

*God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.*

— Psalm 47:6



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



The Solemnity of The Ascension is sometimes overlooked because it falls between two other major solemnities of the Church: the Resurrection and Pentecost. The fact that it was traditionally celebrated on a Thursday forty days after the Lord's resurrection also helped to obscure this great feast. The Ascension is important for at least two reasons. **First**, Christ's ascension into heaven completes his earthly mission. As he was "lifted up into the heavens," the humanity of Jesus enters into its divine glory and the gates of heaven are now opened for us. We have the hope that we too might go with him as he promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). **Second**, the ascension of our Lord allows for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will give life to the Church and make it holy.



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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FUNERAL: Kevin Washington (5/17)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 12 *The Ascension of the Lord*
 8:00am Austina Jones †
 9:30am Fr. Richard F. Wagner, SSJ †
 11:00am Sylvester Nettles †
 7:00pm Jose Mynor Lopez (*worker who died on FSK bridge*) †
Monday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
 7:00am Intentions of Alice Allen-White
Tuesday, May 14 *St. Matthias, Apostle*
 7:00am Joseph C. Mitchell, Sr †
Wednesday, May 15
 7:00am Cornell Thompkins (B'day: 5/16) †
Thursday, May 16
 7:00am Mabel McWaine †
Friday, May 17
 7:00am Wanda Marie Veney †
Saturday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Mary Cobb †

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: ACTS 19:1-8 JOHN 15:16:29-33
TUESDAY: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 JOHN 15:9-17
WEDNESDAY: ACTS 20:28-38 JOHN 17:11B-19
THURSDAY: ACTS 22:30, 23:6-11 JOHN 17:20-26
FRIDAY: ACTS 25:13B-21 JOHN 21:15-19
SATURDAY: ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 JOHN 21:20-25

MASS ATTENDANCE

May 5, 2024

4:30pm	33
8:00am	33
9:30am	43
11:00am	243
7:00pm	65
Total	417

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/13) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (5/15) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday (5/14) 10:30am Seniors Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Friday (5/17) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession



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.

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.



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.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

PARISH LIFE

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of family care for the physical growth of their children and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



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FIRST FRIDAY ALL—DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday, June 7th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will offer Adoration in the Church beginning with Mass at 7:00AM and continuing until 7:00PM. You are invited to sign up for an hour or more. **To sign-up:** Scan the QR code w/phone camera → or visit: hscchurch.org/holy-eucharist/FirstFridayAdoration/. You can also contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org and leave your name, number or email and preferred time. Even if sign-up slots are filled, you are still invited to come during your preferred time. Bring a friend!



UPCOMING SENIORS EVENTS

Choptank River Cruise Luncheon—June 19th—\$110/person (includes travel, cruise & food). Visit hscchurch.org for details.

Friendly Seniors Bible Study—Tues., May 14th at 10:30AM in the chapel w/ Deacon James Flagg. Join us!

MAY is the MONTH of MARY



THANK YOU to all who coordinated and participated in the annual May Procession last Sunday. We had a great turn out in honor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven! We especially thank this year's **May Queen: NICOLETTE WILKINS** her attendants: **KHLOE NORMAN AND TREYAH NORMAN**. Special thanks to the statue bearers, First Communicants, proclaimers, cantors/singers and parishioners.

To Jesus Through Mary



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish has been seeking 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!*

Visit our website for upcoming events and teachings. **Scan the QR code to the right with cellphone camera → to link to our webpage.**



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



GRADUATE RECOGNITION: Every year, our parish recognizes and congratulates our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. We want to know who is **graduating or being promoted in 2024!** Visit hscchurch.org or pick up flyer in rear of church.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Are you looking for a Mother's Day gift? Check out the gift sale on the church plaza following the morning Masses on May 12th. All proceeds to benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**.



BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC



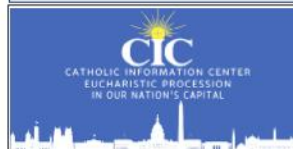
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7PM in the rectory w/Msgr. Charles Pope.



FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **second** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. Deacon James Flagg is the facilitator.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: held every Wednesday via Zoom at 7:15PM w/Msgr. Charles Pope. Sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link.



THE CIC's SECOND ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

Attend the Catholic Information Center's (CIC) Eucharistic Procession in our nation's capital on **Sat., May 18th** to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and bring Christ's **Real Presence** onto the streets of downtown DC. Visit cicdc.org/procession for details and to RSVP.

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MASS TIMES: **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30AM (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

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Join us in celebration of the Feast Day of the Holy Comforter

Mass Times: Sat., May 18 - 4:34PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun., May 19 - 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

**A reception will be held following the Sunday 11:00AM Mass out on the plaza.
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or
kpeaks@hscchurch.org to help.
Parishioners are invited to wear **RED** to Mass.**

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

On the weekend of May 19th, the Church will celebrate Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year which concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginnings of the Church. Here's what you need to know about the feast day.

THE TIMING AND ORIGINS OF PENTECOST

Pentecost occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, it can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the *novena* — nine days of prayer — because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. [Visit this link](https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/): <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>.

There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover and is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. It commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — *to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations*. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

WHERE'S THAT IN THE BIBLE?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH!

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cut them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church — Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN

Honoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Come and join us!

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 2nd

Following the 11AM Mass, we will
lead a Eucharistic Procession
around our neighborhood
(including Lincoln Park) and then
back to the church.

First Friday Adoration Friday, June 7th

Mass at 7AM followed by
exposition and adoration until 7PM.
See back of flyer for sign-up details.





How do I participate in the Corpus Christi Procession?

The Corpus Christi Procession will begin in the church following the 11AM Mass on June 2nd. The procession will leave the church, head west on East Capitol Street and around Lincoln Park and then return to the church. Stops at altars set up in the neighborhood will occur along the route. You, your family and friends are welcome to join with us as we sing and pray and reveal the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!



How can I participate for First Friday Adoration?

In celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart (June 7th), which celebrates the love, compassion and long-suffering heart of Christ towards humanity, we will host a First Friday Adoration.

So that we can always have someone praying in the presence of the Eucharist, we ask you to sign up to spend an hour with our Lord during the period of Adoration that runs from 8AM until 7PM (*Mass is celebrated at 7AM*). Even if the sign-up spots are filled, you are still invited to come. You are also welcome to invite family and friends. You can sign up by:

- ◆ Using the camera on your cellphone to **scan** the QR Code to the right → or,
- ◆ **Visit:** <https://hscchurch.org/sheet/first-friday-adoration/>
- ◆ If you are unable to sign up using the above methods, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org and leave your name, contact number & email and your preferred time.



NOTE: You are welcome to stay for more than one hour or as long as you wish.

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