



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

Matthew 13:29

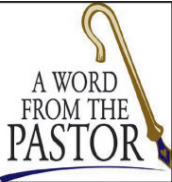
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52



We are incited to move toward God in the readings today through the use of fear and encouragement. We are reminded that there will be a day of judgment, which should incite a reverential fear in us. Such fear should both keep us from being presumptive and reckless against the commandments of God and lead to a change in the direction of those “who cause others to sin and all evildoers.” The knowledge and fear of God’s judgment, however, should not paralyze us, but, rather, lead to a more intensive movement toward God. We are also reminded that our God is a gentle and merciful One who judges “with clemency and with much lenience.” This is a relief but should not delay our movement toward God because of the misinformed idea that we will all be saved no matter how we act. We can never be sure exactly when our judgment day will come or how we will be judged. We can only be sure that the “Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness” and if we both rely upon and obey Him, we will one day be among those who “will shine like the sun.”

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 23 *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Intentions of Sister Mary Vandergeest, OSF (B'day)

9:30am Intentions of Cora Capers

11:00am Jackie Jones, Sr. (B'day) †

7:00pm Staff Sgt. Alexander Conrad †

Monday, July 24 *Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*

7:00am William Alexander Geohagan †

Tuesday, July 25 *Saint James, Apostle*

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, July 26 *SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM*

7:00am Roland Lomax †

Thursday, July 27 *Saint*

7:00am Karen Jameson †

Friday, July 28

7:00am Anthony Maxwell Smart †

Saturday, July 29 *Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

8:00am Dolores Gorham †

4:30pm Intentions of Earlene Capers (B'day)



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 14:5-18	Matthew 12:38-42
TUESDAY	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Matthew 20:20-28
WEDNESDAY	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15	Matthew 13:1-9
THURSDAY	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Matthew 13:10-17
FRIDAY	Exodus 20:1-17	Matthew 13:18-23
SATURDAY	Exodus 24:3-8	John 11:19-27



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
July 15—16, 2023**

4:30pm	37
8:00am	43
9:30am	30
11:00am	137
7:00pm	80
Total:	327

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (7/24)

NO Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (7/28)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

Wednesday (7/26)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)

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.

PARISH LIFE



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.

HCSC SUMMER 'TEACHING THE FAITH' WEBINAR SERIES:

Did you miss our summer seminarian Deacon Christopher Feist's summer webinar



on *The Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance*? Well, here is your opportunity to check out the recorded webinar on our website at hscchurch.org or scan the QR code. Listen and learn about our faith!



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 as a volunteer, 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.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are scheduled to begin this fall and will be held **Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory.** Classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. Also for those returning to the Church after a long absence and looking to enrich their faith. Questions? For information or to just find out if this is something that will help you in your faith journey, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or email: rciahcsc@gmail.com. **Come and See!**

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 HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY 51st ANNIVERSARY CONCERT will be **Sun., Oct. 22nd at 4pm.** Theme: *In Our Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: We Give You Praise!* Due to COVID, our last concert was in 2019 but we are lifting our voices in praise and song with a **FREE** concert! Stay tuned!

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: Aug. 5th, 8:30am-4pm at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill (313-2nd St, NE, WDC). Theme: *Sursum Corda: Lift Up Your Hearts.* We will have Mass, presentations, small groups, confession & Eucharistic Adoration. **Register at:** <https://stjosephsdc.org>. If your situation allows, there is a suggested donation of \$10. For more information: visit <https://stjosephsdc.org>.

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HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult Bible Study is on vacation until September. Check back with us later for the date we resume. When we gather again in September, we will meet in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. Stay tuned!



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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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

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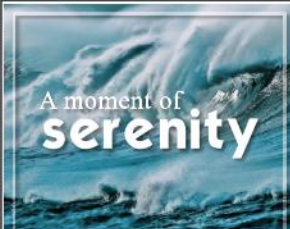
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