

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name
who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mk 9:39-40



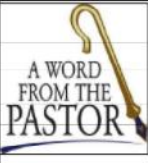
TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Gen 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16



In today's Gospel we see three Principles for prophets. In speaking of prophets, this means you, for by our baptism we are all summoned to be prophets for the Lord. The first principle is **PROPER PRIORITIES**. The Apostle John, speaking with consternation, indicates that he and the others tried to prevent someone from driving out a demon in Jesus' name, because the exorcist "was not of our company." This whole action bespeaks confused priorities. Task number one is to advance the Kingdom of God, and take back territory from the evil one. If someone, in Jesus name, is able to drive out demons, we ought to praise the Lord! The enemy of my enemy is my friend. But the Apostles here seem more concerned, about pedigree, personal advancement, power, prestige, and pride. Souls being set free seems a secondary concern to them. Wrong priority! Priority number one: more about Jesus and his Kingdom, less about me and my glory. The second principle **PROPHETS need PARTNERSHIP**. The Lord admonishes the apostles, "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink...will surely not lose his reward." This, of course, implies that the apostles will be needy of help, encouragement, and basic necessities as they undertake to proclaim the gospel. The attitude of wanting to do everything myself, is not only prideful, it is foolish and impossible. We must accept that one of the provisions necessary for those who would be prophets, is the help and support of others. The final principle is **PERCEIVE the PRIMARY PROBLEM**. Through the use of several analogies, the Lord illustrates just how serious sin is, and how essential our need to draw people to salvation. Jesus came to save us from our sins. Our sin is our most serious problem. Jesus says to sin is more serious than to lose our hand, or foot, or eye. It is an essential role of the prophet to help people recognize the absolute need for salvation, and then to draw them to the one who alone can save them. The ancient prophets held up the sins of the people before them and called them to return to the Lord wholeheartedly. How about us?

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 29 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Doris Edelin †
 9:30am Intentions of James Edelin
 11:00am Delante Rush, Jr.(B'day)
 7:00pm Richard Aspinwall (*killed at shooting in GA*) †
Monday, September 30 *St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Karen Thomas Mitchell (B'day) †
Tuesday, October 1 *St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Intentions of Natalia Valasquez
Wednesday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
 7:00am Those suffering through natural disasters
Thursday, October 3
 7:00am Barbara Nettles †
Friday, October 4 *St. Francis of Assisi*
 7:00am Charles Curry †
Saturday, October 5 *St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Elaine Carter †

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 email: hcsstaff@hscchurch.org. The stipend is \$10 per intention.



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.
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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 September 22, 2024	
4:30pm	24
8:00am	56
9:30am	38
11:00am	143
7:00pm	79
Total:	340

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/30) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (10/4) 8am-7pm Eucharistic Adoration 10:30am Youth Rally (off-site) 6:30PM Blessing of the Animals
Tuesday (10/1) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sunday (10/6) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA
Wednesday (10/2) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	

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:	JOB 1:6-22	LUKE 9:46-50
TUESDAY:	JOB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23	LUKE 9:51-56
WEDNESDAY:	JOB 9:1-12, 14-16	MAT 18:1-5, 10
THURSDAY:	JOB 19:21-27	LUKE 10:1-12
FRIDAY:	JOB 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5	LUKE 10:13-16
SATURDAY:	JOB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17	LUKE 10:17-24

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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

WELCOME BACK

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome our Sunday School students and families as they begin a new school year! If you have not registered your child(ren), pick up a registration form in the rear of church. Let us continue to pray for our students, their families and the dedicated teachers as they continue this life journey of learning and living their faith.



to the volunteers who assisted with the Parish Picnic last week. What a fun time we had! A special word of gratitude to Annette Brooks and her awesome crew of volunteers. Many thanks to Darryl Graham and his team for lugging all the supplies back and forth from the church to the park and helping with set-up and clean-up. We had a large number of parishioners attending and lots of food and fun!



CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Davis and Devon Brophy who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **September 21st**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: **October 4th** 8:00AM (morning Mass at 7AM) until 7:00PM in the church sanctuary. Our monthly First Friday All-Day Eucharistic Adoration is held on the first Friday of each month. Consider stopping by or signing up to pray for an hour. See flyer for sign-up link. Come and spend some time with Jesus.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Friday, Oct., 4th**, our clergy will bless your pets on the church plaza between **6:30pm—8:00pm**. Bring your pets and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by for a brief blessing.



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (called RCIA) begin this fall and are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or 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: 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.

Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told



This year, our parish will set our focus on the “*Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told*”. The Scriptures teach us why and how we exist, what happened to us in Original Sin and How God, in his great mercy, has redeemed us and called us back to Him in newness of life. This will be a whole-parish catechesis, led by our pastor, in three stages. Words from a keynote song titled *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* helps us to understand the 3 stages:

- i) **OUR FALL**— *I once was lost in Sin,*
- ii) **OUR REDEEMPTION** — *But Jesus took me in,*
- iii) **OUR GRACE** — *And then a little Light from Heaven Filled my Soul.*

Stay tuned for weekly bible stories in the bulletin and sign-up to receive the stories and videos in your email via FlockNote.

Yes, Just a little talk with Jesus made me whole!



SAVE THE DATE: THE 35th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: October 7—9, 2024 at 7PM at Mount Calvary Catholic Church (6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD).

Theme: *Anchored in God: Hold Onto Your Purpose—Unapologetically.* **Revivalist:** Rev. Ajani Gibson, Pastor, St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, New Orleans. See flyer for details.

→ **YOUTH RALLY** held on Oct. 5th (ages 5-17). See info below.

The East of the River Revival Youth Rally is Sat, Oct. 5th from 10AM—4PM at the Church of the Incarnation (800 Eastern Ave., NE, WDC). Youth (ages 5—17) are invited but must submit a Release & Consent form to attend. Free food, games and other activities including a closing Mass at 4PM. Contact our Youth Director Nicki Gebrehiwot at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202.330.8302 to register for and for more details.



Are you a Catholic staffer on Capitol Hill? Do you know of someone? Consider joining the **Congressional Catholic Staff Association**. CCSA hosts speaker events, service projects, and professional development opportunities to help build a stronger Catholic community. CCSA is an official, non-partisan, bicameral Congressional Staff Organization. To sign up visit: congressionalcatholicstaff.com or contact: James Mazol at james_mazol@armedservices.senate.gov.

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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

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FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 TH

**MASS AT 7AM FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND ADORATION UNTIL
7PM IN THE CHURCH.**

**Our parish will hold First Friday All-Day Adoration every first
Friday of the month. Please share this information along
with the sign-up information to others.**

TO SIGN UP:

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE AT 202-546-1885 OR
HCSCSTAFF@HCSCCHURCH.ORG. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SIGN-UP, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
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**10 AM-4 PM WITH THE
CLOSING MASS AT 4 PM**

SPEAKER
REV. STEPHEN SOHE, SSO

AGES
5-17

Release forms are required for youth participation. All forms are to be submitted online by Sunday, September, 22, 2024.

Please click the hyperlink below or scan the QR code.

<https://form.jotform.com/240323286886160>



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If you are interested, contact Nicki Grebrehiwot, HCSC Director of Youth Ministry at 202-330-8302 or youthdirector@hscchurch.org.

Southeast Deanery and Partnering Churches Present

The 35th Annual East of the River Revival



**“Anchored in God:
Hold on to Your Purpose--
Unapologetically”**



Revivalist:

**Rev. Ajani Gibson, Pastor of St. Peter Claver
Catholic Church, New Orleans.**

Rev. Gibson received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies and Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies from The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. He earned a Master of Divinity from the Notre Dame Seminary and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 5, 2021 at 27 years old.

