

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

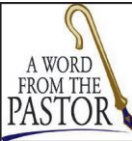
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20



The Gospel today is a reminder of the fundamental Christian rule: "No cross, no crown." We can see the Gospel in four basic stages. First, there is the REQUIREMENT of the cross. Jesus describes that his journey leads to the cross, but looks beyond to the resurrection. In effect he teaches that the path to the resurrection—to glory—passes through the cross. This is simply a required milestone on the journey to glory. Next, there is REACTION – Peter cannot withstand that the Messiah must suffer. Most of us hate the cross and protest as well. But next notice the REBUKE from Jesus. He is not mild at all. He calls Peter Satan. The Lord is like a doctor who is speaking sternly to a stubborn patient (us). He is stern because the Cross is necessary, for him and for us. Without accepting the Cross, things like discipline, self-denial, and eventually even death, we cannot inherit heaven. We have to travel the way of the Cross. This thus leads to the Lord's REITERATION that the only way to find our life is to lose it. Hence, any disciple of his must take up a cross and follow Jesus, the only way to glory, by way of the Cross. No cross, no crown.



FUNERAL: Rolonda Jones (August 23rd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 3 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Intentions of Linda Jenkins (B'day)
 9:30am Henry L. Fulford †
 11:00am Intentions of James & Dorothy Young (51st Wedding Anniv.)
 7:00pm Intentions of Emma Wilson (103rd B'Day on 8/18)
Monday, September 4
 7:00am Savannah Blu Holton (B'day)
Tuesday, September 5
 7:00am Intentions of Aramis Perez
Wednesday, September 6
 7:00am Nathaniel & Nannie Williams †
Thursday, September 7
 7:00am Rolonda Jones †
Friday, September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am Intentions of Betty Hamer (B'day)
Saturday, September 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*
 8:00am Intentions of those suffering thru natural disasters
 4:30pm For the People



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 4:13-18	LUKE 4:16-30
TUESDAY	1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6, 9-11	LUKE 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY	COLOSSIANS 1:1-8	LUKE 4:38-44
THURSDAY	COLOSSIANS 1:9-14	LUKE 5:1-11
FRIDAY	MICAH 5:1-4	MATTHEW 1:1-23
SATURDAY	COLOSSIANS 1:21-23	LUKE 6:1-5



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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- 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 26-27, 2023**

4:30pm	28
8:00am	48
9:30am	37
11:00am	110
7:00pm	68
Total:	291

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/4) Labor Day Rectory Office Closed Morning Mass at 8:00am	Sunday (9/10) 9:30am RCIA Meet & Greet
Friday (9/8) 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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



RECTORY CLOSED in observance of **Labor Day, Monday September 4th**. Morning Mass is at 8am. Have a blessed holiday weekend!

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker.

Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.



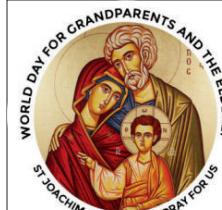
SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023—24 for youth in pre-K through 12th grade will begin on **September 24, 2023.** Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments (*First Communion and Confirmation*). For information, contact Shirley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

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's third apparition (Sept. 13, 1917), the World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "**The Blue Army**" invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers, **Wed., Sept 13th at 1pm** in the Immaculate Heart of Mercy Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, WDC. For more info, call 301.595.1770.



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!



The U.S. Bishops have set aside **Sun., Sept. 10, 2023, as World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** which coincides with National Grandparents Day. In 2021, Pope Francis established a Church-wide celebration "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly." He wanted to highlight that those in their older years are a great gift to our world and that every generation has something to give. This year will mark the third anniversary of this day set aside to honor our grandparents and those who are elderly. **We invite our grandparents and elderly to attend Mass or have our families bring them to Mass next weekend to receive a blessing and to celebrate our love for those who are Grandparents and elderly.** "His Mercy is from Age to Age"

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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Deacon James P. Flagg II

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

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

In Celebration of
The Feast Day of Saint Cyprian
(actual feast day: September 16th)
&
**130th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian
Parish**
1893–2023

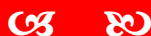
*Living with Jesus in the
Holy Eucharist*



Parish-wide Celebration of Mass
(One Mass Only)

Sunday, September 17, 2023
10:00 AM

(No 8:00AM, 9:30AM or 11:00 AM on Sunday)
(4:30PM Mass on Saturday & 7:00PM
on Sunday will be celebrated)



Join with us in celebration of the feast day of our
Patron Saint Cyprian and the start of our yearlong
journey of encountering the true presence of Jesus in
the Holy Eucharist.

Reception on plaza in front of the Church following
10:00AM Mass. Light refreshments will be available.



Artistic Rendition of Saint Cyprian of Carthage

"In the Our Father we say, "Give us this day our daily bread." What we ask is that we who receive the Eucharist as the food of salvation may not, by falling into ... grievous sin be withheld from the Heavenly Bread, and be separated from Christ's Body...who warned, "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, You shall not have life in you (Jn 6:54)."

*Treatise on the Our Father, 18
Saint Cyprian of Carthage*





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC!

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023
12NOON-DUSK**

**WATKINS REGIONAL PARK
UPPER MARLBORO, MD**

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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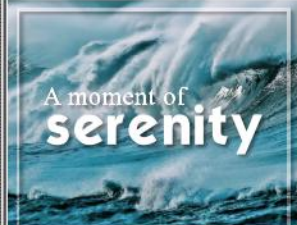
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Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
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& Very Dear, The Family*

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"ETERNAL LOVE"
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To Our Beloved
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& Denita*

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