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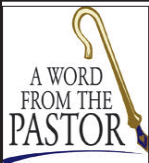
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-17(21) Luke 2:22-40

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12



It is the Feast of the Holy Family today and we ought to meditate on the central purpose of marriage and family which is the birth and raising of children. In recent decades we have seen a shift in this understanding. Most people today see the happiness of the couple as the central purpose of marriage. But God set forth marriage with this central mission: Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it (*Gen 1:28*). While the happiness of the couple may be a nice goal and something to hope for, we all know that happiness has its ups and downs in every aspect of life. In the "old days" parents were often known to "stick it out for the sake of the kids." This is because children need stability and a dedicated mother and father to form them best. Job #1 in the family is children and their well-being. Notice, therefore, in today's Gospel that, when Jesus' life is threatened by Herod, Joseph and Mary set everything else aside and go to Egypt. Joseph, when instructed to go there did not protest about his comfort or his career. The text says that Joseph arose that very night and took Jesus and Mary away from harm. He stayed in Egypt as long as required for Jesus' safety. It is clear that his vocation as (foster) father and husband had priority over his career and his business prospects. And thus we are taught to have the same priorities.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, December 31 *FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY*

10:00am Dino Orlando Ciccone †

7:00pm Elza Maria Moraes †

11:15pm John Nelson, Jr. †

Monday, January 1 *THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD*

10:00am Pray for world peace

Tuesday, January 2 *STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY*

7:00am Peter Riehle †

Wednesday, January 3

7:00am Thomas Riehle †

Thursday, January 4 *SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS*

7:00am Intentions of those entering religious vocations

Friday, January 5 *SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP*

7:00am Mary O. Taylor †

Saturday, January 6 *SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Albert Whiting †



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 in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NUMBERS 6:22-27	LUKE 2:16-21
TUESDAY	1 JOHN 2:22-28	JOHN 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 John 2:29—3:6	John 1:29-34
THURSDAY	1 JOHN 3:7-10	JOHN 1:35-42
FRIDAY	1 JOHN 3:11-21	JOHN 1:43:51
SATURDAY	1 JOHN 5:5-13	MARK 1:7-11



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!
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NOTE: Due to the Christmas holiday, the publisher required early submission of the bulletin. Therefore, we will not post Mass Attendance data for the weekend of December 24th in this week's bulletin. Attendance data will be posted next week.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/1) *Solemnity of Mary*

Rectory Closed

10:00am Mass

Friday (1/5)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC? If you want to see what else is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** on our website at hscchurch.org. Click on the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera for instant access.



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.

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.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

PARISH LIFE



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: This feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. It is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. This Roman Catholic religious festival falls on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although feast days exist for each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the **Feast of the Holy Family** commemorates their life together, celebrates and focuses on religious family life.

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 1st— Rectory office closed

Tues., Jan. 2nd — Regular office hours resume



CONGRATULATIONS to *Ophelia Adeline Kelley* and *Clarence Damian McGuire Rajasekar* who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Dec. 23rd**. May God bless these families as they begin this journey to salvation.

2023 HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION (TITHING) STATEMENTS—will be prepared only upon request beginning **Fri., Feb. 2, 2024**. Statements will not be automatically distributed. Contact the rectory office (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) to request your statement. It can be mailed, emailed or picked up from the rectory. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope with your name) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS: Those parishioners who electronically tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2023 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the online giving program.

As always, we are so grateful for our parishioners continual generosity to our parish community. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DEC. 31ST— FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

10:00am—Mass (No 4am, 5:00am or 9am Mass)

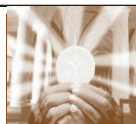
7:00pm and 11:15pm—Watch Night Mass

MON., JAN. 1ST—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00am—Mass

SUN., JAN. 7TH—FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Mass: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm



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 with your phone camera to link to the church webpage.



We 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.

Visit our 'Eucharistic Miracles' exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary and learn about the supernatural power of the Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard at this time. **HOLY HOUR INTENTION FOR 1/5**—we pray for the sanctity of all life.



2024 WALL CALENDARS: will be available this weekend at every Mass. Please pick up a calendar from the rear of the church or ask an usher. **We have a limited supply so we kindly ask you to take only what you need at this time and return next week to see if there are extra remaining.** We want to ensure that all parishioners have an opportunity to receive a calendar including those who are homebound.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION CHAIRS:

You should have received a FlockNote (via email) regarding a gathering for all chairs (or an appointed representative) on **Mon., Jan. 8th at 6:30pm** in the rectory. If you have not responded, RSVP to the FlockNote or 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (www.msgrpope.com)

Deacon James P. Flagg II

For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

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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Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
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& Very Dear, The Family*

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**Winnie,
Ray,
Bertie**

In Memory of
**Hump,
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In Loving Memory
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We Love You Always
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To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
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