

# CHRIST THE KING





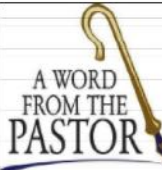
**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**


Daniel 7:13-14      Rev 1:5-8      John 18:33b-37

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jer 33:14-16      1 Thes 3:12-4:2      Lk 21:25-28, 34-36




There is a crucial question that Jesus asks in today's Gospel. Pontius Pilate begins by asking, "Are you a king?" and Jesus responds with the crucial question: "Are you saying this on your own or have others been telling you about me?" This question is essential for us to answer. It is possible for us who say we believe merely to quote slogans, Bible passages, and things we have heard others say, but to be lacking in our own personal conviction. It's like pulling up to a parking meter and seeing that money is left over in the meter from a previous car. You end up parking on someone else's dime. But at some point it is necessary for us to be able to say on our own that "Jesus is Lord and King." We cannot simply say what others have said. We have to say it and mean it for ourselves. There is an old gospel song that says: "Yes, I know Jesus for myself." Do you? Are you saying this on your own or is it merely that others have been telling you about him?



**FUNERAL:** Rita Ann Smith (11/22)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 24** *Solemnity of Christ the King*  
 8:00am Richard Thompson (B'day) †  
 9:30am For the Poor Souls  
 11:00am Lorita Miller †  
 7:00pm Deacon Ralph Cyrus (B'day 11/23) †  
**Monday, November 25** *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*  
 7:00am Vernon Creek †  
**Tuesday, November 26**  
 7:00am Carolyn Poole (99<sup>th</sup>—B'day)  
**Wednesday, November 27**  
 7:00am Joyce Williams †  
**Thursday, November 28**  
 7:00am For the Poor Souls  
**Friday, November 29**  
 7:00am Bessie B. Walker †  
**Saturday, November 30** *St. Andrew, Apostle*  
 8:00am For the Poor Souls  
 4:30pm Wynette Wilkins †



**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.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	REV 14:1-3, 4B-5	LUKE 21:1-4
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	REV 14:14-19	LUKE 21:5-11
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	REV 15:1-4	LUKE 21:12-19
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	REV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A	LUKE 21:21-28
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	REV 20:1-4, 11-21:2	LUKE 21:29-33
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	ROMANS 10:9-18	MATT 4:18-22



**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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<b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>November 17, 2024</b>	
4:30pm	33
8:00am	53
9:30am	40
11:00am	161
7:00pm	62
<b>Total:</b>	<b>349</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (11/25)</b> 8:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Thursday (11/28)</b> <i>Thanksgiving Morning Mass at 8AM</i>
<b>Wednesday (11/27)</b> 7:30pm Adult Bible Study	<b>Friday (11/29)</b> <i>Rectory Closed</i> 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession



**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 / 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. **SAVE THE DATE: FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** from 8AM until 8PM scheduled for **Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for info on how to sign-up.



**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.*

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## PARISH LIFE



**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING:** On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King*. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first")

to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.



**HCSC ADVENT FAMILY DAY—Sun., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** following the 11AM Mass at the Center City Public Charter School (15<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol Sts, SE). We will have lunch, games, presentations for youth and adults 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**.



### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the rectory office will be **closed Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Thursday Mass is at **8AM**.

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*



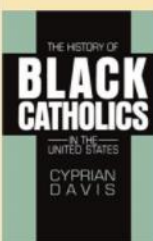
**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Dominic Cyprian Romeo* who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** and *Benjamin James Dent* on **Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless both Dominic and Benjamin and their parents as they begin their journey.



**SAINT JOSEPH 2025 SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED** and are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3.50 each**. This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings.

## BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH 2024

The Catholic Church in the U.S. 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. To that end, our parish has provided opportunities to learn and share this whole history and rich heritage of Christian Catholicism. Here is another recommended resource to learn more about Black Catholic history:



**History of Black Catholics in the United States** by Cyprian Davis. This book (*available on Amazon*) makes an extremely valuable contribution to our understanding of African American religious life by presenting the first full-length treatment of the Black Catholic experience. It is a must read by all interested in this history and culture which is also a part of our own parish's history.

## 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.*

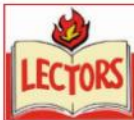
A reflection by Msgr. Pope on the bible stories will be in the bulletin **every other week**. They are also on our website (scan the QR code) or have them emailed via **FlockNote** along with a video. **To sign-up** to receive emails/videos, or visit: [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com)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



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



**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry needs youth actors of all ages for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the **6:00pm Family Mass**. We also need adults to help with costumes and logistics. **Contact:** Nicki Gebrehwot at [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org).



