RESPECT ALL LIFE

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TWENTY– EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:
Isaiah 25:6-10a Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14
Readings Next Weekend:
Isaiah 45:1,4-6 1Thessalonians1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The fundamental theme of the Gospel today is "Party or Perish." Now this may need some explanation. Note first the REPAST. A King (God) has sent out an invitation for all to come to the wedding feast of his Son (Jesus is wedded to the Church). At one level the wedding feast is the invitation to faith in general. But more biblically, the wedding feast of the Lamb described in the Book of Revelation is also the Liturgy of Heaven we call the Mass. Note next, the REJECTION! The invited guests ignore and reject the invitation, some even abuse and kill the servants who remind them of the feast! Jesus describes their rejection as being rooted in a preference for the things of the world. Next comes their RUIN. The king destroyed them and burned their city. Historically, this happened to ancient Israel in 70AD, forty years after Jesus' resurrection. After having extended the invitation for a long forty years, the "No" of the invited guests became definitive and led to their ruin. It is the same for us. All our life the Lord invites us to accept his kingdom, but in the end, if we don't want it we don't have to accept it. Yet, at death our choice is fixed, and if it is "No" our ruin is sure, for outside the kingdom, there is nothing but ruin. But next notice God's RESOLVE. When some reject, he merely widens the invitation. He wants his Son's wedding feast full. Finally, notice the REQUIREMENT. Simply showing up to the feast is not enough. Upon entering the wedding feast we must put on God's robe of righteousness. Without righteousness one cannot be in the wedding feast, and will ultimately be cast out. We must be dressed in a way that befits the kingdom, clothed in righteousness.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 11 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Intentions of Jean Myrick
9:30am John Young †
11:00am Ellis Poole †
7:00pm Doris Middleton †
Monday, October 12 *Columbus & Indigenous Peoples' Day*
8:00am Mary Shaw †
Tuesday, October 13
7:00am Intentions of Sharon Lewis (B'day)
Wednesday, October 14 *Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*
7:00am Juanita Ransome †
7:00pm David Cornish †
Thursday, October 15 *St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
7:00am Doris Edelin †
Friday, October 16 *Sts. Hedwig, Religious & Margaret Mary Alacoque Virgin*
7:00am Cahli Thomas †
Saturday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Deceased Members Boland & Lorch Families †

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	GALATIANS 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1	LUKE 11: 29-32
TUESDAY:	GALATIANS 5:1-6	LUKE 11: 37-41
WEDNESDAY:	GALATIANS 5:18-25	LUKE 11: 42-46
THURSDAY:	EPHESIANS1:1-10	LUKE 11:47-54
FRIDAY:	EPHESIANS 1:11-14	LUKE 12:1-7
SATURDAY:	EPHESIANS1:15-23	LUKE 12:8-12

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MASS ATTENDANCE

October 4, 2026

4:30pm 44
8:00am 93
9:30am 29
11:00am 139
7:00pm 68
Total: 373

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (10/12) *Columbus/Indigenous*
Morning Mass at 8:00AM
Rectory Closed for Holiday

Tuesday (10/13)
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm OCIA/Faith Formation

Wednesday (10/14)
7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (10/16)
6pm-7pm Eucharistic Adoration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

⇒ **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Clergy available to hear confessions.
⇒ **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY** of the month from **8AM until 7PM** in the sanctuary.

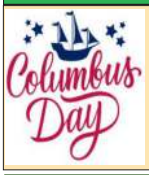
MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is $10 per intention.

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.

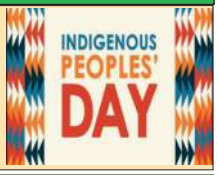
OUR VISION STATEMENT:
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

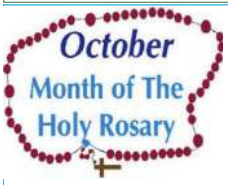
Parish Life



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED in observance of *Columbus* and *Indigenous Peoples' Day*. Morning Mass is at 8:00AM in the chapel.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Every October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its natural end, and at every point in between. During the month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Our parish will provide information either in the bulletin and in the rear of the church during this month. Stay tuned.



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. According to an account by 15thcentury Dominican, *Alan de la Roch*, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. We have **FREE** rosaries in the rear of the church.

The HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY 54th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT is **Sun., Oct. 25th** at **4:00PM.** This year's theme: "*Be Encouraged. He's God".* This is a **FREE** concert for family and friends (a *free-will offering will be taken*). Come and join with us in praise! Bring family & friends!

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **third** and **fourth** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. **This bible study resumes Tues., Oct. 20th.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: held every Wednesday via Zoom at 7:15PM w/Msgr. Charles Pope. Sign up at hcscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link.

DID YOU KNOW? Our church sanctuary is open from 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer throughout the day. Stop by!

Many Gifts, One Body
Liturgical Ministry Recruitment Campaign

Our parish has begun our ***Many Gifts, One Body Liturgical Ministries Recruitment Campaign***—a six-week invitation to discover the many ways you can share your gifts in service to our parish community as a member of one of the liturgical ministries. This weekend we focus on **Altar Servers.**

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers have a special opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Mass by assisting the priest and other liturgical ministers at the altar. Through their service, Altar Servers learn more about the Mass, build confidence and responsibility, and become active participants in our parish's worship life.

We invite young people and their families to consider whether the Altar Server ministry might be a meaningful way to become more involved in our parish. You do not need to already know how to serve at the altar—training and guidance are provided.

Serving at the altar is an opportunity to grow in faith, learn more about our Catholic worship, and share your gifts in service to God and our parish community. Stop by the *Liturgical Ministries Hospitality* table after Mass to meet ministry members, ask questions, and complete an interest card. **Interested in leaning more:?** Contact: Keith Williams at kdwillsr@gmail.com.

ADW 17th ANNUAL WHITE MASS: Celebrate the gifts of people living with disabilities, persons who are Deaf, and persons living with mental health challenges and what they bring to our Church, schools, workplaces, and communities. We wear **white** to symbolize our unity in Baptism as one holy Catholic family. This year's White Mass will be celebrated on **October 18th at 10AM** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** (1600 Morris rd., SE, WDC). **Celebrant:** Bishop Robert Boxie, III. Reception to follow. For more information contact: 301-853-4560 or specialneedsministry@adw.org.

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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	7PM (confessions 6PM)

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

Be Encouraged He's GOD!

Holy Comforter – Saint Cyprian Church Choir

54TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, October 25, 2026
4:00PM

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Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor
George Stewart, Director of Music

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We Love You Always
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To Our Beloved
Kenyon C. Jones
Son & Father
We'll always love you,
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