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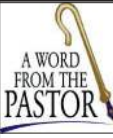
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-1 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21



Today's second reading gives us a way to go from being tombstones to living stones, in three stages. The first stage is **the Call**. The text says *come to Jesus, a living stone, rejected by man but chosen by God and let yourself, like living stones, be built into a spiritual house*. Notice the image of a stone. A stone has weight, substance, is no push over.

But note the image of a *living stone*. And so, we who are alive are called to have the qualities of the stone, but are alive in Christ. Next, notice **the Choice**. The text says *whoever believes shall not be put to shame*. Hence, we become living stones through faith. We have a choice to make, either we will chose Christ and grow into living stones, or we will just remain a tombstone. Finally, notice **the Characteristics** of we who become living stones.

Note that we have a **pedigree** for the text says *we are a chosen race*. We also have a **priesthood** for the text says *we are a royal priesthood*. We also have a **place**, for the text calls us a *Holy Nation*. The word holy means, called out to be different. So, we are in the world but not of the world. Lastly, we have a **proclamation** for the text says that *we are to announce the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light*.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, May 3** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00am Intentions of Rev. Lazarus (Ordination Anniversary)
 9:30am Eloise Byrd Young †
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Holton Family †
 7:00pm Sofia Valero †
- Monday, May 4**
 7:00am Sharlene Carter †
- Tuesday, May 5**
 7:00am Lucy Jones (B'day) †
- Wednesday, May 6**
 7:00am Shirley Ann Jackson (B'day) †
 7:00pm Sofia Valero †
- Thursday, May 7**
 7:00am Raymond Vanzego †
- Friday, May 8**
 7:00am Intentions of Sr. Rita Michelle Proctor (B'day)
- Saturday, May 9**
 8:00am Intentions of Claudia Bickman (B'day)
 4:30pm For the People



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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	ACTS 14:5-18	JOHN 14:21-26
TUESDAY:	ACTS 14:19-28	JOHN 14:27-31A
WEDNESDAY:	ACTS 15:1-6	JOHN 15:1-8
THURSDAY:	ACTS 15:7-21	JOHN 15:9-11
FRIDAY:	ACTS 15:22-31	JOHN 15:12-17
SATURDAY:	ACTS 16:1-10	JOHN 15:18-21



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MASS ATTENDANCE

April 26, 2026

4:30pm	43
8:00am	61
9:30am	39
11:00am	160
7:00pm	<u>85</u>
TOTAL	388

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/4) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (5/6) 7:00pm Evening Mass 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday (5/5) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Friday (5/8) 6:00pm Adoration/Holy Hour

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 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 3rd following the 11am Mass. We gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. Upon return to the Church, we have a brief ceremony for the May crowning. We invite **ALL** families and HCSC ministries. *Hail Mary, full of Grace!*



THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2026 celebrates First Holy Communion on Sun., May 3rd:



*Xiairah Carter
Ava Clements
Meadow Graham
Kennedy Jeffery
Aris Lovelace
Ayden Lovelace
Jacob Rubens*



Bless the children who come forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 11am Mass. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Mother's Day is May 10th! Are you looking for a gift for someone special? This Sunday (4/26), beautiful, religious gift items will be on sale either in the vestibule of the church of the church after the morning masses or on display in the Candlelight Store. On May 10th, these items will also be available out in front of the church on Mother's Day. All proceeds benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**.



SAVE THE DATE—PENTECOST is **Sunday, May 24th**. On this day we pray, *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love."* Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day which is also the feast day of the parish of Holy Comforter. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed** to help with the reception following the 11am Mass. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org to help. Thanks!

M **MONTH OF MARY:** During the month of May, Catholics offer up to Mary from their hearts a loving homage of prayer and veneration. Outside of Mass there is no other prayer more pleasing to our Queen of Heaven than the Rosary. *"In this month, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"* (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1). St. John Paul II in his document on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary insisted, pleaded, that the whole world **pray the Holy Rosary for the salvation of the family and for world peace**. As part of the message from Our Lady of Fatima, let us also be obedient children and pray our Mother's requested prayer. We have **FREE** rosaries and guides on how to pray the rosary available in the back of the church.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

- ⇒ **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Confessions 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.



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.



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 250th 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!**

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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)

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