

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 27:30—28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35



The Gospel today issues the call to compassionate Christian correction. Note first the **PRESCRIPTION**. Jesus says, if your brother sins against you, tell him about it. Note, tell HIM, not 15 other people. Start with him. Scripture tells us in many places that we are obliged to correct the sinner (e.g. James 5:19; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 5:14; Gal 6:1; Lev 19:17; Ez 3:17). Next, note the **PURPOSE** of correction. The text speaks of him as listening and being won over. We do not correct to win an argument. We correct to win a brother over from sin to grace. Next, notice the **PROCESS**. The text says that we should speak privately to him. Secondly, if he persists in serious sin, take one or two along with you and strive to prevail on him. If he still persists in serious sin, tell it to the Church. If he still will not repent then the Church may need to excommunicate him. Here too note that Scripture often mandates this last resort of excommunication as a strong medicine to bring about conversion (e.g. 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Thess 3:6; 2 Thess 3:14; 1 Cor 5:1ff). Finally, note the **POWER** of correction. Scripture speaks of excommunication and other measures used by the Church as being recognized in heaven. Further, we are told that if we agree on earth and pray for conversion that our prayer will be recognized by the Father. Hence, in the presence of sin we are called to do more than just shrug and say, "none of my business." We are called to work for compassionate Christian correction.

FUNERAL: Sandra Jean Thomas (Mon., Sept. 11th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, September 10**
 8:00am Mark Anthony Graham †
 11:00am Steven McPherson †
 7:00pm For all hurricane victims
- Monday, September 11**
 7:00am Reba L. Neale † (28th anniversary)
- Tuesday, September 12** *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
 7:00am Mary Ann Fenwick † (birthday)
- Wednesday, September 13** *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop*
 7:00am Betty Hamer (birthday Sept. 8th)
- Thursday, September 14** *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
 7:00am Sandra Jean Thomas †
- Friday, September 15** *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 7:00am Catherine E. Graham †
- Saturday, September 16** *Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr*
 8:00am For the intentions of Cyprian Jenifer
 4:30pm For the People

If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Colossians 1:24—2:3 Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14 John 19:25-27
Saturday: 1 Tim 1:15-17 Luke 6:43-49

Music Schedule

- Processional**
 * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMGM #465
 ** Jesus in the Morning LMGM #391
- Responsorial Psalm**
 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- Offertory**
 * Somebody's Knockin' LMGM #283
 ** Holy, Holy T.D. Jakes
- Communion**
 Taste and See LMGM #750
- Post Communion**
 *** The Battle Is Not Yours Yolanda Adams
- Recessional**
 ** O How I Love Jesus LMGM #365
- * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor*—George Stewart, *Music Director*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*—George Stewart, *Music Director*
 *** Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, *Director*

Mass Attendance for September 3, 2017

4:30pm	52
8:00am	127
11:00am	200
7:00pm	100
Total:	479

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (9/3)	\$12,871
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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. (HCSC church code: DC59). For more information, call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885)

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (9/10)
9:30am Holy Name meeting
9:30am Picnic Planning mtg
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA | Wednesday (9/13)
7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (9/11)
7:00pm Adult Choir
8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Thursday (9/14)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus |
| Tuesday (9/12)
7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (9/16)
10:30am Social Concerns
12noon Parish Annual Picnic
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

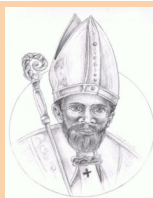


YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come sit together at Mass in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.



WELCOME!! Rev. Fr. D.B. Thompson was ordained in 2012 for the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has served two parishes as Parochial Vicar, as well as the Hispanic Apostolate of the Diocese, and the Apostolate for the Traditional Latin Mass (“extraordinary form”). Fr. Thompson is very happy to be in residence at HCSC for two years, as he studies Canon Law at the Catholic University of America, and appreciates the warm welcome received from HCSC parishioners.

HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC—is Sat., Sept. 16th in **Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD**. We need volunteers to help with set-up, games and serving!! Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699). See flyer for details and to donate food items. Free for all!



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: There will be only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 17th 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.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Join the **HCSC Women’s Ministry, Sat., Sept. 23rd**, 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). To register, contact June Johnson (301-529-7114).



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The first day of school for Pre-K through 12th grade is **Sun., Sept. 24th 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@hscchurch.org.

28th ANNUAL EAST of the RIVER FALL REVIVAL, sponsored by the Southeast Deanery of the ADW and partnering churches, begin with the **Youth Rally, Sat., Sept. 30th, 10am—3:30pm** at Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE. Theme: **“WHERE THERE IS LIGHT, THERE IS HOPE!”** Our revivalist, **Fr. Roy Lee**, is a distinguished minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, sought as a lecturer, educator, counselor, retreat-master and homilist. Remaining events at Holy Family Parish-Hillcrest, 2210 Callaway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD, **start at 7pm: Family Night, Mon., Oct. 2nd; Reconciliation Night, Tues., Oct. 3rd; and Closing Mass, Wed., Oct. 4th.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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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.

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

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HCSC Young Adult Ministry
YAM@hscchurch.org



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. 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!

ARE YOU A CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYEE OF METRO? WMATA workers are at risk of losing wages and benefits. Riders have already lost essential bus routes and paying an increase in fares. Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is working with WMATA workers to insure that those who move our city can continue to be paid fairly, maintain benefits and retirement. For more information contact Alison@WINDC-iaf.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



Starting **September 10th** 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.

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

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: myParishapp

