



“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

*Pope Francis*

**Respect Life**

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jeremiah 31:7-9      Hebrews 5:1-6      Mark 10:46-52



In the Gospel today the Lord reminds us that glory, and many of the things we value most, come at the cost of sacrifice, of the cross. Note three stages of the teaching: **Misplaced Priorities**—the Gospel opens with James and John approaching the Lord with an inept question, even a demand. “Grant that in your glory, we may sit, one at your right, and the other at your left.” They exhibit little understanding that prior to honors comes labor, comes the earning of it. Their priorities are misplaced. They want a crown but without the cross. And that leads to the **Major Price**—the Lord Jesus, replies to them, “You do not know what you are asking! Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” Those who finally do attain to leadership, often know what cross it is. It can be lonely, there are many pressures, often there are many long hours, and the heavy weight of a sense of responsibility. **Medicinal Prescription**—the other apostles join in the confusion, becoming indignant that James and John tried to get special dibs on the seats of honor. He says that the greatest in the kingdom is the servant of all, indeed, the slave of all. Is this plain enough? It is not those who sit at the head of the table, even those who sit at the foot of the table, nor any place at the table. The greatest are those who wait on the table, who serve.

**FUNERALS:** James Edelin (10/16)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, October 20** *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00am Intentions of Sharlene Carter  
 9:30am James E. Young (B'day 10/21)  
 11:00am Shelly Townsend (B'day)  
 7:00pm James Edelin †  
**Monday, October 21**  
 7:00am Mattie Barclay (B'day) †  
**Tuesday, October 22** *St. John Paul II, Pope*  
 7:00am James C. Walker (B'day) †  
**Wednesday, October 23** *St. John of Capistrano, Priest*  
 7:00am Phillip Whitlock †  
**Thursday, October 24** *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
 7:00am Austina Jones †  
**Friday, October 25**  
 7:00am Pauline Macon (B'day) †  
**Saturday, October 26**  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Gladys Lancaster †

**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 stipend is \$10 per intention.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:**      EPHESIANS 2:1-10      LUKE 12:13-21  
**TUESDAY:**    EPHESIANS 2:12-22    LUKE 12:35-38  
**WEDNESDAY:** EPHESIANS 3:2-12    LUKE 12:39-48  
**THURSDAY:**    EPHESIANS 3:14-21    LUKE 12:49-53  
**FRIDAY:**        EPHESIANS 4:1-6        LUKE 12:54-59  
**SATURDAY:**    EPHESIANS 4:7-16     LUKE 13:1-9



**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	
October 13, 2024	
4:30pm	58
8:00am	66
9:30am	50
11:00am	122
7:00pm	68
<b>Total:</b>	<b>370</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (10/21)</b> 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (10/25)</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confession
<b>Tuesday (10/22)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday (10/27)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Ladies of Charity 4:00pm Choir Concert
<b>Wednesday (10/23)</b> 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 and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION or HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. This Catholic devotion dates back to the early days of the Church. During adoration, a consecrated host is exposed, allowing us to sit and pray in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard at this time.



**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:**  
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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE

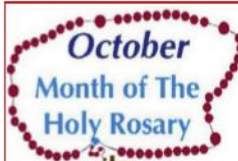


**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jace Landon Reid** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **October 13<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless Jace and his parents as he begins this spiritual journey.



**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Every October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of

life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Our parish will provide information in the bulletin and in the rear of the church on life issues. For more church teachings and resources on Respect Life Month, visit: [www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month](http://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month).



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. According to an account by 15<sup>th</sup> century Dominican, *Alan de la Roch*, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. We will provide literature and rosaries in the rear of the church over the next couple of weeks. Learn why this devotion to our Blessed Mother is such a powerful prayer!



**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day in November for the *Poor Souls*. **To include your relatives and friends**, write names on the *All Souls Day* envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in rear of church) and drop in collection basket or rectory office. These names are placed on the altar for the month of November. A donation is not needed to submit names but is appreciated. **FAITH DIRECT USERS:** If you tithe via Faith Direct, email names to [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885.

**SEEKING HANDYMAN:** Our parish is in need of a handyman who can work with minor repairs and maintenance in the rectory and church. Must have experience and references. Employment is based on an 'as-needed' basis and paid hourly or by project. If you know of someone or are 'handy' yourself, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) for more info.

### 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.*

A reflection by Msgr. Pope on the bible stories will be in the bulletin **every other week**. They are also on our website **and** emailed via **FlockNote** along with a video. **To sign-up** to receive these emails, go to: [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a FREE service!

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

### 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.

**MSGR. POPE'S HOMILIES & TEACHINGS** are available at [msgrpope.com](http://msgrpope.com). Check out this online resource on the teachings, homilies, radio show (The Quest), books and much more from Msgr. Charles Pope.



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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:

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# Protect Women: Vote No

A message from the Catholic Bishops of Maryland | 2024

This November voters across the country will cast their ballots in national and local elections. Maryland is one of several states that will ask voters to enshrine abortion into their state constitution.

This is an important time for us to reiterate our commitment to the protection of all human life. We oppose the “Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment” as it contradicts the fundamental principles of respect for human dignity and the inherent right to life.

Our opposition to this initiative is rooted in our unwavering concern for the well-being of women and children. Abortion not only ends the life of an innocent child but also poses significant risks to the physical, emotional and spiritual health of women.

## PERPETUATES THROWAWAY CULTURE

Enshrining abortion into Maryland’s constitution would further perpetuate a “throwaway” culture that devalues human life and fails to provide adequate support and alternatives for women facing difficult decisions regarding their pregnancies.

Pope Francis consistently reminds us that “...people are never to be thrown out. The disadvantaged cannot be thrown away. Every person is a sacred and unique gift, no matter what their age or condition is. Let us always respect and promote life! Let us not throw life away.”

