

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20



The Gospel today speaks about the need to persist in prayer. It opens with a reference to Jesus' TRAVEL. We are told that he goes north of Israel into modern day Lebanon. This is pagan territory and a rather odd destination for a Jewish preacher. But, this is important for us in terms of understanding Jesus' love for all people, and his ultimate love for the woman in today's Gospel. This leads us to TORMENT. A Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus to heal her daughter. Pagans generally hated Jews but her torment makes her reach out to Jesus. Next comes the TEST. Jesus draws her out by several seemingly hurtful comments. First, he ignores her, then he says he will deal only with Jews, then he says he should not throw (his) food to dogs. But remember, the Lord loves the Gentiles and that is why he has come north into pagan territory. So, his testing of her leads to her TENACITY. She is not put off. She knows what she wants, and that Jesus can accomplish it. Masterfully, she says "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table!" Her tenacity leads to TRIUMPH. For Jesus says to her "O woman great is your faith, let it be done as you wish" and the woman's daughter was healed. What of us? Would you persevere in prayer, or grow angry and discouraged.



Sunday, August 17

4:30pm (Sat) William "Bill" G. Williams, III †
8:00am Karen Mangum
11:00am Paul Macon (birthday) †
7:00pm All Aborted Babies

Monday, August 18

7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †

Tuesday, August 19 Saint John Eudes, Priest

7:00am Rita Brown (birthday) †

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of Church

7:00am For the People

Thursday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00am Natleen Chance (birthday)

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross (birthday) †

Saturday, August 23 Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:00am George & Margurite Parker †
4:30pm Richards Family Living Members

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: Ezekiel 24:15-24 Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10 Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28 Matthew 22:1-14
Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7 Matthew 23:1-12

Music Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Music Type and Musician/Reference. Includes Processional, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Offertory, Communion, and Post Communion.

Mass Attendance for August 10, 2014

Table showing Mass attendance for August 10, 2014, with times 4:30pm, 8:00am, 11:00am, 7:00pm, and Total: 412.

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Table showing Actual Tithes (8/10) and amount \$12,857.

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...

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Table showing parish activities for the week of August 17-22, 2014, including Mass times and other events.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values...

OUR VISION STATEMENT: A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—HCSC Social Concerns Ministry participates in S.O.M.E. by preparing lunch every 4th Saturday for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at 71 “O” St., NW. We need your donation of cooked chicken (see flyer for recipe) for Sat., Aug. 23rd. Your non-frozen chicken may be brought to the rectory before close of business on Fri., Aug 22nd. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS—Through **Wed., August 27th** the Rectory Office will close on **Wednesdays at 5pm**. Wednesday evening hours will resume on September 3rd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC has already hosted over 420 parishioners and guests during three sessions. **THEME: “Real Life at the Time of Jesus.”** You can still register for the final session, designed for every age group. Dinner will be served, so you must register so we can plan our catering needs!! **Doors open at 6:30pm**. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church and the rectory.



PLEASE, we still need your help to make our Vacation Bible School an event to remember. If you can help with set-up or food distribution contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.



FAITH DAY OF BASEBALL AT NATIONALS PARK—on **Sat., Sept. 6th at 4:30pm** as the Washington Nationals take on the Philadelphia Phillies. Stay after the game for a special presentation of Nationals players testimonials and a FREE Postgame Concert featuring contemporary Christian musician Lincoln Brewster! If interested in significantly discounted tickets contact Ms. Jimmye Claire Walker in the rectory on 202-546-1885. Flyer in the rear of the church.

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS—If you have an infant or young child who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, contact the rectory office on 202-546-1885 or at hscstaff@hscchurch.org and leave your name and contact information. **Baptism preparation class will be Sat., Sept. 6th, at 10am in the rectory.** Please call to register.



HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., Sept. 13th** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event. Many different types of talents are needed, so please call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to find out how you can help plan and carry out this activity.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP WOMEN’S MINISTRY REREAT—will be at Loyola Retreat House, **Sept. 5th thru 7th. Cost: \$265 per person.** Facilitator: Therese Wilson Favors (former Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore). Contact: Bonita Boulware on 301-758-3768 or Tayloria Jordan on 301-702-0012 for more information.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 ❖ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL—is **Oct. 6th thru 8th** and will sponsor a *Combined Dance Ministry Team* which will minister to youth on the second night of the revival on **Youth Night, Tues., Oct. 7th**, at St. Joseph in Largo, MD. Rehearsals are every Saturday until the event. The Combined Dance Ministry is open to youth over 5 years old in the Archdiocese of Washington. Contact Keisha Jackson on 202-486-2152 or kemg78@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—The goal of HCSC Youth Ministry is to help and give guidance to our youth to come to know and love Jesus Christ as their personal savior, embrace the Catholic faith, and develop gifts and talents in service of family, parish, and the community. We are looking for adult volunteers to work with our youth. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot (see banner above).


HCSC Young Adult Ministry


Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ❖ YAM@hscchurch.org

CHRIST IN THE CITY—Young Adult Mass every 2nd Thursday of each month at Immaculate Conception (8th & N Streets, NW)! Adoration and Confession at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Contact: DCCatholic@adw.org or visit www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

HCSC YAM is planning a YAM **“Grill the Priest” Cookout** event this summer, so please make sure to **“Like”** us on Facebook for more details.

To help us plan future events, tell us what activities interest you. **Please complete the brief survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHJML7Q>.

Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on  **Facebook** or email: yam@hscchurch.org.

Do you Tweet? Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults) 



“THE GIVER”—is a movie starring Meryl Streep, Jeff Bridges, and Katie Holmes that offers a faith-sharing opportunity! The Archdiocese supports the viewing of the movie saying, “Occasionally, Hollywood produces a movie that has the potential to change hearts ... and remind us of the values that are most important to us. This movie engages viewers on the issues of assisted suicides, surrogacy, genetic engineering, abortion and infanticide, the ‘throw-away’ culture referenced by Pope Francis.” It opened Aug. 15th.

CATHOLIC IMPACT—is a publication issued by the Archdiocese of Washington highlighting its 75 year legacy of service in education, social services and health care. The publication details the Archdiocese’s living legacy of bringing Christ’s teaching, loving service and healing to our community. Copies available in the rear of the church in English and Spanish.

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>

