



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

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Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

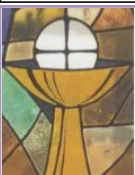
Zec 9:9-10 Romans 8:9-13 Matthew 11:25-30



In today's Gospel the Lord gives three important principles for a disciple. The first principle is the priority of a disciple. Note that the Lord says we are to love no one more than him. There is to be no one and no thing in our life that has greater importance than the Lord. But truth be told many Christians give greater allegiance to political parties and movements as well as careers the opinions of men, than the Lord and his Church. Many prefer worldly thinking to what the Lord teaches. Jesus speaks strongly and says that such people as this are not worthy of Him. The second principle is the passion of a disciple. Every disciple must be willing to take up a cross. Here too we are often willing to take up crosses for worldly gain. We work hard for a paycheck or for a college diploma. Then why not the Lord? An old song says, "No cross, no crown." And the point here IS a crown. Yet like worldly blessings, it is the cross that brings it. Thus the Lord's insistence on the need for the cross is not unreasonable. The third principle is the prize of a disciple. Indeed, the Lord promises reward if we get our priorities and passions right. Even now, we can enjoy the fruits of God's Word as we listen to his prophets and see our life change. And every work of mercy, God says he will reward. God does not demand the cross without pointing to its reward. The Cross ushers in the crown.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 2 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Lester Chance †
 9:30am Renee Barnes †
 11:00am Steven John Stafford (3rd Anniv. of Baptism)
 7:00pm Wilhelmenia McMillan †
Monday, July 3 *Saint Thomas, Apostle*
 7:00am Intentions of George Stewart (B'day)
Tuesday, July 4 *USA Independence Day*
 8:00am For those suffering from the sins of human trafficking
Wednesday, July 5 *Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*
 7:00am Joan McKinley Shelton †
Thursday, July 6 *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*
 7:00am Intentions of John Douglas
Friday, July 7
 7:00am Barbara Cohens †
Saturday, July 8
 8:00am Cheryl Quander-Taylor †
 4:30pm For the People



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:	Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
TUESDAY:	Genesis 19:15-29	Matthew 8:23-27
WEDNESDAY:	Genesis 21:5, 8-20	Matthew 8:28-34
THURSDAY:	Genesis 22:1-19	Matthew 9:1-8
FRIDAY:	Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Matthew 9:9-13
SATURDAY:	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29	Matthew 9:14-17



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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- Visit our parish website (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!
- 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
June 24-25, 2023**

4:30pm	31
8:00am	52
9:30am	37
11:00am	127
7:00pm	57
Total:	304

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (7/3) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (7/5) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)
Tuesday (7/4) <i>Independence Day</i> Rectory Office Closed 8:00am Morning Mass	Friday (7/7) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

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. 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.

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PARISH LIFE



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Independence Day, **Tuesday, July 4th**. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am. Have a restful and safe holiday.



POPE FRANCIS DECLARES MOTHER MARY LANGE 'Venerable' - One of six African-Americans on the path to sainthood moved a step closer on June 22nd when Pope Francis formally decreed that Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, who died in Baltimore in 1882, lived a life of heroic virtues. Mother Lange was the foundress of the first Catholic order of African American nuns—the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Our parish shares a rich history with the Oblate Sisters as they served for many years at Saint Cyprian school and the merged Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian school. Our church family also had vocations to the Oblate Sisters of Providence over its years of service to this parish. Visit motherlange.org for more information and join in the cause for canonization.



THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI RAFFLE: Please support the efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 tickets to a book) for \$5 until July 31st. All prizes are monetary. **Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org or purchase from rectory during office hours.** This annual raffle supports the Sisters in their continued efforts to educate and serve God's people in the poorest locations. Please show your gratitude by purchasing a raffle. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is scheduled for **Sat., Sept., 23rd** at **Watkins Regional Park**. **We need our parishioners help to make this annual family event happen!** If you like to offer your time and talent, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org. This annual picnic has been a tradition for a number of years in our parish and provided a wonderful fellowship for families and friends. Help us maintain that spirit of community. Save the date and let us know if you can help us out.



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.



VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay home or travel, we hope and pray that you and your family enjoy yourself and get some much needed rest. However, vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments, of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting? Visit DiscoverMass.com or masstimes.org for mass times and locations around the country.



SAVE THE DATE: It's BACK!! The 51st HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT is scheduled for **Sun., Oct. 22nd at 4pm**. Due to COVID, our last concert was in 2019 but we are bringing the spirit of God in song and music back with a **FREE** concert! Stay tuned for details! Praise God!



The Best Catholic Content. All in One Place: Our parish community at **Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian** has a **subscription to the online Catholic resource service called FORMED**. It's **EASY** and **FREE** to register and use!

