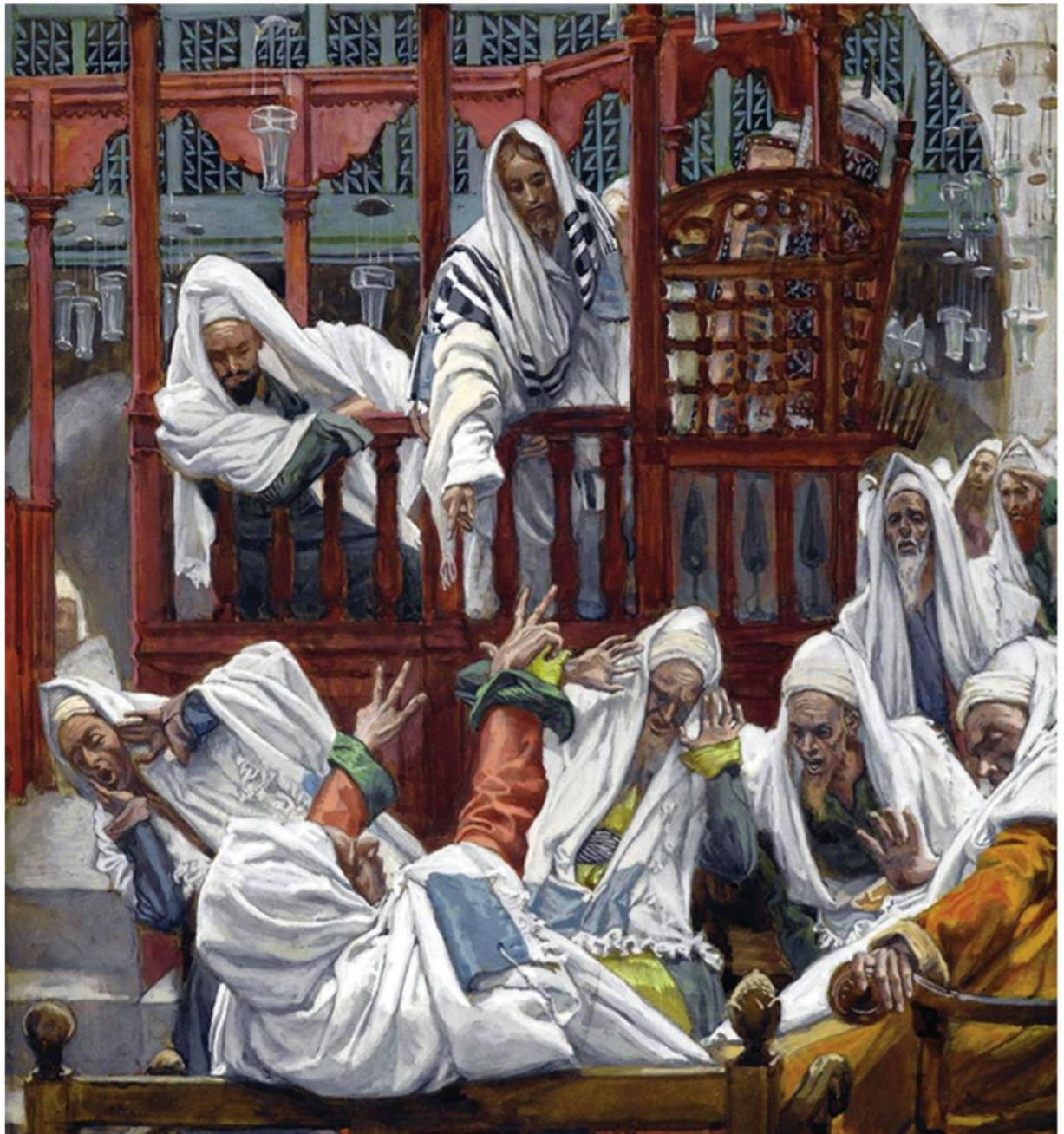


4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus rebuked him and said,
"Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him
and with a loud cry came out of him.

