

# ALL SAINTS

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Matt 5:12*



# ALL SOULS

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. John 6:40*

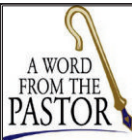
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Readings Next Weekend:

Mal 1:14—2:2, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12



In today's Gospel we come to the heart of God's Law and we learn that 'Love Lightens Every Load.' Take notice first the Leadership of Love. Jesus says that the whole Law and the prophets depend on the command to love God and your neighbor. Love comes first and is the foundation, the power of the Law. Jesus says elsewhere, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). In other words, it is love that enables us to keep the law. When we want to do something, when we desire to do it, then the doing is both joyful and, in some sense, effortless. Love changes our desires so that we want what God wants and we keep his law not because we have to, but because we want to. Next, notice the Layers of Love. The text says we should love God with our heart, our soul and our mind. These layers of our existence encompass the whole of the interior person. Through love we come to a new mind, a new way of thinking. We also receive a new heart wherein our desires are reformed and conformed to God. And a new soul is given, whereby we begin to live a whole new life. Finally, note the Lavishness of Love. There is the little word ALL. We love the Lord with ALL our heart, ALL our mind, and ALL our soul. When we love we are not minimalists, we are lavish. Our response to God is wholehearted, not perfunctory. Love does not ask, "What is the least I can do?" Love asks, "What more can I do?"



**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).



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MASS ATTENDANCE

October 21-22, 2023

4:30pm	46
8:00am	58
9:30am	49
11:00am	131
7:00pm	63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>347</b>

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

**Tuesday (10/31)**

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday (11/3)**

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

**Wednesday (11/1) All Saints**

7am, 10am & 7pm—Mass

**Saturday (11/4)**

9:00am Holy Name Bd 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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday, October 29** *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Doris Edelin †

9:30am Mildred Gray†

11:00am Shirl Miller Kirksey †

7:00pm Lorraine Vines †

**Monday, October 30**

7:00am Mary McNair Jones (B'day) †

**Tuesday, October 31**

7:00am Anthony DeWayne Mackie †

**Wednesday, November 1** *Solemnity of All Saints*

7:00am Jesse B. Hooks†

10:00am Carroll A. Grant †

7:00pm Adam R. Burks †

**Thursday, November 2** *All Souls*

7:00am POOR SOULS †

**Friday, November 3** *St. Martin De Porres*

7:00am Tiffany Harvey (B'day) †

**Saturday, November 4** *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

8:00am POOR SOULS †

4:30pm Intentions of Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY** Romans 8:12-17 Luke 13:10-17

**TUESDAY** Romans 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21

**WEDNESDAY** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12

**THURSDAY** Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

**FRIDAY** Romans 9:1-5 Luke 14:1-6

**SATURDAY** Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29 Luke 14:1, 7-11

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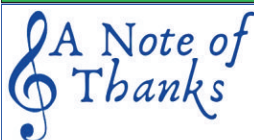
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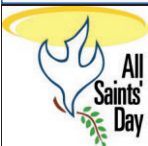
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## PARISH LIFE



to all who were able to come and rejoice with the HCSC Music Ministry at their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert this past Sunday. We estimate over 500 people were in attendance and what a time that was had in Praise of our Lord! We are grateful and thankful that we are able to gather together and give praise to God in song once again. Many thanks to National Capitol Bank for their generous support and the music ministry committee who coordinated the event. And, a special show of love and gratitude to George Stewart, our Music Director, for his hard work and dedication.



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** is **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which Catholics should attend Mass. While the Church acknowledges many saints by name, there are countless others known to God who are with him in glory and make up the "Cloud of Witnesses" who surround us (cf Heb 12:1). It is these saints in particular who are celebrated on All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at HCSC at **7:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS: NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and friends who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, **Thur., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, to pray for all souls awaiting the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Mass is held in cemetery chapels of: Gate of Heaven (9:00am); Mt. Olivet (9:30am); and Resurrection (9:00am). Visit [www.ccaw.org](http://www.ccaw.org) or call cemetery management.



**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. To include your relatives and friends, write their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in rear of church) and drop in collection basket or rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated. The envelopes will be placed on altar throughout the month of November. **FAITH DIRECT USERS:** If you tithe via Faith Direct, email your names to [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885.

