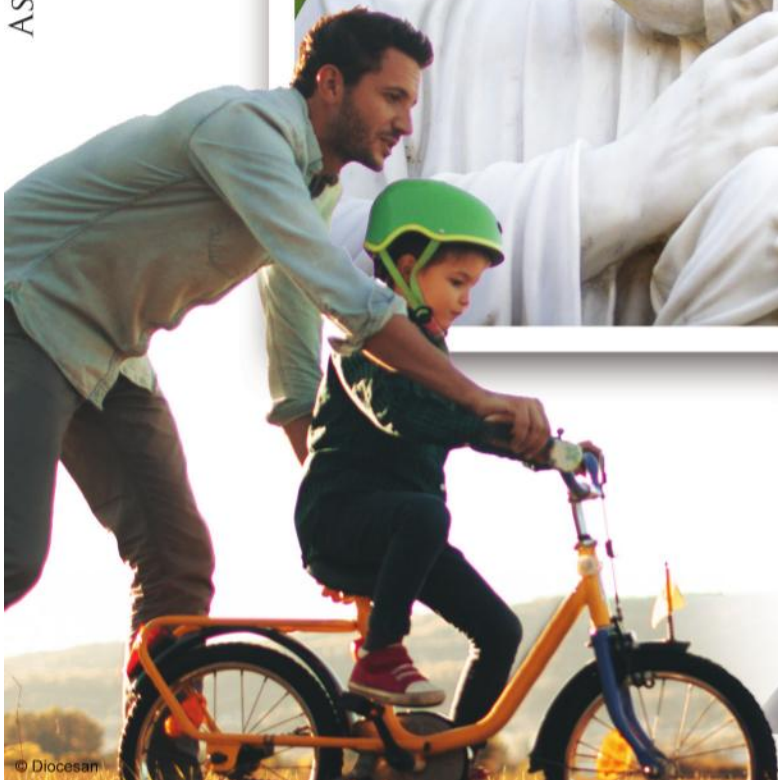
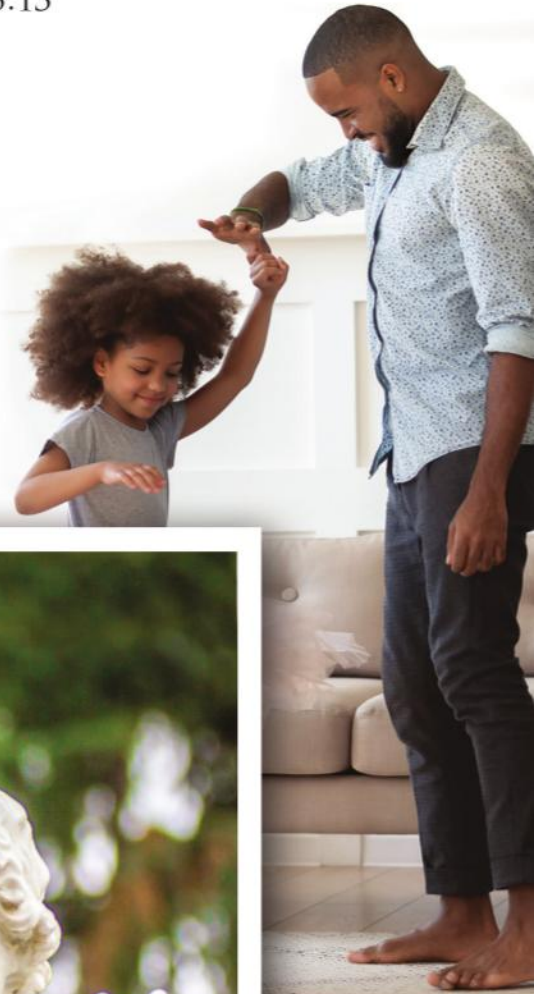


AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. ~PSALM 103:13



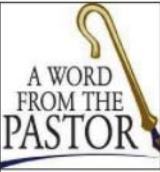
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Ez 17:22-24                      2 Cor 5:6-10                      Mark 4:26-34

