



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
“A sower went out to sow.”

Matthew 13:3

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Readings Next Weekend:

Wis 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43



The readings today remind us that our celebration of God's Word each Sunday, and in private devotion, is not meant to be mere information. But, rather, transformation! The first reading contains a **PROMISE** and uses the image of the snow and rain which come down from the heavens and do not return there until they have watered the earth, giving it life and fruit. God's Word has this same power. If we authentically and attentively listen to God's Word, it will refresh us and bring forth the fruit of transformation. No one can authentically attend to God's Word and go away unchanged. But, in the Gospel, the Lord Jesus alerts us to certain **PROBLEMS** that arise which keep us from attending to God's Word. Just because we have ears to hear, does not mean we are really listening. Perhaps it is worldly preoccupations, the lure of riches, or fear of persecution. Perhaps it is a lazy mind or a rebellious spirit. The Lord teaches us to be sober about these things, for they choke off the power of God's Word and keep it from growing in us. We ought to ask the Lord for increasingly fertile soil in our soul so that the promise and power of the Word will come forth. Finally, the Lord invites us to examine the **PROOF** of God's Word. For, those who are open to this Word will, and do, experience its power to change their lives. As our thinking is changed by the Word so also our priorities and decisions, indeed, our very behavior begin to change. Are you a Proof to the power of God's Word? I am.



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@hscscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website (hscscchurch.org) for news and other happenings including the parish calendar.
- Follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).



**Mass Attendance
July 8—9, 2023**

4:30pm	38
8:00am	59
9:30am	49
11:00am	125
7:00pm	73
Total:	344

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (7/17)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (7/21)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

Wednesday (7/19)

7:15pm Summer Webinar (zoom)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 16 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Denise Rodgers †
9:30am Birdie Mae Travis †
11:00am Intentions of Jeannette Simms
7:00pm William C. Zandi, Jr. †

Monday, July 17

7:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Butler (B'day)

Tuesday, July 18 *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

7:00am Sara Kathleen Palace †

Wednesday, July 19

7:00am Father Gerard "Jerry" Trancone †

Thursday, July 20 *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Charles Harris †

Friday, July 21 *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest*

7:00am Intentions of Jeanette Babin

Saturday, July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:00am Peter J. Anzenberger †
4:30pm For the People

OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending some quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength and courage. 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.



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 BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	Exodus 1:8-14, 22	Matthew 10:34—11:1
TUESDAY	Exodus 2:1-15	Matthew 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12	Matthew 11:25-27
THURSDAY	Exodus 3:13-20	Matthew 11:28-30
FRIDAY	Exodus 11:10—12:14	Matthew 12:1-8
SATURDAY	Songs 3:1-4	John 20:1-2, 11-18

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the following HCSC parishioners who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

- ♥ *Austin Krauss and Amelia Dal Pra* were married on July 7th at HCSC.
- ♥ *Tân Lê and Christina Gillam* were married on July 8th in Charlotte, NC.

We pray that their unions will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



HCSC SUMMER 'TEACHING THE FAITH' WEBINAR SERIES:

Join our summer seminarian Deacon Christopher Feist as he hosts a webinar (via Zoom) on *The Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance*. Held July 5, 12 & 23 at 7:15pm. To receive the Zoom link, sign up for FlockNote at hscchurch.flocknote.com or text HCSC to 84576. Make sure you select Wednesday Bible Study and the Zoom link will be emailed each week. **If you miss a session, you can view the recording on our webpage (hscchurch.org).**



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.



DID YOU KNOW? The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has a **Deaf and Disabilities Ministry** which helps Catholics with special needs access their faith by providing support, education, resources and connections to community partners. Find out

where to attend a Mass that offers American Sign Language (ASL) every Sunday or how to find community resources for a disabled family member or friend. Visit <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/special-needs/> and sign up for the monthly newsletter.



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.



FREE RESOURCES OFFERED BY OUR PARISH



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

1. Visit formed.org/signup
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3. Enter your name and email
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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.



OUR CHURCH HAS AN APP! MyParish App

allows you to connect with our parish. Stay up-to-date with what is going on in our parish throughout the week. With the MyParish app you can receive parish messages, read bulletins, and listen to homilies. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, reminders to schedule confessions, access to a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. Visit MyParishApp.com to download to your phone. Available for Apple and Android phones.



Our parish is using an online communication tool called **FLOCKNOTE** to send messages to our parishioners via email. Flocknote enables you to choose the news you want, giving you direct access to manage your **FREE** subscriptions and change your contact info.  Currently, bible study, weekly bulletins and general parish news and updates are sent via **Flocknote**, and we will continue to expand to other areas of interests. If you have not done so already, **subscribe and stay connected**. Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> and subscribe to receive emails with updates from the parish. It's quick and easy!

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. Great opportunity to meet other young adults from the community.



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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at 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 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.

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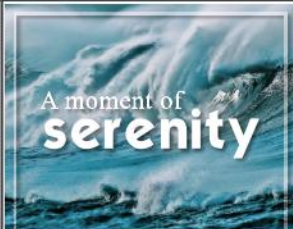
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