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3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

After you sign-up, download the free FORMED app from App Store or Google Play. So, sign up and enjoy Catholic movies, teachings, bible studies, and more. Contact the rectory office (202-546-1885) if you need assistance.



Did you know that the **Catholic Standard** (the newspaper of the

Archdiocese of Washington) has a **FREE** weekly newsletter that is available **online**? You can subscribe at cathstan.org/newsletters/subscribers/new or scan the QR code. You can also send your name and email address to richard@cathstan.org and they will do it for you. So, sign up for weekly updates of what is happening throughout our archdiocese. It's that simple!



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.

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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

Join Our Summer Seminarian
Deacon Christopher Feist for a
Summer Teaching Webinar

The Cardinal Virtues
Prudence, Justice, Fortitude & Temperance



Wednesdays: July 5, 12 & 19
7:15pm (via Zoom)

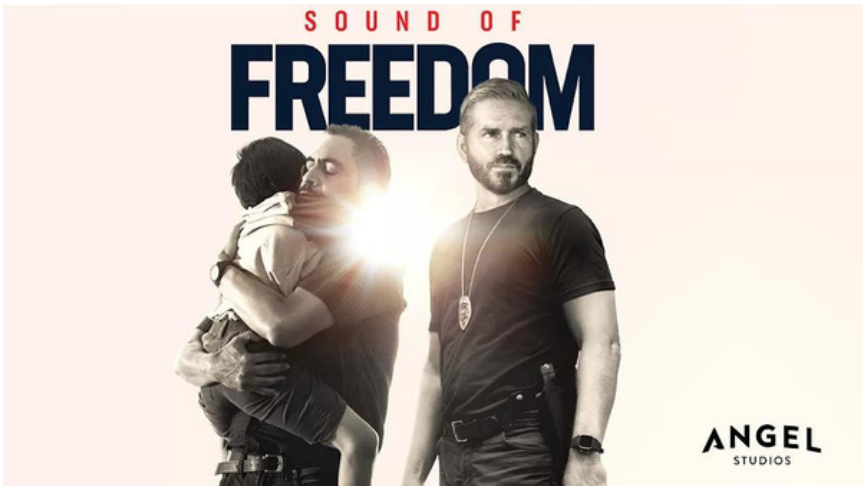
The virtues help us to habitually do what is good. They are the building blocks for Christian moral living. Accordingly, the Church has developed a theology of the virtues, building on what the ancients discovered through natural law and what God revealed through divine inspiration.

Our Catholic tradition recognizes four cardinal virtues that are also known as human, natural, or moral virtues. They are prudence (wisdom), justice, fortitude (courage), and temperance (self-control). This webinar will be an introduction into the meaning of these cardinal virtues and how they build up our faith. This webinar will be recorded and made available on our website (hcscchurch.org) for those who can't attend the live Zoom.

To join us online: You will need Zoom on your computer or mobile device to participate live on Wednesdays. The link for the Zoom will be sent via FlockNote (email) to those who sign up for **Wednesday Night Bible Study** in FlockNote. If you are not on our FlockNote, visit hcscchurch.flocknote.com or text HCSC to 84576 to join. FlockNote is a FREE email service we use to communicate. For questions or assistance, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hcscchurch.org.

So, what are you doing this summer?

Why not join the movement to save God's children who are victims of human trafficking by going to see a very important film that is opening on the 4th of July.



In an effort to reveal the horror and sin of human trafficking, this film is being released in multiple theatres around the world in the hopes that many will go see it and learn about the scourge of child trafficking.

The true story of Tim Ballard (played by Jim Caviezel from the *Passion of the Christ*) who quits his job as a Special Agent with U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to become a vigilante and embarks on a mission to rescue children from cartels and human traffickers in Latin America.

Angel Studios is making a limited number of tickets available for FREE so that the message can reach many people. Scan the QR code for details on how to claim a free ticket. You can also purchase tickets at your local theatre.



NOTE: The film contains stylized violence, mature themes, a couple of mild oaths and a smattering of crude and crass language. The OSV News classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

If you do anything this summer, take the time to see this film and help to end the scourge of human trafficking.

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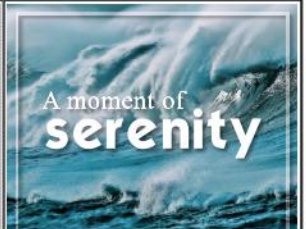
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Our Deceased Members
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**OUR DECEASED
SODALISTS**
HCSC SODALITY

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**

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Devin M. Wright
*Love Always,
The Family*

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**James O. &
Reba L. Neale**
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