

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Readings Next Weekend:

Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41



Today we resume readings from what is called "Ordinary Time." Our green vestments symbolize growth in the Christian life and the readings of Ordinary Time focus especially on daily discipleship and growth in the Lord. Today's readings speak of three insights that disciples must recall. First is **ADAPTABILITY**. We hear in both the first reading and the Gospel how God can take what is very humble, and adapt it to be something mighty and powerful. Perhaps it is the "tender shoot" of the first reading that becomes a mighty oak. Perhaps it is the mustard seed of the Gospel which becomes a great shade tree. But God adapts us for his purposes and no one should say, 'I cannot be used.' An old song says, "If you can use anything Lord, you can use me." The insight is **AWE-ABILITY**, the capacity to reverence mystery and to have wonder and awe at what God does. In the Gospel Jesus emphasizes that, though a man plants seeds he does not really know the deeper mysteries of life and growth. Despite our often self-congratulatory celebration of our sciences, there is much more we do not know or understand. And while science is often good at answering "how" it is not good at answering the more ultimate questions of "why", and of meaning. We do well to maintain a reverential awe of the deeper mysteries of God's works and his ways. This also opens us to hope and to the possibilities that God can work in hidden ways to exult what is humble and to bring great transformation to those who are cast down and troubled, including ourselves and our culture. Finally, there is **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The second reading reminds us that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and render an account. For as we have seen, God is able to adapt, and to work in wondrous and hidden ways to lift us up, even if we are humble and struggle. Given this capacity of God, we must one day render an account of how we have responded to God's grace and his invitation to be exulted. On judgment day the expression "I couldn't" will ring hollow, because as we have seen: "God CAN." Today's readings remind us to be open to what God can do, often in mysterious ways.



Sunday, June 14

4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Andrea Morton
 8:00am For the Intentions of Nannie Williams
 11:00am For the Intentions of Dolores Louise Lambaco
 7:00pm For the Intentions of all our parish graduates

Monday, June 15

7:00am Frances Young †

Tuesday, June 16

7:00am Rosina DiPilla †

Wednesday, June 17

7:00am Agnes Chase †

Thursday, June 18

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz †

Friday, June 19 *Saint Romuald, Abbot*

7:00am For the People

Saturday, June 20

8:00am Lilia Jacob †

4:30pm DeVeel Clark †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Matthew 6:24-34

Music Schedule

Processional
 "One More Day" LMGM #485
Responsorial Psalm
 "I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Let All Things Now Living" LMGM #486
 ** "My Help" Farris
Communion
 "Thank you Lord" LMGM #489
Post Communion Dance Praise
 ** "A Little More Jesus" Campbell
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 * 11:00am Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator
 Youth Liturgical Dance Ministry, Gail Bell, Choreographer & Coordinator

Mass Attendance for June 7, 2015

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| 4:30pm | 45 |
| 8:00am | 139 |
| 11:00am | 255 |
| 7:00pm | 63 |
| Total: | 502 |

NOTE: Stewardship figures were unavailable at the time the bulletin was submitted to the publisher. Updated figures will be posted in the June 21st bulletin.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? *eGiving* through Faith Direct! Please enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Our church code is DC59. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your continued support of your parish family with your time and talents, as well as your treasure.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (6/14) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (6/17) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board 7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (6/15) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (6/19) 8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (6/16) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Male Adult Choir | Saturday (6/20) 11:00am Knights of St. John's Ladies 2:00pm Holy Name meeting 4:30pm Mass |

FUNERAL—Agnes Chase (June 15th)

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—We celebrate our parish youth every second Sunday at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

CANNED FOOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—Your contribution of canned food is severely needed to replenish our food pantry. Every second Sunday, we invite you to bring nutritious non-perishable high protein foods (**canned** meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit and vegetables) to Mass. If you did not bring any canned goods this week, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.

ATTENTION FRIENDLY SENIORS—If you are going on the luncheon cruise on **Wed., June 17**, please note that we will **depart from Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD, at 9:15am**. If you drive to Mount Calvary, you may park on the church lot.

HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST—is **next Sunday, June 21st**, hosted by the Holy Name Society at the school from **9 to 11am**. Questions? Contact Renard Blanchard on 240-838-4753. **Tickets: \$7** are still available from any HNS member or the rectory office.

 **JUBILARIAN COUPLES HONORED**—Russell & Barbara Colbert (62 yrs); Robert & Beatrice Youngblood (59 yrs); James & Dorothy Young (53 yrs); Maurice & Shirley Austin (45 yrs) will receive recognition from Cardinal Donald Wuerl **Sun., June 21st** at the archdiocesan-wide **Jubilant Mass Celebration for Married Couples** at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass begins at **2pm**. Couples pictures are in the rear of the church.

 **HCSC's SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**—This summer bring the whole family and join us for Movie Night. Our first feature is **'God's Not Dead'** on **Sat., June 27th** at **6:15pm** in the school cafeteria. We will also have kid-friendly movies in the youth room. This film is about a young college student who has to prove and defend the existence of God to his philosophy professor. Check out movie reviews at www.godsnotdeadthemovie.com. See you at the movies!!

 **CANDLELIGHT STORE FEATURED ITEM OF THE MONTH**—This past spring the Wednesday night bible study read ***Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Heaven*** by Peter Kreeft. Copies of this book are available in the Candlelight Store for \$13. Prof. Kreeft provides a look at the nature of heaven that offers a refreshingly clear, theologically sound, and always fascinating glimpse of that "undiscovered country." Get your copy today for some summer reading.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015 SURVEY—HCSC's **Vacation Bible School** for the Entire Family begins **Wed, July 29th**. We need your help to select an exciting topic that is of interest to you. Complete the survey in the bulletin and return to an usher or drop at the rectory.

Youth Ministry News

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! May God continue to lead you in your journey through life. God bless you.


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins July 29th and we will have sessions for our youth from grades pre-k to 12th. Please plan on attending with your family.


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**) focusing on evangelization and leadership development of Catholic youth. **Spaces are limited.** Questions? Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry
Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

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

 **BLOOD DRIVE**—the HCSC Sodality along with the American Red Cross is sponsoring its semi-annual Blood Drive on **Sunday, July 12th**, in the rectory basement. The Blood Drive will begin after the 8am Mass and continue until 2pm. Registration will begin next weekend. Please invite friends and family to participate in this life saving cause.

 **CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR** on our website at www.hscchurch.org. Events and activities for the year are posted here daily.

 **VACATION TIME IS HERE**—Whether you stay at home, visit relatives or friends, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country.

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>

