

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17



The Gospel today presents four principles of productive discipleship. The first is the **Principle of Pain**, for the Lord describes the necessity of pruning in life, as he describes our life as branches on the vine. We do not like the experience of pruning at all. But, as any experienced gardener knows, pruning is an essential part of long-living things such as roses, shrubs, trees, and so forth. The Lord will not leave us unpruned, lest we grow wild and have our strength dissipated. Next, there is the **Principle of Persistence**. Notice that the word "abide" or "remain" occurs seven times in this brief passage. To abide means to go on habitually residing close to the Lord, and to be stable and steadfast, fixed and firm, consistent and connected in this residing. Too many Christians are on-again, off again in their relationship with the Lord. The Lord invites us and gives us the grace to abide with him. Next, note the **Principle of Peril**. The Lord warns that those who do not abide have their strength wither, their faith also becomes dry. He further warns that "people will gather them and throw them into a fire." In a way, the warning is that if I do not know who I am, anyone can name me. If I do not believe in God I may well fall into the trap of believing anything. Disconnected from Christ, people can easily carry me off and I am easily burned. Finally, note the **Principle of Produce**. In effect, if we remain on the vine we produce abundant fruit. Why? Because, as Jesus describes it, the Father can trust us with greater and greater blessings since the Word, the mind of Christ, is within us. Thus, the Father knows we will use our blessings well and ask for what is right.

FUNERAL—Mary Velma Plater Gordon (May 4)



Sunday, May 3

4:30pm (Sat) For the intentions of Alicia Trejo
 8:00am Norman J. Williams †
 11:00am Leola E. Greenfield †
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, May 4

7:00am For the Intentions of Shawntee Rowe †

Tuesday, May 5

7:00am James O. Neale (48th anniversary) †

Wednesday, May 6

7:00am James Yarborough †

Thursday, May 7

7:00am Joseph R. Washington †

Friday, May 8

7:00am Johnny Hamilton (birthday)

Saturday, May 9

8:00am Eva Greene †
 4:30pm For the intentions of Alicia Trejo

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LMGM #315
 ** "Rejoice" LMGM #310

Responsorial Psalm
 "I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people."

Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"

Offertory
 * "Praise to the Lord" LMGM #439
 ** "We Offer Praise" R. Bryan/K. Louis

Communion
 * "Praise Him" D. Harper
 ** "Feed Us Lord" C. Petty

Post Communion
 * "Hail Holy Queen" LMGM #724
 ** "Hail Mary Full of Grace" K. Louis

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for April 26, 2015

4:30pm	42
8:00am	109
11:00am	330
7:00pm	65
Total:	546

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/26)	\$15,623
Actual Deficit (-)	- \$723

THE LORD IS RISEN! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic donations through **Faith Direct**. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hccscchurch.org. It's **FREE** and convenient!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/3) 9:30am May Procession 9:30am RCIA 5:00pm Concert 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/6) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/4) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (5/8) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (5/5) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (5/9) 10:00am Catholic Charities wrksp 10:00am 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



CONCERT—by the **SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND THE VIRGIN OF MATARA** in honor of **The Year of Consecrated Life: "A Song for the Bridegroom."** This **FREE** concert is today, **Sunday, May 3rd at 5pm** at HCSC, featuring Gregorian pieces written or arranged by female religious composers throughout the centuries.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY TRAINING—in the rectory basement **Sat., May 9th from 10am to 12 noon.** See flyer in bulletin. Questions? Call Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

CANNED FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEK—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, stews,** tuna, peanut butter, fruit) to Mass next week to restock our food pantry. 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.



SUNDAY CONFESSIONS—In addition to hearing confessions prior to Mass, Msgr. Pope will also hear confessions after each Mass.

"EXIT PLAN" WORKSHOP—in preparation for your final resting place. The workshop, **"What My Family Needs To Know"**, includes speakers experienced in: medical directives, estate planning, funeral services, and burial preparations. Co-sponsored by the Women's Ministry & the Holy Name Society, **Sat., May 16th 9am—1pm**, at the school. See the flyer in your bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Father Keith Hathaway**, who



will be ordained into the priesthood on **Sat., May 23rd**, by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, TX. Father Hathaway frequently served the HCSC faith community as a deacon. We offer praise to God and pray for God's continued blessings upon Father Keith.

21st ANNUAL BLUE MASS to remember and pray for those in law enforcement and the public safety community who have fallen in the line of duty. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate Mass **Tues., May 6th, at 12 noon at St. Patrick Church at 10th and G Streets, NW.**

BLESSED ART THOU—a *Women's Conference Focused on Domestic Violence and Life Issues* presented at Josephite Pastoral Center, 1200 Varnum St., NE, **Sat., May 16th, 8am—4:30pm.** Speaker: Renesia Martin, author of *"Don't Hit My Momma"*. **COST: \$35** includes registration, materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Register at www.josephitepastoralcenter.org or call Cheryl Holley on 202-526-9270.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC-SINGLETERY EDUCATION FUND—If you are graduating from high school this year and planning to go to college, the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund wants you to apply for a scholarship. Questions? Pick up a flyer and an application either in the rear of the church or the rectory office. Applications also available at: www.hscchurch.org. **DEADLINE EXTENTION: Monday, May 18th.**

LEADERS INSPIRED TO EVANGELIZE (LITE)—Attention all youth entering grades 10 through 12! The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring *Leaders Inspired To Evangelize (LITE)*, a five-day / four-night program (June 28—July 2, 2015) focusing on evangelization and leadership development of Catholic youth. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Director. **Spaces are limited.**

YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO "JOSEPH" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on **Sat., June 20th.** **COST:** \$125 (13 & above); \$65 (3-12). Contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231. Adults are welcome also!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

THEOLOGY ON TAP—DCCATHOLIC Series on Marriage, April 7—May 12 at **Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle, Tuesdays 6—8pm.** Topic for May 5: **"Beach Weddings, Prenups, Marrying A Non-Catholic & More FAQs."** Young adults (21 yrs. +) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm, with presentation and Q/A to follow from 7—8pm.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

HCSC YAM would 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** or follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSYoungAdults!](https://www.facebook.com/HCSYoungAdults/)

SUMMER CAMP!! OPEN HOUSE at CAMP ST. CHARLES—Meet the counselors, tour the waterfront property, meet other camp families, have lunch, and get an idea of the program. Register for the **May 17th Open House** and learn more at: campstcharles.org.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8am, 11am, and 7pm
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm and Sunday, 9am—2pm

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.
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