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Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Parish

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Commemorating Black Catholic History Month in the United States *Meet the Black Catholics on the Road To Sainthood*

Over the next two weeks, we will re-introduce the six black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration for canonization in the Catholic Church. We provide a quick synopsis on their lives but encourage you to visit their websites to learn more about their lives of holiness and dedication to the Catholic church amidst racism and many other challenges. This week we explore the lives of three of the candidates.



Venerable Henriette Delille was born in New Orleans, LA, in 1813 to Marie-Josèphe "Pouponne" Diaz, a free woman of color, and Jean-Baptiste Lille Sarpy, a native of France. Her parents were united as part of the plaçage system wherein European men had common law marriages with African American and Creole women. Henriette was trained in French literature, music and dancing with the expectation that she too would find a plaçage partner. Instead, Henriette rallied against the plaçage system and was drawn to the Catholic Church, in particular to Sister Mathe Fontier who opened a school for girls of color in New Orleans. She began teaching at a Catholic school when she was 14, caring for and educating the poor. This educational work led her to found a small congregation of nuns named the Sisters of the Presentation. Together the group of Creole women cared for the sick and poor, and educated both free and enslaved

children and adults. They also opened America's first Catholic home for the elderly. In 1837 the religious order received formal recognition, and in 1842 they changed their name to Sisters of the Holy Family. The sisters' legacy includes caring for the sick during the Yellow Fever epidemic and running parochial schools. They remain active today. To learn more: visit henriettedelille.com or scan the QR code.



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton was born a slave to parents, Peter and Martha, in Missouri. His family escaped slavery: Peter fled and joined the Union Army, and Martha escaped with their children to the free state of Illinois. Once in Illinois, the family, including Augustus' mother and siblings, worked for a tobacco company. There Augustus met Father Peter McGirr, an Irish immigrant priest who helped him attend St. Peter's parochial school during the winter months. Allowing an African American child into the school was met with great resistance, but Father McGirr continued to advocate for Augustus and allowed him to continue his education. Augustus desired to be a priest, but was rejected by every American seminary. Father McGirr continued to advocate for him, and eventually Augustus was able to study in Rome. He graduated from St. Francis Solanus College and attended Pontifical Urbaniana University. Tolton was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1886 at age 31, making him the first Black Roman Catholic priest in the U.S. His first public Mass was in St. Peter's

Basilica on Easter Sunday in 1886. He returned to Quincy, IL, where he still faced challenges and opposition due to racism. He was eventually assigned to Chicago. There he led the development of "negro national parish," St. Monica's Catholic Church. The parish grew from 30 parishioners to 600 with the construction of the new church building, and brought him national recognition. Saint Mother Katherine Drexel, an heiress, contributed financially to Father Tolton's parish. He died while on retreat at the age of 43 on July 8, 1897. To learn more: visit tolton.archchicago.org or scan the QR code.



Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange was born in Cuba, in a Haitian community, in 1784. She immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1800s, eventually settling in Baltimore, MD. When she arrived in the city, the free African American population was growing rapidly. Despite the efforts of other religious organizations opening schools to meet this growing need, they could not keep up. Elizabeth saw this need and opened a school in her home to educate African American children. The trajectory of her life changed when she met Sulpician priest James Nicholas Joubert, S.S., a French native. He taught the catechism to African American children, but struggled to do so because many of the students were not good readers. A friend introduced him to Elizabeth and Marie Balas. Together they agreed to start a school for girls, and founded a new religious order. Their order, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, was the first religious congregation of women of African descent in the U.S. Elizabeth took the name "Sister Mary," and became the

order's first religious superior. Together she and four other sisters founded a school, later known as St. Frances Academy, which is still in operation today. Despite fighting against racism and poverty, the Oblate Sisters evangelized the black community through Catholic education, including classes for women and career training. They also established homes for widows and orphans, and aided the sick during the cholera epidemic. Lange died on February 3, 1882, at age 98. To learn more: visit motherlange.org or scan the QR code.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 6:12-16 1Thes 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1Thes 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30



The Gospel today reminds us of judgment and gives us some Practical Principles for Preparation. The first principle is Procure your Provisions. The five wise virgins had procured plenty of oil so that, should the Groom delay his arrival, they would be prepared. What is the oil a symbol of? Well, many things, but first and foremost it is the oil of desire and holiness. One of the greatest dangers is that we lose our desire for God and drift away through indifference. Hence, stirring our hearts to the watchful attentiveness of desire is essential. We do this through regular prayer, the reception of the sacraments, scripture and fellowship in a community of believers who stir faith and desire in us. The next principle is that we must Personally Prepare. Too many Christians "affiliate" with the Lord and the Church by referring to "their mother's Church" or "that's my family's Parish." But there are some things you cannot borrow. You can't get saved by your mother's faith, you have to have your own. When the foolish bridesmaids try to borrow oil from the wise ones they are told this is not possible. The next principle is to Persevere in your Preparation. The groom does not come 'till midnight in the gospel, so they had to persevere in waiting. Too many say, "I used to go to that Church" or I was an altar server in the old days." So? What about now? Finally, note the principle of the Peril of Procrastination. There comes a point when it is just too late. The judgment sets in, the question is called, and the door is barred. Either you're in or you're out. You can't keep saying, tomorrow. Tomorrow is not promised.



