

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:14-15 1 Cor 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34



In today's Gospel the Lord is teaching us to break the cycle of retribution and hatred. When someone harms me I will likely experience anger. And in my anger I may well seek to get back at the offender. If I do that, then Satan has two victories and brought the anger and retribution to a new level. Most likely the one who originally harmed me will take exception to my retribution and inflict more harm on me. And so the cycle continues and escalates. Satan loves this. But the Lord has dispatched us on to the field to turn the game around and break the cycle of retribution and hatred. In effect the "play" he wants us to execute is the "it ends with me" play. To simply hate those who hate me and get back at those who harm me is to work for Satan, to play on his team. Why do that? To advance the ball for Jesus is to break the cycle of retribution and hatred by taking the hit and not returning it. By loving our enemy we break the cycle of hate. By refusing retribution we rob Satan of victory. Recall the words of Dr. King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hatred cannot drive out hatred, only love can do that."

FUNERAL—Thomas E. Addison, Sr. (2/21)



Sunday, February 23

4:30pm (Sat) Joan Lancaster
 8:00am Arthur Yates (birthday) †
 11:00am Catherine Chandler (birthday)
 7:00pm Martha Campbell (birthday) †

Monday, February 24

7:00am Joyce Walker (4th anniversary) †

Tuesday, February 25

7:00am Regina L. Young (birthday) †

Wednesday, February 26

7:00am Catarena Ciccone †

Thursday, February 27

7:00am Leonn G. Mason (2/25 birthday) †

Friday, February 28

7:00am Anne Armstrong-Marlow †

Saturday, March 1

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Venus Walker Giles †

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: James 3:13-18 Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday: James 4:1-10 Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: James 4:13-17 Mark 9:38-40
Thursday: James 5:1-6 Mark 9:41-50
Friday: James 5:9-12 Mark 10:1-12
Saturday: James 5:13-20 Mark 10:13-16

Music Schedule

Processional
 "I Will Bless Thee O Lord" LMGM #479
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord is kind and merciful".
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "Order My Steps" LMGM #527
Communion
 "Bless the Lord" LMGM #451
 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for February 16, 2014

4:30pm	52
8:00am	87
11:00am	267
7:00pm	40
Total:	446

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (2/16)	\$11,767
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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 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 to the Archdiocese, or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you did not receive a mailing from the Archdiocese we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2014 Appeal.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/23) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/26) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program
Tuesday (2/25) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Thursday (2/27) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
	Friday (2/28) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (3/1) 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



SPECIAL HCSC PREMIERE OF THE NEW "SON OF GOD" movie! Thursday, Feb. 27th at 7pm at the AMC Hoffman Center 22 in Alexandria, VA. We have a limited amount of **FREE** tickets. Please see flyer for more details.



BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UP—HCSC Sodality and the Red Cross are sponsoring its semi-annual Blood Drive on **Sun., March 16th**, in the rectory basement. Sign-up begins this weekend in the rear of the church following each Mass and will be held each weekend prior to the event. Please invite friends and family to participate in this life saving cause. You can also contact the rectory office if you miss the sign-up.

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. **Contact:** Rev. Karen Harrison at Karen.Harrison@CatholicCharitiesDC.org or call 202-610-7160, ext. 7038. A continental breakfast will be served along with door prizes.

PREPARING FOR LENT which is the season leading up to the very foundation of our faith. This holiest of seasons begins early this year with **Ash Wednesday** on **March 5th**. **To help you prepare**, we offer Holy Hour every Friday preceding the Stations of the Cross beginning Fri., March 7th; Soup & Scripture begins Wed., March 12th, this year's theme is *"At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus"*; and free copies of the Word Among Us Daily Bible reflections. These are just a few of our many Lenten events as we prepare for the Resurrection of Our Lord. You'll find a detailed schedule in next week's bulletin.

ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION—will be hosted by HCSC Sodality on **Sun., March 2nd** at the school following the 8am Mass. Mt. Calvary Sodality along with their Deacon Lawrence Miles have been invited to partner with us and our Deacons Kevin Butler and Ralph Cyrus. The topic is, *"How Will You Prepare for Easter?"* **All are invited to join us for this event.**

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program? 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 for more information. It's easy and **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 your statement be mailed to you or picked up at the rectory. Only cash donations submitted in an envelope or checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT—Sat., March 29th. See flyer in bulletin for details and to register.

NEWSLETTER—The Youth Ministry is looking for reporters for our quarterly newsletter. The next edition will be published early April. In addition, all youth members of the parish celebrating birthdays during the months of April, May, or June please submit the day and the month if you want it listed in the next newsletter. For further details contact Nicki Gebrehiwot on 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY—We would like to begin a Young Adults' Bible Study (possibly on Tuesday nights) and we invite our young adults to come to a bible study and planning meeting (*Mardi Gras theme*) on **Tues., March 4th at 7:30pm**. Save the date!

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?**  

ARE YOU CREATIVE WITH FLOWERS OR DECORATIONS? We decorate our sanctuary every Easter and would appreciate your help with creating a prayerful and beautiful display in the sanctuary. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@kpeaks@hscchurch.org.



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.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—Sat., March 8th 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 at 301-853-5334.

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> 