

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

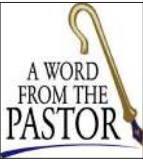
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles did not fully understand the words of Scripture, that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "Doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas. Or "Thomas the Tireless Traveler. Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am Intentions of Morris Freeman
9:30am Intentions of Arlene Long
11:00am Larry Elgin †

Monday, April 13 Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

7:00am Kevin Washington †

Tuesday, April 14

7:00am Jeannette Washington †

Wednesday, April 15

7:00am Audrey Prescott †
7:00pm Thomas Washington †

Thursday, April 16

7:00am Rebekah Hope Mateo (B'day) †

Friday, April 17

7:00am Dorothy Simpson (B'day) †

Saturday, April 18

8:00am For the People
4:30pm Patricia Boyd †



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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 4:23-31 JOHN 3:1-8
TUESDAY: ACTS 4:32-37 JOHN 3:7B-15
WEDNESDAY: ACTS 5:17-26 JOHN 3:16-21
THURSDAY: ACTS 5:27-33 JOHN 3:31-36
FRIDAY: ACTS 5:34-42 JOHN 6:1-15
SATURDAY: ACTS 6:1-7 JOHN 6:16-21



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Mass Attendance—Holy Week 2026

Holy Thursday (April 2) 7:00pm 126
Good Friday (April 3) 7:00pm 125

Mass Attendance—Easter Sunday 2026

Easter Vigil (April 4) 8:00pm 165
Easter Sunday (April 5) 8:30am 152
11:00am 407
7:00pm 67

TOTAL (Holy Week & Easter Sunday): **1042**

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/13)

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (4/14)

7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Wednesday (4/15)

7:00pm Evening Mass
7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (4/17)

6:00pm Adoration/Holy Hour
7:00pm Young Adult Fellowship



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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS and **WELCOME** to the following who were baptized, received sacraments and entered into the full communion of the Church at the Easter Vigil last weekend:

Jane't Jones was baptized and confirmed and **Carson Maurice Brawner** was baptized.

Shane Herndon was received into the full communion of the Church (*Profession of Faith and Holy Eucharist*).

Madison Brawner and **Mason Brawner** received First Communion.

May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you. We ask all to pray for them.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is April 12th. We will pray this Sunday at 10:45AM (prior to 11AM Mass) the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish family and if you are unable to pray with us, please take time today to pray on your own or with family/friends. **With so many conflicts throughout the world today, let us pray for God's Mercy and for PEACE—that it may descend upon our whole world.** Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) was instituted by St. John Paul II calling it "the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." The Divine Mercy devotion was started in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is chanted or sung using the rosary. *We will have a supply of the words to the chaplet and rosaries in the rear of the sanctuary.* Let us pray as one community for God's Mercy and for Peace.

NOTE: You can pray the Divine Mercy chaplet on the *Hallow* app, the *Ascension* app and it is located under *Prayers* on our own *MyParish* app.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: We still need more food! Our parish in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence hosted a food drive this Lent for a teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana (*also home country to Fr. Patrick*). You can donate requested food items **or** make a monetary donation for the shipping costs. Visit our website or see flyer in rear of church. Last day to donate: April 12th. You can also order online and ship to our church to arrive this week. We plan to deliver to the Oblates for shipping in the next 10 days. So, you still have time. Please donate only what is requested on the flyer. Thank you!



YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Join with other young adults from the parish for an evening of fellowship and reflection on **April 17th**. We invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00PM followed by the fellowship at 7:00PM in the rectory basement meeting room. See bulletin flyer for more details.



Join the HCSC Friendly Seniors for a **SPRING CRUISE LUNCHEON** up the Choptank River on **Friday, June 19th** from 8:45AM-6PM. Cost: \$120 includes roundtrip transportation to the riverboat and cruise with an all-you-can-eat seafood luncheon. Space is limited. Contact Elizabeth Colston at 301-248-1566 or the rectory office at 202-546-1885 for details and to reserve a space. See bulletin flyer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / 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. On the First Friday of each month, we also hold **All-Day Adoration** from 8AM until 7PM. Check back with us for the next adoration on May 1.



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.



Honoring Those Who Were Enslaved Initiative: On Nov. 15, 2025, the Archdiocese of Washington launched a new Initiative, "Honoring Those Who Were Enslaved: Do Justice, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly" (HTWWE) as the result of prayer and years of dialogue and engagements with descendants of enslaved peoples of Maryland. To learn more about the history and purpose of this initiative, visit the website at:

<https://adw.org/living-the-faith/social-concerns/honoring-those-enslaved/>

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.



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Rev. Patrick Aboagye, Parochial Vicar (sirpatrick2@gmail.com)

Deacon James P. Flagg II, Permanent Deacon (jpfaggll@gmail.com)

For info on membership, sacraments (baptism, first communion, confirmation, weddings) and funerals contact rectory at hscstaff@hscchurch.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)
Wednesdays Evening Mass at 7PM (confessions 6PM)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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



Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Young Adults

Young Adult Fellowship

Friday, 17th April

6-7PM: Adoration + Confession

7:00-8:30PM: Young Adult Fellowship:
Wine and Cheese Social*

Fellowship (Ages 21-39):
Rectory Basement meeting room
(entrance located on the far-right side
of the rectory building)
HCSC: 1357 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

*non-alcoholic options included!

Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Friendly Seniors for a Cruise Luncheon

Friday, June 19, 2025

8:45 am—6:00 pm

Delicious lunch and cruise on a paddleboat up the Choptank River



Cost: \$120.00 per person

Includes roundtrip transportation, cruise with lunch

FULL PAYMENT DUE —Friday, May 29, 2026

(Partial payments will not be accepted)

*Checks made payable to Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
and write Friendly Seniors in the memo*

Bus departs promptly at 8:45am from Center City Public Charter School (15th and East Capitol St., SE.)

Bus returns at 6:00 pm to Center City Public Charter School

Limited parking available on lot behind the school

For more information and to reserve you space contact

Elizabeth Colston (301) 248-1566 or Rectory office (202) 546-1885



All you can eat lunch menu

Maryland Crab Soup

Steamed Crabs

Fried Chicken

Corn-on-the-cob

Coleslaw

Assorted Desserts

Non-Alcoholic Beverages

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 & Very Dear, The Family*

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 Austina H. Jones
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We Love You Always
 Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones †
Son & Father
*We'll always
 love you,
 Mom, Kids
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