

The Lord Our God is
LORD ALONE

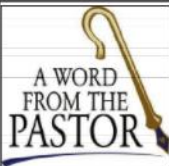
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44



In both the first reading today and in the Gospel, we hear the well-known *Shema* prayer of Israel. It is, in the words of the ancient Rabbis, the whole law standing on one foot; which is a Jewish reference to brevity. Fundamentally, there are four principles that describe our love for God. First of all, our love for God is to be **Unrivaled**, for the text says *Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!* For us there are to be no other gods, whether in the ancient biblical sense of the pagan gods, or in the more modern sense of things we treat like gods such as money, sex, power, pleasure, convenience, choice, television, or entertainment. God does not simply want a place on our list, He *is* our list. Our love is also to be **Unswerving**. The text says, *Therefore you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.* Now the heart is the place of decision, and to love the Lord with all our heart means that all of our decisions are rooted in our love for him. Ours is also to be **Undying**. The text says that we are to *love the Lord our God with all our soul.* The soul is the life-giving principle. It is what makes us different from a corpse. And thus our love for God is not part of our life, it *is* our life and it is to the undying. Finally, our love for God is to be **Unyielding**. The text says we are to *love the Lord our God with all our strength.* Therefore, love must be strong, there can be no half measures, nothing tepid or lukewarm. We must ask the Lord our God to increase and intensify our love for him. Ultimately our love for God is his gift to us, and we can only love him with the love he first gives us. Increase our love of the Lord!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 3 *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Dorothy Grace Collins †
 9:30am Stanley Barton †
 11:00am Larry Elgin †
 7:00pm Mary Harris Freeman †

Monday, November 4 *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

7:00am For the Poor Souls †

Tuesday, November 5

7:00am Mildred Gray †

Wednesday, November 6

7:00am For the Poor Souls †

Thursday, November 7

7:00am Edgell Fairfax (B'day) †

Friday, November 8

7:00am Lillian Myrick (B'day) †

Saturday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:00am For the Poor Souls
 4:30pm William Alfred Barnes (B'day) †



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.



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	
October 27, 2024	
4:30pm	56
8:00am	66
9:30am	37
11:00am	148
7:00pm	65
Total:	372

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Friday (11/8)	Sunday (11/10)
6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession	9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA
NOTE: Bible Studies to resume in two weeks when Pastor returns.	

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:	PHILEMON 2:1-4	LUKE 14:12-14
TUESDAY:	PHILEMON 2:5-11	LUKE 14:15-24
WEDNESDAY:	PHILEMON 2:12-18	LUKE 14:25-33
THURSDAY:	PHILEMON 3:3-8A	LUKE 15:1-10
FRIDAY:	PHILEMON 3:17-4:1	LUKE 16:1-8
SATURDAY:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
		JN 2:13-22

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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Adam Christopher Siple and Shana Doreen O'Connell who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **October 26th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



TRAVELING MERCIES to Msgr. Pope and our HCSC Pilgrims as they head to Ireland on pilgrimage next week. We pray for safe travels and a spiritually fruitful pilgrimage to the land of Saint Patrick who was a 5th-century missionary to Ireland and later served as bishop. He is the patron saint of Ireland and was instrumental in spreading Christianity throughout this land.

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION: is the weekend of Nov. 3rd. Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: *they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home.* Let's join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. You can donate using the envelopes in the pews if you did not receive envelopes in the mail or do not tithe using Faith Direct.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH 2024

The Church recognizes November as Black Catholic History Month to commemorate the rich history and proud heritage of Black Catholics in the United States. We celebrate the contributions that African and African Americans have made and continue to make to our Church. It is a unique opportunity to share, learn, and celebrate the courageous people who played pivotal roles in our Church's history. **ON NOVEMBER 16, 2024**—Join with the ADW in commemorating this Month with a **Pilgrimage to Black Catholic Roots in Southern Maryland**. It starts with a tour of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church (16922 St. Peters Clavers Rd., St. Inigoes, MD) and the McKenna Hall Museum at 2:00PM, followed by Praise and worship at 4:00PM. Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will be the presider at the 4:30PM liturgy. Reception to follow at 5:30PM. This pilgrimage promises to be a memorable and enriching experience at, a significant landmark of African American history in St. Mary's County, Maryland. For more information, contact Karen Fowler at fowlerk@adw.org or 301.853.5347.



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 located 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 or call 202-546-1885.

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 (scan the QR code) or have them emailed via **FlockNote** along with a video. **To sign-up** to receive emails/videos, or visit: hscchurch.flocknote.com and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a FREE service!



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



SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ADVENT FAMILY DAY—Sun., Nov. 24th following the 11:00AM Mass at the Center City Public Charter School (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Come and bring family and friends for lunch, games, presentations designed for both youth and adults and a fun fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. This year's theme: *In time like these, We need a Savior!* The event is **FREE**. Stay tuned for details on how to RSVP!

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.

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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
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