

The  
**Good  
Shepherd**

*A Good Shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.*



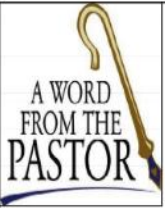
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 4:8-12                      1 John 3:1-2                      John 10:11-18

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 9:26-31                      1 John 3:18-24                      John 15:1-8



The Gospel today presents our Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd with some of the following qualities. First, he is the **PASSIONATE Shepherd**. The text says that he lays down his life for his Sheep. He undergoes a passion for us. Now ask yourself of anyone else who desires your loyalty and affection, did they die for you? Jesus is the only one who died for you and thus he deserves your greatest loyalty. Next, he is a **PARTICULAR Shepherd**. He is not like other shepherds who only look out for themselves. If there is no profit in being your shepherd they will run off and abandon the sheep. Jesus will be there and is willing to give his life for you because he cares for you more than for himself. He is a **PERSONAL Shepherd**. He says he knows his sheep. He knows everything about you. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what is good about you and what is bad and he still loves you. He is a **PERSISTENT Shepherd**. He knows the other sheep too and will not rest until they are all accounted for. He is a **POWERFUL Shepherd** who has the power to lay down his life and take it up again. He doesn't only die for you but he lives for you too. He alone has that power.



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1. Scan the QR code to the right.
2. Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](http://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**

April 14, 2024

4:30pm	49
8:00am	79
9:30am	46
11:00am	183
7:00pm	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>427</b>

**FUNERAL:** Catherine 'Kitty' Chandler (4/22)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, April 21** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00am Damian Jones †  
 9:30am Intentions of Rhoda Jones (B'day)  
 11:00am Intentions of Zoe Elgin-Cossart (First Communion)  
 7:00pm Carlos Hernandez (worker killed on bridge collapse) †  
**Monday, April 22**  
 7:00am Alice Neale Thornton (B'day) †  
**Tuesday, April 23** *St. George & St. Adalbert*  
 7:00am Jovan Varme Tatum †  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
 7:00am Mabel Henson †  
**Thursday, April 25** *St. Mark*  
 7:00pm Courtney Colston (B'day) †  
**Friday, April 26**  
 7:00am Laurence Elgin †  
**Saturday, April 27**  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Robbie Lou Goldman †

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	ACTS 11:1-18	JOHN 10:1-10
<b>TUESDAY</b>	ACTS 11:19-26	JOHN 10:22-30
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1 PETER 5:5-14	MARK 16:15-20
<b>THURSDAY</b>	ACTS 13:3-25	JOHN 13:16-20
<b>FRIDAY</b>	ACTS 13:26-33	JOHN 14:1-6
<b>SATURDAY</b>	ACTS 13:44-52	JOHN 14:7-14

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (4/22)</b> 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (4/26)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession
<b>Wednesday (4/24)</b> 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>Saturday (4/27)</b> 10:00am Sodality Bd Mtg 11:00am Knights of Peter Claver



**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](mailto: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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH LIFE

**RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MON., APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that our church staff may celebrate the life of Catherine 'Kitty' Chandler who has not only been a lifelong and faithful HCSC parishioner but a cherished and well-respected employee of this parish. Wake: 9-11AM/Funeral mass: 11AM. Office reopens Tues., April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM.



*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### IT'S BACK! YOUNG ADULT BIBLE

**STUDY WITH MSGR. POPE** is held on Monday evenings at 7PM in the rectory basement (*enter through side door to the right of the rectory*). To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Questions? Call 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org). This is a great opportunity to fellowship with other young adults while learning scripture. Come and see!



**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE:** Are you looking for a gift for Mother's Day? There will be a small gift sale out on the church plaza following the morning Masses on April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**. So stop by and see the lovely items offered for Mother's Day.



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** If you are visiting today and interested in joining, stop by our church office next to the church during office hours or contact us at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup> following the 11AM Mass.** We will gather in the church and process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. **We invite ALL families and ALL HCSC ministries with their banners.** In honor of our Blessed Mother Mary!



**SAVE THE DATE:** Join with the HCSC Holy Name Society and Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary as they host a *Day of Reflection* on **June 9<sup>th</sup>** after 11AM Mass at Center City Public Charter School (15<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Father Larry Swink is the guest presenter. Come and hear about the '*Eucharist - Food for the Mind Body and Soul.*' Stay tuned for details on this FREE event.



**SAVE THE DATE:** The HCSC Women's Ministry will host a women's retreat on **Nov.15-17, 2024** at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD. Theme: **GOD CARES-You Can't Give What You**  
*Don't Have*—facilitated by Charlene Howard. Cost: \$400 (includes room, meals and transportation). **Deposit of \$75 due May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for details or pick up flyer in rear of church.



### 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](http://hscchurch.org)) and bulletin. Visit throughout the year since dates and times may change. **Scan QR code to the right with cellphone camera → to link directly to the church webpage.**



We offer the '*Mass in Slow Motion*' series by Msgr. Pope, throughout the year. This multi-part series explains the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. To read the series, visit our website under *Living with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist*. (or scan QR code above).

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 2-3months.**

**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:** pray for the continued fruits of the Forty Hours of Adoration that it will renew our parish with the fire of God's



### DOWNTOWN DC MARIAN PROCESSION

hosted by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & St. Mary Mother of God Parish in WDC on **Fri., April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Begins 6:30PM at Immaculate Conception (1315 8<sup>th</sup> St., NW) with prayer and procession at 7PM. They will stop at St. Patrick's for prayer/reflection, and conclude with benediction at St. Mary Mother of God. The full route is approx. 1.5 miles. See the planned route at: [bit.ly/3TuzeAN](http://bit.ly/3TuzeAN). Interested in volunteering or learning more? Contact Erin at [erindonnice@gmail.com](mailto:erindonnice@gmail.com). Visit the Facebook page at: [fb.me/e/zcjm5hrZf](https://fb.me/e/zcjm5hrZf).



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**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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April 2024

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Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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