Mk 1:25-26



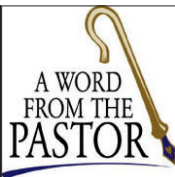
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Readings Next Weekend:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39



In today's Gospel we have a portrait of powerful preaching. Now the thing about powerful preaching is that it can make you mad, or sad, or glad, but it will not leave you unaffected. Let's look at three aspects of Jesus' preaching. First, it is **PERSONAL**.

The text says that people were astonished at Jesus' teaching for he taught them as one having authority. The Greek work for authority is "exousia" meaning to speak out of one's own being or substance. Powerful preaching and teaching is when the preacher, or you, or I, go beyond merely quoting others or reciting texts and sayings, to speaking out of our own first-hand experience and life. We do not make up our own religion (God forbid), but we are able to say that, in my own life I have come to see and experience as true what the Church has always proclaimed. Next, note that Jesus' preaching was **PROVOCATIVE**. For as he preaches, a man troubled with a demon is affected and the demon trembles. And so it is that good preaching should call forth repentance where necessary, should awaken in us a need for healing, should, at times, make us mad and sad. Yet again, note that Jesus' preaching was **POWERFUL**. By his preaching Jesus awakens the demon and drives it out. And thus, here comes the glad. For, having been set free, not only is the man glad, but so too is the whole congregation. Pray for personal, provocative and powerful preachers.



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
January 21, 2024

4:30pm	34
8:00am	39
9:30am	32
11:00am	157
7:00pm	39
Total:	301

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday, (1/30) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Friday (2/2) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession
Wednesday (1/31) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	



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 in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. 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.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 28 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Claude Tompkins, Jr. (B'day)
9:30am Marlene Moses-Alston †
11:00am Timothy Robinson †
7:00pm Bishop Mario Dorsonville †

Monday, January 29

8:00am Randolph Blanchard †

Tuesday, January 30 ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00am Diane Offutt †

Wednesday, January 31

7:00am Angela Ferguson †

Thursday, February 1

7:00am Elizabeth McNeil Harris †

Friday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00am Elaine Lofty Lomax †

Saturday, February 3 ST. BLAISE, BISHOP/MARTYR & ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Bernard Johnson †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	2 SAM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	MARK 5: 1-20
TUESDAY	2 SAM 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3	MARK 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY	2 SAM 24:2, 9-17	MARK 6:1-6
THURSDAY	1 KINGS 2:1-4, 10-12	MARK 16:15-18
FRIDAY	MAL 3:1-4; HEB 2:14-18	LUKE 2:22-40
SATURDAY	1 KINGS 3:4-13	MARK 6:30-34

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to *Rosa Maria Hatrup* who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **January 21, 2024**. May God bless Rosa as she begins her journey to salvation.



2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal: *United in Purpose*—Next weekend, parishioners will be asked prayerfully to make a commitment to the Appeal. Please take a brochure from the pew this weekend, or visit appeal.adw.org, to learn more about how the Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout our communities in the area. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year, no matter the amount. Thank you in advance for your generous response.



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT:

We invite youth (ages 6-12) along with their families on **Sun., Feb. 4th** following the 11am Mass in the rectory basement for a special Valentine Day service project. This activity provides a way for our youth to exhibit in word the true love of God by writing messages in Valentine Day cards for our seniors. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Youth Director Nicki Gebrehwot at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202-330-8302 to RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE: Lenten Family Day—Sun., Feb. 18th following the 11am Mass at the school building. Come and gather together as a parish family for food, lessons and fellowship as we begin the season of Lent. We had a nice gathering for Advent Family Day in December and we want to continue the fellowship as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. See flyer to RSVP or visit our website.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE NEWS:

Celebrate the elevation of Mother Mary Lange to 'Venerable' on **Jan. 30, 2024 at 9am** on the historic grounds of Saint Frances Academy, 501 E. Chase St., Baltimore, MD. Celebrant: Archbishop William E. Lori. Visit motherlange.org for more information on the canonization journey for Mother Mary Lange, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.



