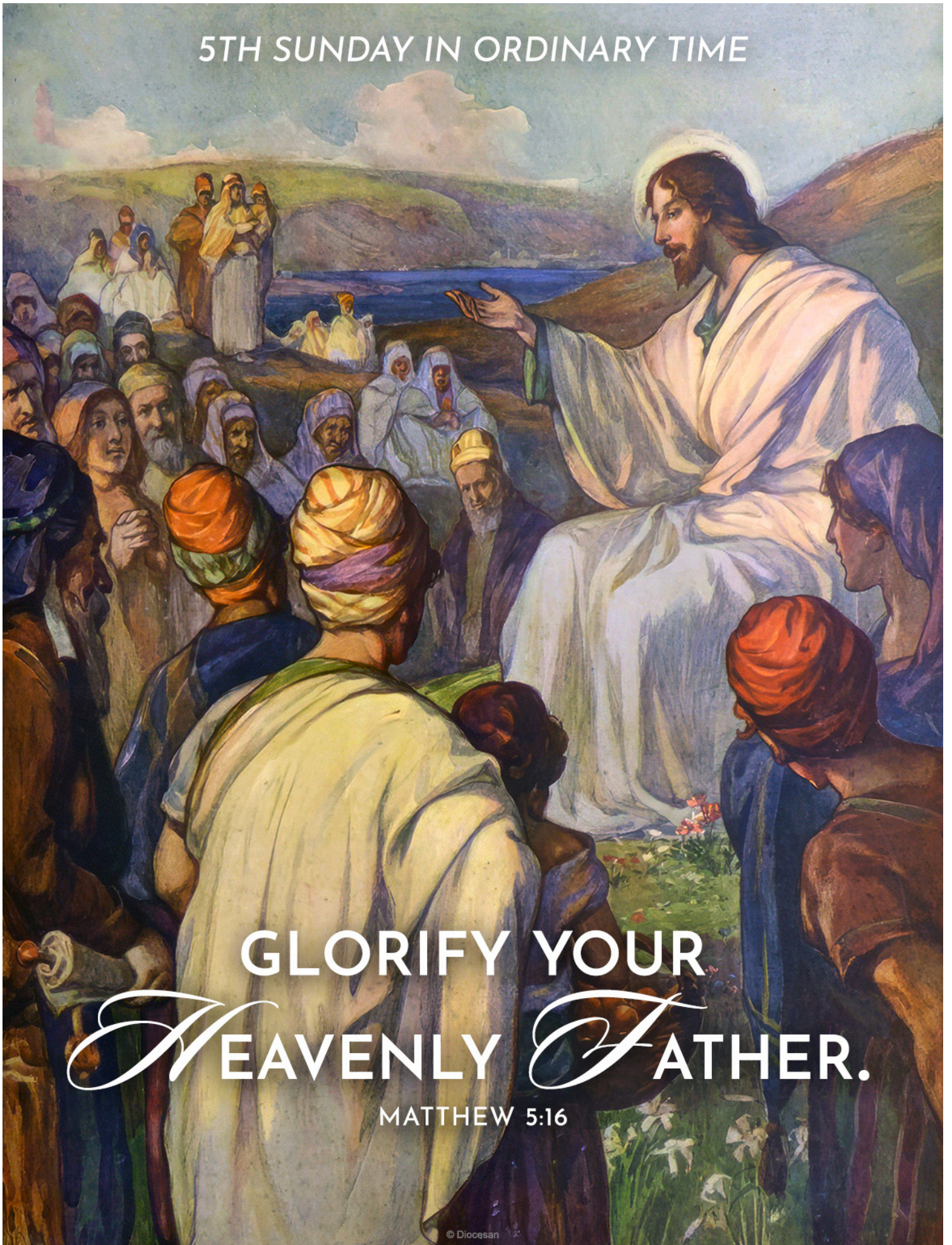


5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GLORIFY YOUR
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MATTHEW 5:16