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Job 38:1, 8-11                      2 Cor 5:14-17                      Mark 4:35-41



Today's readings speak of three insights that disciples must recall. First is **ADAPTABILITY**. We hear in both the first reading and the Gospel how God can take what is very humble, and adapt it to be something mighty and powerful. Perhaps it is the "tender shoot" of the first reading that becomes a mighty oak. Perhaps it is the mustard seed of the Gospel which becomes a great shade tree. But God adapts us for his purposes and no one should say, 'I cannot be used.' An old song says, "If you can use anything Lord, you can use me." The insight is **AWE-ABILITY**, the capacity to reverence mystery and to have wonder and awe at what God does. In the Gospel Jesus emphasizes that, though a man plants seeds he does not really know the deeper mysteries of life and growth. Despite our often self-congratulatory celebration of our sciences, there is much more we do not know or understand. And while science is often good at answering "how" it is not good at answering the more ultimate questions of "why", and of meaning. We do well to maintain a reverential awe of the deeper mysteries of God's works and his ways. This also opens us to hope and to the possibilities that God can work in hidden ways to exult what is humble and to bring great transformation to those who are cast down and troubled, including ourselves and our culture. Finally, there is **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The second reading reminds us that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and render an account. As we have seen, God is able to adapt, and to work in wondrous and hidden ways to lift us up, even if we are humble and struggle. We must one day render an account of how we have responded to God's grace and his invitation to be exulted. On judgment day the expression "I couldn't" will ring hollow, because as we've seen: "God CAN." Today's readings remind us to be open to what God can do, often in mysterious ways.



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**MASS ATTENDANCE  
June 9, 2024**

4:30pm	44
8:00am	51
9:30am	29
11:00am	179
7:00pm	72
<b>Total:</b>	<b>375</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (6/17)</b> 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (6/21)</b> 6:00am Holy Hour/Adoration
<b>Tuesday (6/18)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>Saturday (6/22)</b> 11:00am Knights of Peter Claver
<b>Wednesday (6/19) Juneteenth</b> <i>Rectory Office Closed</i> Morning Mass at 8:00AM 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. 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.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, June 16** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00am Doretha Dabney †  
9:30am Dorothy Gertrude Taylor †  
11:00am Intentions of Monica Scott-Lewis  
7:00pm Tiffany Palmer †

**Monday, June 17**  
7:00am Eunice Ada White †

**Tuesday, June 18**  
7:00am Lester Chance †

**Wednesday, June 19**  
8:00am Intentions of Gerry Counihan (B'day)

**Thursday, June 20**  
7:00am Michael T. Scott †

**Friday, June 21** *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*  
7:00am Maurice Samuel Young †

**Saturday, June 22** *St. Thomas More, Martyr*  
8:00am For the People  
4:30pm Roger Gilliam †

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	1 KINGS 21: 1-16	MATTHEW 5:38-42
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	1 KINGS 21:17-29	MATTHEW 5:43-48
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	2 KINGS 2:1, 6-14	MATTHEW 6:11-6, 16-18
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	SIRACH 48:1-14	MATTHEW 6:7-15
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	2 KINGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	MATTHEW 6:19-23
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	2 CHRON 24:17-25	MATTHEW 6:24-34

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*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.*

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# 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## PARISH LIFE



**JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> — JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**

Morning mass at 8:00 am

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

### *A Father's Day Blessing*

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them,

as we look to You for love and salvation,

through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

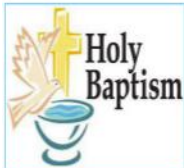
*St. Joseph, Pray for all Fathers. Amen*



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the National Shrine with Wilton Cardinal Gregory as the celebrant. Our youth are: **Jayden Epps, Isabela Jefferson, Jordan Johnson, Khloe Norman, Treyah Norman and Damien Vickers.** As you are called through

your faith in Jesus Christ, remember He is always with you, leading you in the light of His wonderful love. A special word of thanks to our wonderful, dedicated Sunday school teachers and volunteers. Thanks to the families for their support.



