



*O Woman,  
Great is  
Your Faith!*

Matthew 15:28



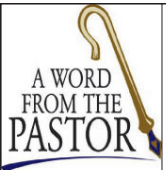
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20



The Gospel today speaks about the need to persist in prayer. It opens with a reference to Jesus' **TRAVEL**. We are told that he goes north of Israel into modern day Lebanon. This is pagan territory and a rather odd destination for a Jewish preacher. But, this is important

for us in terms of understanding Jesus' love for all people, and his ultimate love for the woman in today's Gospel. This leads us to **TORMENT**. A Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus to heal her daughter. Pagans generally hated Jews but her torment makes her reach out to Jesus. Next comes the **TEST**. Jesus draws her out by several seemingly hurtful comments. First, he ignores her, then he says he will deal only with Jews, then he says he should not throw (his) food to dogs. But remember, the Lord loves the Gentiles and that is why he has come north into pagan territory. So, his testing of her leads to her **TENACITY**. She is not put off. She knows what she wants, and that Jesus can accomplish it. Masterfully, she says "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table!" Her tenacity leads to **TRIUMPH**. For Jesus says to her "O woman great is your faith, let it be done as you wish" and the woman's daughter was healed. What of us? Would you persevere in prayer, or grow angry and discouraged.



**FUNERAL:** Jeannette Simms (August 21<sup>st</sup>)



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



**Sunday, August 20** *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Intentions of Sister Marcia Hall, OSP (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30am Maurice Gordon †

11:00am Harry Waterbury †

7:00pm Those suffering and dying from natural disasters

**Monday, August 21** *Saint Pius, Pope*

7:00am Sister Dorothy Yancey, OSP †

**Tuesday, August 22** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross †

**Wednesday, August 23** *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

7:00am Clarence Ford, Sr. †

**Thursday, August 24** *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00am Vannie Hayward-Ford †

**Friday, August 25** *Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00am Thaddeus Ford †

**Saturday, August 26**

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Jeannette Simms †



**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**

|                  |                           |                  |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | JUDGES 2:11-19            | MATTHEW 19:16-22 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | JUDGES 6:11-24            | MATTHEW 19:23-30 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | JUDGES 9:6-15             | MATTHEW 20:1-16  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | REVELATION 21:9-14        | JOHN 1:45-51     |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | RUTH 1:1-6, 14-16, 22     | MATTHEW 22:34-40 |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | RUTH 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 | MATTHEW 23:1-12  |



**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](https://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 ([kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885).



**Stay Connected**



- Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](https://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 12-13, 2023**

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| 4:30pm        | 30         |
| 8:00am        | 47         |
| 9:30am        | 38         |
| 11:00am       | 143        |
| 7:00pm        | 55         |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>313</b> |

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Friday (8/25)**

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

**Saturday (8/26)**

10:00am Ministry Leaders Mtg



**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.

**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 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**

**LEARN ABOUT THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

The mission of the HCSC Sodality is to promote a greater devotion to Our Lord through the veneration of His Blessed Mother, and to provide a medium through which Sodalists may experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with God in their daily lives. The Sodality, which is comprised of women and men, carries out its mission through prayer, meditation, reflection, acts of charity, fellowship opportunities and other activities. We will schedule a ZOOM meeting in September 2023 for those interested in the Sodality. Let us know if you are interested! Contact Sharon Lewis at 202-253-2580.



**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN DAY CELEBRATION:**

Our parish will celebrate only ONE morning Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. We will still have the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday. We are planning a reception for all on the Church grounds following the 10:00am Mass! We need volunteers for set-up, serving and clean-up. **PLEASE** contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org if you can help with reception.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023—24** for youth in pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on **September 24, 2023**. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments (*First Communion and Confirmation*). For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or 202-368-7231. Visit hscchurch.org for more information.



**REMINDER:** HCSC Ministry & Organization Leader's meeting with Msgr. Pope is **Sat., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the rectory. A FlockNote has been emailed to the invited leaders with information on submission of ministry calendars. Please make sure your ministry/organization is represented at this important meeting.



**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) 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 rciahcsc@gmail.com. **Come and See!**

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



**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.

Are you a man looking for more effective ways to balance work and prayer in your life? Check out the **Super Spirits & Service Retreat Weekend** which is a transformative retreat experience that combines prayer, physical activity, and inspirational preaching. This retreat offers an opportunity to deepen your spiritual practice while also participating in critical improvement projects at the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. But it's not all work and no play - you will also get to enjoy lively fellowship with some great guys! Best of all, **it's free to attend!** All we ask is for **your sweat equity**. For info: visit [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).



**OUR LADY of BETHESDA**  
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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



BUT GOD PROVES HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE  
STILL SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. ROMANS 5:8

# Interested in becoming Catholic? Have you missed receiving any sacraments?

- Have you or a friend or family member been thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- Did you or any family member or friends miss receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion?
- Are you Catholic and searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith?

We offer classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although they are designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also a wonderful opportunity for adult Catholics who have missed receiving one or more of the sacraments or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. Classes begin in September 2023.

If you are interested, or you know of someone who is, complete the form below and drop in the collection basket or give to an usher. You can also email the information to [rciahcsc@gmail.com](mailto:rciahcsc@gmail.com) or call 202-546-1885.

Let us know if you have questions or are not certain how this will work for you. There is no commitment for seeking information. We are available to help you in your journey!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION INQUIRY

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, have you been baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No)

Are you a baptized Catholic in need of sacraments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, check which sacraments are needed: ☐ Holy Communion ☐ Confirmation ☐ Not sure

*USHER: Please take completed forms to the rectory office. Thank you.*



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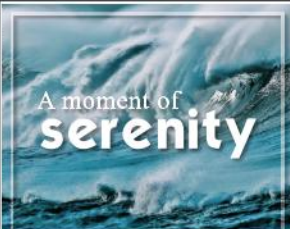
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& Very Dear, The Family*

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~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,  
Betty - wife and mother



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