

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jer 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42



The Gospel for this Sunday is about fear. Jesus teaches that we must learn to fear the right thing and the right one. We are forever fearing the loss of temporal and passing things like money, health and so forth. We also fear excessively what others think of us and what they can do to us. But much of this is misplaced and out of proportion to what is truly important. More important than the loss of passing things is the loss of eternal blessings such as God and heaven. Yet we fear losing money more than salvation. And we fear man more than God. The sin of human respect is to fear what people think of us more than what God thinks of us and to desire pleasing man, more than God. To all of this Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." God has the power to welcome us to heaven or consign us to hell. We ought to have a holy fear of God. The loss of eternal things eclipses whatever worldly fears naturally affect us. We ought to fear losing our desire for God and heaven and preferring worldly things and honors. If we fear God, we fear only One. If we fear man's worldly things we fear ten thousand. Why not live more simply and just *Fear the Lord?*

CORRECTION: FUNERAL for Ella Bowie was (June 16)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 25
 8:00am Hasina & Justin Reed (wedding anniversary)
 11:00am John B. Macon † (birthday)
 7:00pm For the intentions of Tom Do

Monday, June 26
 7:00am For the intentions of Annie Do

Tuesday, June 27 *St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of Church*
 7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †

Wednesday, June 28 *Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*
 7:00am For the People

Thursday, June 29 *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*
 7:00am For the intentions of all our Clergy

Friday, June 30 *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*
 7:00am For mothers & babies at risk of abortion

Saturday, July 1 *Saint Junipero Serra, Priest*
 8:00am Robert Gordon †
 4:30pm Burnett William Childs †

If you want to place a mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday: Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15 Matthew 8:5-17

Music Schedule

Processional
 Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM # 538

Responsorial Psalm
 Lord, in your great love, answer me

Offertory
 * Great is Thy Faithfulness LMGM #492
 ** Great is Thy Faithfulness Kenneth Louis

Communion
 * Precious Lord, take my hand LMGM #780
 ** Here I am Lord Samuel Cromwell

Post Communion
 ** Order my Steps LMGM #527

Recessional
 ** Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322

* 8:00am Kathy Richburg, *Cantor*—George Stewart, *Music Director*
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, *Music Director*

Mass Attendance for June 18, 2017

4:30pm	47
8:00am	116
11:00am	265
7:00pm	100
Total:	528

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/18)	\$11,542
Actual Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-\$4,804

FAITH DIRECT: Are you booking your summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift will reach Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian even when you cannot. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC59**. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hccscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885. This is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months. Thank you for your continued support.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (6/25)
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Monday (6/26)
 6:30pm Ministry/Organ. Mtg
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (6/27)
 6:30pm Catechist meeting
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (6/28)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 7:00pm Bible Study

Saturday (7/1)
 8:00am First Saturday Mass
 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



We will hold the third in our series of ministry fairs **Sun., June 25th after 11am Mass**, this time featuring: *Community Action Group (CAG); Friendly Seniors; Holy Name Society; Knights of Columbus; Ladies of Charity; Social Concerns; Sodality; Washington Interfaith Network (WIN); and Women's Ministry.* Visit each exhibit, listen for what you have to offer, then sign up and become an active member in your faith community. We can't do it without you.



CONGRATULATIONS to **James & Dorothy Young (55 yrs); Anthony & Ethel Woodson (45 yrs); Charles & Judith Rodney (45 yrs); Timothy & Kennitha Jenifer (40 yrs); and,**

Darryl & Karen Graham (30 yrs) as they receive special recognition from Cardinal Donald Wuerl, **Sun., June 25th at 2pm** at the archdiocesan-wide Jubilarian Mass Celebration for Married Couples at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: Each year dioceses around the country highlight the importance of defending religious freedom (*from June 21—vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day*). In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people. Msgr. Pope will have flyers regarding religious freedoms in the rear of the church. For more info visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/index.cfm>.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: In honor of the Virgin Mother Mary and the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Msgr. Pope has asked us to host First Saturday Devotions to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. **Our final Mass in this series is Saturday, July 1st.** You are invited to attend the **8am Mass**, pray the rosary communally after that Mass, and go to confession within the first week of the month. All are welcome to join in this devotion.

SAVE THE DATE: CALLING ALL ALUMNAE OF HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN & ST. CYPRIAN SCHOOLS! Join other alumni for an informal gathering on **July 15th** from **7-11pm** at the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian School building (15th & East Capitol Sts., SE). Catch up with old school mates and share memories. It's a potluck so attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Food and fellowship! Contact Joe Mitchell, Jr. (301.276.1618).

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.DiscoverMass.com** for Mass times and locations.



Youth Ministry News

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CORRECTION: Youth End of the Year Trip, July 16th, to Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, VA. **COST: \$11 per person. NOTE: Fees can not be paid at the gate this year.** RSVP by July 9th. See flyer.

FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM: During the summer months of June through August, youth ages 18 and younger can get a free meal at specific parks and recreation sites, schools, churches, community organizations, and more. To find a meal site near you **call 1.866.348.6479** or text the word **FOOD** to **877-877**. Children, ages 18 and younger, do not need to show registration, documentation, or ID to receive their meal. For more details, go to: www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**

With a thankful heart: Words could never express how grateful we are to our HCSC family for the thoughts, expressions of sympathy, prayers and support shown during this time. Please know that you will forever be in our prayers. ***The Family of Donald Greenfield, Sr.***



HCSC's very own vocalist **Robert E. Person** and legendary pianist **Richard Smallwood** have collaborated on a newly released single **"I Give You Praise."** Download your digital copy today at:

- iTunes • <http://apple.co/2rmeOvz>
- Amazon • <http://amzn.to/2sF4IPK>
- Google Play • <http://bit.ly/2ttloB1>
- CD Baby • <http://bit.ly/2s8u3ek>

SAVE THE DATES—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY: HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School on Wednesday evenings **August 2, 9, and 16** at the school. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Sessions are being planned for every age group from youth to adults and dinner will be served. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Contact Kim Peaks (202.546.1885 or pam@hscchurch.org). Stay tuned for more details.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: myParishapp