**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The 2025 liturgical year begins **Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** with the **First Sunday of Advent**. Personalized copies of the new *Lectors Workbook* have arrived and are available in the sacristy on the counter. Please pick up your workbook. Please take only your copy. Thank you.

The **257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND** presents a holiday concert at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics performed by a military band. All are welcome!



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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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**FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 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  
STOP BY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. BRING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND!**



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*'Gifts of the Spirit'*

ADVENT GIVING CAMPAIGN 2024



November 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this season of Advent, let us share our '**Gifts of the Spirit**' with those in our parish and community who experience challenges related to pregnancy, parenting and family life. As our faith celebrates the gift and value of every human life, let us also realize our obligation to support those women and families who face challenges. This year, the recipient of our generosity is: **St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, Infant & Families**. St. Ann's mission strives to manifest a deep conviction regarding the inherent value of human life in all its stages by upholding the worth and dignity of each person through its many services. Here are ways to donate:

1. **DONATIONS**—purchase items listed on this flyer and bring to Mass over the next 4 weekends (last day to submit: Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>). Place donation on designated table in church or give to usher.
2. **ONLINE ORDERS**—order items online (*Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc.*) and ship to:

St. Ann's Center  
4901 Eastern Ave.  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
ATTN: Anastasia Sissamis

❖ **NOTE:** Indicate '*Donation from Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church*' in note section of order.

3. **CASH**—submit cash in envelope and indicate ADVENT GIVING (include name if you want donation to appear in your annual statement). Ask an usher for an envelope.
4. **CHECKS**—make check payable to HCSC and write ADVENT GIVING in memo.
5. **FAITH DIRECT**—make a one-time gift (direct debit or credit card) by scanning QR code → or **TEXT** 'Advent Gift' to 301-478-8900. This is a FREE service.



**NOTE:** All donations made by cash or check can be dropped in collection basket or at rectory office.



**St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families**—strengthens and supports families on their journey toward stability. Inspired by Catholic social teaching and Gospel values, St. Ann's Center provides a nurturing community where families heal from the past, overcome barriers, and take hold of their future. For more information on how St. Ann's helps **ALL** families in the community: scan the QR code or visit [stanns.org](http://stanns.org).

Please pray about how you are willing to share your "*Gifts of the Spirit*" this year with others who are experiencing challenges and then act on it by participating in this campaign. A special thanks to our **Social Concerns Ministry** for their assistance with the coordination and support.

We thank you in advance for your generosity during this Advent season. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor



## St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, Infant & Families

### WISH LIST

#### **MOTHER'S NEEDS:**

- Gift Cards: Uber, Amazon, Giant, Walmart, CVS, Home Depot and Staples.
  - Note on Gift Cards: We empower our residents to make informed financial decisions. Your generous gift card contributions enhance their sense of autonomy and are greatly appreciated.
- Women's Underwear: Plus sizes only.
- Bath Robes and Slippers: All sizes; great need for plus sizes.
- Pajamas: All sizes; great need for plus sizes.
- Umbrellas: All sizes.
- Bath and Body Works Products: Soap, lotion and body sprays.
- Hair Care Products: Brushes, combs, hair wraps, bonnets, headbands and hair ties (for women of color)
- Additional Self-Care Items for the Body: Water bottles, snack containers, manicure & pedicure kits

#### **CHILDREN'S NEEDS:**

- Sippy Cups
- Strollers and Umbrella Strollers
- Children's Musical CDs: New or like-new
- Twin Bed Sheets: Gender-neutral colors preferred
- Crib Mattress Covers
- Thermometers: No-touch, digital
- Night Lights: Battery-powered; color-changing preferred.
- Children's Formula: Nido and Similac (advanced/pro advanced) only
- Construction Paper: White and red, sizes 12 x 18 and 11.5 x 12
- Pull-Ups: Sizes 5, 6 & 7
- Car Seats (new): All sizes; special need for older kids
- Booster Seats (new)
- Autism-Friendly Sensory Toys
- Sticky Notes: Standard size, all colors.
- Gallon-Sized Ziploc Bags
- Clear Storage Bins with Lids: Shoebox size for toy storage
- Infant Footed Onesies: Gender-neutral preferred, but all are accepted
- Girls' Pajamas and Girls' Underwear: Sizes 2T to 8
- Girls' Fall/Winter Clothes: Sizes 4 to 8
- Boys' Pajamas: Sizes 2T to 12
- Boys' Underwear: Sizes 2T to 12
- Boys' Fall/Winter Clothes: Sizes 4 to 12



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