

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10      1 Cor 7:29-31      Mark 1:14-20

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Deut 18:15-20      1 Cor 7:32-35      Mark 1:21-28



Today's readings give us some Disciplines of Discipleship. First of all, it is to be **undefiant**. Jonah is told by God to go to Nineveh and call them to conversion. But Jonah rebels and runs in the opposite direction. God has to draw Jonah to obedience. True disciples obey what God tells them to do. Secondly, our discipleship is to be **unfettered**. The second reading tells us that time is running short, that we should "buy as not owning and...to use as not using the world fully." Too often we are entangled in affairs of the world which increasingly demands all of our time, attention and resources. We are advised to detach and travel light, to be unfettered. Finally, we are advised to be **unhesitant**. When the Lord calls disciples in today's gospel they "immediately" leave their nets and businesses and follow him. Obviously such a radical move is not possible unless one is unfettered. Discipleship can be a radical call that makes big demands upon us. Without freedom we cannot answer.

Music Schedule	
<b>Processional</b>	
* Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	LMGM # 435
** Rejoice	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	
Teach me your ways, O Lord	
<b>Offertory</b>	
* Praise Him, Praise Him	LMGM # 441
** I Will Sing Alleluia	
<b>Communion</b>	
Give Me A Clean Heart	LMGM #625
<b>Post Communion</b>	
Walk In the Light	Thomas Whitfield
<b>Recessional</b>	
A Follower of Christ	LMGM #628
* 8:00am Ms. Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director	
** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director	

Mass Attendance for Jan. 14, 2018	
4:30pm	49
8:00am	121
11:00am	229
7:00pm	103
<b>Total:</b>	<b>502</b>

Stewardship Report 2017—2018	
Actual Tithes Collected (1/14)	\$19,133

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, January 21**  
 8:00am Lillian Yates †  
 11:00am Martin A. Barnes †  
 7:00pm For the intentions of Ruby L. Roberts

**Monday, January 22** *Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn*  
 7:00am For the Protection of the Unborn

**Tuesday, January 23** *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*  
 7:00am June Holton Johnson (birthday)

**Wednesday, January 24** *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doc of Church*  
 7:00am Richard E. Campbell †

**Thursday, January 25** *The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*  
 7:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus

**Friday, January 26** *Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops*  
 7:00am For the People

**Saturday, January 27** *St Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder*  
 8:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

**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 (FAITH DIRECT):** We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (1/21)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (1/24)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (1/22)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Saturday (1/27)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass
<b>Tuesday (1/23)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	

DAILY BIBLE READINGS		
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10	Mark 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Samuel 6:12-15-19	Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Samuel 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Mark 4:26-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Samuel 12:7, 10-17	Mark 4:35-41

**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

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION AND DISASTER RELIEF:**

This year, our Christmas collection is devoted to hurricane victims in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is the sister diocese of our own Archdiocese of Washington. Bishop Brevard is well known to our parish and has celebrated several confirmations for our youth. They have indicated that there is still much damage and suffering due to the two hurricanes. We'd like to send a generous donation to our fellow citizens in the U.S. Virgin Islands so we are asking you to donate if you have not done so already to the Christmas collection. All funds will be given directly to the diocese of St. Thomas. Please write "Christmas Collection" in the memo of your check or use a special Christmas Collection envelope located in the rear of the church.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:**

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22<sup>nd</sup> shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms on that date. and important intention. Please include this special intention in your prayers on this day.



**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS CHANGING:**

Due to some staff changes, starting **Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Rectory Office will close on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5pm. All other office hours will remain the same.



Important

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be available **ONLY UPON REQUEST** starting **Mon., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Statements will not be automatically mailed.

You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. 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 (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
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**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC YOUTH RETREAT on March 17-18**, at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for registration details.

**VIRTUS TRAINING:** If you are an adult and are interested in working with the youth at our parish, you must enroll and attend a workshop on child protection. This workshop is facilitated by the Archdiocese of Washington and HCSC will host a workshop on **Sat., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am** in the rectory basement. If interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact Shirley Austin on 202-368-7231 or at: mre@hscchurch.org.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org

**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.



**SAVE THE DATE—HONORING UNKNOWN ENSLAVED MEN & WOMEN:** Commemorative plaques honoring unknown enslaved men and women buried in Archdiocese of Washington cemeteries will be blessed and dedicated at a Mass and ceremony sponsored by the ADW Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, **Sat., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:15pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass celebrant will be Cardinal Donald Wuerl.

**MOTHER MARY LANGE 136<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**



All are invited to a celebration at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Sat., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm**. Mass celebrant is Rev. Pascal Morlino, OBS, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. Reception will follow.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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.

- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
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