



*Take Courage, it is I
Do Not Be Afraid*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28



The Gospel for this Sunday reminds us to keep our eyes on the prize. Notice first of all, how the Gospel describes **Distance** as a source of problems. The text says that Jesus had the disciples get in a boat and head to the other side of the lake while he remained behind. This distance between Jesus and his disciples leads to the second stage of the Gospel which is **Distress**. The text says while out on the lake a bad storm blew up causing the disciples to be distressed for their safety. Further, as Jesus approaches the disciples by walking on the water they think he is a ghost. This then leads to the third stage of the Gospel which is **Decision**. Jesus tells them to take courage and Peter decides to step out in faith. At Jesus' command he steps out of the boat and walks on the water. But then comes the fourth stage, which is **Distraction**. Peter is distracted by the fierceness of the storm and takes his eyes off the prize, which is Jesus. Sure enough Peter begins to sink and calls out to Jesus to save him. Grabbing hold of Peter, Jesus takes him back to the boat to join the others and there comes the final stage of the Gospel which is **Development**. In this final stage their faith has been strengthened and their faith develops for they say of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:33)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 13 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Intentions of Mary Catherine Willoughby

9:30am Elizabeth Walker †

11:00am Raymond Francis Harris †

7:00pm Intentions of Orestes Nash

Monday, August 14 *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am Thelma Freeman Boyd †

Tuesday, August 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Beverly Vaughn †

10:00am Virginia Slaughter Ailer †

7:00pm William Turner †

Wednesday, August 16 *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

7:00am Ollie & June Johnson (15th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 17

7:00am Paul Macon (B'day) †

Friday, August 18

7:00am Nyla Charmaine McKenzie Mitchell †

Saturday, August 19 *Saint John Eudes, Priest*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm James Wilmer Fenwick †



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 Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 17:22-27

TUESDAY Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10AB 1 Cor 15:54-57

Matthew 18:15-20

WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:21-19:1

THURSDAY Joshua 3:7-17 Matthew 19:3-12

FRIDAY Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:13-15

SATURDAY Joshua 24:14-29



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
August 5-6, 2023**

4:30pm	55
8:00am	58
9:30am	32
11:00am	148
7:00pm	55
Total:	348

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Friday (8/18)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

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.



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 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into Heaven following her death. The feast day is celebrated on **August 15th** and is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be celebrated here at HCSC at 7am, 10am, and 7pm on Aug. 15th. To learn more about why this is a part of our Catholic belief, scan the QR code.



Queen, assumed into heaven, pray for us.



HAPPY 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Bruce and Maureen Normann who celebrated their union on August 6th. We are so grateful to Bruce and Maureen for their continual and faithful service to this parish community for so many years. May God bless both of you and your family as you celebrate this milestone.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following infants who were recently Baptized here at our church into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ:

Saturday, August 5th:

- 💧 Zariah Avery Pharaoh
- 💧 Pierce Anthony Everett
- 💧 Brocke Harold-Douglas Jones

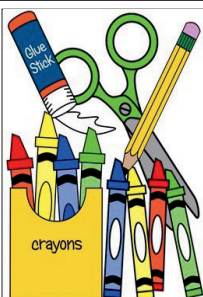
Sunday, August 6th:

- 💧 Greyson Alexander Ray

May God bless these infants and their families in their journey of faith.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW 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 (**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!**



ARE YOU IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL? The HCSC Ladies of Charity would like to provide school items to those families who have youth who may need supplies or other items (lunch boxes, uniforms, etc.). If you have a need or know of a family that may benefit from this give-away (they do not have to be a parishioner), contact Sharon Graham at 202-526-5422.

HELP WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year many families suffered abuse at home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, help is available. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1(800) 799-7233 (24 hours). To learn more about domestic violence: scan the QR code or visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.



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. Save the date and let us know if you can help us out.



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!

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.



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.

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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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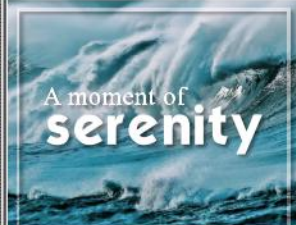
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