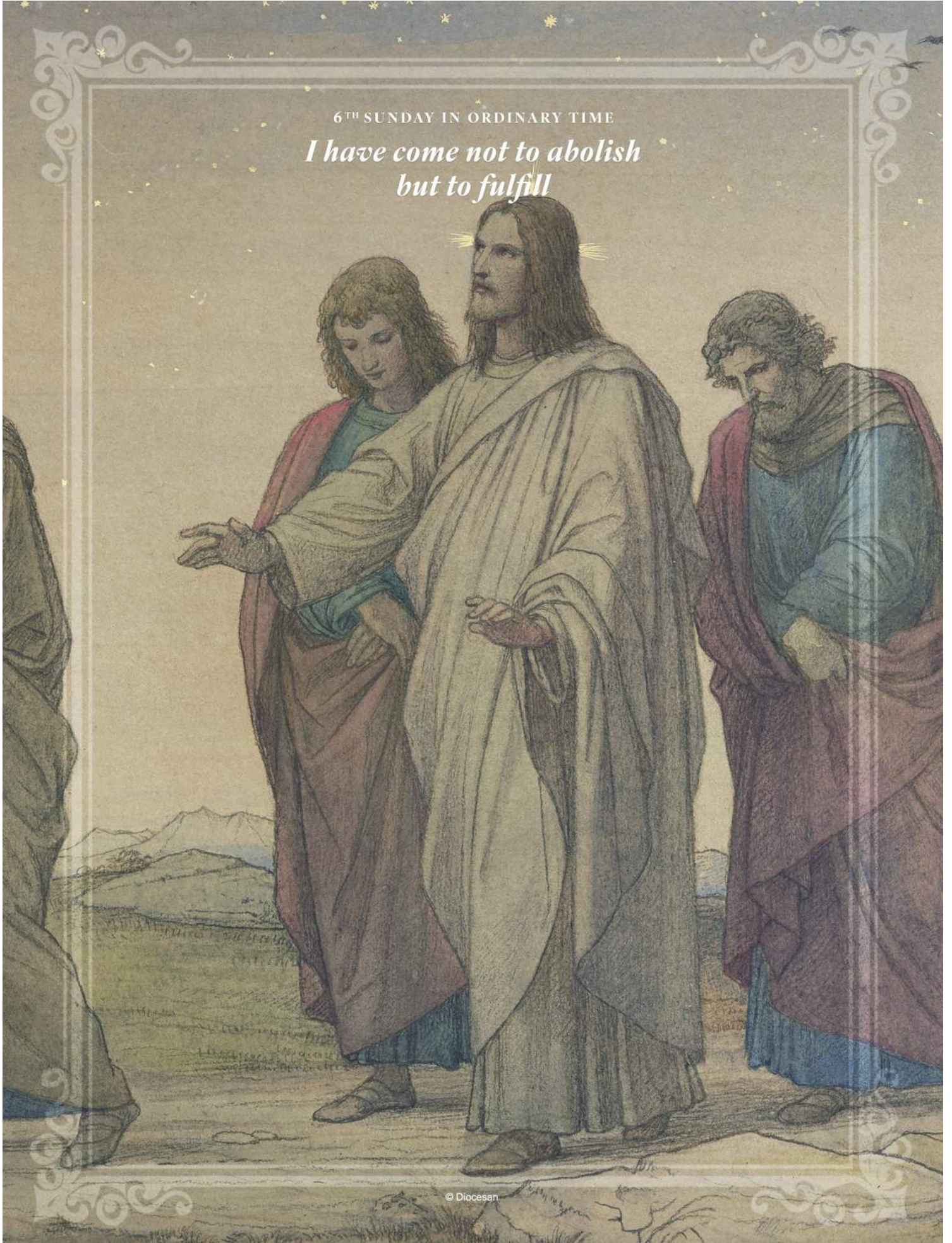


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*I have come not to abolish
but to fulfill*



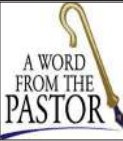
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



One critical point to understand about the Sermon on the Mount is that the Lord is describing more than prescribing. In other words he is not merely giving moral rules that are more stringent than those in the Old Testament, he is describing a transformed human being. Jesus is fundamentally saying that when he really begins to live his life in us this is what we will be like. He then gives (in today's gospel) four antitheses as examples of what he means. They are called "antitheses" because they have the form: "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you." What the Lord teaches us today is that when he begins to live his life in us we will begin to have authority over our anger, we will no longer give way to hateful and retributive anger that seeks to wound, or even kill, others. This sort of anger will abate. Further, we will have authority over our sexuality so that lustful, unchaste thoughts and behavior will give way by the power of God's grace. We will see spousal and family love increase in ourselves so that our fidelity to the marriage vow is strengthened and divorce or infidelity is no longer even a consideration. And, we will experience an integrity between our words and actions. We will stop rendering false promises and vows. When we make commitments we will follow through and we will speak the truth in love. Understand that the Lord is not simply giving you and me a list of prescribed. He is describing what the power of his cross and grace will do for us if we allow him access to our heart.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 15 *Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Deborah Woods †
 9:30am Intentions of Darryl Graham
 11:00am Sr. M. Felicia Avila, OSP †
 7:00pm Sarah Shackelford †
Monday, February 16
 7:00am Intentions of Darryl Graham (B'day)
Tuesday, February 17
 7:00am Mary Rose Ennis †
Wednesday, February 18 *Ash Wednesday*
 7:00am Bettye Dunson †
 10:00am Jovan Eric Jenifer †
 7:00pm Ruth Joy †
Thursday, February 19
 7:00am Roy Myrick †
Friday, February 20
 7:00am Theresa Smothers †
Saturday, February 21 *Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Dr. of the church*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Juanita Jackson Moore †