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.

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- **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!
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MASS ATTENDANCE
November 1, 2023—All Saints

7:00am 10
10:00am 38
7:00pm 57
Total: 105

November 4-5, 2023

4:30pm 26
8:00am 82
9:30am 30
11:00am 148
7:00pm 50
Total: 336

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 12 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Intentions of Lorita Miller

9:30am **POOR SOULS †**

11:00am Intentions of Gayle Jones

7:00pm Mary Harris Freeman †

Monday, November 13 SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

7:00am Intentions of Jessiah Rojas

Tuesday, November 14

7:00am Dorothy T. Walker †

Wednesday, November 15 SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR

7:00am **POOR SOULS †**

Thursday, November 16 SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, VIRGIN

7:00am Mary C. Willoughby (B'day)

Friday, November 17 SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

7:00am **POOR SOULS †**

Saturday, November 18 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER & PAUL

8:00am Esther Baddoo †

4:30pm John Richey †

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (11/14)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday (11/17)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

Wednesday (11/15)

7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)

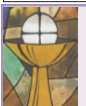
Saturday (11/18)

10:00am Sodality Bd Mtg

5:30pm Marriage Enrichment



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength and courage and for each other. 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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	WISDOM 1:1-7	LUKE 17:1-6
TUESDAY	WISDOM 2:23—3:9	LUKE 17:7-10
WEDNESDAY	WISDOM 6:1-11	LUKE 17:11-19
THURSDAY	WISDOM 7:22—8:1	LUKE 17:20-25
FRIDAY	WISDOM 13:1-9	LUKE 17:26-37
SATURDAY	WISDOM 18:14-16; 19:6-9	LUKE 18:1-8

PARISH LIFE

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH 2023

The Church in the United States is greatly blessed by the contributions of black Catholics and their legacy of holiness. These men and women lived lives that are worthy of our study and emulation. Over the next two weeks in the bulletin, we will introduce you to the lives of the six black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization. Explore how these six people provided a model of holiness for all Catholics and people of good will. *Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Venerable Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Julia Greeley, and Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman* are sources of inspiration for us all. All Catholics of every race can learn a great deal from these holy men and women. By their stories of faith and virtue, they show us how to respond to the call to holiness, bringing healing, reconciliation, and peace to our wounded nation and world. Let us continue to pray together for them and the cause for canonization.

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**, list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in the rear of the church) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month of November. **FAITH DIRECT USERS:** If you tithe via Faith Direct, email your names to hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.



HCSC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our parish has formed a marriage ministry for those who are married or contemplating marriage. It is a forum of food and fellowship with both secular and spiritual discussion among the 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., Nov. 18th.** Sounds interesting? Contact Deacon Flagg at jpflagg1@gmail.com.



THE HCSC ADVENT FAMILY DAY—Sun., Dec. 3rd following the 11am Mass at the Center City Public Charter School (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Come and bring the family for lunch, sessions designed for both youth and adults and a fun fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. The event is **FREE**. See flyer in bulletin or visit our website to RSVP!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Youth Ministry needs youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the **6:00pm Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **We also need adults** to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. **Contact:** Nicki Gebrehiwot at youthdirector@hscchurch.org.



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 change. Scan the QR code to the right using your phone camera to link to the webpage or visit: hscchurch.org.



We currently offer the 'Mass in Slow Motion' series by Msgr. Pope, and 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 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. This is 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 (11/17): *We pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Hospitality or Ushers Ministry.*



SAINT JOSEPH 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED and are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings. *Limited supply.*

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. **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

Advent Family Day

THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST



Sunday, December 3, 2023

1:00-3:30 PM

**CENTER CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAFETERIA
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Join the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church parish family for an afternoon of food, games, lessons and fellowship as we explore and celebrate the Season of Advent.

Along with an adult session, we offer sessions for youth in pre-k thru high school.
Lunch is offered for those who RSVP by Nov. 28th!

3 Ways to RSVP

1 Fill out the form at bottom, detach and drop it into the collection basket or rectory office

2 Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or email your RSVP info to hscstaff@hscchurch.org

3 Scan the QR code to RSVP online at hscchurch.org



HCSC Advent Family Day Registration

ADULT 1: _____

ADULT 2: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

YOUTH 1: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

YOUTH 2: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

YOUTH 3: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

Add additional family members or friends on back of form



The Advent Season

The Three Comings of Christ

The season of Advent begins the Church's liturgical year and encompasses the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas or the Nativity of Our Lord. The term "Advent" means a coming or arrival. As we begin this Advent season during the 'Year of the Eucharist', we will focus on how Christ comes to us. A focus on his first coming at the incarnation seems obvious to us, with Christmas so near. But there is also a focus, especially in early Advent, on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the world. However, between the first and second coming of Christ there is a "middle" or kind of "third" coming that flows from his first coming and prepares us for his second coming. *This middle or "third coming" is his on-going presence with us in the Holy Eucharist.*

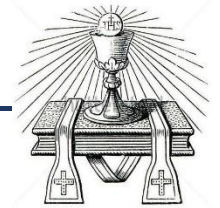
We have the Eucharist because of his first coming to us in the flesh. The Eucharist also prepares us for Jesus' second coming by being a source of holiness for us and food for our journey. Let's consider these "three comings" of Christ and realize the treasure of it all!

