

**TWENTY-SECOND 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.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, September 3**

8:00am Louis Dargenrader †  
 11:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †  
 7:00pm Henry Leon Fulford † (birthday)

**Monday, September 4 Labor Day**

7:00am Savannah Blu Holton (birthday)

**Tuesday, September 5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

7:00am Warren Harvey †

**Wednesday, September 6**

7:00am Nathaniel & Nannie Williams †

**Thursday, September 7**

7:00am For the intentions of Jocelyn Dugue

**Friday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am For the People

**Saturday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

8:00am William Morton †  
 4:30pm Gloria Downing †

**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 Thessalonians 4:13-18    Luke 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11    Luke 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Colossians 1:1-8    Luke 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Colossians 1:9-14    Luke 5:1-11  
**Friday:** Micah 5:1-4    Matthew 1:1-23  
**Saturday:** Colossians 1:21-23    Luke 6:1-5

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

\* We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise    LMG #449  
 \*\* The Glory of the Lord    Stephen Hurd

**Responsorial Psalm**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

**Offertory**

\* I Have Decided to Follow Jesus    LMG #613  
 \*\* Center of My Joy    Richard Smallwood

**Communion**

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross    LMG #300

**Post Communion**

\*\* When I Survey the Wondrous Cross    Gilbert Martin

**Recessional**

\*\* I Have Decided to Follow Jesus    LMG #613

\* 8:00am Ms. Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Accompanist  
 \*\* 11:00am HCSC Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance  
August 27, 2017**

4:30pm    50  
 8:00am    104  
 11:00am    208  
 7:00pm    108  
**Total:    470**

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/27)	\$10,904
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$5,442

**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. **It's easy, it's FREE, and your End-of-Year Contribution Statement is mailed to you automatically.** Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (**HCSC church code: DC59**). For more information, call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (9/3)</b> 9:30pm Picnic Planning meeting 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Tuesday (9/5)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir
<b>Monday (9/4)</b> <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Wednesday (9/6)</b> 7:00pm Bible Study
	<b>Saturday (9/9)</b> 10:00am Baptism Class 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:**

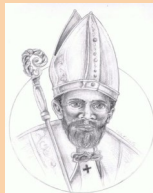
*A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.*

PARISH LIFE

**RECTORY CLOSED** in observance of **Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>**. The office will re-open on Tues., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 WRAP-UP:** *Thank you* to the clergy, ministries and volunteers that made this parish-wide event both spiritually uplifting and educational. Each week, more than 75 parishioners (adults and youth) received an abundance of information on the hymns and music of the liturgy and church. Msgr. Pope has a tremendous gift for teaching the faith. Audio versions of the first three sessions are available on our website ([www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)) under LINKS.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** If you have an infant or young child that needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact June Johnson in the rectory office ([hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885). Parents are required to attend a preparation class prior to the baptism.



**HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION:** There will be only ONE morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. We will still celebrate the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday evening. This is a perfect opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate Mass with you.

**PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** for our Annual Friends & Family Picnic **will meet Sun., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am** in the rectory. We need your help to make the picnic a huge success on **Sat., Sept., 16<sup>th</sup> at Watkins Regional Park** in Upper Marlboro, MD. Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) or just stop by!



**PICNIC VOLUNTEERS!!** For this event to be a success, the picnic committee needs **YOUR** help in every area including: game coordinators; a set-up crew; food servers; a clean-up crew; etc. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church. For more information see box ▲ above.



**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The first day of school for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is **Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** at the school. Sunday school is for all youth, including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory and on the website. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin 202-546-1885 or at [mre@hcscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hcscchurch.org).



**DAY OF REFLECTION:** Join the **HCSC Women's Ministry, Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and experience the dynamic speaker, **Dr. Francine Dove-Hawkins**, at the Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St., NE. Theme: **"He Thought I Was Worth Saving."** **COST: \$25** (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Space is limited. To register, contact June Johnson (301-529-7114).

**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC CHURCH CHOIR 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4pm "Just a Little Prayer and Faith."** Tickets: **\$20**, will be available starting Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> from any choir member or the rectory office. See flyer in the rear of the church for pricing info to place a program ad.

Youth Ministry News

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

**COME JOIN ONE OF THE HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES:** Summer is over and it's time to get back to work! Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Liturgical Dance; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Youth Ushers.** If you'd like to join us, contact the Director of Youth Ministry.

Also, there are two openings for youth ages 13-18 to assist adult catechists with the **Liturgy of the Word for Children** on Sundays at the 11am Mass. Contact the Minister of Religious Education, Shirley Austin (202-546-1885).

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL**, will begin with the **Youth Rally, Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am—3:30pm** at Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE. Theme: **"WHERE THERE IS LIGHT, THERE IS HOPE!"** Revivalist, Fr. Roy Lee. **All youth who plan to attend should contact the Director of Youth Ministry.**

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

[YAM@hcscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.org)



**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory parlor. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**

**CATHOLIC DIGEST:** Get your **FREE** copy of this popular Catholic magazine that uses stories of real people to demonstrate life guided by faith can be exciting, challenging, enlivening, and joyous. Issues contain meaningful ways to connect faith with everyday life; tips for strengthening family ties and friendships; plus recipes, jokes, puzzles, and more. *Limited Supply* in rear of church!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Starting **September 10<sup>th</sup>**



classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (RCIA) will be held **Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory.** Although these classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, they are also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. These classes are open to Catholics looking to enrich their faith. If interested, or know someone who is, registration forms are in the rear of the church. Questions? Call the rectory (202-546-1885) or email: [rciahcsc@gmail.com](mailto:rciahcsc@gmail.com).

**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)

