

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“No disciple is superior
to the teacher; but when
fully trained, every disciple
will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45

Readings Next Weekend:

Deut 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13



The first reading today reminds us of the way in which our speech discloses our character: *Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.* (Sirach 27:7) Yes, what we say reveals a great deal about us; more than we imagine. Speech is among our greatest of gifts, yet, self-mastery in speech is among the rarest gifts to be found in the human family. Some of the most common sins we commit are related to speech: gossip, idle chatter, lies, exaggerations, harsh attacks, and uncharitable remarks. With our tongue we can spread hatred, incite fear and maliciousness, spread misinformation, cause temptation, discourage, teach error, and ruin reputations. With a gift capable of bringing such good, we can surely cause great harm! Today's homily will reflect on some of the more common sins of speech. Lord, put your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending some quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 2 *Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis
9:30am Intentions of the Waiters Family
11:00am Bertha Vanzego †
7:00pm Intentions of the Rodgers Family

Monday, March 3 *St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin*

7:00am Charrisse Fairfax-Brown (B'day)

Tuesday, March 4

7:00am Fitzroy Joseph †

Wednesday, March 5 *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Barbara Smith †
10:00am Sharon Graham †
7:00pm Alice James †

Thursday, March 6

7:00am George T. Holton, Jr. (B'day) †

Friday, March 7 *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

7:00am James Martin Jenifer †

Saturday, March 8

8:00am For the People
4:30pm Earline Brooks †



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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SIRACH 17:20-24 MARK 10:17-27
TUESDAY: SIRACH 35:1-12 MARK 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY: JOEL 2:12-18 2 COR 5:20-6:2 MT 6:1-16, 16-18
THURSDAY: DEUT 30:15-20 LUKE 9:22-25
FRIDAY: ISAIAH 58:1-9A MATT 9:14-15
SATURDAY: ISAIAH 58:9B-14 LUKE 5:27-32



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
February 23, 2025

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| 4:30pm | 31 |
| 8:00am | 62 |
| 9:30am | 45 |
| 11:00am | 187 |
| 7:00pm | 82 |
| Total: | 397 |

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/3)

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday (3/5) *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Mass
10:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Friday (3/7)

8am-7pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (3/8)

9:00am Holy Name Society mtg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC! If you want to see what else is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** on our website at hscchurch.org. Click on the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera for instant access.



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:

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

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PARISH LIFE



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Thank you to all who responded to the Annual Appeal last week. If you were unable to

donate last week, please consider participating. The Appeal is different and separate from your offertory giving to the parish. **First**, the Appeal unites us with our archbishop in serving the many charitable needs of this archdiocese. **Second**, the Appeal funds ministries that our parish could not sustain on our own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs and Deaf and Disabilities ministries. **Third**, the Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from schools and catechesis, to family and pro-life ministries, and many more. **Please take a brochure located in your pew**, or visit appeal.adw.org, to learn about how the Appeal benefits our parish and communities. **NOTE:** the Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **March 5th** and begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during **7am, 10am, and 7pm Masses only**. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence (from meat). Come and begin your preparations for Lent.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



LENTEN FAMILY DAY—Sun., March 2nd following the 11AM Mass at the school building (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Join us for lunch, lessons (adults & youth) and fellowship as we begin the season of Lent and prepare for the “Year of the Jubilee”.

FORMED—HOW TO LENT: To make this your most fruitful Lent yet, here is a plan, a guide, and encouragement right at your fingertips. Prepare for Lent with this four-part video series called *How to Lent*. Our parish has a **FREE** subscription to **FORMED** which is an online service that teaches our faith and provides resources such as movies/videos, teaching series and more for the entire family. If you don't already have FORMED on your SmartTV, computer or cellphone, pick up an info card in the lobby of the church and sign in for this informative and interesting video on Lent.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY—begins March 12th at 7:30PM via Zoom with Msgr. Pope. **Theme:** *The 7 Deadly Sins*. Sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link or call the rectory office.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US: To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during Lent, **free copies** of *THE WORD AMONG US* are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6PM** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7PM**. These devotions will begin **Friday, March 7th**. Come and journey with Jesus to Calvary.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: During the season of Lent and since our church has been named a “Jubilee Parish” for the Year of the Jubilee, clergy will hold **confessions** every Wednesday from 6:PM-7:15PM in the church. Come and experience God's mercy!

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 REDEMPTION** — *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!



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: March 7th from 8AM (morning Mass at 7AM) until 7PM in the church. Consider stopping by or sign up (scan QR code or call rectory office at 202-546-1885) to pray for an hour. Spend some time with Jesus in the blessed sacrament.



LENTEN FISH FRY: March 7th— 5PM-8PM, St. Peter's Church Hall (313 2nd St., SE, WDC). Fish & Sides! Bake Sale! To go plates available! Visit saintpetersdc.org or call 202-547-1430.

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 & fourth** 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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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., March 5, 2025

7:00am

10:00am

7:00pm

Lent Begins

Ashes will only be distributed during Mass times.



Join with us this Lenten Season



Confessions held every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:15pm

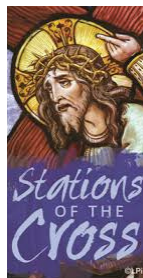


**Holy Hour w/Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from
6:00pm-7:00pm**

(Confessions also heard during this time)



Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm



Stay tuned for more devotions and events for Lent. Visit hscchurch.org.

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian
Honoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament
Come and Join us!



FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

**MORNING MASS IS AT 7AM FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST
AND THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN FOR ADORATION UNTIL 7PM.**

Our parish hosts All-Day Adoration every first Friday of the month. Please share this information along with the sign-up information to others. We ask you to consider signing up for one hour (or more) and spend it with Our Lord.

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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WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

This is a devotional tradition of spending an hour in **Eucharistic Adoration** in the presence of the **Blessed Sacrament**. A consecrated host is exposed to us in the *monstrance* which is placed on the altar.



Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of **Jesus Christ**, who we believe to be present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist.

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying *“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”* (Matthew 26:38) Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and in Matthew 26:40 he asked Peter:

“So, could you men not keep watch with me for an hour?”

You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

Please feel free to bring your bible or other devotional prayers if you like.






A priest is available between 6PM-7PM to hear your confessions.

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