

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 7:55-60 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17:20-26



Jesus says in the Gospel, "Whoever loves me will keep my word." What he is doing is establishing a principle that love precedes and causes the keeping of the commandments. We often mistakenly assume that we earn God's love by keeping the commandments. No indeed, the only way we can really keep the law whole heartedly is to allow God's love to grow deeply in us. Then we keep the law, not because we have to, but because we want to. Many years ago when dating I would notice that whatever my girlfriend requested I would do eagerly. Love is like that. It wants to please the beloved. And so Jesus says, "Whoever loves me will keep my commandments."



Sunday, May 5

8:00pm (Sat) James Ollie Neale (46th anniversary—5/5) †

8:00am Deceased Sodalist

11:00am Leola E. Greenfield (33rd anniversary) †

Monday, May 6

7:00am Joe Rubens, Jr.

Tuesday, May 7

7:00am Joe Rubens, III

Wednesday, May 8

7:00am Glendora Thomas and sons †

Thursday, May 9 *The Ascension of the Lord*

7:00am Eva D. Greene (birthday) †

Friday, May 10 *Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

7:00am Robert Gordon †

Saturday, May 11

8:00am Ray Simpson (25th anniversary—5/10) †

4:30pm For the People

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.

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. Please inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. Contact Monsignor Pope at 202-546-1885 or pastor1@hscchurch.org.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26—16:4
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 John 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53
Friday: Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23-28

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680
Responsorial Psalm
 "O God let all the nations praise you"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" LMGM #439
 ** "O God Let All the Nations Praise You" C. Petty
Communion
 "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
 *8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for April 28, 2013

4:30pm 61
 8:00am 129
 11:00am 284
Total: 474

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (4/28)	\$745,038
Actual Tithes (4/28)	\$735,441
Difference	-\$9,597

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 (5/5) 9:30am May Procession 10:30am Sodality meeting 8:00pm AA	Thursday (5/9) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (5/7) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (5/10) 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (5/8) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study	Saturday (5/11) 10:00am Social Concerns mtg 10:00am Sunday School teachers 10:00am Liturgical Dance 1:00pm Holy Name meeting 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

MAY PROCESSION—Thank you to the Sodality, the May Queen and her Court, the families, volunteers and all ministries who made our annual tribute to honor our Mother-in-Faith a beautiful celebration. May is considered the **“Month of Mary”** and is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world give to the Queen of Heaven.” During May, please find time both at home and at church to pray the rosary and offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.



HCSC SINGLETARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND—If you are graduating from high school this year and planning to go to college, the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund wants you to apply for a scholarship. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church or rectory or visit the link on our website:

www.hcscchurch.org. **The application deadline is MAY 17th.**

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite 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.



BIBLE STUDY TOPICS—Msgr. Pope is offering Bible study entitled “Catholic Controversies.” Ancient biblical and Catholic teachings are considered by many today to be very controversial as our world becomes more secular and distant from biblical teaching. This course addresses some of the most “controversial” Catholic teachings and show their Biblical roots and propose that such teachings are both reasonable and a charitable proclamation of the truth given us by God. The **Wednesday, May 8th topic is: “No abortion, ever!? What about rape and incest?”**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—will be held this Sunday, May 5th following the 11am Mass.

AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP—The Friendly Seniors Annual Fun Day is **Wed., May 22nd from 11am—2pm** at the school. Please **RSVP** to the rectory no later than **Mon., May 20th**. All Seniors are welcome for food, games and fellowship.

2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8th-15th, 2013** to Mexico including a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if a deposit of \$500 is paid before June 30th. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church or the rectory office.

Youth Ministry News

Nickie Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ❖ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

MAY PROCESSION—Congratulations to our May Queen (Tatiana Newman) and her court (Shelby Smith and Sherron Thompson). Thank you for helping us honor Mary. Your dedication and commitment to your faith and parish is an excellent representation of God’s love. Thank you also to our Statue Bearers (Sean Gray, Connor Mason, Danté Darlington and Trevon Norman).

HONORING HCSC GRADUATES—If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in June 2013 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at the **11am Mass on June 23rd**. Look for the flyer in next week’s bulletin to submit your information.

AAHM TOUR REFUNDS—For those who paid for the African American History Month tour, remember to come by the rectory to pick up your refund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—If you are interested in working with our youth come to the next Youth Leaders meeting on **Mon., May 13th at 6:30pm** or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster ❖ YAM@hcscchurch.org

Thanks to all who attended the Movie Day, especially our new members. We had a great time of fellowship and fun! Stay tuned to the bulletin and our FaceBook page for our May event! And, we will eventually see “The Grace Card”.

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. We would like to hear from you! 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 let us know your thoughts or send an email.



MOTHER’S DAY CORSAGES—Support the National Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association (NOSPAA) and honor your Mother/Grandmother by ordering beautiful floral corsages after Mass this Sunday. The corsages will be available for purchase on **May 5th**. Contact Bertha Colbert on 301-567-9786.



HCSC Sodality is sponsoring its annual **Afternoon of Music on Sun., May 19th from 2—5:00pm** at the Center City Charter School. Featuring *Lorenzo Miller and The Zo Miller Experience*. Donation: \$15. Tickets available in the rectory or any Sodalist. Contact Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763. Tickets are limited and **no tickets sold at the door**. So, Get Yours Early!!!

19th ANNUAL BLUE MASS—to remember and pray for those in the law enforcement and public safety community who have fallen in the line of duty and to ask God’s blessing for the continued safety of those still serving. Mass is at **St. Patrick Church** at 10th and G Streets NW, **Tues., May 7th at 12:10pm**. Archbishop Wuerl will be the celebrant and homilist.