

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Mt 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!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 9
 8:00am Robert Gordon †
 11:00am For the intentions of Bruce & Maureen Normann
 7:00pm For mothers and babies at risk of abortion
Monday, July 10
 7:00am Rev. Msgr. Charles Evans Pope (birthday)
Tuesday, July 11 *Saint Benedict, Abbot*
 7:00am Helen B. Tyler †
Wednesday, July 12
 7:00am Joseph Bailey †
Thursday, July 13 *Saint Henry*
 7:00am Joan Graham † (birthday)
Friday, July 14 *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*
 7:00am For the intentions of Tom Do
Saturday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For the intentions of Annie Do

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: Genesis 28:10-22 Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33 Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57 Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Genesis 44:18-29; 45:1-5 Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26 Matthew 10:24-33

Music Schedule

Processional
 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You LMGM #435
Responsorial Psalm
 I will praise your name forever my king and my God.
Offertory
 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms LMGM #592
Communion
 Just a Closer Walk with Thee LMGM #783
Recessional
 This Little Light of Mine LMGM #637
 8:00am Robert Person, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for July 2, 2017

4:30pm 40
 8:00am 103
 11:00am 260
 7:00pm 119
Total: 532

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/2)	\$15242
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,104

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 (7/9) **Wednesday (7/12)**
 7:00pm Mass 7:00pm Bible Study
 8:00pm AA
Monday (7/10) **Saturday (7/15)**
 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 10:30am Social Concerns mtg
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday (7/11)
 7:00pm Adult Choir

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: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child.




BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to our **Pastor, Msgr. Charles Pope**, who will celebrate his birthday on **Tues., July 10th**. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in his love and care.

CALLING ALL ALUMNAE OF HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN & ST. CYPRIAN SCHOOLS! Join other alumni for an informal reunion on **Saturday, 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. Contact Joe Mitchell, Jr. (301.276.1618) for more information.



"Summer in the City" CANNED FOOD DRIVE: HCSC Social Concerns Ministry in support of the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation & Catholic Charities is hosting a food drive. Pick up a paper bag from the rear of the Church **beginning July 16th**, fill it with non-perishable food (no glass containers) and bring it back by **July 30th**. **Here is what we need:** Canned tuna or chicken; Hearty Soups; Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Corn, Peas); Canned Fruit; Minute Meals (ex: Mac 'n Cheese); Canned Ravioli; Spaghetti O's and Cereal (Cheerios or other non-sugary cereal). Please buy the food that is listed. These donations will be distributed to food pantries throughout Washington, D.C. Thank you for your support!

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@hcschurch.org). See flyer to RSVP.



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 for more details and to register.


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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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)

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS—the **July thru September Schedule** is available on the HCSC website under "Worship." Limited hard copies are in the sacristy. Remember, volunteers are responsible for making arrangements for any changes to their assigned dates.

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL—at the *Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land*, **Sat., July 15th, 11am—5pm** highlights the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land, with exhibits, vendors, Mediterranean food, speakers, videos and tours of the Holy Land shrines and monastery gardens. **Free** admission and parking at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, DC. Closing Mass at 5pm. For info, visit: myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival, or call 202.526.6800.

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

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