## DIVERTS RESOURCES FROM WOMEN’S WELL-BEING

Enshrining abortion in the constitution would divert attention and resources away from broader efforts to promote women’s well-being and address the root causes of abortion. Instead of a sole focus on access to abortion, it is necessary to advocate for comprehensive solutions that provide women with access to healthcare, resources for families, and education and job opportunities.

We must foster a culture of life where every person is valued and supported, and where women facing difficult decisions regarding pregnancy and parenthood feel respected and empowered.

## RISKS HEALTHCARE WORKER RIGHTS

By enshrining abortion in the constitution, we risk undermining existing protections for religious freedom, conscience rights, and the rights of healthcare providers to practice according to their beliefs.

## LIMITS ABILITY TO RESPOND TO NEEDS

A constitutional amendment severely limits legislative flexibility and prevents elected officials from enacting laws that respond to changing circumstances or new evidence related to abortion policy and the protection of women.

The unfortunate reality is that nothing regarding abortion in Maryland would change if this amendment were defeated. Sadly, Maryland has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the country, allowing for abortion at any stage of pregnancy, including right up to the moment of birth.

## REJECT BALLOT INITIATIVE

We stand in solidarity with women and children, and we reject the notion that abortion is a solution to the challenges faced by women in crisis situations. It is essential that we pursue solutions that include compassionate support, resources, and alternatives to abortion for women facing difficult circumstances.

We urge voters to reject this ballot initiative and stand with us in upholding the sanctity of all human life, safeguarding conscience rights, and standing in solidarity with women and children in need. Together, let us work towards building a culture of life in which every person is valued, cherished and protected.

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

Wilton Cardinal Gregory  
Archbishop of Washington

Most Reverend William Koenig  
Bishop of Wilmington



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# Protege a las mujeres: **Vota no**

Un mensaje de los obispos católicos de Maryland | 2024

Este noviembre, los votantes de todo el país emitirán sus votos en las elecciones nacionales y locales. Maryland es uno de varios estados que pedirá a los votantes consagrar el aborto en su constitución estatal.

Es un momento importante para reiterar nuestro compromiso con la protección de toda vida humana. Nos oponemos a la "Enmienda del Derecho a la Libertad Reproductiva" ya que contradice los principios fundamentales de respeto por la dignidad humana y el derecho inherente a la vida.

Nuestra oposición a esta iniciativa se basa en nuestra preocupación inquebrantable por el bienestar de mujeres y niños. El aborto no solo termina la vida de un niño inocente, sino que también representa riesgos significativos para la salud física, emocional y espiritual de las mujeres.

## PERPETUA LA CULTURA DE LO "DESECHABLE"

Consagrar el aborto en la constitución de Maryland perpetuaría aún más una cultura de lo "desechable" que devalúa la vida humana y no proporciona apoyo ni alternativas adecuadas para las mujeres que enfrentan decisiones difíciles respecto a sus embarazos.

El Papa Francisco nos recuerda constantemente que "...las personas no se pueden tirar, ¡los desfavorecidos no se pueden tirar! Cada uno es un don sagrado, y cada uno es un don único, a cualquier edad y en cualquier condición. ¡Respetemos y promovamos la vida siempre! ¡No descartemos la vida!"

## DESVIA RECURSOS EL BIENESTAR DE LAS MUJERES

Consagrar el aborto en la constitución desviaría la atención y los recursos de los esfuerzos más amplios para promover el bienestar de las mujeres y abordar las causas fundamentales del aborto. En lugar de centrarse únicamente en el acceso al aborto, es necesario abogar por soluciones integrales que proporcionen a las mujeres acceso a la atención médica, recursos para las familias, y oportunidades educativas y laborales.

Debemos fomentar una cultura de la vida donde cada persona sea valorada y apoyada, y donde las mujeres que enfrentan decisiones difíciles respecto al embarazo y la maternidad se sientan respetadas y empoderadas.

## RIESGOS DERECHOS DE LOS PROVEEDORES DE ATENCIÓN MÉDICA

Al consagrar el aborto en la constitución, corremos el riesgo de debilitar las protecciones existentes para la libertad religiosa, los derechos de conciencia y los derechos de los proveedores de atención médica para practicar según sus creencias.

## LIMITA LA CAPACIDAD DE RESPONDER A LAS NECESIDADES

Una enmienda constitucional limita severamente la flexibilidad legislativa e impide que los funcionarios electos promulguen leyes que respondan a circunstancias cambiantes o nuevas evidencias relacionadas con la política de aborto y la protección de las mujeres.

La triste realidad es que nada cambiaría respecto al aborto en Maryland si esta enmienda fuera derrotada. Tristemente, Maryland tiene algunas de las leyes de aborto más permisivas del país, permitiendo el aborto en cualquier etapa del embarazo, incluido justo hasta el momento del nacimiento.

Nos solidarizamos con las mujeres y los niños, y rechazamos la idea de que el aborto es una solución a los desafíos que enfrentan las mujeres en situaciones de crisis. Es esencial que busquemos soluciones que incluyan apoyo compasivo, recursos y alternativas al aborto para mujeres en circunstancias difíciles.

## RECHAZAR ESTA INICIATIVA DE VOTACIÓN

Instamos a los votantes a rechazar esta iniciativa de votación y a unirse a nosotros en la defensa de la santidad de toda vida humana, la protección de los derechos de conciencia y el apoyo a las mujeres y niños necesitados. Juntos, trabajemos hacia la construcción de una cultura de la vida en la que cada persona sea valorada, apreciada y protegida.

Reverendísimo William E. Lori  
Arzobispo de Baltimore

Su Eminencia Wilton Cardinal Gregory  
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