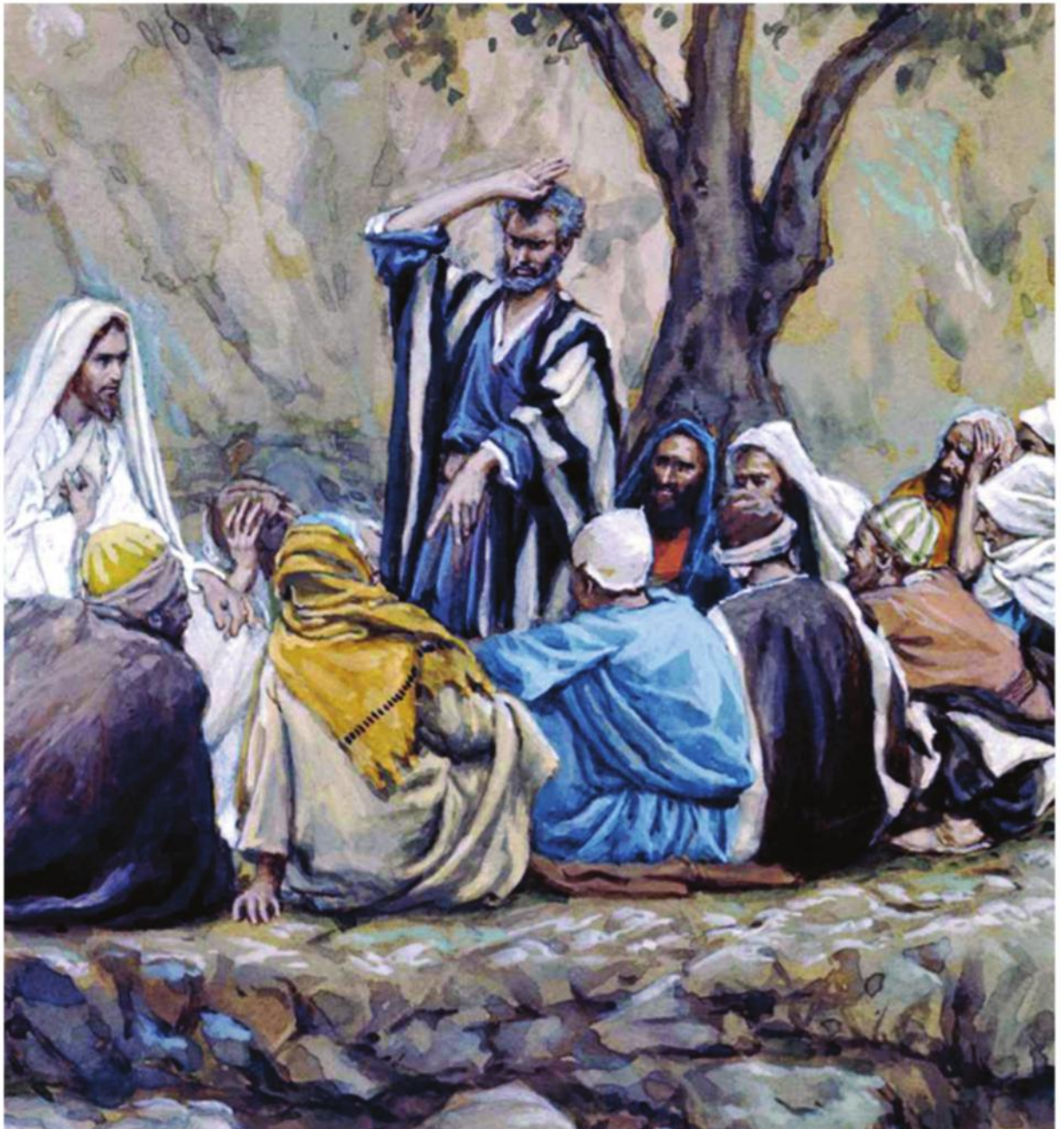


21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Jn 6:67-69



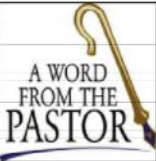
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



The readings today contain two “hard sayings.” The One which we have been examining for five weeks now is Jesus teaching on the Holy Eucharist and his insistence, despite grumbling crowds, that Holy Communion really is his Body and Blood. So upset were many who heard this that, as we read today, many left him and would no longer follow him because he taught in this way. Your Amen today for Communion indicates you stand with Jesus in this first hard saying. The second hard saying is from St. Paul, who as an apostles speaks for Christ. We are taught that wives should be submitted to their husbands. A hard saying for some! Of course the Lord goes on to teach through St. Paul that a husband should have a passionate (sacrificial) love for his wife and also a purifying love, and a providing love. Hence the husband has serious and significant obligations to his wife and children. Headship, in the Christian tradition is always about service and responsibility not rank. Still, a hard saying for the wife, but also for the husband if he takes to heart his charge.



