

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 66:18-21    Heb 12:5-7, 11-13    Luke 13:22-30

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29    Heb 12:18-24    Luke 14:1, 7-14



Today's Gospel is a sobering summons to be serious about our spiritual life. Note first the **Danger Described**. When asked if those to be saved are many or few the Lord answers, "Few" and goes on to describe that many will be "unable" to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Most people today figure just about everyone is going to heaven but that is not what Scripture says. We have to be sober about this and realize that many of us live lives that show little interest in God or the Kingdom of God. At some point this decision becomes final, and God accepts their disinterest as their final choice. Beware, to persist in worldliness and to be self-absorbed increasingly becomes our final disposition. Next, note the **Divine Desire**. The Lord goes on to describe how he wants to bring people from every nation and race to His Kingdom. The Lord wants to save us all. So the problem of Hell is not about God and what He wants, it is about us and what we want. God will ultimately respect our final choice. Finally, note the **Delivering Discipline** that is described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today: My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines...it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So, in the end, God is not our enemy, He is our Savior and the only one who can get us ready for judgment day.

**FUNERAL:** Raymond Francis Harris (Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, August 21**

8:00am    George S. Robertson, Sr. †  
 11:00am    Maurice Austin, Jr. (birthday Aug. 22)  
 7:00pm    For the People

**Monday, August 22** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am    Cheryl Walker Ross † (birthday)

**Tuesday, August 23** *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

7:00am    Nyla Mitchell (5 years old) †

**Wednesday, August 24** *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00am    For the Intentions of Gerry Counihan

**Thursday, August 25** *St. Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00am    Bobbie Williams †

**Friday, August 26**

7:00am    Barbara Nettles † (birthday)

**Saturday, August 27** *Saint Monica*

8:00am    Raymond Francis Harris †  
 4:30pm    Catherine Miles † (18<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**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:** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12    Matthew 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17    Matthew 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** Revelation 21:9-14    John 1:45-51  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9    Matthew 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 1:17-25    Matthew 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31    Matthew 25:14-30

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* Come Now, Almighty King    LMGM #334  
 \*\* Welcome into this place

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

**Offertory**  
 \* God and God alone    Tom Fetkke  
 \*\* I love you Jesus    S. Hurd

**Communion Hymn**  
 \* Sweet, Sweet Spirit    LMGM #327  
 \*\* The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power    LMGM #383

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* 11:00am Music Ministry of Mrs. Brittany Thomas, Ms. Mary Johnson, and George Stewart

**Mass Attendance for August 14, 2016**

4:30pm	56
8:00am	99
11:00am	200
7:00pm	101
<b>Total:</b>	<b>456</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/14)	\$19,983
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,637



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

"Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to His home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvelous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it...Therefore, the Church professes and proclaims conversion. Conversion to God always consists in discovering His mercy, that is, in discovering that love which is patient and kind as only the Creator and Father can be; the love to which the 'God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ' is faithful to the uttermost consequences in the history of His covenant with man; even to the cross and to the death and resurrection of the Son. Conversion to God is always the fruit of the rediscovery of this Father, who is rich in mercy." (Pope St. John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia, 13) Celebrate on God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (8/21)</b> 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Friday (8/26)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (8/23)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (8/27)</b> 10:00am Eucharistic Min Trng 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**



**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Registration forms available in the church, in the rectory, or at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). The first day of school for pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is **Sun., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30am** in the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Shirley Austin at: [mre@hcscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hcscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885.



To all the parishioners who attended Family Vacation Bible School and a **Very Special Thank You** to the volunteers who helped with the food preparation and in the kitchen! Your gift of time and talent is always a blessing.

**DID YOU MISS A SESSION OF OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?** Go to our website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) (under *Parish News*) for audio and handouts from each session. Audio also available on myParishapp.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED!** Marvina Campbell, one of our very own former youth, is now a second grade teacher at *Imagine Foundations at Morningside* Public Charter School. Marvina needs donations of children's books for her classroom. She can also use supplies. For information on the types of donations, please contact Kim Peaks at: [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** During Mass, we ask that you please escort your children/youth to the restrooms so that they are supervised. We are requesting this for a variety of reasons as well as for everyone's safety. Thank you.



**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** Parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., August 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (**see flyer in rear of the church for recipe**). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., Aug., 26<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.



**ST. FRANCES ACADEMY ALUMNI and THE OBLATE SISTERS** are hosting a **CRAB FEAST, Sat., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3—7pm**, 501 East Chase St., Baltimore, MD 21202. **Cost options: \$55** (before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) or **\$60** (between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>). Questions? Call 410-539-5794.

**ADW MEN'S CONFERENCE:** The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a Men's Conference, **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am—2pm**, at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. **Cost: \$20**, includes breakfast and lunch. Speakers are: Fr. Donald Calloway, and Mr. Pat Kilner. Mass celebrant is Cardinal Donald Wuerl. For more information and to register for the conference, go to: [adwmen.eventbrite.com](http://adwmen.eventbrite.com).

**TITHING WHILE ON VACATION:** As families go on vacation, church attendance drops, but services we provide and the associated expenses do not. Your financial support is vital to our stewardship. Make it easy to tithe by enrolling online to **Faith Direct**, at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), our electronic offertory program. Our HCSC **code is DC59**. Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcscchurch.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL** to our college-bound youth. While away at school this Fall/Winter we'd like for you to stay in touch on Facebook, myParishApp, and our website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). May God bless you and continued success in your studies.

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

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

♦ [yam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hcscchurch.org) ♦

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at [sakeene@gmail.com](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG) GOSPEL CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA:** Come to an explosive line-up of local singing artists and dancers at Southeast Tabernacle Baptist Church, 4101 First St., SE. **Fri., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.** **Free Admission** (doors open 6:30pm).



**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC Annual Friends & Family Picnic, Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. To help with the picnic, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) to discover how you can help make this year's picnic BIG FUN! Next **Picnic Planning Committee meeting, Sun., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am in the rectory.** Please attend if you are able to help!

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**Is Your Marriage in Trouble? Have You Given Up Hope?** If you have given up hope that your marriage can get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For more information about the upcoming September 9-11 Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), or call **(443)400-7017**, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

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

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

