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THE GOODNESS
of the Lord

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

Readings Next Weekend:

Proverbs 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 John 6:51-58



In today's Gospel we meditate on the Food of a Faithful Father. As the Gospel opens we see the people grumbling about Jesus' claims to have come down from heaven. In this we see the **FOCUS of FAITH**. Note that while the claim

to have come from heaven is astonishing, Jesus has given them a lot of evidence so that they can trust him. He has worked countless miracles and has just fed over 20,000 people on five loaves and two fishes. And while God can give us evidence, in the end faith has to close the deal for us to really accept and trust what the Lord tells us. Next, we note the **FONT of FAITH**. Jesus tells them specifically that the Father is the source of faith in him and says they must let the Father "draw" them to Jesus. The Greek word translated here as draw, can also be translated as "drag" and the verb implies resistance from the one being drawn or dragged. Yes, we are a hard case and the Father has to drag us to faith in Jesus. Next, note the **FUNCTIONING of FAITH**. Here too the Greek is important, for the word translated here as "believes" is better translated as "whoever goes on believing." Thus, faith is more than an event, an answering of an altar call, or getting baptized. Faith is an on-going disposition and only this sort of faith will lead us to eternal life. Finally, note the **FOOD of FAITH**. With our faith in the Lord firmly in place and active, we are now journeying to heaven and we need food for the journey. Do you believe that what you receive in communion every Sunday is more than a wafer of bread, but is in fact the Lord himself who can sustain you with his flesh and blood and draw you to salvation?

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Intentions of Sharon Lewis
 9:30am Intentions of Corrine Armstrong-Mercer
 11:00am Andrew Joseph Barnes, Sr. (B'day) †
 7:00pm Lucy D'Souza †
Monday, August 12
 7:00am Raymond Francis Harris †
Tuesday, August 13
 7:00am Elizabeth Walker †
Wednesday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 7:00am Clyde Fairfax, Sr. (B'day) †
Thursday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00am Howard Yates †
 10:00am Beverly Vaughn †
 7:00am Virginia Slaughter Ailer †
Friday, August 16
 7:00am Ollie & June Johnson (16th Anniversary)
Saturday, August 17
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Paul Macon (B'day) †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c MATTHEW 17:22-27
TUESDAY: Ez 2:8-3:4 MATTHEW 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
WEDNESDAY: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22 MATTHEW 18:15-20
THURSDAY: 1 CHR 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 1 COR 15:54B-57 LK 11:27-28
FRIDAY: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 MATTHEW 19:3-12
SATURDAY: Ez 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32 MATTHEW 19:13-15



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

August 4, 2024

4:30pm	35
8:00am	59
9:30am	37
11:00am	136
7:00pm	62
Total:	329

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (8/12) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Thursday (8/15) Assumption 7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Wednesday (8/14) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	Friday (8/16) 6:00pm Adoration/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.



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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into Heaven following her death. The feast day is celebrated on **Thursday, August 15th** and is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be celebrated here at HCSC at 7AM, 10AM, and 7PM. To learn more about why this is a part of our Catholic belief, scan the QR code.



Queen, assumed into heaven, pray for us.



Join with us in prayer and to offer condolences to the family of Sr. Mariam Annai Vailankanni, SSVM and Sr. Maryam Sub Diloo Ki Malka, SSVM whose beloved mother Lucy D'Souza passed away on Aug. 4th after a long illness. May her soul find eternal rest in Christ's love.



THANK YOU to those who were able to support the Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) annual raffle fundraiser. The winning raffle tickets were drawn on Sun., Aug 4th at their Homecoming celebration in Baltimore, MD.

Although we had no winning tickets drawn from this parish we are grateful for your support. This annual raffle and Homecoming events supports the Sisters in their continued efforts to educate and serve God's people in the poorest locations. We were blessed to have had the Oblates at both Saint Cyprian and the combined Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian schools. To learn more about the Oblates, scan QR code or visit: oblatesisters.com.



If you are interested in purchasing a bound color-copy of the *Mass in Slow Motion* by **Msgr. Charles Pope**, visit the Candlelight (Usher) Store in the rear of the church or contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). To cover printing cost, we are making this bound edition available for \$5. Msgr. Pope wrote this step-by-step detail of the Catholic

Mass—explaining the liturgical protocols and the meaning behind them. This book is just a small effort to deepen our understanding of the Holy Mass and to realize that every word and every gesture has rich layers of meaning: *historical, theological, catechetical, and devotional*. Hopefully, it will assist in appreciation and understanding of the Mass and to see its inner harmony and purpose.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are scheduled to begin this fall (to be held **Sunday's at 9:30AM in the rectory**). Classes are designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments and for those returning to the Church after a long absence and looking to enrich their faith. Questions? For information or to just find out if this is something that will help you in your faith journey, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or email: rciahcsc@gmail.com.



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!*



Learn more about the Eucharist! **Scan the QR code** with cellphone camera to link to webpage.

Visit our 'Eucharistic Miracles' exhibit 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.



BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC



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



FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: 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.



Our parish uses an online communication tool called **FLOCKNOTE** to send email messages to parishioners. Flocknote lets you choose the news you want, giving you direct access to manage your **FREE** subscription and info. Currently, bible study, homilies, bulletins and general parish news are emailed via **Flocknote**. If you have not signed up, **subscribe NOW and stay connected**. Text **HCSC** to **84576** or visit hscchurch.flocknote.com/. It's quick & easy!



VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay home or travel, we 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 Sunday Mass. Visit **DiscoverMass.com** or **masstimes.org** for mass times and locations around the country. Also on MyParishApp!

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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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(a Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, August 15th, 2024

Mass Times:

7:00am

10:00am

7:00pm

'My soul proclaims the Greatness of the Lord'

THE STORY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma (*meaning a principal of our belief*) of faith: “*We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.*” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—*Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption*—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity (*meaning this holy day is a celebration of greatest importance in our liturgical calendar*).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1st Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.



REFLECTION

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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