### CONGRATULATIONS to Aris Dakari Lovelace and Ayden Darnae Lovelace

who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless Aris and Ayden and their parents as they begin this spiritual journey.



### GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

This year, our parish will recognize and congratulate our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college at the 11AM Mass on Sun., June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We want to know who is **graduating or being promoted in 2024!** This Sunday, **June 16<sup>th</sup>** is the last day for you to submit your name. See flyer in back of the church or visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for fillable form to submit via email.

The Holy Name Society **ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT** is **July 26-28** at the Claggett Retreat Center.

**THEME:** *Living with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.* Rev. Larry Swink is the facilitator. Open to all men in the parish. Scan the QR code for details or visit: [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org). Or, pick up a flyer in rear of church.



**VACATION TIME IS HERE:** Whether you stay home or travel, we hope and pray that you and your family enjoy yourself and get some much needed rest. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting! Visit **DiscoverMass.com** or **masstimes.org** for mass times and locations around the country.



## 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.

**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.



### THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

**ALUMNI RAFFLE:** Please support the efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 tickets to a book) for \$5 until July 28<sup>th</sup>. All prizes are monetary. Raffle books are available in front of the church following the 8AM, 9:30AM, & 11AM Masses (*same table as the Father's Day gift sale*). This annual raffle supports the Sisters in their continued efforts to catechize, educate and serve God's people. Contact Kimberly Peaks at [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885 ext 11 to purchase books at other times.



**FATHER'S DAY GIFT SALE** out in front of the Church after Sunday morning Masses for Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Come and see what we have for Dad!

### 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) to receive Zoom link.

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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



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH

In 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation that made *Juneteenth* a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and the word *Juneteenth* is a portmanteau of “June” and “nineteenth.” What follows is a brief presentation of its history and relevance.

*Juneteenth* has long been celebrated among the African American community and is known as a second “Independence Day”. It commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of African American slaves throughout the Confederate South. Emancipation did not finally come until General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No. 3, on June 19<sup>th</sup>, almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

The brutal history of slavery and segregation continues to inflict pain on our society, and *Juneteenth* offers a light of hope on the fight for freedom and justice. It is a day that cannot pass without recognizing that it symbolically marks the end of the horrific era of slavery that went on for so long in our nation. But, unfortunately it also highlights the continual existence of hatred and racism that is still present in our world and communities today and the struggle to eliminate it.

As noted by the National Museum of African American History & Culture, *Juneteenth* is a time to celebrate, to gather as a family, to reflect on the past and look to the future. We invite all to celebrate this day as a reminder of the transformative power of human liberation. We encourage all to learn more about this important time in history by spending time with our families to reflect on the meaning of the day. Use it as day of education about our collective history and take the time to pray for real change to end racism and hatred. Learn more at: [nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/what-juneteenth](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/what-juneteenth).

“It is important that we all work in our everyday activities, our professions, in our neighborhoods and in our homes toward a day when we can say racism and hatred are no longer a factor in the world. We have to be intentional in our actions and remember that consulting with the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and following the example of the life he lived here on Earth is our path to creating racial justice.”

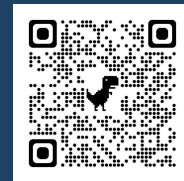
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*We pray, O Lord, for change.  
Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds,  
and we encounter you still today in the faces of those  
whom society has pushed to the margins.  
Guide us, through the love you revealed,  
to establish the justice you proclaimed,  
that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace,  
united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you.  
And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work  
into genuine encounter with you and our better selves  
so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Amen.  
(Prayer adapted from Racial Healing and Liturgical Resources)*



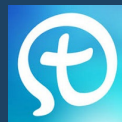
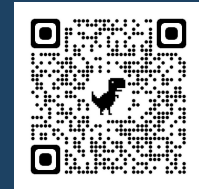
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