

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Job 7:1-7      1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23      Mark 1:29-39

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46      1 Cor 10:31—11:1      Mark 1:40-45



Today's readings must be seen as a unit. Without this understanding the reading from Job might be seen as one of utter despair. We might refer to this reading as the DISILLUSIONMENT OF DEEP DESPAIR. But actually, it is the question for which the Gospel serves as the answer. Job begs for healing and deliverance and for a sense of meaning to his life of sorrow. In the Gospel we see the DESTINATION OF DISTRESSED DISCIPLES. Our Lord is healing multitudes and casting out demons. The disciples know and are trained to call upon the Lord for their every need. This should be our instinct also. Too many disciples today do not instinctively pray, but only turn to God as a last-ditch effort. An old hymn reads, "Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." Notice then the DOCTRINE OF DIVINE DECISION - The Lord did not heal everyone. When the disciples indicated that many were looking for him he instead went off to the next town. Why? He says, "[S]o that I can preach there too." Notice that he did not merely say 'heal there.' The Lord saw his fundamental mission as one of preaching the kingdom and the healings were the sign of the fuller glory that awaits each of us in that glorious heavenly kingdom. Worldly healing is important and necessary for us but what is more necessary is that we know the glory to which we have been called and to be filled with joy. For now, we may have to carry a cross, but it is carried toward the resurrection and the glory. God decides what is best for us: healing now, glory later.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, February 4**  
 8:00am Mark Graham †  
 11:00am Henrietta Greene †  
 7:00pm Martin Paczynski †  
**Monday, February 5** *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
 7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †  
**Tuesday, February 6** *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*  
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec  
**Wednesday, February 7**  
 7:00am Deceased Campbell Family members  
**Thursday, February 8** *St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*  
 7:00am For the People  
**Friday, February 9**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Donna Coleman  
**Saturday, February 10** *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*  
 8:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus  
 4:30pm Michael L. Barnes † (birthday)

*If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 1 Kings 8:1-13      Mark 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30      Mark 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 10:1-10      Mark 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 11:4-13      Mark 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19      Mark 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34      Mark 8:1-10

**Music Schedule**


**Processional**  
 \* Good News! LMG# #718  
 \*\* Glad to be in God's service  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.  
**Offertory**  
 \* God Will Take Care of You LMG# #409  
 \*\* Lift Every Voice and Sing arr Roland Carter  
**Communion**  
 \* There Is a Balm in Gilead LMG# #502  
 \*\* The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power LMG# #383  
**Post Communion**  
 \*\* Heal Our Land Oscar Williams  
**Recessional**  
 Go LMG# #320  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Roberts, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance for Jan. 28, 2018**

4:30pm	59
8:00am	106
11:00am	250
7:00pm	131
<b>Total:</b>	<b>546</b>

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Actual Tithes Collected (1/28)	\$9,149
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**“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”** (Matthew 6:33). Thank you to all who participated in the in-pew campaign last week. This Appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the Archdiocese. Every parishioner is a part not only of his or her parish but also of the Universal Church. If you have not yet done so, please fill in a pledge card located in the pews and submit it by dropping it in the collection basket, giving it to an usher, or dropping it off at the rectory office. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (2/4)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (2/7)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 5:00pm Rectory closes 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (2/5)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (2/8)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (2/6)</b> 6:30m Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (2/10)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

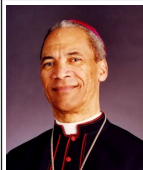
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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**



**BISHOP RICARD RETURNS:** As we begin our celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Parish we welcome **Bishop John Ricard, S.S.J.** as celebrant for our **11am Mass on Sun, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.** Bishop Ricard, a member of the Josephites, once served as pastor of HCSC. He has been asked to present a historical perspective of the parish. Following Mass, there will be a small reception in the rectory to greet Bishop Ricard.



**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Sunday School class will meet on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK:** Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to help keep our parish pantry stocked by bringing nutritious, non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, vegetables and peanut butter**) to Mass. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods. Our ushers will collect your items next weekend after each Mass.



**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS CHANGING:** Starting **Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>,** the Rectory Office will close on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5pm. All other office hours remain the same.



Through the generous donation of cooked chicken made by HCSC parishioners, the Social Concerns Ministry fed over 316 people at our luncheon meal on January 27<sup>th</sup> at **So Others Might Eat** (S.O.M.E.). Your donation of cooked chicken is needed each month and greatly appreciated. Please continue to donate and we invite others to participate. Contact rectory office at 202-546-1885 for details.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is **February 14<sup>th</sup>** and begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during **7am, 10am, and 7pm Masses only.** It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Come and begin your preparations for Lent.

**HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION:** Come bring the family to *A Domestic Church Day*, **Sat., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30—6:30pm,** at **Saint John Paul II National Shrine**, 3900 Harewood Rd., NE. This event includes: Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family; **a keynote address by our own pastor, Monsignor Charles Pope;** Lenten Catechesis for teens and children; and dinner and entertainment for the whole family. The event is sponsored by the DC Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Archdiocese of Washington. See flyers in rear of church.

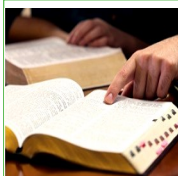
**REMEMBERING SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Spend an evening of prayer and reflection with diverse religious leaders for an Inter-Religious Prayer Service, **Thur., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>,** at **Trinity Washington University**, 125 Michigan Ave., NE, **6:30—7:30pm.** For information or to RSVP, contact: the ADW Office of Cultural Diversity (301-853-4468) or visit: [adw.org/event/remembering-survivors-victims-human-trafficking](http://adw.org/event/remembering-survivors-victims-human-trafficking).

**Youth Ministry News**

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

**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.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**  
[YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto: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.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU to the DIACONATE?** The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. Permanent Deacons are ordained clergy who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders. Come and learn about the diaconate at an information session on **Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7—9pm** (St. Josephs, Largo, MD) or **Thurs., Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 7—9pm** (St. John the Evangelist, Clinton, MD). Other dates also available. RSVP to Diane Biggs at 301-853-5345 or [biggsd@adw.org](mailto:biggsd@adw.org), or visit [adw.org/permanent-deacons](http://adw.org/permanent-deacons).

**SAVE THE DATE:** The **4<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Women's Gathering**, sponsored by the National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC), will be held **July 27-29 in New Orleans, LA.** This spiritual gathering is an opportunity for Black Catholic women, 18 years and over, to deepen their service to God and to become more diligent disciples against the mix of challenges in the Black community. For more information, registration, costs, lodging, and reservations, or to place a tax-deductible ad/sponsorship in its Commemorative Program Booklet, contact the NBSC office at [thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net](mailto:thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net) or call 202-529-9250.

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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](mailto: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

**NEW!! Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
**Wednesday** and 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>
- ♦ HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
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