Respect Life

"All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God's creation."

Pope Francis

"Toda **VIDA** tiene un valor inestimable, incluso los **más débiles** y **vulnerables**, los **enfermos**, los **ancianos**, los **no nacidos** y los **pobres**, son obras maestras de la creación de Dios."

Papa Francisco

Respeto a la Vida

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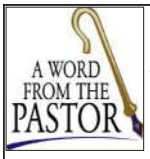
TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:
Isaiah 45:1,4-6 1Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21
Readings Next Weekend:
Exodus 22:20-26 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40



The Gospel today contains lots of interesting juxtapositions: Hatred for Jesus but grudging respect for him, real questions versus rhetorical questions, politics and faith, duties to Caesar and duties to God. First, note the **PLOTTING OF THE PERPETRATORS**. Jesus' enemies plot together how they might trap him and set forth a question that will theoretically pin him down so that, no matter how he answers, he is in trouble. He will offend politics or faith. They ask if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Yet, it is interesting how they grudgingly offer him respect in indicating that he will answer truthfully no matter the consequences. Frankly, there are very few among us who do not alter their speech based on the crowd and consequences. Next, note the **PROTESTING OF THEIR PRETENSE** – Jesus acknowledges their question as phony. They don't really want an answer, they merely want to trap Jesus. He goes on to call them hypocrites (actors) and demonstrates that by the fact that they are able to produce a Roman coin. This means that they make use of the very thing they are criticizing and, though they may belly-ache about the Roman oppressors, they are more than willing to trade and make money in the Roman system. Finally, note the **PRONOUNCING OF THE PRINCIPLE**. Fundamentally, Christians have a double duty. Our first duty is always to God (worship, obedience, tithe, witness), but God also expects us to be law-abiding citizens who participate and contribute to the commonwealth and common good of the nation. We are to pray for our leaders, pay taxes, obey just laws and be part of the political process. Render to God what is God's, and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 18 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Intentions of Steven W. Stafford
9:30am Trevon Norman †
11:00am Jose Rivera †
7:00pm Intentions of Thomas Hardy & Family
Monday, October 19 *Sts.John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues Priests*
7:00am Intentions of Shirley Austin (B'day)
Tuesday, October 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*
7:00am Calvin & Alvin Townsend (B'day) †
Wednesday, October 21
7:00am Intentions of Shelly Townsend (B'day)
7:00pm Sister Mary Katherine Brent, OSP †
Thursday, October 22 *Saint John Paul II, Pope*
7:00am Mattie Barclay (B'day)†
Friday, October 23 *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*
7:00am Trevon Norman (B'day) †
Saturday, October 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*
8:00am Intentions of Karl B. Johnson, Jr. (B'day)
4:30pm Bruce Donnelly (B'day-10/25) †

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	EPHESIANS 2:1-10	LUKE 12: 13-21
TUESDAY:	EPHESIANS 2:12-22	LUKE 12: 35-38
WEDNESDAY:	EPHESIANS 3:2-12	LUKE 12: 39-48
THURSDAY:	EPHESIANS 3:14-21	LUKE 12:49-53
FRIDAY:	EPHESIANS 4:1-6	LUKE 12:54-59
SATURDAY:	EPHESIANS 4:7-6	LUKE 13:1-9

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MASS ATTENDANCE
October 11, 2026

4:30pm 42
8:00am 64
9:30am 29
11:00am 121
7:00pm 78
Total: 334

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/18)
9:30am Ladies of Charity
Monday (10/19)
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday (10/20)
10:30am Senior Bible Study
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm OCIA/Faith Formation
Wednesday (10/21)
7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday (10/23)
6pm-7pm Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday(10/24)
10:00am Catechist Meeting

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

⇒ **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.

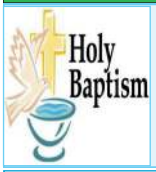
MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is $10 per intention.

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-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Life

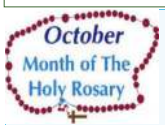


CONGRATULATIONS to *Tucker McHugh Burns* who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ on Sun., Oct. 11th. May God bless *Tucker* and his parents as he begins this spiritual journey.

CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY—On **Sun., Nov. 1st**, from **9am—10:30am**, our religious education ministry will celebrate All Saints Day with a **"Walk with the Saints".** All youth and their families are invited to come dressed as their favorite Saint. If you don't have a saint costume, come anyway! Snacks, games and fun will be provided. At 10:30am, we'll gather to march from the school to the church singing (*making a holy noise*), **"O When the Saints go Marching in."** But, this can't happen unless we know the youth and their families will attend and that we have volunteers to help organize this event which will be rooted in faith. Location: Center City Public Charter School (1503 E. Capitol St, SE, WDC). Contact us: 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff2@hcscchurch.org to volunteer & RSVP.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day in November for the *Poor Souls*. **To include your relatives/friends**, write names on the *All Souls Day* envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in rear of church) and drop in collection basket or rectory office. Names will be placed on the altar during November. A donation is not needed but is appreciated. **ParishSoft Giving Users:** If you donate electronically, email your names to hcscstaff2@hcscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

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 and our parish will provide information in the bulletin and in the rear of the church.



October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. 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. Join with the faithful and begin your journey to praying the rosary regularly. We have **FREE** rosaries in the rear of the church.

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **third** and **fourth** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. **Next date**: October 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.

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 **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Guild/Sacristan Ministry.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a sacred opportunity to help share the Body and Blood of Christ with the faithful during Mass and also to the homebound. Through this ministry, parishioners offer reverent and prayerful service at the heart of our celebration of the Eucharist. You do not need to be an experienced liturgical minister to serve. If you are a practicing Catholic in good standing who feels called to deepen your participation in the Mass and serve our parish community, we invite you to learn more about the requirements, training, and commitment involved. Stop by the Liturgical Ministry Recruitment table after Mass to meet ministry members, ask questions, and complete an interest card. Interested in learning more? Contact: Deborah Vanzego at blkitalian@gmail.com.

Altar Guild / Sacristan Ministry

Much of what makes our worship beautiful and orderly happens quietly before and after Mass. The Altar Guild Ministry helps prepare and care for our sacred worship space, ensuring that the altar, vessels, linens, and items needed for Mass are ready with care and reverence. This ministry also plays an important role in preparing our church for Holy Days, special liturgies, and the celebration of the Sacraments. It is a wonderful opportunity for those who enjoy serving behind the scenes and have gifts of organization, attention to detail, dependability, and care. You don't need previous experience, just a willing heart in helping prepare our sacred space for worship. Stop by the Liturgical Ministry Hospitality Table after Mass to meet ministry members, ask questions, and complete an interest card. Interested in learning more? Contact Sharon Lewis at sharon1306@aol.com.

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

For information on membership, sacraments (*baptism, first communion, confirmation, matrimony*) and funerals contact rectory office at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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	7PM (confessions 6PM)

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

Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Friendly Seniors

Bible Study

Deacon James Flagg
Facilitator

Held the 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM

Next Scheduled Date: Tues., Oct. 20th

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(enter by Mary's Statue in the courtyard)

If you are a senior or know of a senior who is interested in the Friendly Seniors, contact: Elizabeth Colston (301) 248-1566.
Come and fellowship with other seniors while sharing scripture!

Be Encouraged
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Sunday, October 25, 2026
4:00PM

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