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LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14



Today, the first reading and the Gospel present a kind of "use it or lose it" proposition. The Lord uses the example of a vineyard, the vineyard owner, and tenant farmers who are expected to grow produce on the leased land. Notice first the **SOWING** – When we consider the purpose of sowing seeds, or in this case, planting a vineyard, what is the purpose of sowing? The answer, of course, is one does this in order to reap a harvest. Hence, God carefully planted the vineyard of Israel and entrusted it to the care of the Israelites themselves. Notice the **SEEKING** – The harvest he sought from them and seeks from us is justice, love, peace, truth, life and faith. The vineyard owner, sought the proper fruits of the vineyard. But notice next the **SINNING** – Instead of grapes, he gets the sour grapes of bloodshed, injustice, idolatry, adultery, divorce, sexual confusion, loss of chastity, theft, neglect of the poor, and so on. Foul harvest indeed. Jesus goes on to add how not only did they do these things but they persecuted, hated and even murdered those who called this to their attention, and they are planning to murder Jesus too. This leads to the **SENTENCING** – In effect the Lord teaches that if you do not want or refuse to use the kingdom blessings you don't have to have them and they will be taken from you and given to others. So, the bottom line is, if you want the Kingdom, it is yours and it will bring forth fruits of righteousness. If you don't want it and don't care for the grapes of righteousness, you don't have to accept it. The judgment is ultimately in your hands.



FUNERALS: Elizabeth Neal (Oct. 10th)
Johnnie Shaw (Oct. 11th)
Doris Edelin (Oct. 13th)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, October 8 *TWENTY-SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Derek Williams †
9:30am Elizabeth Neal †
11:00am Alice Neale Thornton †
7:00pm Sheila Barbara Ray †

Monday, October 9 *St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Phillip Graham (B'day)

Tuesday, October 10

7:00am Ernestine Jackson †

Wednesday, October 11 *Saint John XXIII, Pope*

7:00am Doris Middleton †

Thursday, October 12

7:00am Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP †

Friday, October 13

7:00am Sharon Lewis (B'day)

Saturday, October 14 *St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00am For the People
4:30pm Nathaniel & Nannie Williams †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	JONAH 1:1—2:1-2,11	LUKE 10:25-37
TUESDAY	JONAH 3:1-10	LUKE 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY	JONAH 4:1-11	LUKE 11:1-4
THURSDAY	MALACHI 3:13-20	LUKE 11:5-13
FRIDAY	JOEL 1:13-15; 2:1-2	LUKE 11:15-26
SATURDAY	JOEL 4:12-21	LUKE 11:27-28



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).



Stay Connected



- 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 30—October 1, 2023

4:30pm	39
8:00am	71
9:30am	50
11:00am	136
7:00pm	72
Total:	368

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (10/9) *Columbus Day*

Morning Mass at 8:00am
Rectory office closed

Wednesday (10/11)

7:00pm Power of Prayer Session
7:15pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (10/10)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday (10/13)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

Saturday (10/14)

12noon Parish Picnic

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:

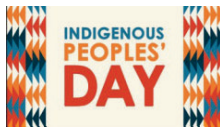
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED in observance of *Columbus Day* and *Indigenous Peoples' Day*. Morning Mass is at 8:00am in the chapel.



THANK YOU to our parishioners and neighbors who coordinated the funding (*through a local grant*) and planting of perennial flowers to assist with the storm water runoff on the 14th Street side of the church building. Hopefully, this will help with the environmental health of our waterways so that everyone can enjoy God's creation.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Every October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Our parish will provide information in the bulletin and in the rear of the church on life issues. For more church teachings on Respect Life Month, scan QR code or visit: respectlife.org/celebrate.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



SEVEN DAILY HABITS OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN: Power up your prayer life with Fr. Larry Swink on **Wed., Oct. 11th from 7—8PM** in the Church. Come and learn how you can create uplifting and consistent habits using traditional prayer. A good prayer life empowers your faith. **NOTE:** An evening of reflection for men will be on Wed., Oct. 25th at 7pm.

Pray always and do not lose heart—Luke 18:1

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP: Our parish has formed a marriage ministry for those who are married (any length of time). It is a forum of food and fellowship with both secular and spiritual discussion among married couples. The ministry meets once a month on the 3rd Saturday after the 4:30pm Mass in the rectory basement. Our next fellowship is **Sat., Oct. 21st**. Sounds interesting? Stop by and see!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: If you have an infant or young child that needs the Sacrament of Baptism, Msgr. Pope will offer a baptismal preparation class via Zoom. on **Sat., Oct. 21st at 10:00am**. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org if you are interested or need more details.



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 throughout the year since dates and times may be adjusted. Scan the QR code to link to the webpage.



This Week: We begin our 'Mass in Slow Motion' series written by Msgr. Charles Pope. This is a twenty-two part series explaining the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. We will have copies in the bulletin, rear of the church and on our website.

Jesus is Here right now!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the church. You are invited to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.



We need youth to help celebrate **YOUTH SUNDAY** every second Sunday of the month at the 11am Mass. On Youth Sunday, our youth **lector, sing and serve as altar servers and ushers**. For info, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry at 202.330.8302 or youthdirector@hscchurch.org.

HCSC BIBLE STUDIES

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. **NOTE:** Bible Study will resume in November. Receive email notifications when you sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com for Young Adult Bible Study.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm** every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link 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 in chapel (8am on holidays)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed



PICNIC HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED - NEW DATE!

