

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 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53



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."

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"Now that May is here, we're ready to open the doors of our houses and the doors of our hearts. This month, let's think about God's mercy in connection with our homes. One of the most expressive symbols of the Year of Mercy for us is the Door of Mercy in St. Peter's in Rome. That's one place that any Catholic should be able to go into and feel at home. Now I will admit that the image of a door can be confusing. We run the risk of thinking of the Door of Mercy as an entryway to a church building, and we don't see that this open door is really an INVITATION to the home of the Body of Christ, OUR home. The open door bids friends and strangers come in, and once inside, we sit down to eat with them." Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at: mercy.adw.org.



- Sunday, May 1** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00am Jabari H. Outtz † (birthday)
 11:00am Leola E. Greenfield †
 7:00pm Joseph Bailey †
- Monday, May 2** *Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Helen B. Tyler †
- Tuesday, May 3** *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*
 7:00am For the People
- Wednesday, May 4**
 7:00am Lucy Jones †
- Thursday, May 5** *The Ascension of the Lord*
 7:00am James O. Neale †
- Friday, May 6**
 7:00am For the intentions of Sterling Savoy
- Saturday, May 7**
 8:00am Stephanie Evancho †
 4:30pm Raymond J. Vanzego, Sr. †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26—16:4
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 John 14:6-14
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**
 "Come, Holy Ghost" LMGM #324
- Responsorial Psalm**
 "O God, let all the nations praise you." Psalm 67
- Gospel Acclamation**
 "Alleluia!"
- Offertory**
 * "The Holy City"
 ** "Hallelujah is the highest praise"
- Communion Hymn**
 "Immaculate Mary" LMGM #732
 "Worthy is the Lamb" ** Hillsong
- Post Communion**
 * "Ave Maria" * Bach/Gounod
 ** "Immaculate Mary" ** LMGM #732
- Recessional**
 * "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" * LMGM #592
 ** "It wasn't the nails"
- * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for April 24, 2016

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| 4:30pm | 53 |
| 8:00am | 101 |
| 11:00am | 330 |
| 7:00pm | 105 |
| Total: | 589 |

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

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| Weekly Budget Amount Needed | \$16,346 |
| Actual Tithes Collected (4/24) | \$16,251 |
| Actual Deficit (-) | -\$95 |

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE: Although we have surpassed our pledge goal, we are significantly behind in actual pledge donations. Currently, we are only 36.27% of our donation goal. If you have not yet done so, please consider following up on a portion of your pledge donation. The Appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the Archdiocese. If you have completed your donation, thank you, and God bless.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (5/1) 9:30am May Procession 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (5/4) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (5/2) 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (5/6) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour 8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (5/3) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (5/7) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:00am 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

CONGRATULATIONS—to Zoe’ Celeste Elgin-Cossart and Dylan-Jenna Patricia Copelin who were baptized Sunday, April 24th. May God bless both of them in their journey of faith.



MAY PROCESSION: Congratulations to our **May Queen Sherron Thompson**, and her **Court: Jada Fields and Kayla Powell**. Thank you for helping us honor Mary. Thank you also to our **Statue Bearers: Rashaad Blanchard, Martin Johnson, Deon Rush, and Dillon Stone**. Your dedication and commitment to your faith and parish is an excellent representation of God’s love.

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 WEEK: We need your donations to keep our canned food pantry stocked with **non-perishable** food. On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods. Our ushers will collect your items next weekend after each Mass.

THE WORD AMONG US: May issues available in Candlelight Store (\$2 each). This publication helps Catholics find renewal and refreshment in God’s grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

MOTHER’S DAY SALE: Corsages and spiritual plaques dedicated to mothers and grandmothers will be available for purchase after the 8am & 11am Masses this weekend. Proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together in the church and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Name Society will host the Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Fri., May 6th, 6—7pm.**

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION LEADERS GATHERING: The HCSC Parish Council invites all Parish Ministries and Organizations Leaders to gather on **May 16th** in the rectory at **6:30pm** for a Pentecost Party and meeting. We kindly request that each Ministry send its Chairperson or a representative. **RSVP by Mon., May 9th** to pc@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

THE LORD IS RISEN! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. It’s **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church **code DC59** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HCSC—SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARD: Applications available in the rear of the church, in the rectory office, and on the website under **Parish News**. **Application deadline: Sun., May 1st.** Do not submit your application through the HCSC website. Submit completed application to the rectory office or to: jwalker@hscchurch.org.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We’d like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

SPRING PRAYER BREAKFAST—hosted by HCSC Women’s Ministry, **Sat., May 21st, 9am—12 noon**, at Center City Public Charter School. **Keynote Speaker: Theresa Wilson Favors. Cost: \$25** (tickets will NOT be sold at the door). For tickets, contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). This is a family event, so all are invited!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PLANNING COMMITTEE: The Archdiocese of Washington’s Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach is looking for a few good parishioners to help develop, plan and execute its Annual Concert and Mass to celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Committee will identify key goals and actions that it should focus on to ensure that Dr. King’s life and legacy are presented in a fashion that members of the Archdiocesan community can embrace. If you’d like to participate, contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885, or kpeaks@hscchurch.org for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Our Wednesday **7pm** Bible study is viewing the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron through **Wed., June 15th**, in the rectory basement. This video series provides an excellent foundation for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Consider recommending these evenings to family and friends interested in learning more about the Catholic faith! It’s also a great opportunity for parishioners to reinvigorate your knowledge of the faith.

The **Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington** will be hosted by Holy Comforter-St Cyprian’s Sodality on May 7th. Rosary at 9:00am, Mass at 9:30am.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—are sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City, **Sat., May 14th**. Bus departs at 8am from St. Benedict the Moor, 320 21st St., NE. **COST: \$45**, includes transportation, cash back, and refreshments. For tickets, call Grand Knight Joe Gigliotti at 202- 258-0184.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