To submit a Mass Intention: contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff2@hscchurch.org.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JAMES 1:1-11 MARK 8:11-13
TUESDAY: JAMES 1:12-18 MARK 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY JOEL 2:12-18 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:2 MT 6:1-6,16-18
THURSDAY DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 LUKE 9:22-25
FRIDAY: ISAIAH 58:1-9A MATTHEW 9:14-15
SATURDAY: ISAIAH 58:9B-14 LUKE 5:27-32



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Mass Attendance

February 8, 2026

4:30pm	27
8:00am	41
9:30am	33
11:00am	90
7:00pm	30
Total:	221

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (2/16) <i>President's Day</i> Rectory Staff Closed 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (2/18) <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Tuesday (2/17) 10:30 am Senior Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Friday (2/20) 6pm Eucharistic Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Young Adult Event



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC! If you want to see what is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** at hscchurch.org or click on QR code.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED

The rectory office is closed on **Mon., Feb. 16th** in observance of **President's Day**. Morning Mass is at 8am (*instead of 7AM*).



Be The Light: 2026 ANNUAL APPEAL: This weekend we have been asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the *2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. Please complete or take a commitment form (located in the pews) this weekend or make your gift at give.adw.org. We will ask you to put your completed form in the basket during mass. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Catholic Services Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout our community. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. Thank you in advance for your generous response.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **FEBRUARY 18th** and it 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., Feb. 22nd at 1PM at the school building (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Join us for lunch, lessons (adults & youth) and fellowship as we begin Lent. See flyer for info and to RSVP.

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LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join 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 is online via ZOOM on Wednesdays of Lent: Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30PM to 8:45 PM. Msgr. Pope explores 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. If you are not already a subscriber to the Wednesday bible study, sign-up to receive the Zoom link via FlockNote. To subscribe to FlockNote: text HCSC to 84576 OR visit: <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/>. It's FREE!

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, Feb. 20th**. Come and journey with Jesus to Calvary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSION & MASS: every Wednesday with confession at 6PM and Mass at 7PM.



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. 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.

2026 MASS COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Archdiocese of Washington celebrates Black History Month with Mass on **Sat., Feb. 21st at 5PM** 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 williamsw@adw.org or 301-853-4468.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE DOCUMENTARY

Come to a screening of "**A Place at the Table: African-Americans on the Path to Sainthood**", a documentary about the 6 Black Catholics on the path to sainthood. On **Fri., Feb. 27th at 7PM**—St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church Parish Hall (14 M St. SE, WDC 20003).

Join with our very own *Robert E. Person* on **Mon., Feb. 23 at 7PM** as MetroStage at The Lyceum presents "**Roots & Reverence: Negro Spirituals That Shaped America.**" This powerful musical journey traces the Negro Spiritual from its sacred origins through its profound influence on Jazz and Gospel. Experience the music that formed the spiritual backbone of American culture. **Cost:** \$30 admission. **For tickets visit:** bit.ly/RootsAndReverence. Held at the Lyceum (201 S. Washington St., Alex., VA 22314).



LENTEN FISH FRY: Feb 20th, March 6th & 27th 11AM-3PM, St. Luke's Church (4925 E. Capitol St., SE, WDC, 20019). See flyer in rear of church.

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are prepared **only upon request**. Statements will **not** be automatically mailed. Contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement to be **mailed, emailed or picked up** from the rectory. **NOTE:** only cash donations (*submitted in an envelope*) and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

PARISH ONLINE GIVING YEAR-END STATEMENTS: We have received notification that statements have been mailed to those who used electronic tithing last year. We are still checking with the company on additional updates.

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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

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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!



Let us prepare for the Season of Lent!

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 18th— Mass at 7:00am , 10:00am and 7:00pm. This is a day of **fasting** (*having only one full meal*) for Catholics over the age of 14 and **abstinence** from meat for healthy Catholics 18-59 years of age. Ashes will only be distributed during Mass times.

DAILY MASS—Monday through Friday—7:00am in the Chapel. Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. Saturday mornings at 8:00am in the Chapel.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent with Holy Hour (Adoration) at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church (*Feb. 20—March 27*).

RECONCILIATION— 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass and every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Church.

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