



Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.

Ps 106:1



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-28 Matthew 25:31-46



The Gospel today teaches us to increase our altitude with an attitude of gratitude. Three men are given resources to use. Two succeed, one fails. Why the difference? Ultimately, it would seem to be the difference between fear and resentment vs. confidence and gratitude.

Consider the plan of the first two men who succeed. They 1. Receive riches, 2. Risk reinvestment, 3. Render a report, and 4. Rise in the ranks. At some level they see the owner of the riches as a man they can deal with. They have a healthy respect for him but not an unhealthy fear. They receive the funds gladly with gratitude and go to work with them. But the man who fails follows a different plan, a plan which is fruitless (for he buries the treasure), he is furious (for he considers the owner unjust and a "hard man"), and he thus forfeits (for the owner realizes he cannot trust this man with resources, and gives them to another). The failed man gives way to anger, resentment and indulges his fears that the owner is out to get him and the deck is stacked against him. He is not grateful for the opportunity afforded him by the owner. The lesson is what we feed will grow. Will we feed our gratitude for opportunities and gifts, or will we give way to fear and feed the anger and resentment that follows. What are you and I feeding right now?



FUNERAL: Anthony Wilbur Better (Nov. 21)

+	MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	+
Sunday, November 19	<i>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</i>	
8:00am	Shane Ellis †	
9:30am	Intentions of Damon Ellis and family	
11:00am	Bernard Peaks (B'day 11/20) †	
7:00pm	POOR SOULS †	
Monday, November 20		
7:00am	Bessie B. Walker †	
Tuesday, November 21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
7:00am	Joan Celejewski †	
Wednesday, November 22	<i>Memo of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>	
7:00am	POOR SOULS †	
Thursday, November 23	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
8:00am	Dwayne & Marcia Holton Johnson (Anniv. 20 th) †	
Friday, November 24	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions Martyrs</i>	
7:00am	Vernel Waters (B'day) †	
Saturday, November 25		
8:00am	POOR SOULS †	
4:30pm	Intentions of Gary McPherson	

	DAILY BIBLE READINGS	
MONDAY	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	LUKE 18:35-43
TUESDAY	2 MACCABEES 6:18-31	LUKE 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY	2 MACCABEES 7:1, 20-31	LUKE 19:11-28
THURSDAY	SIR 50:22-24	LUKE 17:11-19
FRIDAY	1 MACCABEES 4:36-37, 52-59	LUKE 19:45-48
SATURDAY	1 MACCABEES 6:1-13	LUKE 20:27-40



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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MASS ATTENDANCE
November 11-12, 2023

4:30pm	37
8:00am	58
9:30am	44
11:00am	131
7:00pm	83
Total:	353

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (11/21)	Friday (11/24)
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	RECTORY CLOSED
Wednesday (11/22)	6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession
7:30pm Bible Study	Saturday (11/25)
Thursday (11/23) Thanksgiving	11:00AM Knights of Peter Claver
RECTORY CLOSED	
Morning Mass at 8:00am	



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.



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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



HOLIDAY CHURCH/OFFICE SCHEDULE

- ❖ **Thurs., Nov. 23rd** (*Thanksgiving Day*): Rectory office closed. Morning Mass at 8:00am.
- ❖ **Fri., Nov. 24th** — Rectory office closed.

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. **Last week**, we featured three of the six black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization to Sainthood. **If you missed it**, read the bulletin at our website: hscchurch.org. The final three will be featured in the bulletin the weekend of Nov. 26th. We explore how these 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.

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. Stay tuned!

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 deceased friends/family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. **To include your friends/family**, list the names on the *All Souls Day* envelope (*included w/tithing envelopes or in rear of church*) and drop in collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated.

FAITH DIRECT USERS: If you wish to donate via Faith Direct, note that your donation is for All Souls and email your names to hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.



AN EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH FR. LARRY SWINK: We invite the men of our parish to join Fr. Larry on **Wed., Nov. 22nd at 7pm** in the church for a discussion on the prayer 'Our Father' and what the words of this traditional prayer really mean. Come and see!

THE WORD AMONG US: **FREE** Advent issues of *The Word Among Us* are available in the rear of the church. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*



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 (11/24): *We pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Holy Name Society and Women's Ministry. All are invited!*



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



Christmas Card & Gift Sale



Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10

*following the 8am, 9:30am & 11am Mass
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AS JESUS TAUGHT US:

A Deep Dive Into the Our Father



MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

led by Father Larry Swink

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

7:00PM – 8:00PM

**Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian
Roman Catholic Church
1357 East Capitol Street, S.E.
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Advent Family Day

THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST



Sunday, December 3, 2023

1:00-3:30 PM

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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

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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.*

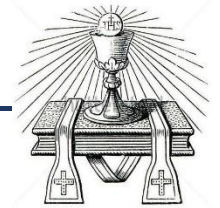
We have the Eucharist because of his first coming to us in the flesh. The Eucharist also prepares us for Jesus' second coming by being a source of holiness for us and food for our journey. Let's consider these "three comings" of Christ and realize the treasure of it all!

