

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30



In today's Gospel the Lord gives three important principles for a disciple. The first principle is the priority of a disciple. Note that the Lord says we are to love no one more than him. There is to be no one and no thing in our life that has greater importance than the Lord. But truth be told many Christians give greater allegiance to political parties and movements as well as careers the opinions of men, than the Lord and his Church. Many prefer worldly thinking to what the Lord teaches. Jesus speaks strongly and says that such people as this are not worthy of Him. The second principle is the passion of a disciple. Every disciple must be willing to take up a cross. Here too we are often willing to take up crosses for worldly gain. We work hard for a paycheck or for a college diploma. Then why not the Lord? An old song says, "No cross, no crown." And the point here IS a crown. Yet like worldly blessings, it is the cross that brings it. Thus the Lord's insistence on the need for the cross is not unreasonable. The Third principle is the prize of a disciple. Indeed, the Lord promises reward if we get our priorities and passions right. Even now, we can enjoy the fruits of God's Word as we listen to his prophets and see our life change. And every work of mercy, God says he will reward. God does not demand the cross without pointing to its reward. The Cross ushers in the crown.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 2
 8:00am James N. Greene †
 11:00am For the intentions of Arnold Macon
 7:00pm For the intentions of Minnie Ruth Ford
Monday, July 3 *Saint Thomas, Apostle*
 7:00am For the intentions of George Stewart & Family
Tuesday, July 4 *Independence Day*
 8:00am For the People
Wednesday, July 5 *Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*
 7:00am Marjorie Ward †
Thursday, July 6 *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*
 7:00am L. Johnson †
Friday, July 7
 7:00am Bruce Jackson †
Saturday, July 8
 8:00am For the Sick and Homebound
 4:30pm Burnett William Childs †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22 John 20:24-29
Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29 Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20 Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday: Genesis 22:1-19 Matthew 9:1-8
Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 Matthew 9:14-17

Music Schedule

Processional
 * I Know That My Redeemer Lives! LMGM #309
 ** A Follower of Christ LMGM #628
Responsorial Psalm
 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Offertory
 * Lead Me to Calvary LMGM #614
 ** Great is thy Faithfulness LMGM #492
Communion
 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus LMGM #613
Post Communion
 * I Have Decided to Make Jesus My Choice LMGM #626
Recessional
 America the Beautiful LMGM #788
 * 8:00am Marjorie Boursiquot, *Cantor*—George Stewart, *Music Director*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*—George Stewart, *Music Director*

Mass Attendance for June 25, 2017

4:30pm 40
 8:00am 96
 11:00am 220
 7:00pm 127
Total: 483

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/25)	\$14,944
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,402

TITHING WHILE ON VACATION: Church attendance during summer months tends to drop as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish community continue year round, as do their associated expenses. Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieve our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is to enroll in our electronic offertory program: **FAITH DIRECT**. Once enrolled, you can relax knowing that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC59** and enroll today. Forms also available in the rectory office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at: pam@hcschurch.org or (202.546.1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/2) **Wednesday (7/5)**
 7:00pm Mass 7:00pm Bible Study
 8:00pm AA
Monday (7/3) **Saturday (7/8)**
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday (7/4)
RECTORY CLOSED

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



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED Tues., July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Be safe and be blessed.

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

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: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/index.cfm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School on Wednesday evenings **August 2, 9, 16 and 23** at the school. Our theme this year is *Hallelujah is the Highest Praise: A Study of Soul-Saving Songs*. We will study the biblical roots and teachings of some of the well-known and lesser known hymns of the Church. We'll cover topics, such as trust, suffering, victory, the end times, haven, Jesus, the Church, and so forth. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Sessions are being planned for every age group. Dinner will be served so you must register. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Contact Kim Peaks (202.546.1885 or pam@hscchurch.org). See flyer to RSVP.

CALLING ALL ALUMNAE OF HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN & ST. CYPRIAN SCHOOLS! Join other alumni for an informal gathering on **Sat., 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 we will be asking attendees to bring a dish to share. See flyer for details.

SUMMER CANNED FOOD DRIVE: HCSC Social Concerns Ministry is partnering with Catholic Charities-DC for a summer food drive on **July 16 & 23**. You will receive a paper bag at Mass and are asked to return the bag the following week with donated food items. The donations will be used to replenish local Catholic churches food pantries located in poor communities and are in desperate need of supplies. Stay tuned for info.



VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home, 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. Visit www.DiscoverMass.com for Mass times and locations. You can also access this information on our Parish APP. Refresh your MyParish phone app by closing and then opening it again and look for the Discover Mass button.



Youth Ministry News

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END OF THE YEAR TRIP—to Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, VA, **July 16th**. **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 June—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. Questions? Go to: www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE is a national young adult (18 to 39) and young family festival, **Sat., July 22nd**, where thousands will gather at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for amazing worship, inspiring talks, engaging break out groups, incredible music with Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, and more. For more info and to register, visit www.WYDUNITE.com/event-details.



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!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

BETHUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN LINCOLN PARK: The National Park Service and friends will commemorate the life and legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune on **Sat., July 8th, 9:30am—3pm**. Event includes music, speakers, guided tours of Lincoln Park, and WWII-era living history programs. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/cahi/index.htm.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The **July—September** schedule has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those who do not have internet access. The schedule is also posted on our website. Hard copies are available in the sacristy. Please remember that each minister is responsible for making arrangements for any changes to their assigned schedule.

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](https://www.gettyapps.com/myParishapp)

