

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23



The Gospel today follows up on last Sunday's feast and, as Jesus comes up out of the water asks the question: Who is Jesus Christ? We learn in the Gospel that Jesus is prefigured, pre-existent, pre-eminent, powerful, and the presence of God. It is **Prefigured** since John calls him the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And this points back to the blood of the Lamb that saved the Jewish people at the first Passover. It also points to the question of Isaac, soon to be offered in Sacrifice by Abraham, "Where is the Lamb?" Abraham said, "God will provide the Lamb." And Jesus is the Lamb that God provides. Jesus is **Pre-existent**, since John says, "He existed before me." Jesus is **Pre-eminent** since John says that Jesus must increase and he (John) must decrease. He is **Powerful** since John says Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is the very life and love of God. And, Jesus is the **Presence** of God, for John says Jesus is the Son of God. Not a bad summary of who Jesus is in this brief Gospel.

Respect Life The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The vigil schedule includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction, and the Closing Mass the next morning. The National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life." It is sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry. For more information and schedule of events visit <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/index.cfm>

Mass Attendance for Jan. 8, 2017

4:30pm	34
8:00am	67
11:00am	290
7:00pm	95
Total:	486

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/8)	\$23,656
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$7,310

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 15
 8:00am For the Intentions of Veronica Rodgers & Family
 11:00am Elizabeth G. Hill (birthday—Jan. 16)
 7:00pm Michael Beresheim †
Monday, January 16
 7:00am Ellis Poole † (birthday)
Tuesday, January 17 *Saint Anthony, Abbot*
 7:00am Helen P. Johnson †
Wednesday, January 18
 7:00am For the intentions of Judy Williams
Thursday, January 19
 7:00am Mary Hunt †
Friday, January 20 *Saints Fabian, Pope & Sebastian, Martyrs*
 7:00am Lillian Yates † (5th anniversary)
Saturday, January 21 *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For mothers and babies at risk of abortion

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

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's easy and **it's FREE!** It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are available in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (**HCSC church code: DC59**). For more information, call Kim Peaks at the rectory office (202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/15) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (1/17) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (1/16) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00am Mass 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (1/18) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
	Saturday (1/21) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Hebrews 6:10-20	Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17	Mark 3:1-6
Thursday:	Hebrews 7:25—8:6	Mark 3:7-12
Friday:	Hebrews 8:6-13	Mark 3:13-19
Saturday:	Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14	Mark 3:20-21

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.

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PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSURES

- ⇒ **Mon., Jan. 16th** in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. **NOTE:** Chapel Mass is **8AM**.
- ⇒ **Fri., Jan 20th** due to the Presidential inauguration events.



CONGRATULATIONS to Veronica Rodgers who received the *Manifesting the Kingdom Award* from the Archdiocese of Washington on Sun., Jan. 8th at the Shine of the Immaculate Conception. Veronica was nominated from our parish for her many years of volunteer service to our parish and her commitment as a volunteer at the National Shrine. Veronica has been a constant and steady presence in our rectory office for many, many years and continually comes in weekly to assist with a variety of tasks. She is also a member of the Altar Guild and Sodality of the Blessed Mother. Thank you and may God bless you!

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE: This weekend, please consider donating to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving Those Who Serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, undergoing treatment at Dept. of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, and those in federal government civilian jobs and their families beyond U.S. borders. Envelopes are in the pews.

ADULT and FAMILY RALLY & MASS is an occasion for people of all ages to come together in prayer on the morning of the **MARCH FOR LIFE, Fri., Jan. 27th, 9am** at the **Cathedral of St. Matthew, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW**. Rally keynote speakers: Mary and Seamus Hasson, pro-life advocates and defenders of religious liberty. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville with Msgr. Bill Parent as homilist. Departure for National March for Life around 11:30am. Questions? Visit adw.org/familyrally.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **ONLY UPON REQUEST** beginning **Mon., Feb. 6th**. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash donations (not in an envelope) cannot be reflected on your statement.

CELEBRATING MOTHER MARY LANGE, A SERVANT OF GOD: The Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors invite you to attend the annual liturgical celebration **Sat., Jan. 28th, 2pm** commemorating the **135th anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence**, Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent (701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227). Mass celebrant is Rev. Michael Kelly, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours church. Reception after Mass. Questions? Contact: Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, Director (410-242-6861).

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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ATTENTION!!! SAVE THE DATE! The annual "Walk in the Light" Youth Retreat is **March 11-12, 2017**. **COST: \$125—**middle/high school (age 12+) **overnight; \$45—**elementary school (age 11 under) March 11 (one day only). Registration fee includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD, and T-shirt. We are happy to report that Fr. Adam DeLeon will return as our retreat facilitator. Stay tuned for more details.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org

HOPE CORPS: Catholic Charities is recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month for the next year. Choose your project. Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Hope Corps members receive training, swag, and gratitude! Get information and apply at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

RETROUVAILLE: *A Lifeline for Marriages in Trouble*. Many marriages experience four stages: (1) Romance; (2) Disillusionment; (3) Misery; and (4) Awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vie" with a long "i"). The **next Retrouvaille weekend is January 27-29**, to register or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@Retrouvaille.org. All calls are confidential.

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

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

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Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

