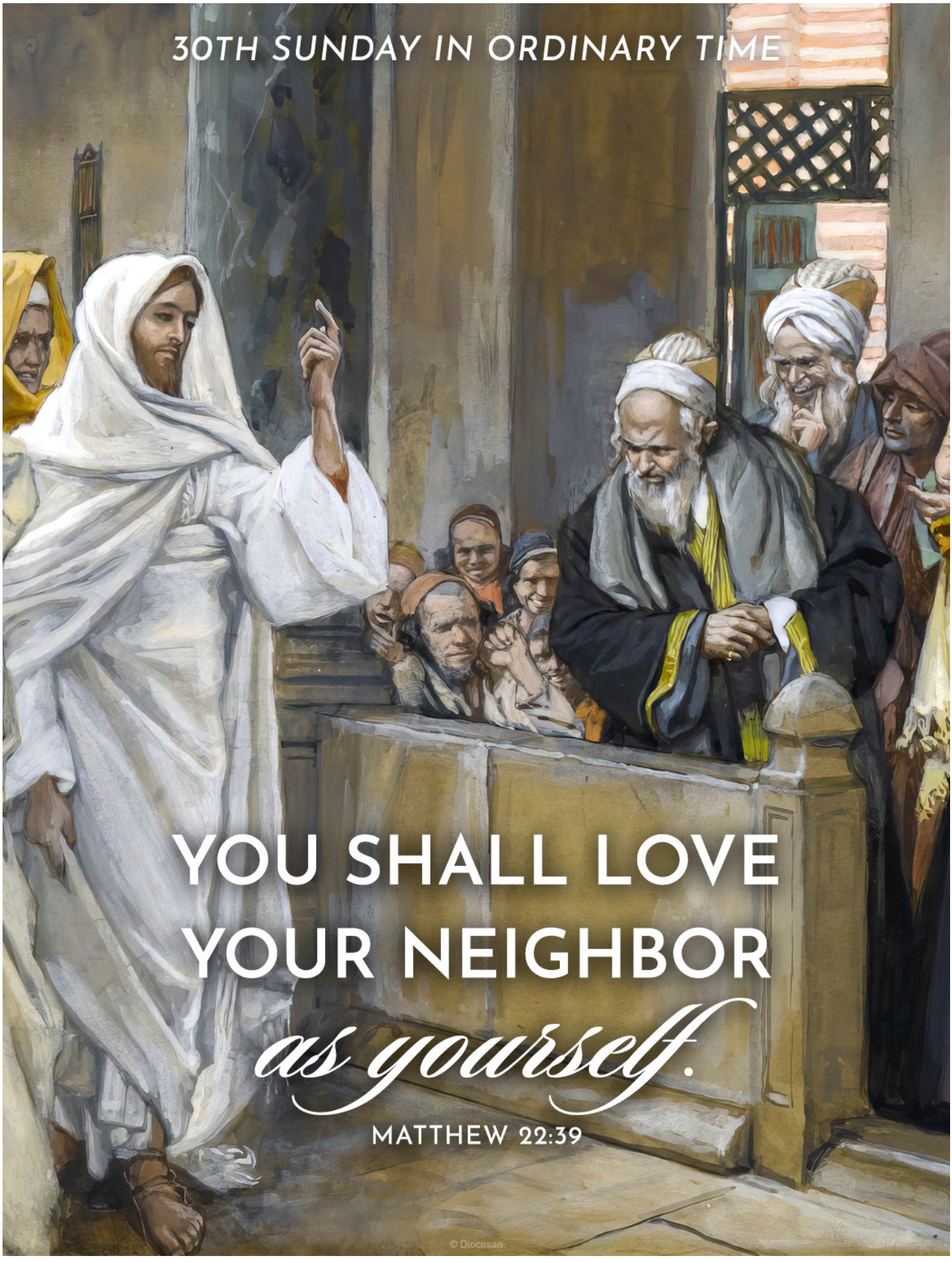
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
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MATTHEW 22:39
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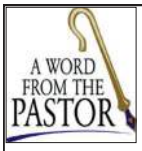
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:
Exodus 22:20-26 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:33-40
Readings Next Weekend:
Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a



