

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27



The Gospel today sets forth the prescribed purpose of Peter. As the Gospel opens we see the INQUIRY THAT ILLUSTRATES. Jesus asks a question, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" A variety of answers come back, none of them right. Jesus then asks the twelve apostles who they think he is. There is silence. Finally, Peter speaks the truth. This whole process illustrates that the truth of the faith isn't going to be found by taking a poll or holding a committee meeting. God's way is to choose an individual, (Peter) and anoint him to speak the truth. And thus we come to the next stage, the INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INSPIRED. As we have seen it is Peter alone who eventually speaks the truth. But how has this happened? The text tells us that it is not that he is necessarily the smartest, or has studied more. These things have their place, but what closes the deal is, as Jesus says, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." It is the grace of God that makes Peter the means of truth. And thus, Jesus ratifies this through the INSTALLATION THAT IS INITIATED. For Jesus says that Peter is going to be the rock on which he will build his Church. Peter was the first Pope. As Catholics we continue to believe that God especially blesses the current Pope, Francis, just as he did Peter, to be the means of guaranteeing the truth of our faith. The Pope is not alone, God is with him and he is able to have insight, not because he is the smartest, but because he is anointed by God.



Sunday, August 24

4:30pm (Sat) Richards Family Living Members
 8:00am Virginia H. Washington †
 11:00am Sarah R. Brooks †
 7:00pm Richard Cirbus †

Monday, August 25 *Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00am DeVon "Tony" Turner †

Tuesday, August 26

7:00am Barbara Nettles (birthday) †

Wednesday, August 27 *Saint Monica*

7:00am Richards Family Deceased Members

Thursday, August 28 *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am For the People

Friday, August 29 *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

7:00am Ruby L. Roberts (birthday)

Saturday, August 30

8:00am Willis & Thelma Waters †
 4:30pm Catherine Miles (16th anniversary) †

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: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 Mark 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 25:14-30

Music Schedule

Processional
 "One More Day" LMGM #485
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Jesus is All the World to Me" LMGM #370
 ** Choral Praise
Communion
 "Jesus in the Morning" LMGM #391
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Men's Ensemble

Mass Attendance for August 17, 2014

4:30pm	43
8:00am	89
11:00am	240
7:00pm	62
Total:	434

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed(8/17)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/17)	\$9,467
Weekly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-\$6,879
Monthly Budget for July	\$70,833
July Tithes Collected	\$61,914
Monthly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-\$8,919

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE—Thank you to all of you who have participated in the Annual Cardinal's Appeal this Year. We have exceeded our goal of \$52,368. Pledges were received from 185 households amounting \$52,441, 100.14% of goal. If you have not yet pledged this year, please plan to do so. Though we have reached our goal, we usually need a little more to get us finally over the top since not all are able to fully pay their pledge. God bless you for your generosity. And remember this collection helps us serve the poor and needy all over the area.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/24) **Wednesday (8/27)**
 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA **Thursday (8/28)**
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (8/25) **Friday (8/29)**
 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (8/26) 8:00pm Adult Choir
 7:00pm YAM Bible Study **Saturday (8/30)**
 4:30pm Mass

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.


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

 to the parishioners who attended Vacation Bible School this year. We had over 100 attendees each week. We were also pleased to have parishioners from St. Benedict the Moor, St. Vincent DePaul and Holy Name attend. **Special thanks** to Fr. Andrew Royals for allowing us to host the event at his parish. And, we are always grateful for the help of our volunteers. A **special thanks** to the Miller family for their continued commitment and service to this parish. Msgr. Pope has notes from each session available on our website: www.hcscchurch.org under the Religious Education tab under Bible Study. Contact the Rectory office for a printed copy for a small fee.

 **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.

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

 **FAITH DAY AT NATIONALS PARK—**on **Sat., Sept. 6th at 4pm** as the Washington Nationals take on their division rival Philadelphia Phillies. See flyer for significantly discounted ticket information. If you'd like to go to the game, contact **Jimmye Claire Walker in the rectory on 202-546-1885 before Tues., Aug. 26th**. Stay after the game for a special presentation of Nationals players testimonials and FREE Postgame Concert by contemporary Christian musician Lincoln Brewster!

 **HCSC Friends & Family Picnic Committee will meet Sun., Sept. 7th from 9:30 to 10:30am in the rectory basement.** NOTE: the Aug. 31st meeting has been cancelled. We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event. Many different types of talents are needed, so please come to the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to find out how you can help plan and carry out this activity. **The picnic is Sat., Sept. 13th at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD.** See flyer for details and T-Shirt order.

SAVE THE DATE HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION—There will be only **ONE Mass on Sunday, September 14th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. Also, a Ministry & Organization Fair will be held outside on the plaza following Mass. Refreshments will be served, so **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!** This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family member or friend to celebrate Mass with us. We will still celebrate the vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm and the 7pm Mass on Sunday evening. Stay tuned for details!

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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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 and our website: www.hcscchurch.org. May God bless you and continued success in your studies.

NEWSLETTER—Now that summer is closing rapidly, the HCSC Youth Newsletter wants to hear from all youth who participated in any faith-filled inspiring events this summer. Please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot by email as soon as possible (contact information above).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—Attention all youth!!! If you have a birthday coming up in the months of September, October, or November and want it to appear in the September edition of the Youth Newsletter please submit your name along with the month and day (do not include the year) to the Youth Director (contact information above).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.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@hcscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



HCSC GIRL SCOUT REUNION COOKOUT—on Labor Day, **Mon., Sept. 1st from 12noon to 7:30pm.** Girl Scouts from 1980s—90s, bring your favorite dish, sodas, anything you want to put on the grill, and your lawn chair to Magruder/Hamilton Park, 3901 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, MD. Questions? Call Sharon Johnson 202-423-3911.

ARCHDIOCESE TV MASS—airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW. **Two of our own HCSC Lectors will proclaim the Word on Aug. 24th and Sept. 7th** on: Dish or Direct TV Channel 50; Comcast Channel 23 in Washington and Montgomery County and Channel 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland; Verizon Channel 3; and RCN Channel 15.

THE WORD AMONG US—September issues are available in the Candlelight Store for \$2 each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. Limited Supply!!!