

WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE
TOGETHER *AS BROTHERS* OR
PERISH TOGETHER *AS FOOLS*

Martin Luther King Jr.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



The Gospel today presents us with some Biblical Basics on Mother Mary. Note first the **Prayer** that Mary made. It was Mary who noticed that the couple at the wedding had no wine. We may wonder why Jesus didn't notice.

Perhaps he did, but often God waits for us to ask even when He already knows our need. The Book of James says, You have not because you ask not (James 4:2). Thus Mother Mary not only notices, but she prays, she beseeches the Lord. So, don't forget to pray. Too often do we postpone prayer and travel a lot of needless miles. Ask! Next, notice the **Portrait** of Mother Mary. In the first place she is given a **Title** by Jesus who calls her "Woman," a strange thing for a son to call his mother. But Jesus is here harkening back to Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Thus Jesus is portraying her as the woman and himself as the one who would destroy Satan's power. Note too Mary's **Tenacity**. For at one level Jesus seems to be unwilling to grant her request, wondering what the lack of wine has to do with him. But Mary is not overcome so easily and she stays in the conversation. We don't know exactly what happened, perhaps she gave Jesus a look only a mother can give. But the next thing we see is that Jesus is making 60 gallons of the wine. So Mary is tenacious. And she is also **Trusting**, for she does not need to know the details, she only says to the waiter, "Do whatever he tells you." Finally, notice the **Power** of Mary. We have already seen the vast amount of wine Jesus makes. But the text also tells that on account of this miracles many became Jesus followers that day. And herein lies Mary's greatest role, to draw others to her Son.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Robert Waiters †
 9:30am Sr. Eleanor Marie Wedge, OSP †
 11:00am Intentions of Shirley Cornish (90th B'day)
 7:00pm Those suffering from the affects of the wildfires
Monday, January 20
 7:00am Lillian Yates †
Tuesday, January 21 St. Agnes
 7:00am Martin Anthony Barnes (B'day) †
Wednesday, January 22
 7:00am Beatrice Warren †
Thursday, January 23.
 7:00am Intentions of June Holton-Johnson (B'day)
Friday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:00am For increased reverence of life from conception to death
Saturday, January 25
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Martin Richard Ford †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: HEBREWS 5:1-10 MARK 2:18-22
TUESDAY: HEBREWS 6:10-20 MARK 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY: HEBREWS 7:1-3, 15-17 MARK 3:1-6
THURSDAY: HEBREWS 7:25-8:6 MARK 3:7-12
FRIDAY: HEBREWS 8:6-13 MARK 3:13-19
SATURDAY: ACTS 22:3-16 MARK 16:15-18



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 January 12, 2025	
4:30pm	30
8:00am	49
9:30am	35
11:00am	114
7:00pm	65
Total:	293

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/20) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (1/22) 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday (1/21) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Friday (1/24) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer and contemplation. Consider spending some quiet time with the Lord.

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.



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.

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.

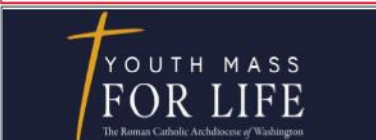
OUR VISION STATEMENT:
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED

On **Monday, January 20th**, the rectory office is closed in observance of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday. Morning Mass is at 8AM (*instead of 7AM*).



ADW YOUTH MASS FOR LIFE: On Fri., Jan. 24th at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC, **ALL**

youth are invited to participate in a Youth Mass for Life. Join with our local schools, youth ministries, and many other young people to worship together in celebration and thanksgiving for life.

- ◆ 7AM Doors Open
- ◆ 8AM Music—Witness Talk—Reconciliation
- ◆ 9AM Adoration
- ◆ 9:30AM Questions & Answers with Cardinal Gregory
- ◆ 10AM Witness Talk
- ◆ 10:30AM Mass with Cardinal Gregory



For more details, scan the QR code → or visit: <https://adw.org/youth-mass-celebration/>.



Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the **ADW Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** to honor the Vocation of Marriage on **Sat., Feb. 8, 2025, 10AM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples can attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary. **Deadline to submit your names to attend and/or receive a certificate is Jan. 24th**. Contact the rectory office at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 to register. Any couple can attend regardless of anniversary year.

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

 **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Mondays at 7:15PM in the rectory w/Msgr. Charles Pope.

 **FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY:** held the **second** and **fourth** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. Deacon J.P. 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.



JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE: Called to Love:

Theology of the Body—Jan. 22—April 30 on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30PM at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family at the Catholic University of America (620 Michigan Ave, WDC, 20064). The course fee is \$150. For more details: scan the QR code →;

or email: information@johnpaulii.edu; or call 202.526.3799 or visit johnpaulii.edu.



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:

- OUR FALL**— *I once was lost in Sin,*
- OUR REDEEMPTION** — *But Jesus took me in,*
- 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!

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



2024 HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION (TITHING) STATEMENTS—will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Fri., Feb. 7, 2025**. Statements will **not** be automatically distributed. Contact the rectory office (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) to request your statement. It can be mailed, emailed or picked up from the rectory. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope with your name) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will **not** reflect loose cash donations.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END TITHING STATEMENTS: Parishioners who tithe electronically through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2024 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct as part of the online giving program.

We are so grateful for our parishioners continual generosity to our parish community. Thank you!

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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

Chairman's Statement on 52nd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

I join all Catholics throughout our nation in observing January 22 as a day of prayer and penance. As we prayerfully continue the essential work of restoring full legal protection of all preborn children and supporting parents facing difficult pregnancies, we also recognize our need for asking forgiveness and healing from the Lord for when we have given in to the culture of death.

Abortion inflicts deep and lasting wounds on society, but more directly on individuals and families. Many mothers and fathers may feel they have no choice except abortion. Some are pressured or coerced. No matter the circumstances of the abortion, we must recognize the often-silent grief of parents for their child and their despair of being worthy of the love and forgiveness of God and others.

To the parents of children who have died by abortion, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Know that our Lord loves you as His daughters and sons no matter your actions. No sin is beyond His unfathomable Mercy. Jesus greatly desires our repentant hearts and invites us into an encounter with Him. For Catholics, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available for those seeking God's forgiveness, hope, and peace.

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year as *Pilgrims of Hope*, Pope Francis invites us to experience God's love 'that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ' (*Spes Non Confundit*, 6). Hope allows those who have been involved in abortion to turn to God and repent, confident that He will forgive and make them whole.

This January 22 and beyond, we need to be reassured that Jesus Himself, who is the source of our hope, was first wounded for our offenses, and suffered for every sin of ours, including abortion. Please join me in praying that God will fill the hearts of mothers and fathers suffering the emotional and psychological wounds from abortion with the hope of forgiveness that only He can give. We invite them to seek support from the Church's compassionate and confidential ministries.

If you or someone you know is interested in confidential help after abortion, please reach out to your local Catholic parish, or visit the national Project Rachel Ministry websites, www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or www.EsperanzaPosAborto.org for a listing of diocesan abortion healing ministries.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



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Warm Faith & Works

Winter Clothing Drive

Let us share the warmth of our faith through our actions and works! Our Winter Clothing Drive is an opportunity for you to serve others by donating gently-used or new clothing items to those who need them most. From winter coats to other essentials, your used **or** new donation will help those in our community stay warm. We accept monetary donations and online shopping purchases, too!

General Information:

Collection Dates

January 26 - February 9

Drop-off Location

Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church

1357 East Capitol St., SE, WDC, 20003

Drop off boxes are located in rear lobby of church or purchases can be shipped to this address

For More Details

See back of flyer for list of items needed and other ways to support.



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How Can I Donate?:



CLOTHING/OTHER ITEMS:

Donate **GENTLY USED** or **NEW** clothing items (*men, women, teen & children – Sizes: medium to X-large*). Used items should be clean. Place items in bags (if possible) and separate used from new items. Place your items in the appropriate boxes in the rear (vestibule) of the Church. Following are the requested items:

Coats
Sweaters
Gloves/Scarves/Hats
Blankets (all sizes)

ONLINE SHOPPING (new items)

Items from the above list can be purchased online and shipped to:

Holy Comforter–St. Cyprian Church
1357 East Capitol St., SE,
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ATTN: HNS Clothing Drive

MONETARY DONATION:

CASH/CHECKS: Make checks payable to **HCSC** and write *Clothing Drive* in the memo. Use envelopes located in rear of church near donation boxes (or ask an usher) and drop envelope with donation in collection basket or drop off at the rectory office.

ELECTRONIC: Scan the QR code or visit: membership.faithdirect.net/DC59. You can make a one-time donation using FaithDirect. You do not need an account and it is a FREE secure service. Select **MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION** button and then select **HNS CLOTHING DRIVE**. You can donate using a credit card or direct debit of your bank account.



Your generosity will benefit the following local organizations:

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