In today's Gospel we come to the heart of God's Law and we learn that 'Love Lightens Every Load.' Take notice first the Leadership of Love. Jesus says that the whole Law and the prophets depend on the command to love God and your neighbor. Love comes first and is the foundation, the power of the Law. Jesus says elsewhere, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). In other words, it is love that enables us to keep the law. When we want to do something, when we desire to do it, then the doing is both joyful and, in some sense, effortless. Love changes our desires so that we want what God wants and we keep his law not because we have to, but because we want to. Next, notice the Layers of Love. The text says we should love God with our heart, our soul and our mind. These layers of our existence encompass the whole of the interior person. Through love we come to a new mind, a new way of thinking. We also receive a new heart wherein our desires are reformed and conformed to God. And a new soul is given, whereby we begin to live a whole new life. Finally, note the Lavishness of Love. There is the little word ALL. We love the Lord with ALL our heart, ALL our mind, and ALL our soul. When we love we are not minimalists, we are lavish. Our response to God is wholehearted, not perfunctory. Love does not ask, "What is the least I can do?" Love asks, "What more can I do?"

FUNERALS — Agnes C.Phillips (10/26)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Intentions of Thomas Hardy & Family
9:30am Intentions of Thomas Hardy & Family
11:00am Pauline Macon (B'day) †
7:00pm Austina Jones †
Monday, October 26
7:00am Intentions of Joseph & Saint-Clair Family
Tuesday, October 27
7:00am Sister Mary John Francis Schilling, OSP †
Wednesday, October 28 *Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*
7:00am Gladys Lancaster †
7:00pm Angela Keys-Robinson †
Thursday, October 29
7:00am Alfreda Reavis †
Friday, October 30
7:00am Anthony Mackie †
Saturday, October 31
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Agnes Phillips †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	EPHESIANS 4:32-5:8	LUKE 13:10-17
TUESDAY:	EPHESIANS 5:21-33	LUKE 3:18-21
WEDNESDAY:	EPHESIANS 2: 19-22	LUKE 6:12-16
THURSDAY:	EPHESIANS 6:10-20	LUKE 13:31-35
FRIDAY:	PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11	LUKE 14:1-6
SATURDAY:	PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26	LUKE 14:1,7-11

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MASS ATTENDANCE
October 18, 2026
4:30pm 34
8:00am 62
9:30am 52
11:00am 149
7:00pm 64
Total: 361

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/25)
9:15am Sunday School
4:00pm Choir Anniv. Concert

Tuesday (10/27)
10:30am Senior Bible Study
7:00pm OCIA/ Faith Formation

Wednesday (10/28)
7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (10/30)
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.

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Life

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!

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 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.

On **Sun, Nov. 1st at 4:30PM**, a Mass for the final vows of Sister Beatitudes will be celebrated in our church. Final vows are the life-long commitment a religious sister makes after five years in religious life. The renewal of vows of many of the other sisters will also take place. Sr. Beatitudes teaches in our Sunday School and she and all the sisters are a precious gift to our parish and the Church. You and your family are invited to join us in this special celebration.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

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

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.

At Mass each weekend over the last 6-weeks, members of our *Adult & Youth Choirs, Lectors, Ushers, Sound Ministry, Altar Guild/Sacristan Ministry, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* shared with you what they do, why their ministry matters, the gifts and skills that are helpful, and the time commitment involved if you are interested.

We pray you received much information to assist you in discerning your commitment to this parish. Please know there is a place for you and your gifts here at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian.

Those who completed an interest card or signed up for more information, should be receiving calls, texts or emails from the ministries you have selected over the next few weeks. You can further discuss with the ministries questions you may have and how you can become active.

If you have not had an opportunity to sign up or express an interest in a ministry, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 and we will make sure you receive resources that will help you learn more about our liturgical ministries and how to contact them. Stay tuned.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord."
1 Corinthians 12:4–5

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 church during this month.

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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)

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