

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ecc1 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:32-48



Today's Gospel supplies us with instructions on income. First, note the **PROBLEM THAT IS PORTRAYED**. A man tries to involve Jesus in a financial dispute between himself and his brother. Jesus rejects the man's request and warns him about greed. Next, notice the **PARABLE THAT IS PROCLAIMED**. In this parable the Lord gives four instructions on wealth. First there is the **INCREASE** in wealth. A careful reading of this parable states that the increase in his wealth came from God through the land. This increase belongs not to the man but to God. We are stewards, not owners of what we have and must use it in accord with God's will. If we have excess, we are expected to be generous. Next, notice the **INCONVENIENCE** of wealth. The man is downright burdened by all the excess and wonders what to do. Since he insists on keeping it he now has to build more barns. And so it is with us who have so much. We have endless headaches with what we have: insurance, maintenance, security, and so on. Next, there is taught the **INSUFFICIENCY** of wealth. We think wealth equals security, it does not. The man will die that night as a fool and it is his money that made him a fool. Finally, there is the **INSTRUCTION** about wealth wherein the Lord tells us to use it so that we become rich in what matters to God. Clearly generosity with our surplus matters more to God than the size of the "Great Room" in our house or the width of our flat screen TV.

FUNERAL: Dolores Gorham (July 29th)



Sunday, July 31

8:00am For the intentions of Deacon Kevin Butler
 11:00am Dolores Gorham †
 7:00pm For those sworn to protect and serve

Monday, August 1 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am David K. Wilson †

Tuesday, August 2 *St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

7:00am For those who died from hatred and terrorism

Wednesday, August 3

7:00am Deacon Charles E. Edelin, Jr. † (1st anniv.)

Thursday, August 4 *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

7:00am Veronica B. Rodgers (birthday - Aug. 3rd)

Friday, August 5 *Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

7:00am Betty Mayes (birthday)

Saturday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm For the intentions of the Rodgers family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-22 Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Daniel 7:9-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36

Music Schedule

Processional

* Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! LMGM #431
 ** Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way LMGM #599

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* O How I Love Jesus LMGM #365
 ** Great is Thy Faithfulness Kenneth Louis

Communion

Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625

Recessional

** A Follower of Christ LMGM #628

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** 11:00am Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance for July 24, 2016

4:30pm	51
8:00am	103
11:00am	230
7:00pm	90
Total:	474

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/24)	\$15,354
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$992



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope" (Pope Francis). Did you know that the Archdiocese of Washington is blessed with two Holy Doors? One is at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The other is at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A Holy Door is a special door designated in a cathedral or significant church that stands as a symbol of Jesus Christ who said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved..." (John 10:9). Pilgrims pass through the Holy Door as a sign that they are leaving past sin behind and entering into a new Christian way of living. Have you entered through a Holy Door yet this year? For more about the **Holy Doors of Mercy**, visit mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/31) 4:00pm HCSC Music Concert 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (8/3) 7:00pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (8/1) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (8/5) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
	Saturday (8/6) 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

OSP ANNUAL CELEBRATION: The Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) are sponsoring a raffle at their Annual Homecoming on **Sun., Aug. 7th**. **Cash prizes: First—\$1000; Second—\$500; Third—\$200.** Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00. For tickets, see Bertha Colbert after the 8am and 11am Masses.



FOR THE FAMILY: Every **Wednesday** at **6:30pm** in the school **July 27—August 17**, HCSC will host Family Vacation Bible School for **adults, and youth of all ages.**

The theme will focus on **'Mercy'**. A light meal will be provided, so you must register. See flyer to RSVP and for more information.

FRIENDLY SENIORS SUMMER SCHEDULE: The last two Wednesday meetings of the Friendly Seniors summer sessions are **August 3rd and 17th** at 11am in the youth room at the school. All are welcome to join them for bible study and fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All are invited to attend an opportunity to gather and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On **Fri., August 5th, 6—7pm**, the Lectors of the Word Ministry will host the Eucharistic Holy Hour.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT STILL HAS SPACE AVAILABLE: Join the HCSC Women's Ministry on a spirit-filled retreat, **September 2—4, 2016**, at Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD. **Facilitator: Sister Anita Baird. Cost: \$270 per person.** For more information, contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786) or June Johnson (301-529-7114).



2017 ITALY PILGRIMAGE: HCSC Parish is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy, **November 6th—16th, 2017.**

Additional information is forthcoming. Primary contacts Debbie Vanzego at dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com or Deacon Ralph Cyrus.

TITHING WHILE ON VACATION: Church attendance during summer drops as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish continue, as do their associated expenses. Your financial support is vital to our stewardship mission. Be sure your gift of treasure reaches us by putting envelopes on a permanent "summer vacation." Enroll in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct.** Once enrolled, you know that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish **code is DC59.** Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

SIXTH ANNUAL MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—WITNESS OF MERCY: at Mount Saint Mary's University, **October 7, 8, and 9** for women 18 and older. Keynote Speaker, Fr. Chris Alar; and emcee, Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Lori. Live praise and worship music, wine and cheese social. Cost: \$75, or \$60 for Saturday only. For more info, go to marylandcatholicwomen.com.

Youth Ministry News

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins **July 27th** and we have prepared special sessions for our youth from grades Pre-K to 12th. The Youth component will focus on the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

SAMSON: The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to **Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, Sat., Nov. 26th** to see this biblical production. Transportation and meal included. For ticket information, contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hcschurch.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})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**



FAITH DAY at NATIONALS PARK: Come to the baseball game on **Sat., August 27th at 1:05pm** and watch the Washington **Nationals** take on the Colorado **Rockies**. Stay after the game for a **FREE** postgame concert featuring area church choirs and a special presentation of Nationals players testimonials! Discount ticket packages range from \$15 to \$35. With each ticket a \$5 donation will be made to **The House DC** (for information go to: thehousedc.org). If you would like to attend this event at a special group rate, there is an **August 10th deadline.** For more details, call Jimmye Walker (202-546-1885) in the rectory office.

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.

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 around the country.

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

