

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mathew 5:17-37



Jesus said you are the salt of the earth. But what if salt goes flat? It is good for nothing. Now these are strong words from Jesus. What he is saying is that if you're a Christian who does not live as a Christian you are good for nothing. As Christians we have made a commitment to be specialists. Imagine a doctor who is a carefully trained and skillful heart specialist. Now imagine he sets that aside to go and be a car mechanic. We might rightfully say to him, "We have plenty of car mechanics, but only a few highly skilled heart specialists. Come and do what you have been called to do!" And so Christ says to us, "I have plenty businessmen, technocrats, millionaires, etc. What I really need you to be is a Christian; a REAL Christian. The world needs salt and you are salt. And if you're not going to be salt you're nothing. Nothing! Any non-believer can do most of the things we Christians run after and aspire to be. But what the Lord really needs us to be is a Christian. Being a lawyer, or accountant, etc. is not our main focus, being a Christian is. And if we are not going to be salt, not going to be a true Christian, the Lord says we're good for nothing. So fine, you've made it. You're the best and highest paid lawyer in your field. The world applauds. But if you're not really living the Christian faith the Lord says you're nothing. Strong words but necessary for us who often value most what matters little to God and value little what matters most to God.



Sunday, February 9

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Gloria & Eddie Tolentino, Jr. †
 11:00am Youth of our Parrish
 7:00pm Joan Lancaster

Monday, February 10 *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

7:00am For the intentions of Betty Hamer

Tuesday, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

7:00am Dorothy T. Walker (birthday) †

Wednesday, February 12

7:00am Eric Jackson, Sr. (birthday) - 2/11)

Thursday, February 13

7:00am Billy L. Chandler, Jr. (birthday)

Friday, February 14 *Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

7:00am For the intentions of George T. Holton, III

Saturday, February 15

8:00am For the intentions of Veronica Rodgers
 4:30pm For the People

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: 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
 "Lead Me, Guide Me" LMGM #538
Responsorial Psalm
 "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright".
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" LMGM #559
 ** "High In All the Earth" arr. J. Graf
Communion
 "The Lord is my Light" LMGM #572
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Youth Ensemble

Mass Attendance for February 2, 2014

4:30pm	62
8:00am	152
11:00am	260
7:00pm	18
Total:	492

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (2/2)	\$17,287
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2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

"Seek first the kingdom of God."

(Matthew 6:33)

Many 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. 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 (2/9) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 1:00pm Youth Retreat meeting 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (2/13) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (2/10) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg	Friday (2/14) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (2/11) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (2/15) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher Board mtg 11:00am Ladies Aux #73 mtg 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (2/12) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program	

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

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite our youth to sit together in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and **non-perishable** high protein foods (tuna, canned meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.



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.

THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—will sponsor their **6th Annual Chicken Dinner, Sat., Feb. 22nd, from 11am to 3pm** at the St. Frances Center, 501 E. Chase St. in Baltimore. Tickets: \$10. For information call Sr. Helene Therese at 410-536-5687 or Ralph Moore at 443-255-5600.

SAVE THE DATE! The Welcome Home Prison Outreach Ministry will host an orientation meeting on **Sat., March 1st, at the school from 10am-1pm** for those interested in serving as mentors for this outreach program. A continental breakfast will be served along with door prizes. Stay tuned for more information.

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 are being prepared **only upon request**. 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
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING—The Office of Youth Ministry is presenting a workshop opportunity for adult volunteers titled "*Planning a Dynamic Youth Ministry.*" Location: St. Catherine Laboure' 11801 Claridge Rd., in Wheaton on Feb. 22nd at 6:30pm. For more details contact Laura Irwin at 202-683-1722 or Nicki Gebrehiwot.

SAVE THE DATE!!! March 29th, HCSC Youth Ministry One—Day Lenten Retreat "*Walk In the Light.*" Stay tuned for more information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

SAVE THE DATE!!! We're starting a **Young Adults' Bible Study** and we'd love for you to join us! Our **initial meeting will be Tues., March 4th**. Stay tuned for more details. Contact Stephanie Keene (sakeene@gmail.com).

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://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)  

SODALITY TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE—to see "*Moses*" **Wed., June 18th**. Cost: \$125-adults; \$95-teens; \$70-children 3-12 years. Seating is limited. Bus will leave from Mount Calvary Church on Old Marlboro Pike. For more info contact Sharlene Carter 202-399-6169, Rita Lowry 202-584-3659, or Dorothy Young 240-264-1997.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—Sat., March 8 from 8:30am-3:30pm, women from across the archdiocese gather for a day of prayer and fellowship at Trinity Washington Univ. (140 Michigan Ave., NE). The topic is *Raising Women's Voices in the New Evangelization*. The keynote will be Dr. Sandra Keating, a theologian and professor at Providence College who serves on her parish pastoral council and a Vatican Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue. Sign up early as we are expecting a possible sell-out crowd. Cost is \$20. Register online at <https://adwraisingwomensvoices.eventbrite.com> or by phone at 301-853-5334.



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND—If a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound, please call the rectory on 202-546-1885 or you can send an e-mail to: hscstaff@hscchurch.org so that your family member can be scheduled to receive a home visit and the sacrament.

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>

