

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*T*he kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

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Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32



The Gospel today offers five teachings on Christian Discipleship. First, the **AVAILABILITY** of Christian Discipleship. The workers who are hired are day laborers. As such they are well acquainted with the "rough side of the mountain" and face each day with uncertainty, "Will I be hired and eat, or not?" But it is their emptiness that makes them available, their hunger that keeps them ready for work. So too for us who often find that it is our concerns that keep us close to the Lord. Second, the **CALL** of Christian Discipleship. The workers cannot go into the vineyard until they are called. And, so too for us. We must wait for the Lord's direction before launching out in all sorts of ways. Third, there is the **TIMING** of Christian Discipleship. The workers were sent into the vineyard at different times each day. We may have any number of good ideas, but the Lord says, "Not yet." Sometimes too he says, yes, now. Other times he puts things on us for which we may not feel ready, but he says "now." Here too, we ask for the grace to accept the Lord's timing in our life. Fourth, we see the **PERSEVERANCE** of Christian Discipleship. Some were not hired until late in the day. But notice, they were still there to be hired. And so must we often wait for the Lord and be able to be found ready when he calls. Fifth, there is the **GIFT** of Christian Discipleship. Note how the early workers claimed it was unfair that they were paid the same as others who worked less. But this is our failure to understand that discipleship is a gift, and the earlier you get the gift the better. Being a Christian and a disciple is not a burden to be delayed as long as possible. It is a delight to be sought after.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 24 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Howard Joseph Yates †
 9:30am Montao James Heard †
 11:00am Intentions of Alice Allen-White
 7:00pm Matthew Joseph Palace †
Monday, September 25
 7:00am Eric Patrick Robinson †
Tuesday, September 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*
 7:00am Dean Curtis Armstrong †
Wednesday, September 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*
 7:00am Dwayne T. Holton (B'day)
Thursday, September 28 *Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr*
 7:00am For the People
Friday, September 29 *SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*
 7:00am Delante Rush, Jr. (B'day)
Saturday, September 30 *Saint Jerome, Priest*
 8:00am Devin Matthews Wright †
 4:30pm Karen Thomas Mitchell (B'day) †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	EZRA 1:1-6	LUKE 8:16-18
TUESDAY	EZRA 6:7-8, 12, 14-20	LUKE 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY	EZRA 9:5-9	LUKE 9:1-6
THURSDAY	HAGAR 1:1-8	LUKE 9:7-9
FRIDAY	REVELATION 12:7-12	JOHN 1:47-51
SATURDAY	ZACHARIAH 2:5-9, 14-15	LUKE 9:43-45



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 (kpeaks@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
September 16-17, 2023**

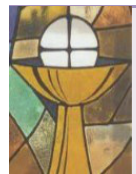
4:30pm	35
8:00am	5
11:00am	229
7:00pm	79
Total:	348

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (9/26) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	Friday (9/29) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession
Wednesday (9/27) 7:30pm—Adult Bible Study	Saturday (9/30) EORR Youth Revival (off-site) 10:00am Eucharist Committee 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.



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



FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: *Thank you* to all the volunteers who assisted with the Mass and reception last weekend. A special thanks to Felicia Miller and her crew. We had our choir and Msgr. Pope introduced our liturgical theme for the year: *Living With Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist!* What a great fellowship at the parish in celebration of our patron Saint Cyprian!



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023—24 for youth in pre-K through 12th grade has begun! 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*). **You can still register your youth!** Pick up a registration form in the rear of the church. For more information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or 202-368-7231. Visit hscchurch.org for a fillable registration form.

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 rciahsc@gmail.com.



The Southeast Deanery & Partnering Churches presents the **34th Annual East of the River Revival: Oct. 2nd—4th at 7pm** at Holy Family Catholic Church, Hillcrest Hts., MD. The theme is: *'Hold on, Help is on the Way'*. **Revivalist:** Rev. Anthony Bozeman,

SSJ, Academic Dean, St. Joseph Seminary. See flyers in rear of the church for more details. A reviving and spiritual tradition for over 34 years! Come and see!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Wed., Oct., 4th**, our clergy will bless your pets on the church plaza between **6:30pm—8:00pm**. Bring your pets and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by for a brief blessing.



SAVE THE DATE: 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 now continue to lift our voices in praise and song with a **FREE** concert! A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. Our youth choir will also be featured. Invite your family and friends!



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish will seek to root and link all our activities, retreats and functions to Jesus who is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. We hope to deepen our personal encounter with the Lord Jesus who is truly and really present in the Holy Liturgy and Eucharist, to reinvigorate our devotion to Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration, and to draw others to the realization that *Jesus is here right now!*

Our parish is planning specific events and teachings which we will list on our website and bulletin. Check back through this year since dates and times may be adjusted. Click the QR code to link to the webpage.



Don't forget to pick up your Year of the Eucharist **prayer card, lapel pin and flyer** in the rear of the church.

Jesus is Here right now!

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.



The **Council of Catholic Women—Archdiocese of Washington** hosts its **2nd Annual Meet & Greet** at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Camp Springs, MD on **Sat., Sept. 30th from 9am-1pm**. To register, scan the QR code or see the flyer in the rear of the church (on bulletin board). Join with CCW-ADE as they come together and give God praise and see how you can get involved.



HCSC BIBLE STUDY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. 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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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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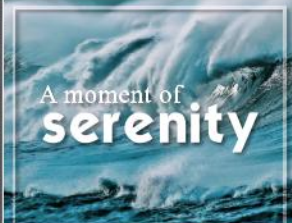
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