

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-19 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19



Thomas the apostle for many has been given the name "the doubter," certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of Scripture that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



Sunday, April 7 *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Bernard Moffett (birthday)
 11:00am Catarina Ciccone †

Monday, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

7:00am Francis D. Campbell (27th anniversary †)

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am Orlando Hall and Family

Wednesday, April 10

7:00am Cole, Greene & Hill Deceased Family Members

Thursday, April 11 *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Joshua Sampson (birthday)

Friday, April 12

7:00am Florence G. Queenan †

Saturday, April 13 *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Ida & Joe Williams

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 \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680
Responsorial Psalm
 "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LMGM #315
 ** "There Is No Greater Love"
Communion
 "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751
 *8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for March 31, 2013

4:30pm 230
 8:00am 193
 11:00am 546
Total: 969

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (3/31)	\$677,308
Actual Tithes (3/31)	\$669,233
Difference	-\$8,075

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/7) 9:30am Sodality meeting 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Confirmation Practice 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/10) 11:00am Friendly Seniors
Monday (4/8) 7:00pm Novena	Thursday (4/11) 7:00pm Confirmation w/ Bishop 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (4/9) 6:30pm Liturgical Dancers 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (4/12) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (4/13) 10:00am Social Concerns Min 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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.

PARISH LIFE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Blessed John Paul II calling it “the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery.” The Divine Mercy devotion was begun in the later 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who said she had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Brochures for reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are in the rear of the church.



THANK YOU to all the clergy, staff, parishioners and organizational/ministry leaders who assisted with the preparations for our joyous celebration of Holy Week and Easter. It is through your love of Christ and His Church that we are able to worship so powerfully and beautifully. Please know that your time and talent are truly appreciated. God will surely bless you many times over: *When the praises go up, the blessings come down.*

CONFIRMATION—Nine HCSC youth will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at HCSC along with youth from Church of the Assumption and Our Lade Queen of Peace on **Thursday, April 11th, at 7pm with Bishop Holley**. Please plan to attend and pray for these young people that they stay strong in their faith and in this faith community.



ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS—Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on **Sunday, June 16th, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. Regardless of the month, if your anniversary is this year you may register for the Jubilarian Mass. Please call or email (hscstaff@hscchurch.org) the parish office to register and RSVP for the Mass. The names of couples who are celebrating an anniversary this year need to be turned in to the rectory **Tues., April 16th**. Call the rectory if you have questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK at 11am Mass—Youth and their parents are invited to sit in the pews in front of the clergy and celebrate Mass together. Bring a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (canned meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS will resume their weekly fellowship on **Wednesday, April 10th, at 11am** in the Youth Room at the school. The Friendly Seniors meet every Wednesday to fellowship, study the Bible, and play games. You are welcome to join us. For more information call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.

Youth Ministry News


Danita L. Colbert, Director of Youth Ministry
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ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING—is **Saturday, April 20th, 6:30pm to 11pm** at the **Victory Center at 4265 4th St., SE**. Fr. Raymond Moore is guest speaker. These **FREE** monthly gatherings are for **youth in grades 7—12**. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin (saustin7@verizon.net), Wanda Ross (wross2002@hotmail.com) or Paula Lancaster (plancaster723@aol.com).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—in grades 7—12 to join in the fun of planning the Archdiocese of Washington monthly youth events. Come and voice your opinion. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin (saustin7@verizon.net), Wanda Ross (wross2002@hotmail.com) or Paula Lancaster (plancaster7232@aol.com).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook and email us. 



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their **Fall Barbecue Sunday, April 14th, at Saint Benedict the Moor, 320 - 21st St., NE, 8am—Until**. Stay tuned for more details next week.

2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8 - 15**, to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if deposit of \$500 is paid before June 30th.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Contact Monsignor Pope at 202-546-1885 or email: pastor1@hscchurch.org for details.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

Office Hours: Mon thru Wed 9am—8pm, Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am—2pm; and Sun 9am—2pm.

For information on baptism, matrimony and sick calls, contact the rectory.

Parish Connections—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>