

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Zec 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23



In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us some important lessons on how to endure life's burdens. The principal image he uses for burdens is the image of the Yoke. A yoke is a wooden frame that helps an animal, such as a donkey or an ox, carry a heavy load. If we were to simply put a rope around the animal's neck all the weight would be centered on the neck and the animal would choke. A wooden yoke is used to distribute the weight along the shoulders of animals making it possible to pull the weight more easily. Jesus says he has a yoke for us and we see the gospel set forth in three stages. **Stage 1 is the Description** of the problem: simply put we labor and are burdened. **Stage 2 is the Prescription:** to take my yoke upon you. He goes on to call his yoke easy and his burden light. The Greek text is better understood as his yoke being well-fitting and his burden appropriate. So, the Lord does have a cross for us to carry but it is well-suited to us. The problem comes when we insist on carrying extra burdens that the Lord never meant for us. We wear ourselves out with things we have no business doing. **Stage 3 is the Depiction:** which provides us with a portrait that we, like little children, must learn to listen to the Lord and live more simply like we did when we were little children, staying close to home and listening to our Father, God!



Sunday, July 6

4:30pm (Sat) Bowling Family
8:00am Ruby Roberts
11:00am Betty Hamer
7:00pm For the People

Monday, July 7

7:00am Marilyn Gilliam (birthday)

Tuesday, July 8

7:00am Shirley Alfreda Warwick †

Wednesday, July 9 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Martyr*

7:00am Cecil Warwick

Thursday, July 10

7:00am Rev. Msgr. Charles Evans Pope (birthday)

Friday, July 11 *Saint Benedict, Abbot*

7:00am Cora Campbell

Saturday, July 12

8:00am Margaret Gordon †
4:30pm Austina Jones †

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: Hosea 2:16, 17-18, 21-22 Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9 Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8 Matthew 10:24-33

Music Schedule

Processional
"Plenty Good Room" LMGM #714
Responsorial Psalm
"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LMGM #438
** "Dear Jesus I Love You" W. Hawkins
Communion
"Standing on the Promises" LMGM #516
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for June 29, 2014

4:30pm	49
8:00am	96
11:00am	275
7:00pm	63
Total:	483

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Actual Tithes (6/29)	\$11,317
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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. Enrollment forms are available in the rectory office or to enroll online, go to: www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is DC59. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/6) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Friday (7/11) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (7/8) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Saturday (7/12) 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (7/9) 7:00pm Bible Study	

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

HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—will be **CLOSED Sunday, July 13th**, due to the Blood Drive. It will re-open on Sunday, July 20th.

BLOOD DRIVE—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross, **Sun., July 13th** from 9am-2pm in the rectory basement. **Look for sign-up sheets out on the plaza after each Mass.** Go to: www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for info on the American Red Cross. For info on the HCSC Blood Drive contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or nghcance@comcast.net. **THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!** Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Thank you.



CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned** meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. 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.



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will begin **Sun., July 20th at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know might benefit. Call Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 for details.

200 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH—is a publication written by our own pastor, Msgr. Pope. It first appeared in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR and is now available in the Candle Light store. Donation: \$5.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School on **Wednesdays from July 30th thru August 20st at 6:30pm at the school.** Sessions are planned for every age group from youth to adults. Dinner will be served. The theme is **"REAL LIFE AT THE TIME OF JESUS"** focusing on daily life in the time of Jesus. **Please see flyer in the bulletin to register.**



We need your help to make our Vacation Bible School an enjoyable event to remember. If you can help with set-up and/or food **PLEASE** contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or on-line at pam@hscchurch.org.

VACATION NOTE—While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. Go to: www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country.

Youth Ministry News

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DC FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM—During the summer months of June through August Kids & Teens ages 18 and younger can get a free meal at DC Parks and Recreation Sites, Schools, Churches, Community Organizations, and more. To find a site near you **call 211** or text the word **FOOD** to **202-656-5328**. Children, ages 18 and younger, do not need to show registration, documentation, or ID to receive their meals. For more information go to: onecityyouth.dc.gov.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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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)



HCSC FRIENDLY SENIORS—hosts their **Annual Luncheon Cruise on Wed., July 16th** to Suicide Bridge Restaurant. **Cost: \$65 per person.** See flyer in rear of church.

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL—at the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Sat., July 12th, 11am—5pm.** The festival highlights the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land, with exhibits, vendors, Mediterranean food for sale, speakers, videos and tours of the Holy Land shrines and monastery gardens. **Free** admission and parking at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, DC. Closing at Mass 5pm, Bishop Barry Knestout, celebrant. For more information, visit: myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival or call 202-526-6800.



Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Sat., Sept. 13th at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. This change of date allows us to return this event to its original intent as a part of our celebration of the Feast of Saint Cyprian. **We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event.** Many different types of talents are needed. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to find out how you can help plan and carry out this activity.



2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE—Our parish is considering a 10-day pilgrimage in **October of 2015.** If you are interested in participating in the experience or you just want some information, contact Deborah Vanzego at 202-277-1823 or DVanzego@cmht.com.

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>

