

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40



In today's Gospel we see that Jesus begins his public ministry. Note first the **CONTEXT** of his ministry. The text says that Jesus went north, away from Judea and back up to Galilee. Not only is this to fulfill Scripture which spoke of the Messiah preaching there, but he is also going where his work will be more fruitful. The people in Judea were hostile in many ways and the religious leaders were vindictive there. Thus, Jesus moves north to more fertile ground. He has not abandoned Judea and will make several trips back there. Eventually, he will be arrested and killed in the South, in Jerusalem of Judea. Note next the **CONTENT** of Jesus ministry. His fundamental message was "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus came to preach the good news of the Kingdom of heaven but did not shy away from discussing the bad news of sin either. For the good news, that new life is possible only makes sense if we understand the bad news that we need that life. Finally, note the **CALL** of his ministry. Jesus does not run a one-man show. He recruits and trains new leaders, the Apostles. Good leaders share their leadership and prepare their successors.

FUNERAL—Edna Goolsby (1/18)



Sunday, January 26

4:30pm (Sat) Beatrice Warren (birthday)
 8:00am Joan Lancaster
 11:00am Mary & Greg Walek
 7:00pm Dylan Paul Machado †

Monday, January 27 *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

7:00am Beryl Chandler (birthday—1/28)

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

7:00am Lillian Yates (birthday) †

Wednesday, January 29

7:00am Joseph R. Young, Sr. (birthday—1/30)

Thursday, January 30

7:00am Alice H. Williams (birthday)

Friday, January 31 *Saint John Bosco, Priest*

7:00am Thomas Campbell †

Saturday, February 1

8:00am Lawrence Campbell (birthday—1/7) †
 4:30pm For the People

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12-15-19 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-17 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17 Mark 4:35-41

Music Schedule

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

Mass Attendance for January 19, 2014

4:30pm	70
8:00am	114
11:00am	245
7:00pm	25
Total:	454

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (1/19)	\$14,957
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2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN—Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl asking you to pledge to the 2014 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. This year's 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 2014 Appeal.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/26)	Wednesday (1/29)
9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg	11:00am Friendly Seniors
9:30am Sunday School	6:30pm Liturgical Dance
9:30am RCIA/Inquirers	7:00pm Alpha Program
2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64	Friday (1/31)
7:00pm Mass	8:00pm NA
8:00pm AA	Saturday (2/1)
Tuesday (1/28)	9:30am Liturgical Dance
6:30pm Youth Ensemble	4:30pm Mass
7:00pm Adult Choir	

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.

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



OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION—will begin Sun., Feb. 2nd, when we *Celebrate and Remember Our Ancestors*, our foremothers and forefathers who have gone before us. Please submit your completed ancestor form to the rectory by **Monday, Jan. 27th**. **PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES.** Forms are in the bulletin or at the rectory office. Also, we'll need volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary for AAHM. Please contact the rectory (202-546-1885) if you can help.



To each of the HCSC Lectors, Choir Members, and Liturgical Dancers who participated in the celebration of the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., last Saturday at Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, MD. The event was designed and directed by our own Kenneth Louis which in itself guaranteed a memorable evening. The standing-room-only crowd included a host of HCSC members.



THE LADIES OF CHARITY wish to thank everyone for your outstanding support of our Christmas bake sale. Your generous donations and purchases of baked goods along with your monetary donations assist us in helping others in need.



CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE & VALENTINE'S DAY—at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 1419 V St., NW, **Sat., Feb. 15th, 12-5:30pm**. All married and engaged couples are invited to a day of celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. The day will include food and fellowship, with facilitated discussions on The Good News about Marriage, Money within Marriage, The Art of Communication, and the Supreme Gift of Marriage: Parenthood. **HCSC would like to have 10 or more couples attend this event.** For more information contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. See flyer for details on registering for this event.

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!**

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 3, 2014**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request a statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. Note that 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
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

THANK YOU to our Liturgical Dancers who performed at the AOW Office of Black Catholics MLK, Jr. Celebration at Mt. Calvary Church this past weekend. They did a fabulous job! We have many avenues for your youth to be involved not only in our parish but within the Archdiocese of Washington and beyond. Contact Nicki if you are a youth or have a youth who wants to be involved in the parish.


BOOK SIGNING BY HCSC YOUTH—**Jordan Campbell** (an HCSC Youth Usher) co-authored and published a book entitled "Trio + 1." Jordan is a part of Reach Inc. which partners teens with professional writers and illustrators to create original children's stories. It provides opportunities for young people to share their talents and creativity with a wider audience. Jordan will be in the rear of the Church this weekend signing copies of his book after 8 & 11am Mass.

YOUTH ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE—Join the HCSC Youth on **Sat., Feb. 8th** for a tour of the Blessed John Paul II Center and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (see flyer in rear of church). For information contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

DAY OF SERVICE—join us and other young adults throughout the DC metro area on **Sat., Feb. 1st from 10am-2pm** making bagged lunches for the homeless. This Catholic Charities-sponsored event has several different sites. To see locations and sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAEAF28A1F49-dccatholic>. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and meet others.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://www.facebook.com/HCSCYoungAdults/)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—is **January 26th through February 1st**. The Jan. 16th edition of the Catholic Standard has numerous ads promoting many of our area Catholic schools. If you would like to learn more about registration and open houses at these schools you are welcome to take home your FREE copy of the Catholic Standard right there in your pew. Remember there are more FREE copies of the Standard in the newsstand located to the right in the vestibule as you enter the church.

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> 