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.



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish seeks 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!*

We are planning events, exhibits and videos which are on our website (hscchurch.org) and bulletin. Visit throughout the year since dates and times may change. **Scan the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera→ to link directly to the church webpage.**



We offer the '*Mass in Slow Motion*' series by Msgr. Pope, throughout the year. This twenty-two part series explains the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. Copies are in the bulletin each week and on our website under *Living with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist*.

Visit our '*Eucharistic Miracles*' exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary and learn about the supernatural power of the Eucharist. **NOTE: The exhibit changes every 2-3 months.**

EUCHARISTIC 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 2/2**—we pray for priests and consecrated men and women to be faithful to their vocation and to always reveal the love of Christ to others.



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.



HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND: Join Msgr. Pope on a pilgrimage to Ireland, the land of Saint Patrick, on **Nov. 4—14, 2024**. The cost includes non-stop roundtrip flights from Dulles Int'l Airport (United Airlines) along with hotels, meals, tour bus and guides. Visit our website (hscchurch.org) or pick up brochure in rear of church.

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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



**HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN
YOUTH MINISTRY**

A NOTE OF LOVE

Service Project

**Sunday, February 4, 2024
1:00pm - Rectory Basement**

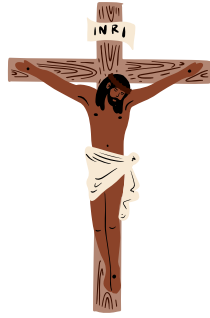
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Light refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 301-330-8302 so we can be prepared with supplies for all.

Lenten Family Day

MORE ABOUT JESUS WHO DIED FOR ME



Sunday, February 18, 2024

1:00-3:30 PM

CENTER CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAFETERIA

15TH & EAST CAPITOL STREETS, S.E. – PARKING IN LOT BEHIND SCHOOL

Join the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church parish family for an afternoon of lessons, food and fellowship as we explore and prepare for the Season of Lent.

Along with an adult session, we offer sessions for youth in pre-k thru high school. Lunch is offered for those who RSVP by **Feb. 11th!**

3 Ways to RSVP

1

Fill out this form, detach and drop 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 with your cellphone camera and tap the website that appears to RSVP online at hscchurch.org



HCSC Lenten Family Day Registration

ADULT 1: _____

ADULT 2: _____

CONTACT PHONE & EMAIL: _____

YOUTH 1: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

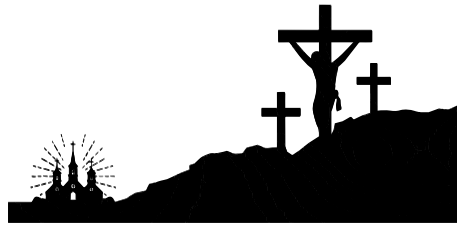
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GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

YOUTH 3: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

Add additional family members or friends on back of form

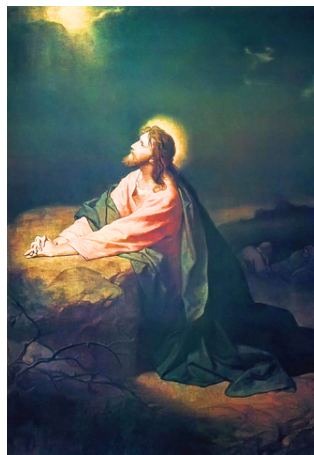


Lenten Family Day Theme

More About Jesus Who Died For Me

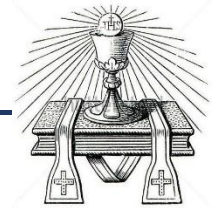
Our Lenten family day theme is a line from an old hymn that urges our soul to seek always the love and mercy offered by Jesus in his Sacrifice on Calvary. The crucifixion is not merely an event locked in history some two thousand years ago. It radiates across time and touches us now, especially in every Mass!

