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**Good  
Shepherd**

*A Good Shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.*

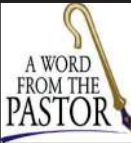
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12



Many Christians have memorized the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and joyfully recite it. Most consider its words deeply consoling and reassuring. Certainly this is true. But the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is also a Psalm of Confession. In effect we are saying that since the Lord is my shepherd I follow only him and not another shepherd. Jesus declares in the Gospel today that his sheep follow him and that they will not follow the voice of another shepherd. In fact they will run from a false shepherd who they do not recognize! Are we like this? Are we as smart as sheep? Too often we not only fail to flee false shepherds we run after them and cling to them. We expose ourselves to all sorts of morally dangerous influences and enjoy the diversions and deviations of the world. If the Lord really is our Shepherd we will listen only to him, judge all other voices against his and run quickly from any voice that is not his. Is the Lord truly your Shepherd or just one voice among many that you heed?

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**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, April 26** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00am Jayla & Shayla Elkins † (*youth killed in Louisiana*)  
 9:30am Justin & Cerina Fairfax †  
 11:00am Elizabeth Klos †  
 7:00pm Kayla, Layla & Markaydon Pugh † (*youth killed in Louisiana*)  
**Monday, April 27**  
 7:00am Sariah, Khedarrion & Braylon Snow † (*youth killed in Louisiana*)  
**Tuesday, April 28** *Saint Peter Chanel, Saint Louis Grignon de Monfort*  
 7:00am Kevin A. Washington †  
**Wednesday, April 29** *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of Church*  
 7:00am Zachary Carlson †  
 7:00pm Robbie Goodman †  
**Thursday, April 30** *Saint Pius V, Pope*  
 7:00am Dorrie Jackson †  
**Friday, May 1** *Saint Joseph, the Worker*  
 7:00am Helen Whiting †  
**Saturday, May 2** *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of Church*  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Lottie Washington †



**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](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org). The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** ACTS 11:1-18 JOHN 10:11-18  
**TUESDAY:** ACTS 11:19-26 JOHN 10:22-30  
**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 12:24-13:5A JOHN 12:44-50  
**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



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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

April 19, 2026

4:30pm 38  
 8:00am 68  
 9:30am 28  
 11:00am 131  
 7:00pm 72  
**Total: 337**

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

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<p><b>Monday (4/27)</b>                  7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study</p> <p><b>Tuesday (4/28)</b>                  10:30 am Senior Bible Study                  7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Wednesday (4/29)</b>                  7:00pm Evening Mass                  7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Friday (5/1)</b>                  8am-7pm All-Day Eucharistic Adoration</p>
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**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.



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** If you are visiting today and interested in joining, stop by our church office next to the church during office hours or contact us at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

**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



**BAPTISM FOR INFANTS**—If you have an infant or young child who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) and leave your name and contact information. Please note that all parents who with an infant or youth who needs baptism must attend a baptism preparation class with the clergy prior to scheduling a baptism. The next scheduled baptism preparation class is **Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am** via Zoom. Contact us if you would like to attend this class.

**HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sun., May 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 11AM Mass.** We gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park with a statue of Mary while reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. Upon return to the Church, we have a brief ceremony for the May crowning of our May Queen and Court. together! See flyer in bulletin for details. All are invited!



**Be The Light: 2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:** the 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal occurred a few months ago and we had an extremely generous response from our HCSC parishioners. We are so grateful for your support for the many programs

and ministries that benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the communities in the DMV. If you have not donated and would like to learn more about the appeal visit: [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

### MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE:

**Mother's Day is May 10<sup>th</sup>!** Are you looking for a gift for someone special? This Sunday (4/26), beautiful, religious gift items will be on sale out in front of the church after the morning masses. **On May 3<sup>rd</sup>,** the items will be on display in the Candlelight Store in the rear of the church. And, also available out in front of the church on Mother's Day (4/10). All proceeds benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence.**



**HCSC LADIES OF CHARITY** will be selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars on **Sun. May 10<sup>th</sup>** after the morning Masses out on the plaza (in front of the church).

The LOC is an international Catholic organization of women who volunteer to serve others in an effort to work against all forms of poverty. This fundraiser will provide needed funds to our local chapter in their service to others.

## 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) to receive Zoom link.



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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

- ⇒ **EVERY FRIDAY** from 6—7PM in the sanctuary. Confessions are also heard at this time.
- ⇒ **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY** of the month from **8AM until 7PM** in the sanctuary.

Come and spend quiet time in prayer and adoring Jesus Christ who is present in the Eucharist.



**Join the Council of Catholic Women-ADW in Praying for Peace.** In

a written message to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Pope Leo XIV urged Americans to deepen their prayer lives and renew evangelization as the Nation approaches its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please join the Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington's "**250 Prayer for Peace**" on our nightly Rosary call. **For 250 days,** let us pray to the Lord for "peace in our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world"—**starting Sunday, April 19 and concluding December 24.** To join the nightly Rosary call at 8:00PM, dial 605-468-8016, access code: 357090#. **Pray for Peace!**



### MASS FOR PERSONS LIVING w/MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES:

All are welcome to the St. Dymphna Mass on **Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am** at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1715 Rhode Island Ave, NW, WDC) with Cardinal McElroy. We welcome those living with mental health challenges, family members, friends and supporters to pray together as a community of faith in this journey of living with mental health challenges. Confessions begin at 10am.

*St. Dymphna, patron of those living with mental health challenges, pray for us!*

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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  
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## ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION



**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Following the 11:00AM Mass, we invite you to gather in the sanctuary to process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. We return to the Church for the May Crowning. For those unable to process around the park, we invite you to stay and recite the rosary in the sanctuary.

*Leila Graham will be crowned the May Queen*

### **The May Queen Court**

**Attendants:** *Nijayah Ross and McKenzie Ward*

**Statue Bearers:** Emmanuel Nuel-Ejiofor, Tyreik Reese, Delante Rush, Jr. and Nikaih Young

We invite **ALL** our parish families, organizations & ministries to participate in this annual tradition in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. Bring your rosary and ministry banner.

**You are invited to wear traditional May Procession attire:**

*White dresses or suits (females)*

*White suits or white shirts w/white or navy blue /black slacks (males)*

*\*In case of inclement weather, we will process throughout the sanctuary.*

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



**FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**

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

**Our parish hosts All-Day Adoration every first Friday of the month. Share this information along with the sign-up details 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, FEEL FREE TO  
STOP BY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. BRING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND!**



## 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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 & Very Dear, The Family*

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*We Love You Always*  
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**Kenyon E. Jones**  
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*We'll always love you,  
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