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



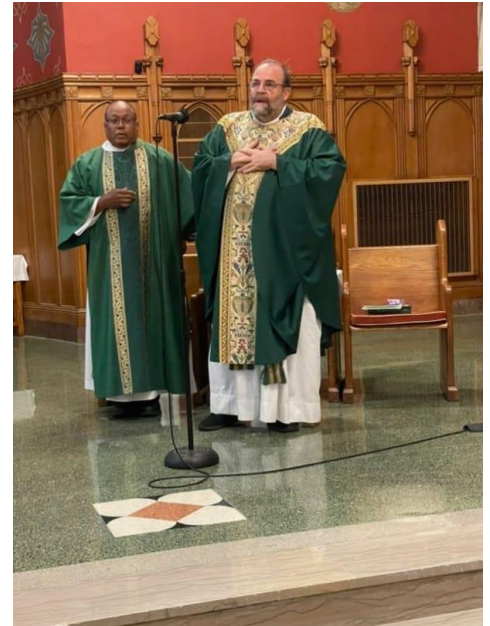
The Penitential Rite & The Kyrie

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 Penitential Rite in general—Let us recall that we have just acknowledged and celebrated the presence of Christ among us: venerated the altar, signed ourselves with the cross and greeted one another and the priest invites the congregation to take part in the penitential rite, which the entire community carries out a communal acknowledgment of sin. He uses these or similar words, “Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” The penitential rite may take several different forms:

- ❖ **A Confiteor** (I confess) recited by the priest and people together followed by an absolution. (The absolution only forgives venial sins. Mortal sins must be absolved in the Sacrament of Confession).
- ❖ **A rarely used Miserere** consisting of the following formula:
 - Have mercy on us O Lord
 - For we have sinned against you
 - Show us O Lord your mercy.
 - And grant us your salvation.
- ❖ **A Kyrie Litany**—There are numerous forms for this given in the Missal. The priest, deacon (or some other suitable minister) makes invocations. Here is one sample:
 - You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.
 - You bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Christ have mercy.
 - You bring light to those in darkness. Lord have mercy.



The penitential rite echoes the experience of those in Scripture who encountered God. This often led to the experience of unworthiness, and even a falling to the ground! Isaiah lamented his sinfulness and needed to be reassured by the angel (Is 6:5). Ezekiel fell to his face before God (Ez. 2:1). Daniel experienced anguish and terror (Dan 7:15). Job was silenced before God and repented (42:6); John the Apostle fell to his face before the glorified and ascended Jesus (Rev 1:17). Thus, it makes sense that acknowledging the presence of the Lord we ought to repent of our sins and seek the Lord's mercy.

History of the Penitential Rite. Even as early as the Didache (written ca 90-100 AD) a confession of sins is prescribed before the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist:

On the Lord's Day gather together, break bread and give thanks after confessing your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure. Let no one who has a quarrel with his neighbor join you until he is reconciled, lest your sacrifice be defiled. For this is that which was proclaimed by the Lord...In every place and time let there be offered to me a clean Sacrifice.



Older Catholics and those who have attended the Traditional Latin Mass, experience the “I confess...” prayer as part of the prayers at the foot of the altar, but this was actually prior to the beginning of Mass. Since the priest altar servers prayed this at the foot of the altar, technically, he had not gone up the altar steps to begin Mass yet. Thus, the introduction of this element *into* the Mass itself and as a communal gesture is new.

The Confiteor (I confess) and the Kyrie (Lord have mercy) have very different histories and will be explained separately.

The History of the Confiteor (I Confess). The history of this part of the Mass is somewhat convoluted. The remote history may be found in the Western Liturgy in the silent worship which the Pope made when he first came to the altar. Later (by the 7th Century) this silent prayer became more elaborate with the directive being that the celebrant lie prostrate before the altar. Likewise, the nature of the prayer came to be more specified. The celebrant was directed to pour forth prayers for himself and for the sins of the people. The general term for this was the *apologiae* (apology) and may be called the forerunner of the Confiteor. Thus, a penitential theme was introduced.

By the 11th Century the Confiteor had developed as a specific dialogue between the Celebrant and those immediately around him. Thus, he not only acknowledges his own sinfulness before God, but also before those who serve him and asks their mediation on his behalf. The actual text of the Confiteor, was taken from those used in sacramental confession. The oldest Confiteor formulas were simple and brief.

In the Gothic period (12th – 16th Centuries) there grew a practice of listing some of the Saints by name. This is evident in the Confiteor used in the old Latin Mass which listed St. Mary, St. Michael, St John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul. Today the list is briefer mentioning Mary, and the angels and saints. One other difference today from the old Latin Mass is that there is no longer a separate recitation of the Confiteor for priest and the servers. Now the communal aspect of the act is stressed even while the personal aspect is retained. Now all say “I confess” but say it together.

The History of the Kyrie—the Kyrie (Lord have Mercy) is often thought of as a part of the penitential rite but this is not historically the case. Its use was first reported in use in Jerusalem in the 4th Century wherein the phrase “Kyrie Eleison” was sung in response to a series of intercessory prayers sung by a deacon. This practice took place after the Gospel, like it does today. In other areas in the Eastern Churches, it was generally located at the beginning of Mass. The form of the Kyrie was retained as a litany of praise and petition before God and these prayers grew in elaborateness.

In a desire to simplify and shorten the liturgy in the Western Church, Pope Gregory the Great in the early 7th Century removed the prayers and kept only responses Kyrie Eleison and Christe Eleison. In the old Latin Mass, the Kyrie was NOT considered part of the penitential rite which had already taken place at the foot of the Altar.

Today the Kyrie can function as a part of the Penitential Rite when combined with acclamations such as, “You came to call sinners, Lord have mercy” and so forth. Or the Kyrie can serve as a kind of hymn of praise, following the Confiteor (I confess). So, the Kyrie has somewhat of a dual personality. It may serve either as a penitential rite or a hymn of praise.

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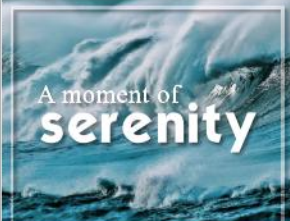
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