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

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**POWER UP YOUR
PRAYER LIFE WITH:**



Pray always and do not lose heart, Luke 18:1

Women's Evening of Reflection

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Men's Evening of Reflection

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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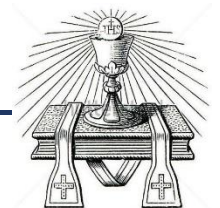
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 - 4:00 PM

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Concert is FREE! A free-will offering will be taken.



The Mass in Slow Motion



The Gathering Rite

This is a series on the Mass explaining the meaning and history of what we do each Sunday. This series of flyers is an attempt to add insight and understanding to our celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. You are also invited to learn more by attending Sunday School classes for adults which take place in the school cafeteria each Sunday from 9:45 am. to 10:45 am.

This series will follow the Mass in order.

The Congregation Gathers — We begin by noting the simple and obvious fact that before Mass can begin we must all gather. The fact that we come together, or gather, may hardly occur to us as remarkable. But rest assured, we cannot gather unless we are first called. Jesus says, “It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you.” (John 15:16). It is God who awakens us each Sunday morning and invites us to the great Wedding Feast of the Lamb (cf Rev. 19:7-9) which is the Mass. Do you see your dignity? You have been called; an invitation has been made to you by God.

We would all be excited to receive an invitation from the President to a State dinner at the White House. But this invitation is even more astonishing, for it is made by God himself. And just as we could not go to the White House unless we were invited, we cannot gather for the Mass unless we are first called. And ancient Latin Hymn says, *Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor* (The Love of Christ has gathered us as one). Rejoice therefore in your call and dignity. We can gather only because we are first called and drawn here by the love that God has for us.



The Procession and Entrance Song — Then, something very remarkable happens at the beginning of every Mass. It is so normal to us that we hardly think of it. As the priest is ready in the back of Church to begin the Mass, the congregation suddenly comes to its feet and the entrance antiphon is said or sung or the congregation can sing a hymn of praise as the priest, the other ministers, altar servers and readers slowly walk down the aisle towards the altar. What is this? Surely the people are not just welcoming “Father Pope” are they? No, indeed. The congregation is welcoming Jesus who has taught that when two or three gather in his name that he is there in the midst of them (Matt 18:20). The priest represents Jesus and acts in the person of Christ. Therefore, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders the priest is configured to Christ and is a sacramental sign of the presence of Jesus. The procession can be simple or more elaborate. Jesus Christ is walking our aisle and we welcome him!

On Sundays, the crucifix and the book of the Gospels are carried in the procession. The Gospels contain Christ present in Word. It teaches us how



to live like Christ. The crucifix is on or near the altar. It shows us Jesus' sacrifice and that he gained for us the strength to live like he did with selfless dedication to God and others.

It is quite fitting to recognize Christ who, robed in priestly vestments, arrives to minister to us in Word and Sacrament. The book of Revelation mentions the mystical wedding feast of the Lamb, so don't just see "Father Pope" see, rather, Jesus, the Lamb, who comes to be with his Bride, the Church. "Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;" (19:7)

Here is a little historical background to the development of the Entrance procession and music associated with it:

- ❖ In the earliest days of the Church under persecution, and in the smaller buildings of the primitive Church, there could hardly have been much thought or possibility of formal processions. But by the 4th Century after the persecutions against the Church ended, larger ecclesiastical structures arose. The sacristies (the place of preparation for the Clergy), were usually located near the entrance of the buildings. This meant that the procession to the altar was now longer and, thus, took on added significance and importance.
- ❖ Such a procession could hardly be conducted in absolute silence. So, the addition of music was natural. But the organ, as we know it, had not been invented and instruments of any kind were generally not allowed due to their connection with pagan rituals. Music in the early Church was, thus, left entirely to the human voice and, singing alone gave color to this entrance procession.
- ❖ The texts for these songs were taken essentially from the psalms. The verses of the psalm that was selected would be sung antiphonally during the procession to the altar. It often happened that an introductory verse (or antiphon) would be sung by one or a few voices to introduce the psalm. Gradually the Antiphons came to overshadow the psalm itself. The Antiphons became more and more complex and were increasingly given over to be sung by an especially skilled choir called the "schola cantorum" with only the psalm verses being sung by the people.
- ❖ There developed a practice of shortening the psalm to correspond to the arrival of the members of the procession in the sanctuary. Once they were in place the song was brought to an end with the singing of the Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father ...).
- ❖ Over time there was a reducing of the entrance song to the following elements: An antiphon, drawn usually from scripture, only one verse of a psalm, a Glory Be and a repetition of the antiphon.
- ❖ Today there exists the option of:
 - ° Singing this Entrance Antiphon;
 - ° Singing a hymn appropriate to the liturgy or the season; or,
 - ° In the absence of music ministry, the Entrance Antiphon can be recited by the congregation.



Summary: We gather for Mass in response to an invitation made by God Himself. And when two or three are gathered in the Lord's Name, Jesus is therefore in our midst. The presence of the Priest reminds us of Christ's presence and also manifests it to us since Jesus ministers through the priest. Joyful in the Lord's presence we rise to sing a hymn, welcoming him.

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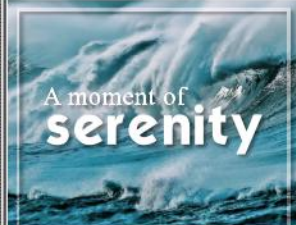
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