

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



When we read today's Gospel we must be careful not to misinterpret its basic vision. Jesus is not telling us what to do, but offering us something to receive. The wrong way to interpret this gospel is to simply hear Jesus say, "Stop worrying." We all get this advice from people everyday and it isn't very helpful. This is NOT what Jesus is saying. Remember, in the Sermon on the Mount in which we are reading, Jesus is describing what a transformed human person is like. And what he is teaching us here is that, as he begins to live his life in us many of our anxiety's will diminish and go away. The transformed human person trusts God and is even able to see God's hand in the difficulties of life. It is this trust growing in us by God's grace that ultimately diminishes and removes fear. Trust in God and our fear diminishes. This is the gift that Jesus offers us today.



Sunday, March 2

4:30pm (Sat) Venus Giles †
 8:00am Anne Armstrong Marlow †
 11:00am For the Intentions of Kenneth Louis
 7:00pm Thomas E. Addison, Sr. †

Monday, March 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

7:00am O'Sha J. Hamilton †

Tuesday, March 4 *Saint Casimir*

7:00am Barbara Smith (1st anniversary) †

Wednesday, March 5 *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †
 10:00am Deceased Greene & Hill Family Members †
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Msgr. Charles Pope

Thursday, March 6

7:00am William S. Better †

Friday, March 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

7:00am George T. Holton, Jr. (birthday (3/6)) †

Saturday, March 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*

8:00am Ray Simpson †
 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 Peter 1:3-9 Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16 Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

Music Schedule

Processional
 "I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord" LMGM #640
Responsorial Psalm
 "Rest in God alone, my soul"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "Give Me A Clean Heart" LMGM #625
Communion
 "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for February 23, 2014

4:30pm 62
 8:00am 118
 11:00am 253
 7:00pm 40
Total: 473

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (2/23)	\$17,734
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CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2014—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

Sunday (3/2) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Friday (3/7) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (3/4) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/8) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (3/5) Ash Wednesday 7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm 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

BLOOD DRIVE—the HCSC Sodality and the American Red Cross are sponsoring its semi-annual Blood Drive on **Sun., March 16th**, in the rectory basement. The Blood Drive will begin after the 8am Mass and continue until 2pm. **Please register after Mass this weekend** and invite friends and family to participate in this life saving cause.



HELP DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY—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. Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

ASH WEDNESDAY is **March 5th** 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.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church (**beginning Fri., March 7th**) starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.



Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. Pick up the helpful "How To" Guide on Reconciliation in the rear of the church and any Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm stop by the church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE—will be held every Wednesday night at 7pm in the rectory basement during Lent (beginning March 12th). The theme is "At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus". If you can help prepare soup, let us know.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US—During the season of Lent to encourage our parishioners to read the Word of God on a daily basis, free copies of *THE WORD AMONG US* are available in the rear of the church. This publication offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings, and are designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace. *Limited supply!*

SHARE IN HOPE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE—During Lent, the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities partner for a food drive to benefit our food pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **We will supply you with a paper bag on the weekend of March 22-23** to take home, fill with food items (*listed on the front of the bag*) and return to the church the following week. Stay tuned for more details.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Our Sunday School students have begun their Lenten alms-giving project and parishioners are also asked to participate. Join us as we pray, fast and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world to those in need. Pick up a Rice Bowl in rear of church, fill it with coins or monetary donations and **return by Palm Sunday, April 13th**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT—Sat., March 29th. Registration forms in the rear of the church, the rectory office or our website (www.hscchurch.org).

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES!!! The Youth Ministry is seeking youth of all ages interested in being a part of "A Story of Jesus' Passion" as it is told in the Gospel of John. In addition, we are looking for a director for the play and others willing to work with the set design. Contact Nicki for further details.

NEWSLETTER—The Youth Ministry needs reporters for our quarterly newsletter which will publish in April. Also, youth celebrating birthdays during the months of April, May, or June can submit the day and month if you want it listed in the newsletter. For details contact Nicki.

HCSC—SINGLETERARY EDUCATION AWARDS—Are you a registered member of HCSC who is graduating high school this Spring? Active in church activities and involved in community service? Is your grade point average 2.5 or higher? Are you applying to a college, technical or trade school in 2014? Then you may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC—Singletary Education Fund. First award is \$4,000; Second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This **one-time award** will be issued to the institution you enroll at next Fall. Stay tuned for details.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY—Join us **Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30pm** in the rectory basement for a **Mardi Gras Social and Information Session** for the upcoming young adult bible study group.

SAVE THE DATE—Lenten Luncheon on **Sunday, March 30th at 1pm** with guest speaker Fr. Steven Bell in the rectory basement.

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)



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>

