

God took the fragrance
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty
of the twilight hour...

The soul
of a starry night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5 John 13:31-35



Today's Gospel speaks of the Lord as a Shepherd. But guess what? That makes us sheep. It is rather humbling to be compared to sheep. Sheep are wayward creatures. They tend to wander off and get lost. They are rather dumb. Ever hear of a trained sheep? Can't be done they're too stupid.

Sheep are weak and vulnerable and need protection. But it is also true that sheep are worthwhile animals. They were highly valued in biblical times for their wool, and still are. Another quality about sheep is that they are wary. They will only recognize their master's voice. They will flee from all others. In this sense sheep are smarter than we are since most of us will listen to just about anyone and be easily lead astray by them. "The Lord is my Shepherd," we often say. Experience the humility of being a beloved sheep in the sheepfold of the Lord.



FUNERALS — Jacquelyn Perry (5/16)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Dorothy Grace Collins †
9:30am Sharon Graham †
11:00am Vera Hruby †
7:00pm Intentions of Sr. Rita Michelle Proctor, OSP (B'day 5/8)

Monday, May 12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Pancras, Martyrs

7:00am Mary Cobb †

Tuesday, May 13

7:00am Dorothy Simpson †

Wednesday, May 14 Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00am Phillip Haris †

Thursday, May 15

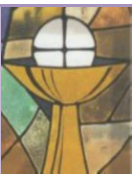
7:00am Joseph C. Mitchell, Sr. †

Friday, May 16

7:00am Geneva Cain †

Saturday, May 17

8:00am For the People
4:30pm Intentions of Fr. Michael Bryant (Ordination)



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you want to offer Mass for a friend or family member (deceased or living), contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY: | ACTS 11:1-18 | JOHN 10:1-10 |
| TUESDAY: | ACTS 11:19-26 | JOHN 10:22-30 |
| WEDNESDAY: | ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 | JOHN 15:9-17 |
| THURSDAY: | ACTS 13:13-25 | JOHN 13:16-20 |
| FRIDAY: | ACTS 13:26-33 | JOHN 14:1-6 |
| SATURDAY: | ACTS 13:44-52 | JOHN 14:7-14 |



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.
3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.

This service is **FREE**. You can have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month **or** a one-time gift/donation. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org).



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- Subscribe to Flocknote to receive emails and updates:
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 2. Visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>
- Download the **MyParishApp** to your mobile phone and turn on notifications to receive parish updates.
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Mass Attendance—May 3, 2025

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| 4:30pm | 32 |
| 8:00am | 37 |
| 9:30am | 40 |
| 11:00am | 201 |
| 7:00pm | 69 |
| Total: | 379 |

For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. Matthew 18:20

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/12)

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (May 16)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday (5/14)

6:00-7:15pm Confessions
7:30pm Adult 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 as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.

HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & PARIS:

Join with Msgr. Pope and other parishioners on a Marian pilgrimage on **Nov. 2—13, 2026** to the sites listed above. The cost includes non-stop roundtrip flight from Dulles along with hotels, most meals, tour bus and guides. See flyer in rear of church.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of family and friends as physical and spiritual children. Give them joy children to sustain them motherhood. Most of wisdom to turn to you need it most. Amen.



they care for the growth of their and delight in their through the trials of all, give them the for help when they

Congratulations to our FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2025



Malaysia Ross and Avery Taylor

'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them.' John 6:56

LADIES OF CHARITY FUNDRAISER: The HCSC Ladies of Charity is selling *World's Finest Chocolate* candy this weekend after the 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM Masses. Your purchase supports this ministry in assisting those in our church and community who are in need. If you are interested in learning about the ministry, contact Linda Jenkins at 202-768-6966. Thank you.



MAY is the MONTH of MARY



THANK YOU to all who coordinated and participated in the annual May Procession last Sunday. We had a wonderful turn out in honor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven! We especially thank this year's **May Queen: LAILA BLACKWELL** her attendants: **NIJAYAH ROSS AND MCKENZIE WARD**. Special thanks to the statue bearers, First Communicants, proclaimers, cantors/singers and parishioners.

To Jesus Through Mary

Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told

This year, our parish focused 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 is 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: hcschurch.flocknote.com and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a FREE service!



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

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025—The late Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year and our parish has the honor of being a Jubilee site. Special blessings are available to all who attend or visit here seeking Jubilee graces. The theme is *Pilgrims of Hope* and emphasizes the journey of faith and the importance of hope in overcoming life's challenges. See flyer in rear of church and stay tuned for upcoming events.



RECONCILIATION TO CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6:PM-7:15PM in our church as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. (Confessions are also held 25 minutes prior to weekend Masses and during the Holy Hour on Fridays from 6PM—7PM.)

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.



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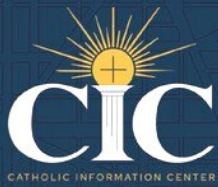
Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (pastor1@hcscchurch.org)
Deacon James P. Flagg II (jpfagg1@gmail.com)

For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hscstaff@hcscchurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

MASS TIMES: **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30PM (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



3rd Annual EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

in Our Nation's Capital

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025

9:30am - 12:00pm



You are invited to the Catholic Information Center's Third Annual Eucharistic Procession in Our Nation's Capital. Spread the word to your family, friends, and parishioners to come for a very special morning of prayer in this Jubilee Year of the Church. Following is the schedule:

- 9:00 am: Doors open at the CIC - 1501 K Street (our building's garage will be open)
- 9:30 am: Mass at the CIC Chapel, with capacity overflow through the CIC and in front of the building. Mass will be projected onto a large screen outside at 15th and K. Priests will come outdoors to distribute Holy Communion.
- 10:15 am (approx.): Start of Procession
- 12:00 noon (approx.): Conclusion at the CIC

The CIC invites this year's first communicant children to have a very special role processing in front of and throwing rose petals before the Blessed Sacrament (in their First Communion outfits).

We ask all participants to RSVP!

To RSVP and for more information visit: <https://cicdc.org/procession/>



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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.