

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

John 6:53-54

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b   Eph 5:21-32                      John 6:60-69



Today's readings continue to teach us about the Holy Eucharist. First we are taught by Jesus of the **REALITY** of the Eucharist. Jesus calls himself the Living bread from heaven and then teaches that the bread he will give is His Flesh for the life of the world. At the Last Supper he said of the bread, "This is my Body." It is clear that the reality of the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of the Lord. But next, note the **REACTION** to the teaching on the Eucharist. The assembled crowd largely scoffs and ridicules the teaching of Jesus. They interpret him to be speaking literally (as he was) and then say, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?!" Next, there is the **REINFORCEMENT** of the Eucharist. Jesus does not back down for a minute at this bad reaction nor does he say he merely speaks symbolically of the bread as his flesh. No, he doubles-down and tells them (in the graphic Greek text) that they must gnaw on his flesh. Clearly this teaching is important and he is willing to lose some to save others. There will be no setting aside of this "unpopular" saying. Finally, there is the **REWARD** of the Eucharist. Jesus shows why he sees it as so important by teaching that the Eucharist will cause us to remain in him and he in us and that, on account of that unity, that communion, he will raise us to eternal life with him. The Italians have a desert known as tiramisù which literally means "Pick me up." You might say the Holy Eucharist is the ultimate "pick me up" since by it the Lord takes us up to life eternal.



**FUNERAL:** Ronald Leon Jameson (8/19)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, August 18** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am Intentions of Brian Gilliam  
 9:30am William Turner †  
 11:00am Emma Wilson (104<sup>th</sup> B'day)  
 7:00pm Morris Matthew Taylor †  
**Monday, August 19**  
 7:00am James Wilmer Fenwick †  
**Tuesday, August 20** St. Bernard  
 7:00am Maurice Gordon †  
**Wednesday, August 21** St. Pius X, Pope  
 7:00am Monica Scott-Lewis †  
**Thursday, August 22** The Queenship of the BVM  
 7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross †  
**Friday, August 23**  
 7:00am Intentions of Andre McAllister III (B'day)  
**Saturday, August 24** St. Bartholomew  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Joyce Ann Shaw †

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** EZEKIEL 24:15-23      MATTHEW 19:16-22  
**TUESDAY:** EZEKIEL 28:1-10      MATTHEW 19:23-30  
**WEDNESDAY:** EZEKIEL 34:1-11      MATTHEW 20:1-16  
**THURSDAY:** EZEKIEL 36:23-28      MATTHEW 22:1-14  
**FRIDAY:** EZEKIEL 37:1-14      MATTHEW 22:34-40  
**SATURDAY:** REV 21:9B-14      JOHN 1:45-51



**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](https://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	
August 11, 2024	
4:30pm	33
8:00am	44
9:30am	46
11:00am	144
7:00pm	68
<b>Total:</b>	<b>335</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (8/19)</b> 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Wednesday (8/21)</b> 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
	<b>Friday (8/23)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration



**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.*

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Henry Allerton Kilborne* who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **August 10<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless Henry and his parents as he begins this spiritual journey.



**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** to **EMMA WILSON** (*mother to Laura Stanton*) who will celebrate her **104<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord continue to bless His faithful servant in His endless love and nurturing care.

❧ *Happy Birthday!* ❧



### SAVE THE DATE



**HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION:** Our parish will celebrate only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**. We will have 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, and 7PM Mass on Sunday. We are planning a reception on the Church grounds following the 10AM Mass! **We need volunteers** for set-up, serving/clean-up. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) if you can help with reception.



**HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC** is **Sat., Sept., 21<sup>st</sup> at Cosca Park (Clinton, MD)**. **We need our parishioners help to make this annual family event happen!** If you like to offer your time and talent as a volunteer, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org). This annual picnic has been a tradition for a number of years in our parish and provided a wonderful fellowship for families and friends. Help us maintain that spirit of community. Save the date and let us know if you can help us out. It a **FREE** event for the family and friends!



**The HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** is **Sun., Oct. 27<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm**. It will be a **FREE** concert (*a free-will offering will be taken*). **Theme: God is In Control!** Come and Praise the Lord with us in song and music! Invite family, friends and neighbors! Mark your calendar!



Copies of the bound edition of the **Mass in Slow Motion** by **Msgr. Charles Pope**, is available for \$5 in the Candlelight (Usher) Store in rear of the church or contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). Msgr. Pope wrote this step-by-step detail of the Catholic Mass—explaining the liturgical protocols and the meaning behind them. It 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.



### LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

During the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish sought to root and link all our activities, retreats and functions to Jesus who is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. Our hope was 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 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 also heard at this time.






**ARE YOU IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL?** The HCSC Ladies of Charity will provide school items to families who have youth who need supplies or other items (lunch boxes, uniforms, etc.). If you have a need or know of a family (they do not have to be a parishioner), contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).



**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) begin this fall (**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 sacraments and for those looking to enrich their faith. Questions? To find out if this is something that will help you in your faith journey, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [rciahcsc@gmail.com](mailto:rciahcsc@gmail.com).

### 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 the month at 10:30AM in the chapel.
-  **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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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or (202) 546-1885.

**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

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