., Sept. 30, 2023**, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. This all-day event features conferences by Fr. Gregory Pine, recitation of the Rosary, a fervorino by Fr. Lawrence Lew, and Mass with Fr. James Brent as homilist. Join us for this day of prayer to Our Lady! Visit: <https://rosarypilgrimage.org/> or scan the QR code for more information.



The John Paul II Institute in Washington DC is offering two summer intensive courses in July 2023.

⇒ **"Called to Love: Theology of the Body"**

from July 17 until July 21

⇒ **"Faith and American Culture"**

from July 24 until July 28

Class will be taught in person and offered online simultaneously. The course fee is \$150. For information: information@johnpaulii.org or 202-526-3799.

VACATION TIME IS HERE! Whether you stay home or travel, get some rest and enjoy yourself. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. What a great time to pray in thanksgiving! Visit **DiscoverMass.com** or **masstimes.org** for mass times and locations around the country.



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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.



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.

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.



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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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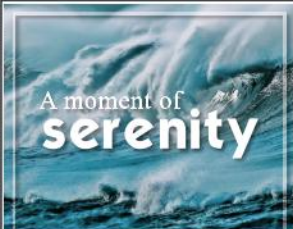
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