

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” *Matthew 13:44*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9



In today's Gospel, three key words come to mind to summarize it: What, Worth, and Warning. In terms of what, the kingdom of heaven is compared to buried treasure, and a pearl of great price. In both cases, the image is of something that is both costly, and precious. By these images, the Lord Jesus wants us to see the kingdom of heaven in this regard. It is to be something very precious to us. Yet, sadly, many regard faith and the things waiting for them in heaven, including God himself, to be of little value or worth. Surely they would not sell all they have, or forsake many things of this world to have it. Even getting to church on Sunday is too much for many. How do you see the kingdom of heaven? Honestly? As for the worth of the kingdom of heaven the point is not so much that we have to give up things for it, but, because we value it so highly, we are more than willing to do so. In the world, when we find something we really want, we are willing to part with money in order to have it. And thus, when we really want Heaven, we are willing to part with the things of this world to have it. Is the kingdom of heaven worth more than the things of this world for you? Really? Finally, as to the word of warning, the Lord says there is ultimately a decision we must make, and he will one day recognize. The image of the dragnet catching all sorts of things is an image for the universal world. It is going out to everyone. But when the net is taken ashore, those who have valued the kingdom of heaven will be taken in, those who do not, will be set aside. This is the warning: we will either value the kingdom of heaven, and choose it, whatever the cost, or we won't.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, July 30 *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Intentions of Summer Sorrell Holton (B'day)
 9:30am William R. Hawkins, Jr. †
 11:00am William R. Hawkins, Sr. (5th Anniv. of Death) †
 7:00pm Intentions of Ollie Johnson
Monday, July 31 *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*
 7:00am Clarice M. Williams †
Tuesday, August 1 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop*
 7:00am Intentions of Earl Turner
Wednesday, August 2 *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop*
 7:00am Intentions of Michael Turner
Thursday, August 3
 7:00am Intentions of Veronica Rodgers (B'day)
Friday, August 4 *Saint John Vianney, Priest*
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, August 5 *Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major*
 8:00am Evelyn Rose Elser †
 4:30pm Intentions of Bettye Mayes (B'day)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34	Matthew 13:31-35
TUESDAY	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28	Matthew 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY	Exodus 34:29-35	Matthew 13:44-46
THURSDAY	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38	Matthew 13:47-53
FRIDAY	Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37	Matthew 13:54-58
SATURDAY	Lev 25:1, 8-17	Matthew 14:1-12



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**Mass Attendance
July 22—23, 2023**

4:30pm	25
8:00am	53
9:30am	37
11:00am	144
7:00pm	72
Total:	332

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (8/1)

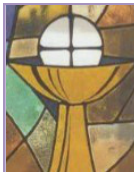
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday (8/4)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession



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.



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.

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 CYPRIAN & SUSAN JENIFER who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 14th. What a beautiful testimony for the sacrament of matrimony. May God continue to uphold and provide strength to this lovely couple who has served this parish for so many years.



CONGRATULATIONS to Kyler Xavier Williams who was Baptized here at our church into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Sunday, July 23rd**. May God bless Kyler and his family in their journey of faith.



A FOND FAREWELL to Deacon Christopher Feist who served as our summer seminarian at the parish. He will return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary to continue his studies. We are so grateful for his many services to this parish community during his time here. Please continue to lift Deacon Feist in your prayers as he continues to discern this vocation in service to God and his people.

HCSC SUMMER 'TEACHING THE FAITH' WEBINAR:

If you missed our summer seminarian Deacon Christopher Feist's webinar on *The*



Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance? Well, you can check out the recorded webinar on our website at hscchurch.org or scan the QR code. Listen and learn about our faith!



We also bid a fond farewell to **Fr. Larry Swink** who was visiting with us for a few months while he underwent a medical procedure in this area. We are thankful for his enlightening and uplifting homilies, and his caring service to this parish. Fr. Larry will be returning to St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Ridge, MD where he is the Pastor. We pray for his continued physical healing and we send him home with a multitude of blessings. *Thank you, Fr. Larry.*



LAST CHANCE!! 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.** 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.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HCSC ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC is Sat., Sept., 23rd at Watkins Regional Park. **We need your help to make this annual family event happen!** If you can 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 provides 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.



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HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. **NOTE: Bible study will not be held during August. It will resume in September.**



To receive email notifications of when they meet, 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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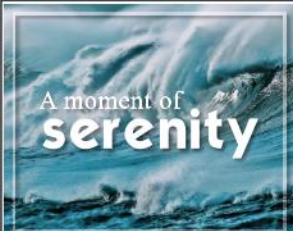
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