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*Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:15-18



Messiah

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27



The Gospel today sets forth the prescribed purpose of Peter. As the Gospel opens we see the **INQUIRY THAT ILLUSTRATES**. Jesus asks a question, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" A variety of answers come back, none of them right. Jesus then asks the twelve apostles who they think he is. There is silence. Finally, Peter speaks the truth. This process illustrates that the truth of the faith isn't going to be found by taking a poll or holding a committee meeting. God's way is to choose an individual, (Peter) and anoint him to speak the truth. And thus we come to the next stage, the **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INSPIRED**. As we have seen it is Peter alone who eventually speaks the truth. But how has this happened? The text tells us that it is not that he is necessarily the smartest, or has studied more. These things have their place, but what closes the deal is, as Jesus says, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." It is the grace of God that makes Peter the means of truth. And thus, Jesus ratifies this through the **INSTALLATION THAT IS INITIATED**. Jesus says that Peter is going to be the rock on which he will build his Church. Peter was the first Pope. As Catholics we continue to believe that God especially blesses the current Pope, Francis, just as he did Peter, to be the means of guaranteeing the truth of our faith. The Pope is not alone, God is with him and he is able to have insight, not because he is the smartest, but because he is anointed by God.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 27 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Austina Jones and Family †

9:30am Intentions of Rev. William Gurnee

11:00am Cornelia Hamilton †

7:00pm Intentions of Joan Hearn

Monday, August 28 *Saint Augustine, Bishop*

7:00am Loretta Theresa Parker Humber-Green †

Tuesday, August 29 *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

7:00am Joyce Ann Shaw †

Wednesday, August 30

7:00am Sandra Jean Thomas †

Thursday, August 31

7:00am Intentions of Gayle Jones

Friday, September 1

7:00am Beverly Vaughn (B'day) †

Saturday, September 2

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Intentions of Gertrude Ford



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	1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5, 8-10	MATTHEW 23:13-22
TUESDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8	MARK 6:17-29
WEDNESDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-13	MATTHEW 23:27-32
THURSDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 3:7-13	MATTHEW 24:42-51
FRIDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8	MATTHEW 25:1-13
SATURDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-11	MATTHEW 25:14-30



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 30 1-478-8900 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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- 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

Assumption—August 15, 2023

7:00am	35
10:00am	30
7:00pm	38

August 19-20, 2023

4:30pm	25
8:00am	39
9:30am	28
11:00am	107
7:00pm	54
Total:	254

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Friday (9/1)

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.

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the following infants Baptized on Sunday, August 13th at our church into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ:

- 💧 Summer Sorrell Holton
- 💧 Aaron Marcus Davis, Jr.
- 💧 Paris Marie Davis

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

Prayer for A New School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our youth as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. Lord, we pray that Your will be done in their lives. May each of them discover their skills, talents, and passions and work hard to learn how to grow them in order to serve You well in the future according to Your Holy Will. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Our parish will celebrate only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 17th 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.



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023—24 for youth in pre-K through 12th 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. **Registration forms are in the rear of the church.**



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! - Sunday, Sept. 10th from 9:30am-10:30am in the rectory. Stop by if you have any questions and to meet members of the adult faith formation team. No obligation. Just an opportunity to see if this is where your journey is leading you. All are welcome!



Knights
of PETER CLAVER

5K COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT: sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver Council and Court 364

on **Sept. 16, 2023** from 10am-2pm at Bladensburg Waterfront Park (MD). Registration fee: \$25/adults \$15/youth. Activities for all ages! Proceeds will go to community awareness and support to *End the Violence and Save the Children*. Contact: Mike Russell 301-292-3973, R.D. Carter, Jr 202-213-5608 or William Wims 202-236-5096. You can *run, walk, bike or crawl* participate!

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC!

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023
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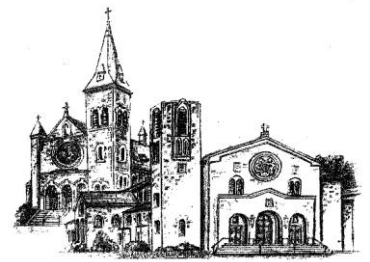
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We need your help to set-up, serve food, assist with games/events and shopping. Whatever time you can give is appreciated. Call 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org to volunteer.



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September 2023

Dear HCSC Families,

We are excited to offer our Catholic education catechism classes from 9:30-10:45am every Sunday, except summer months, at the school building (15th & East Capitol Sts, SE) for youth in pre-K through 12th grade. Youth who are preparing to receive the sacraments (*First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation*) are **required** to attend Sunday school in preparation for these important milestones in their spiritual journey as a Catholic. Our Sunday school program is **FREE** for all families and the **first day of class is Sunday, September 24th**.

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), please complete a registration form (located in the rear of the church) and drop off at the rectory office; email to mre@hcscchurch.org, or mail to address on letterhead (ATTN: Shirley Austin). You can also complete a **fillable** registration form on our website and email to Mrs. Austin. If you have attended Sunday school in prior years and have already completed a registration form in the last year, just contact Mrs. Austin with any new information or changes (such as address, phone or email).

We also invite you to participate in our Adult Sunday School Program that is led by our clergy and catechists. We had great participation in the past and want to continue this year so that our parents can learn about their faith along with their children. The Adult Sunday School Program is held the same time as your child's class so it is convenient for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for bible study, parental discussion and fellowship among our families.

Our Sunday school teachers are outstanding in their support and dedication in answering God's call to serve the people of God, especially our children. Thank you to the parents who supply nourishment for our families and we invite all our parents to assist with this very important part of the overall success of our Sunday school. Like Christ, we must not only feed the soul we must also feed the body. Let us know if you are able to assist with the food and coffee service during Sunday school.

If you have questions regarding our Sunday school program, contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231 or mre@hcscchurch.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
Pastor

Mrs. Shirley Austin
Minister of Religious Education

*Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, Let the children come to me and do not prevent them:
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Luke 18:16*

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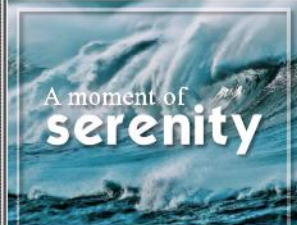
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(Tony)
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