Rev. Gibson is one of the youngest African American priests in the United States.

**October 7, 8, and 9, 2024 at 7 PM
Mount Calvary Catholic Church
6700 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747**

SAVE THE DATE!

FURTHER DETAILS ARE FORTHCOMING.



Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary



October 2024



(Sodality members photo – April 7, 2024)

Moderator, Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
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SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: The mission of the Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Sodality is to promote a greater devotion to Our Lord through the veneration of His Blessed Mother, and to provide a medium through which Sodalists may experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with God in their daily lives. The Sodality, which is comprised of women and men, carries out its mission through prayer, meditation and reflection, acts of charity, fellowship opportunities and other activities. If you are interested contact a Sodalist or Sharon Lewis, Prefect.

History of Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian's Sodality

Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian's Sodality was formed shortly after the dedication of St. Cyprian's Church in 1894. Over more than 130 years, we continue the legacy of women and men of faith, love and devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, as we grow closer to Jesus.

**Join the Sodality on the first Sundays,
from October 2024 to June 2025, after the 8:00am Mass
Center City School Cafeteria, 15th & East Capitol Streets, SE**

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross**
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the **"Apostles' Creed"**
3. On the first bead, say an **"Our Father"**
4. Say three **"Hail Marys"** on each of the next three beads
5. Say the **"Glory Be"**



6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, and then say the **"Our Father"**. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten **"Hail Marys"** while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a **"Glory Be"**. and the **Fatima Prayer**: After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: **"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."**

7. After saying the five decades, say the **"Hail, Holy Queen,"** followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MYSTERIES, THEIR SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE & VIRTUES TO IMITATE:

Joyful Mysteries: (traditionally said on Mondays and Saturdays, except during Lent)

1. The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38); **Trust, Purity, & Humility**
2. The Visitation (Lk 1:39-80); **Service to & Love of Community**
3. The Nativity (Mt 2:1-12 and Lk 2:1-20); **Love of God, Joy, & Peace**
4. The Presentation in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38); **Obedience**
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus after Three Days in the Temple (Lk 2:41-52); **Gift of Understanding, Knowledge, & Wisdom**

Luminous Mysteries: (traditionally said on Thursdays, except during Lent)

1. The Baptism at the Jordan (Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22 and Jn 1:29-34); **Purity**
2. The Miracle at Cana (Jn 2:1-11); **Fidelity**
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion (Mt 4:17 and 4:23 -5:12); **Sorrow for Sin**
4. The Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8 and Lk 9:28-36); **Courage**
5. The Institution of the Eucharist ((Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25 and Lk 22:14-20); **Love of the Eucharistic Lord & Adoration**

Sorrowful Mysteries: (traditionally said on Tuesdays, Fridays; & daily from Ash Wednesday until Easter)

1. The Agony in the Garden; (Mt 26:36-50; Mk 14:32-45; & Lk 22:39-48); **Prayer, Meditation, & Contemplation**
2. The Scourging at the Pillar (Jn 19:1); **Prudence**
3. The Crowning of Thorns (Mt 27:27-31; Mk 15:16-20); **Honesty**
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Mt 27:32; Mk 15:21; Lk 2:22-38 and 23:26-31); **Patience**
5. The Crucifixion (Mt 27:33-54; Mk 15:22-39; Lk 23:33-47 and Jn 19:18-37); **Final Perseverance**

Glorious Mysteries: (traditionally said on Wednesdays except during Lent, & Sundays from Easter to Advent)

1. The Resurrection (Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-11; Lk 24:1-12 and Jn 21:1-18); **Faith**
2. The Ascension (Mk 16:19-29; Lk 24:50-51 and Acts 1:6-11); **Hope**
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4); Fortitude, **Courage, & Zeal**
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (Lk 1:52); **Piety**
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth (Rev 12:1-5); **Honor of Mary**

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