

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18      1 Cor 3:16-23      Matthew 5:38-48



One critical point to understand about the Sermon on the Mount is that the Lord is describing more than prescribing. In other words he is not merely giving moral rules that are more stringent than those in the Old Testament, he is describing a transformed human being. Jesus is fundamentally saying that when he really begins to live his life in us this is what we will be like. He then gives (in today's gospel) four antitheses as examples of what he means. They are called "antitheses" because they have the form: "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you." What the Lord teaches us today is that when he begins to live his life in us we will begin to have authority over our anger, we will no longer give way to hateful and retributive anger that seeks to wound, or even kill, others. This sort of anger will abate. Further, we will have authority over our sexuality so that lustful, unchaste thoughts and behavior will give way by the power of God's grace. We will see spousal and family love increase in ourselves so that our fidelity to the marriage vow is strengthened and divorce or infidelity is no longer even a consideration. And, we will experience an integrity between our words and actions. We will stop rendering false promises and vows. When we make commitments we will follow through and we will speak the truth in love. Understand that the Lord is not simply giving you and me a list of prescribed behaviors. He is describing what the power of his cross and grace will do for us if we allow him access to our heart.



**Sunday, February 16**

4:30pm (Sat) For the People  
 8:00am For the People  
 11:00am Eleanor M. Holland †  
 7:00pm For those who are homeless

**Monday, February 17**

7:00am Emma K. Tellier †

**Tuesday, February 18**

7:00am Thelma Hines †

**Wednesday, February 19**

7:00am Joseph E. Campbell (birthday) †

**Thursday, February 20**

7:00am Carl Harris †

**Friday, February 21** *St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am William R. Campbell (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Saturday, February 22** *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

8:00am Paul Fortini (surgery on 2/28)

4:30pm Joan Lancaster

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** James 1:1-11      Mark 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** James 1:12-18      Mark 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** James 1:19-27      Mark 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** James 2:1-9      Mark 8:27-33  
**Friday:** James 2:14-26      Mark 8:34-9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4      Matthew 16:13-19

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Woke Up this Morning"      LMGM #2

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord".

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"

**Offertory**  
 \* "The Church's One Foundation"      LMGM #606  
 \*\* "Walk in the Light"      arr. by T. Whitfield & K. Louis

**Communion**  
 "One Bread, One Body"      LMGM #760  
 \* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \*\* 11:00am *Church Choir*

**Mass Attendance for February 9, 2014**

4:30pm	54
8:00am	143
11:00am	227
7:00pm	32
<b>Total:</b>	<b>456</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (2/9 )	\$19,051.14
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**2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

*"Seek first the kingdom of God."*

(Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. Please review the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid in your bulletin and become familiar with the work enabled by your contribution. Reflect on all the gifts God has given to you and realize that your significant gift will touch the lives of many. Your contribution allows us and the Archdiocese to respond to the needs of others. If you received your pledge form last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you did not receive a mailing we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2014 Appeal.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (2/16)</b> 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (2/19)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program
<b>Monday (2/17)</b> <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b>	<b>Friday (2/21)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (2/18)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (2/22)</b> 9:30am 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

**RECTORY CLOSED**—in observation of President's Day, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.



**SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed**—HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and/or distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Drop off your non-frozen chicken to the rectory before close of business on Fri., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Questions? Call Earlene Capers at 301-910-1763.

**THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE**—will sponsor their **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner, Sat., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, hosts support groups for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions, over their abortion experience. The support group meets on **Thursdays, beginning Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, in various locations**. For information, call or e-mail Julia Shelava 301-853-4565 or ProjectRachel@adw.org. **All contacts are confidential.** Come experience the safety and encouragement you need to heal and become whole.

**The Welcome Home Prison Outreach Ministry** will host an orientation meeting on **Sat., March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. See flyer for details.



**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.

**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](http://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**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org)

**S.O.M.E.**—On **Sat. Feb., 22<sup>nd</sup>** HCSC Youth Ministry will earn community service hours by participating at S.O.M.E. REMEMBER, please bring any required documents provided by your school that must be signed by the staff at S.O.M.E. to verify that you volunteered at the facility.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**. For more details contact Laura Irwin at 202-683-1722 or Nicki Gebrehiwot.

**SAVE THE DATE! March 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Annual HCSC "**Walk In the Light**" Youth Ministry Retreat. Stay tuned for more information on this one-day retreat for our youth.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)

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

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>!) 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](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSYoungAdults)

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**—**Sat., March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 speaker is 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. Sell-out crowd expected. Cost: \$20. Register on-line at: <https://adwraisingwomensvoices.eventbrite.com> or on the phone at 301-853-5334.

**SODALITY TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE**—to see "**Moses**" **Wed., June 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