In the Mass, Jesus reaches across history and touches us from the Cross applying its grace to us. These graces are so important for us that Jesus did not want to limit its effects to one moment in history. In Mass we go to the foot of the cross and experience "more of His love who died for me." We invite you, your family and friends to come to this Lenten Family day and learn more of this beautiful understanding of Holy Mass.





The Mass in Slow Motion



The Prayer of the Faithful

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.



We've got to pray! Where would the world be today if the Church wasn't praying? I don't know if we'd be here to talk about it. I have always suspected that we have been saved from nuclear annihilation because some of the Cloistered Sisters have been praying for us. Our prayers change world history. Our parish church is on a very prominent street in the Nation's Capital. At one end of the street is the U.S. Capitol, some blocks up East Capitol Street is our parish. And you have heard it said before from the pulpit of this church that the most important building on East Capitol Street is NOT the U.S. Capitol, it is Holy Comforter – Saint Cyprian Parish. That's because it is prayer that really changes things. The politicians up the street can only make a good difference if we've got their back. So, the Church must pray and this brings us to the Prayer of the Faithful.

In the Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in a certain way to the word of God which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is fitting that such a prayer be included, as a rule, in Masses celebrated with a congregation, so that petitions will be offered for the holy Church, for civil authorities, for those weighed down by various needs, for all men and women, and for the salvation of the whole world. As a rule, the series of intentions is to be:

1. For the needs of the Church;
2. For public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
3. For those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
4. For the local community.

Nevertheless, in a particular celebration, such as Confirmation, Marriage, or a Funeral, the series of intentions may reflect more closely the particular occasion.

It is for the priest celebrant to direct this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he invites the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with a prayer. The intentions announced should be sober, composed freely but prudently, be succinct, and they should express the prayer of the entire community. They may be spoken by the deacon, a lector or, if they are sung, by the cantor. (GIRM 69-71)



History – These prayers were very common in the early Church occurring just about where we have them today. They followed the homily (recall the Creed was not said in the earlier days as a rule). All the Fathers of the Church make mention of them.

In the beginning, this prayer was antiphonally recited by the priest and the assembly. Over time the deacon took a more prominent role, announcing the whole intention and then the faithful responded; Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) or some other acclamation.

The prayers endured up until about the close of the patristic period (ca 9th Century). Their disappearance seems to coincide with their transfer to the beginning of the Mass and evolution into the Kyrie Litany that is common today, in a shorter form. Here they eventually came to be regarded as an unnecessary appendage and were phased out by Pope Gregory—as we saw in an earlier post on the Kyrie and Penitential Rite (MISM 7 & 8). In the Western part of the Church, they were retained only on Good Friday. In the East they were never dropped. Today they have been restored to their original place in the Mass.

Pastoral Reflections – They are called —general intercessions since they extend beyond the needs and concerns of the local assembly. Further, note that they are NOT called the "particular intercessions." What sometimes happens in more extemporaneous settings is that certain very particular needs get expressed and the list can become endless. Thus, it is not appropriate here to pray, —For the friend of my Uncle Joe Smith's sister who is recovering from hip surgery and is having a hard time due to her diabetes. It is more appropriate to pray, —For all who are sick or struggling at this time. Keep it general, is the rule, this is not the time for a full medical update on everyone's cousin or sister or to read long lists of names of those who may be sick, or graduating, or getting married, etc.



To call these general intercessions the —Prayer of the Faithfull has some historical merit since catechumens and others were dismissed before the proclaiming of them. However, today it is more common to call them general intercessions, or the universal prayer, since the whole Mass is really the prayer of the faithful. The priest, through his introductory prayer at the general intercessions, may link the intercessions to the readings and by his closing prayer may summarize them. This can help to place them in a clear context. To sing the intercessions where possible is a beautiful option and surely of ancient practice that is still practiced in the liturgies of the Eastern Church.

Finally, St. Paul writes, *I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone—for kings and all those in authority—so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.* (1 Timothy 1-2)



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