

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Deut 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 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.

FUNERAL—Ellsworth Kelly (January 30, 2015)



Sunday, January 25

4:30pm (Sat) Aaron S. Brown (birthday)
 8:00am For the Intentions of Mrs. Lorenza Robinson
 11:00am Latrell Moore-Fisher †
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, January 26 *Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

7:00am Josephine Aloï †

Tuesday, January 27 *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

7:00am For the homeless

Wednesday, January 28 *St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Lillian Yates (birthday) †

Thursday, January 29

7:00am Ellsworth Kelly †

Friday, January 30

7:00am Alice H. Williams (birthday)

Saturday, January 31 *Saint John Bosco, Priest*

8:00am For the Intentions of Marlene Whitlock
 4:30pm Bettye C. Mayes

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday: Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25
Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Mark 4:35-41

Music Schedule

Processional
 "How Firm A Foundation" LMGM #555
Responsorial Psalm
 "Teach me your ways, O Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation" LMGM #572
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Communion
 "Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus" LMGM #373
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for January 18, 2015

4:30pm 440
 8:00am 86
 11:00am 203
 7:00pm 41
Total: 770

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/18)	\$12,290
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,056

"Seek first the kingdom of God."
 (Matthew 6:33)

2015 CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN—Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl asking you to pledge to the 2015 Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. The theme is "**Seek First the Kingdom of God**" (Mt 6:33). As we seek first the kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us. We do this through our works of charity. Your contribution allows us and the Archdiocese to respond to the needs of others. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2015 Appeal. See flyer in bulletin for results from last year's appeal.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/0) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/0) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/0) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/0) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (1/0) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (1/0) 9:30am Women's Ministry 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



FR. DAVID GAINES RETURNS—Today we welcome Fr. David who will concelebrate with Msgr. Pope here at HCSC at the **11am Mass**. Please come congratulate Fr. David on his recent Ordination into the Priesthood.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP—Join the HCSC Women's Ministry on **Saturday, January 31**, for a **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**. Our speaker for the morning will be our own Queen Marlene Whitlock. Doors open at 9:30am at the Center City Public Charter School (15th & East Capitol Street, SE). **Please RSVP** and **INVITE A FRIEND**.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH—Our parish will begin its annual celebration with an invitation from the Sodality to attend their monthly meeting featuring a special presentation by **Deacon Joseph Curtis of the Archdiocese of Washington** who will speak on the **History of African American Catholics on Sun., Feb. 1st at 9:30am in the school cafeteria**. A light breakfast will be served but you must RSVP to the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. NOTE: You are invited to join the Sodality as they pray the rosary at 7:30am in the Church followed by Mass at 8am on the same day.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOMAS RIEHLE—will be held on **Sunday, February 8th** at the **11am Mass**. Tom died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 3rd, while in the process of making funeral arrangements for his son, Peter, who had died on Friday, January 2nd.

Tom was a dedicated husband, father, and devout Catholic. He was one of this faith family's favorite lectors whose voice and friendly demeanor will be greatly missed.



To all the liturgical ministers who participated in the **Archdiocese of Washington Celebration of the Life of**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., last Saturday here at HCSC. The concert was coordinated and directed by our own Kenneth Louis which in itself guaranteed a memorable evening. Also, many thanks to all those who helped with the reception down at the school following the celebration in the church.

CORRECTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Jouel Darnell Young who was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on December 28, 2014. May God bless **her** in **her** journey of faith.



END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 2nd**. 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

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- to those who participated in the annual Youth Rally and Mass for Life and the March for Life to the Supreme Court.

FEBRUARY YOUTH SUNDAY—originally scheduled for Feb 8th will be re-scheduled due to the Memorial Mass in honor of Thomas Riehle. Stay tuned for more details.

HCSC—SINGLETERARY EDUCATION AWARDS—Are you a registered member of HCSC who is graduating high school this Spring? Active in church activities and involved in community service? Is your grade point average 2.5 or higher? Are you applying to a college, technical or trade school in 2015? Then you may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC—Singletary Education Fund. First award is \$4,000; Second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This **one-time award** will be issued to the institution you enroll at next Fall. Stay tuned for details.

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** or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE—HCSC is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage in October of 2015. If you are interested, **pick up a brochure** in the rear of the church or contact Deborah Vanzego at 202-277-1823 or DVanzego@cmht.com.

Sacramental Marriage Reunion Day!—Celebrate World Marriage Day on **Sat., Feb. 7, 12:00-4:30 pm** at **St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD**. All married & engaged couples, as well as those thinking about living the sacrament are invited. The day will include food, and fellowship with discussions on topics such as *"What it Takes to Get Ready to Unite"* and *"Unite to Conquer Challenges"*. The day concludes with Mass at 5pm, which will include Renewal of Vows. To RSVP, and for more information, call Kim Peaks in the HCSC rectory office on 202-546-1885.

WINTER COAT DRIVE CONTINUES—The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with Catholic Charities continues it's winter coat drive for the needy **through Fri. Feb., 6th**. Bring your clean/gently used winter coat(s) and drop it in the collection barrel in the vestibule. All coats are appreciated but **XXL** coats are especially needed.

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>