Last week, Msgr. Pope asked our parishioners to participate in the **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP** program by making a commitment of time, talent and treasure. Parishioners were asked to complete a tithing commitment card and a time and talent form and submit their commitments either last week or this weekend. Tithing cards and Time & Talent forms are located in the rear of the church. Please feel free to complete and give to an usher or drop at the rectory office. We are so grateful for your generosity.



**REMINDER: Sun., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Saving Time will end.** Remember to turn your clocks **BACK one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.



## 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 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 using your phone camera to link to the webpage or visit: [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org).



We currently offer our 'Mass in Slow Motion' series written by Msgr. Pope which will continue throughout the year. This is a twenty-two part series explaining the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. We have copies in the bulletin, rear of church and on our website.

**NEW!** Visit our 'Eucharistic Miracles' exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary.

**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.



**HOLY HOUR INTENTION (11/3):** *We pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the HCSC Sodality and Altar guild ministries.*



**RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, you are invited to bring nonperishable food items for our food pantry. If you have items this Sunday, please leave on the table in the rear or give to an usher. Thank you!

## HCSC BIBLE STUDIES



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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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



# The Mass in Slow Motion



## The Celebrant goes to the Chair

*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.*

After reverencing the altar the celebrant goes to the chair. Now perhaps a word or two on the chair is called for. Someone may wonder why the priest has a chair of some prominence. Why does he not simply sit among the faithful and come forward as necessary? Here again, there is a history.

In the ancient world, the chair was a symbol of authority and office. We still have something of this today in the concept of the “Judge’s Bench.”

The chair was also a symbol in the ancient world of teaching authority. It is our usual experience in the modern world that teachers stand when they teach or give lectures. But in the ancient world teachers sat as they taught. Now they didn’t just sit in some casual way with their legs crossed and sipping coffee. Rather, they were seated formally and in a prominent place in the room.

You may remember that Scriptures usually record that when Jesus taught, he would sit. For example, we read in Matthew’s gospel that as Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount: *He went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, His disciples came to him. He began to teach them* (Mat 5:1, 2). Another example of this is when he was giving the sermon in Nazareth. He had stood to read from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and then, upon finishing it: *He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”* (Luke 4:20-21) There are other examples of Jesus being seated to teach in Mark 13:3; John 8:2; and dozens of other places.

Many people find this fact surprising since they always imagine Jesus standing to preach but, it is almost never the case. He, like every ancient Rabbi and teacher sat to teach. So, the Chair has an ancient history of governance and teaching authority.





Now the Bishop's Chair is especially imbued with this meaning. In every Cathedral the Bishop's Chair is given great prominence. In fact, the word Cathedral, comes from the Latin word "cathedra" meaning "chair." Hence, the Cathedral is the "Church of the Chair." The photo at the left is of Cardinal Wilton Gregory's cathedra in St. Matthew's Cathedral. It is the symbol of his governance and teaching authority in this Archdiocese.

It is interesting to note that a bishop is given the special privilege to sit in the sanctuary to preach. Most of them do not use this option, except at very formal times like ordinations.

As a general rule, priests are expected to stand today at the pulpit (or ambo) when they preach. Despite this, the priest's chair continues to carry these ancient meanings already mentioned.

There is also a more modern significance given to chair in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal: The Chair of the Priest must signify his office of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. Any appearance of a throne, however, is to be avoided. (G.I.R.M # 310). Thus, the Chair of the Priest also indicates a role of presiding over the Liturgical Assembly. In this sense the chair represents his roles of teaching, governing and sanctifying, under the authority of the local bishop.

In the end though, all three of these roles (governing, teaching and presiding) actually refer to Christ. The priest, through his reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, is configured (joined) to Christ and acts in persona Christi (in the person of Christ). Thus, the prominence of his chair is really a way to honor Christ, who is the true High Priest of every liturgy. The priest's chair is Jesus' chair. It is ultimately He who governs, teaches, sanctifies, and presides over us and He ministers through his priest. Pray for the grace to see beyond "Father Pope" and to see Jesus presiding over and ministering to you.

In this sense the chair of the priest should have a very special place in your mind and a prominent place in our sanctuary. Surely, the tabernacle and altar should be in the central axis but also prominent should be the Chair of the Priest, the Chair of Christ.

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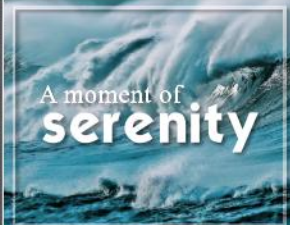
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