We pray this family day will help you and your family to embrace the Season of Advent and truly appreciate how it brings us closer to the Lord especially in the Holy Eucharist. Come and hear how you can have a blessed and holy Advent season.





The Mass in Slow Motion



The Greeting by the Celebrant

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 celebrant standing at the Chair greets the assembled people in one of the following ways:

1. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
2. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
3. The Lord be with you.
4. Peace be with you. (Only Bishops may use this greeting).

In each case the people respond: "And with your spirit."

As is often the case, we hear them so often we miss the point! But through his greeting the priest declares to the assembled community that the Lord is present! The greeting and the congregation's response expresses the mystery of the gathered Church and that Christ Jesus is among us. For, as the Lord says in the Scripture, "Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the midst of them. (Mt. 18:20) The greeting ritual is both theological and descriptive. Something powerful and wonderful has just been told to us. Therefore, informal additions by the clergy such as "Good Morning

everyone" are not called for or helpful here. To announce to us that the Lord and his grace are both present and available to us is far better than some colloquial form of "hello," or remarks about the weather or the progress of the local sports team. We need to grasp the significance of what is taking place to see how inappropriate such light banter is at this moment.

We are not just in any gathering, we are with the Lord and He with us, and his grace and mercy are available to us! Indeed and in fact the Lord is present and ministering to us. The ritual (or rules for the priest, known as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)), does allow for the celebrant to add some introductory remarks after the greeting: After the greeting of the people, the priest...may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day (GIRM # 50). Notice the purpose of such remarks is to draw the faithful more fully into the feast they are celebrating or perhaps to announce the basic theme of the readings that are about to be read, or perhaps the mystery of the Eucharist that is about to unfold. Here again light banter about extraneous matters seems out of place. Rather, that the Lord is present and he is ministering to us and unfolding for us the mystery of his Grace is the most basic tone of this moment of greeting.

History – Originally it seems the Roman rite began simply with the readings. This was probably reflective of the very small congregations, which gathered in homes or other places. There was little need for a formal greeting. However, as the Church emerged from persecution and communities became larger, and processions longer, a greeting of some kind became more of a necessity. St. Augustine mentions in the City of God 22:8 "Salutavi populum" (I greeted the people) as he began Mass. Likewise, in solemn functions of the 7th century the first thing that happened when the Pope reached the Altar was a series of greetings for the co-liturgists (much as in our present-day sign of peace). But in the Middle Ages the greetings came more and more to be paired down while rites such as prayers at the foot of the



altar and other introductory rites were added. In the Traditional Latin Mass, the greeting was a simple Dominus vobiscum (the Lord be with you) but it was not proclaimed to the congregation until after the Kyrie and Gloria and immediately before the opening prayer. Today the greeting is restored but is still brief in nature. Further, the greetings include a richer drawing from the written greetings of Paul in the New Testament as well as the greeting by Jesus to his Apostles after his resurrection, "Peace be with you."

In November 2011, we began using a new English Translation of the Mass which changed the response of the people to the greeting from "and also with you" to the more traditional, "and with your spirit." Some have objected to going back to the more traditional format. Why was this change made and why does it make sense?

Flawed Premise? Most of the controversy around the issue is premised on a notion that the current expression "And also with you" is a more formal equivalent of "Same to you." As if, when the Priest says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation were to respond "Same to you, Father." But this is not really what is being said by the congregation or what is meant by the Latin response et cum spiritu tuo (and with your spirit).

What really is being said? In effect, the expression et cum spiritu tuo ("and with your spirit") is an acknowledgement by the congregation of the grace and presence of Christ, who is active and operative in the spirit or soul of the celebrant. Christ's Spirit is present in the priest in a unique way in virtue of his ordination. The celebrant is acting "in the person of Christ;" Christ Jesus is present and active in him, working through him.

Hence what the dialogue means is:

- **Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.
- **Congregation:** We do in fact acknowledge the grace, presence and Spirit of Christ in your spirit.

This understanding of the dialogue is mentioned by one of the early Fathers of Church. St. John Chrysostom wrote:

If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop [referring to Bishop Flavian of Antioch] when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, "And with your spirit." This is why you reply with this expression.... reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but it is the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice. (Chrysostom, Pentecost Homily)

To conclude, the greeting by the celebrant is no mere "hello, everybody." It is a declaration that the Lord Jesus is in our midst, ministering to us and acting through the priest-celebrant.



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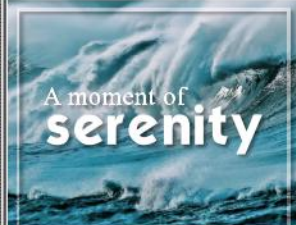
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