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 17-18, 2024

4:30pm	38
8:00am	52
9:30am	23
11:00am	136
7:00pm	59
Total:	308

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, August 25 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Ernestine Freeman †
- 9:30am Za'Riyah Plummer (16mths old—killed in traffic accident) †
- 11:00am Philomena Smith †
- 7:00pm Loretta Humber-Greene †

Monday, August 26

- 7:00am Barbara Ann Nettles (B'day) †

Tuesday, August 27 *St. Monica*

- 7:00am Cornelia C. Hamilton †

Wednesday, August 28 *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

- 7:00am Mark Anthony Smothers †

Thursday, August 29 *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

- 7:00am Zaria Simone White †

Friday, August 30

- 7:00am Sandra Jean Thomas †

Saturday, August 31

- 8:00am For the People
- 4:30pm William Prescott †

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (8/26)

7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday (8/28)

7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (8/30)

6:00pm Holy Hour/Confessions



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.

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.



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12	MATTHEW 23:13-22
TUESDAY:	2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17	MATTHEW 23:23-26
WEDNESDAY:	2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18	MATTHEW 23:27-32
THURSDAY:	1 COR 1:1-9	MARK 6:17-29
FRIDAY:	1 COR 1:17-25	MATTHEW 25:1-13
SATURDAY:	1 COR 1:26-31	MATTHEW 25:14-30

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.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2024—25 for youth in pre-K through 12th grade begins on **Sept. 29th**. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teachings of the Catholic faith and includes youth who need their Sacraments (*First Communion and Confirmation*). Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or 202-368-7231. **Registration forms are in the rear of the church or at 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) are begin this fall (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 sacrament 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: rciahsc@gmail.com. Registration forms in rear of church.



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES? 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.



SAVE THE DATE



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: Our parish will celebrate only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 15th 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 if you can help with reception.



HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **Sat., Sept., 21st** 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. Save the date and let us know if you can help us out. It a **FREE** event for the family and friends!



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. Also on MyParishApp!



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 your 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.

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.



Knights of Peter Claver Bishop Leonard J. Olivier Council 364 is hosting **'An Evangelization Morning of Reflection'** on **Sat., Sept. 14th** from 9AM-12Noon at St. Teresa of Avila Church (1244 V St., SE, WDC). **Donation:** \$20 (*continental breakfast, a Crucifix Crusade kit & funding for the Human Trafficking Project*). Msgr. Raymond East is the prayer leader and Grand Knight Michael Russell is the speaker. Scan QR code for tickets or contact Michael Russell at 301-292-3973 or Robert Fuller at 202-236-7164.



Join the **Sisters in the Spirit** for their Triumph of the Cross celebration titled **'Women at the Cross: Renewed and Redeemed'** on **Sat., Sept. 14th** from 9AM-3:30PM at Holy Family Catholic Church (12010 Woodmore Rd., Mitchellville, MD). Dr. Valerie D. Lewis-Mosley is the facilitator. **Cost:** \$40 (*includes breakfast, lunch & program materials*). Scan QR code → for tickets and more details.



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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at 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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September 2024

Dear HCSC Families,

We are excited to offer our Catholic education catechism classes from 9:30-10:45AM every Sunday, except summer months, at the school building (15th & East Capitol Sts, SE) for youth in pre-K—12th grade. Youth who are preparing to receive sacraments (*First Communion, Reconciliation (Penance) and Confirmation*) are **required** to attend Sunday school as they are milestones in their spiritual journey as a Catholic. Our Sunday school program is **FREE** and the **first day of class is Sunday, September 29th**.

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), complete a registration form (located in rear of church) and drop off rectory office; email: mre@hcscchurch.org, or mail to address on letterhead (ATTN: Shirley Austin). You can also complete a **fillable** registration form on our website (hcscchurch.org) and email to mre@hcscchurch.org. If you have attended Sunday school in prior years and have already completed a registration form in the last year, just contact Mrs. Austin with any new information or changes (such as address, phone or email).

We also invite parents to participate in our Adult Sunday School Program that is led by our clergy and catechists. We had great participation in the past and want to continue this year so that our parents can learn about their faith along with their children. The Adult Sunday School Program is held the same time as your child's class so it is convenient for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for bible study, parental discussion and fellowship among our families.

Our Sunday school teachers are outstanding in their support and dedication in answering God's call to serve the people of God, especially our children. Thank you to the parents who supply nourishment for our families and we invite all our parents to assist with this very important part of the overall success of our Sunday school. Let us know if you can assist with the food and coffee service during Sunday school.

If you have questions, contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231 or mre@hcscchurch.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
Pastor

Mrs. Shirley Austin
Minister of Religious Education

*Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, Let the children come to me and do not prevent them:
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Luke 18:16*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help for two upcoming events hosted by Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish

Feast of Saint Cyprian Mass & Reception

Sun., Sept. 15, 2024
*(following the 11am
Mass - out on the plaza)*

What's needed:

- Planning the menu
- Set-up crew
- Food Servers
- Clean-up

Annual Family & Friends Picnic

Sat., Sept. 21, 2024
Cosca Park, Clinton MD

What's needed:

- Shopping for food & supplies
- Set-up at park
- Food servers
- Assist with games
- General help and clean-up

Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org for questions and to sign-up to help. Thank you!!



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