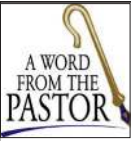
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 58:7-10 1Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 15:15-20 1Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37



You are the salt of the Earth. But what if salt goes flat? It is good for nothing. Now these are strong words from Jesus. What he is saying is that if you're a Christian who does not live as a Christian you are good for nothing. As Christians we have made a commitment to be specialists. Imagine a doctor who is a carefully trained and skillful heart specialist. Now imagine he sets that aside to go and be a car mechanic. We might rightfully say to him, "We have plenty of car mechanics, but only a few highly skilled heart specialists. Come and do what you have been called to do!" And so Christ says to us, "I have plenty businessmen, technocrats, millionaires, etc. What I really need you to be is a Christian; a REAL Christian. The world needs salt and you are salt. And if you're not going to be salt you're nothing. Nothing! Any non-believer can do most of the things we Christians run after and aspire to be. But what the Lord really needs us to be is a Christian. Being a lawyer, or accountant, etc. is not our main focus, being a Christian is. And if we are not going to be salt, not going to be a true Christian, the Lord says we're good for nothing. So fine, you've made it. You're the best and highest paid lawyer in your field. The world applauds. But if you're not really living the Christian faith the Lord says you're nothing. Strong words but necessary for us who often value most what matters little to God and value little what matters most to God.

FUNERAL — Avis Miner (2/13/26)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 8 *Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Austina Jones (B'day) †
 9:30am Clarence Rodgers †
 11:00am Mervin & Ruby Shello †
 7:00pm Thomas Addison, Sr. †
Monday, February 9
 7:00am Intentions of Nadjy Joseph (B'day)
Tuesday, February 10 *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*
 7:00am Gwendolyn Thompson †
Wednesday, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 7:00am Thomas Jordan †
 7:00pm Walter T. Macon, Jr. †
Thursday, February 12
 7:00am Intentions of Eric Tompkins (B'day)
Friday, February 13
 7:00am Lillie Gravely †
Saturday, February 14 *Saint Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm William Barnes †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 KINGS 8:1-7,9-13 MARK 6:53-56
TUESDAY: 1 KINGS 8:22-23,27-30 MARK 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY 1 KINGS 10:1-10 MARK 7:14-23
THURSDAY 1 KINGS 11:4-13 MARK 7:24-30
FRIDAY: 1 KINGS 11:29-32,12:19 MARK 7:31-37
SATURDAY: 1 KINGS 12:26-32,13:33-34 MARK 8:1-10



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Questions? Kim Peaks 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4:30pm	32
8:00am	11
9:30am	14
11:00am	49
7:00pm	45
TOTAL	151

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/9) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (2/11) 7:00pm Evening Mass 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (zoom)
Tuesday (2/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Friday (2/13) 6:00pm Adoration/Holy Hour



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for quiet, personal prayer and reflection.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Come and pray in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during this time.



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer Mass for a friend or family member (deceased or living), contact the office at 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Jaylen Asher Douglas who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ last Sunday. May God bless Jaylen and his parents as he begins this spiritual journey.



Be The Light: 2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Next weekend, parishioners will be asked prayerfully to make their commitment to the 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Please take a brochure which are in the pew this

weekend, or visit: appeal.adw.org, to learn more about how the Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout our communities in the area. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year, no matter the amount. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN FAMILY DAY—Sun., Feb. 22nd at 1:00PM at the Center City Public Charter School (15th & E. Capitol Sts., SE). **LENTEN THEME:** “I want Jesus to walk with me”. There will be food, games and lessons for the entire family. Come and prepare for the Season of Lent. See flyer in bulletin to RSVP and for more info. **Volunteers are needed!**



LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join with us in a study of Msgr. Pope's book, *"The Hell There Is: An Exploration of an Often-rejected Doctrine of the Church."* The study will occur online via ZOOM on the following Wednesdays of Lent: **Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30PM to 8:45 PM.** Msgr. Pope will explore topics such as *why hell exists, where in Scripture it is taught, what hell may be like, and why it is critically important to understand the doctrine correctly.* You will need to sign-up for the Wednesday Night Bible Study in FlockNote (if you're not already a subscriber) to receive the ZOOM link. To subscribe to FlockNote: text HCSC to 84576 OR visit: <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>.



