

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20



The Gospel today is a reminder of the fundamental Christian rule: "No cross, no crown." We can see the Gospel in four basic stages. First, there is the **REQUIREMENT** of the cross. Jesus describes that his journey leads to the cross, but looks beyond to the resurrection. In effect he teaches that the path to the resurrection—to glory—passes through the cross. This is simply a required milestone on the journey to glory. Next, there is **REACTION** – Peter cannot withstand that the Messiah must suffer. Most of us hate the cross and protest as well. But next notice the **REBUKE** from Jesus. He is not mild at all. He calls Peter Satan. The Lord is like a doctor who is speaking sternly to a stubborn patient (us). He is stern because the Cross is necessary, for him and for us. Without accepting the Cross, things like discipline, self-denial, and eventually even death, we cannot inherit heaven. We have to travel the way of the Cross. This thus leads to the Lord's **REITERATION** that the only way to find our life is to lose it. Hence, any disciple of his must take up a cross and follow Jesus, the only way to glory, by way of the Cross. No cross, no crown.



Sunday, August 31

4:30pm (Sat) Catherine Miles (16th anniversary) †
 8:00am Devon "Tony" Turner †
 11:00am Philip & Marlene Whitlock (59th wedding anniv.)
 7:00pm John DePaul Winters †

Monday, September 1

7:00am Linda Jenkins (birthday)

Tuesday, September 2

7:00am William Hawkins, Jr. †

Wednesday, September 3

7:00am Henry Leon Fulford (birthday) †

Thursday, September 4

7:00am Theresa Clark-James (birthday 9/2)

Friday, September 5

7:00am For the People

Saturday, September 6

8:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †
 4:30pm Rita Lowry & Family

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: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Luke 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:1-5

Music Schedule

Processional
 "One More Day" LMGM #485
Responsorial Psalm
 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Lift High the Cross" LMGM #726
 ** "Choral Praise"
Communion
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Women's Ensemble

Mass Attendance for August 24, 2014

4:30pm 48
 8:00am 98
 11:00am 240
 7:00pm 61
Total: 447

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed (8/24)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/24)	\$12,031
Weekly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-\$4,315

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/31) **Friday (9/5)**
 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm NA
 8:00pm AA
Tuesday (9/2) **Saturday (9/6)**
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 10:00am Baptism class
 7:00pm Adult Choir 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

RECTORY CLOSED—Mon., Sept. 1st in observance of Labor Day.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Registration forms available in the church, rectory, or at www.hcscchurch.org. The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 21st at 9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hcscchurch.org for information.

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.



HCSC Friends & Family Picnic Committee Meeting, Sun., Sept. 7th from 9:30 to 10:30am in the rectory basement. **NOTE: the Aug. 31st meeting has been cancelled.** Help from parishioners will make this a successful event. Different talents are needed, so please come to the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) to find out how you can help. **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 **Sun., Sept. 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. There will still be a vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm and the 7pm Mass on Sunday evening. Stay tuned for details!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS—All are invited to the annual Mass to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows in the Chapel at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on **Mon., Sept. 15th at 9am.** For more information contact: Cheryl Tyiska, Manager, 202-399-3000, or go to: www.ccaw.org.

STOP DIABETES VILLAGE—Join the American Diabetes Association on **Sat., Sept. 27th from 9:30am—2pm** at Freedom Plaza (14th & Penn NW) for their **Tour de Cure.** FREE Health Screenings, Medical Advice, Nutrition and Exercise Information, Zumba Class, Entertainment, FREE Farmers Market. Register for FREE at www.diabetes.org/stopdiabetesvillage

RESPECT LIFE BABY BIB-SEWING PROJECT—St. Peter's Catholic Church is asking neighboring parishioners who sew with a sewing machine to help create baby bibs for a local crisis pregnancy center or maternity home. Baby bib kits include pre-cut fabric, a Velcro fastener, and instructions. All you provide is thread, a sewing machine, and 15-20 minutes of sewing time to create a small handmade gift for a mother in need. Contact Susan Petraglia (202-546-0964 or sppet@juno.com).

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

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 Gebrehwot 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.

STAY TUNED—HCSC YAM is planning a YAM **“Grill the Priest” Cookout** event before the end of 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



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.

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!!!

ARCHDIOCESE TV MASS—airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW. **Two of our own HCSC Lectors will proclaim the Word on 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.

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>