February is Black History Month in the USA—an annual commemoration of Black Americans' history celebrated in honor of their contributions to the United States and the world. In 1926, this celebration was founded by Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and was initially called Negro History Week. During the nation's bicentennial in 1976, President Gerald Ford extended the celebration to a month. Throughout this month, our parish will provide resources and other information so that we all may become more aware of the gifts of our multi-cultural community.

NOTE: HCSC Sodality has **CANCELLED** the Black History Month presentation that was recently rescheduled to February 8th.

2026 MASS COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Archdiocese of Washington celebrates national Black History Month with Mass on **Sat., Feb. 21st at 5:00PM** at St. Joseph Catholic Church (2020 St. Joseph's Dr., Largo, MD). Bishop Roy E. Campbell Jr., will serve as the Principal Celebrant. For additional information, contact Wendi Williams at williams@adw.org or 301-853-4468.



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FREE TAX PREPARATION: If your income is under \$69,000, you can have IRS certified volunteers prepare and review your tax return for **FREE.** Tax Prep will be held

Feb. 1st—April 15th on Saturdays, 9:00AM-4:00PM at the Catholic Charities Main Office, 924 G St., NW, WDC. Scan the QR code or email: FSN@cc-dc.org to schedule an appointment. Sponsored by the Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network.



HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 2, 2026.** Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

PARISH ONLINE GIVING YEAR-END STATEMENTS: Since the transition from Faith Direct to Parish Online Giving recently occurred, we are in the process of finding out how they will distribute or make available your year-end tithing statements. Please stay tuned for more details.

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC



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



FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **third** and **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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MASS TIMES: **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30PM (vigil)
Sunday 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)
Wednesdays Evening Mass at 7PM (confessions 6PM)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10AM—6PM
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

HCSC Lenten Family Day

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME



Sunday, February 22, 2026
1:00-3:30 PM

CENTER CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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Join the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church parish family for an afternoon of food, fellowship, games and lessons as we prepare for the Season of Lent. We will have a presentation by Msgr. Charles Pope for the adults and special sessions for the youth (pre-K to 12th grade). Something for the entire family. Feel free to invite friends.

LUNCH IS OFFERED FOR THOSE WHO RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17th!

3 Ways to RSVP

1 Complete the bottom of this form, detach and drop into the collection basket or at the rectory office.

2 Call the rectory office: 202-546-1885 or email:
hscstaff2@hscchurch.org

3 Scan the QR code and RSVP online at hscchurch.org



HCSC Lenten Family Day Registration

(Please RSVP to receive lunch - add additional names on back)

ADULT 1: _____

ADULT 2: _____

CONTACT PHONE or EMAIL: _____

YOUTH 1: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

YOUTH 2: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

YOUTH 3: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



Our theme for Lenten Family Day is rooted in an old Spiritual: *"I want Jesus to walk with me."* We will explore the spiritual life as a journey with Jesus and with one another. Journeys have a destination. Are we clear that our desired destination is heaven? If that is the case, only Jesus can get us there. And as the song says, *along the way are trials and troubles, shades and sorrows. But with the Lord, we shall get home, some day.* So, we will seek to answer: How can we trust the Lord and let him lead us on the straight and narrow way? What does it mean to walk with Jesus? And how can we help each other on life's journey?

Please join us for Lenten Family Day as we begin our Lenten journey with Jesus!

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Our Deceased Members
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 Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
 Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan


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 Henny**

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To Our Beloved
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