

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-27 Matthew 20:1-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32



The Gospel today offers five teachings on Christian Discipleship. First, the **AVAILABILITY** of Christian Discipleship. The workers who are hired are day laborers. As such they are well acquainted with the "rough side of the mountain" and face each day with uncertainty, "Will I be hired and eat, or not?" But it is their emptiness that makes them available, their hunger that keeps them ready for work. So too for us who often find that it is our concerns that keep us close to the Lord. Second, the **CALL** of Christian Discipleship. The workers cannot go into the vineyard until they are called. And, so too for us. We must wait for the Lord's direction before launching out in all sorts of ways. Third, there is the **TIMING** of Christian Discipleship. The workers were sent into the vineyard at different times each day. We may have any number of good ideas, but the Lord says, "Not yet." Sometimes too he says, yes, now. Other times he puts things on us for which we may not feel ready, but he says "now." Here too, we ask for the grace to accept the Lord's timing in our life. Fourth, we see the **PERSEVERANCE** of Christian Discipleship. Some were not hired until late in the day. But notice, they were still there to be hired. And so must we often wait for the Lord and be able to be found ready when he calls. Fifth, there is the **GIFT** of Christian Discipleship. Note how the early workers claimed it was unfair that they were paid the same as others who worked less. But this is our failure to understand that discipleship is a gift, and the earlier you get the gift the better. Being a Christian and a disciple is not a burden to be delayed as long as possible. It is a delight to be sought after.



Sunday, September 21

4:30pm (Sat) Stanlie M. Barton †
 8:00am Robert Gordon †
 11:00am Cyrus Artz †
 7:00pm Patricia Coffey †

Monday, September 22

7:00am DeVon "Tony" Turner †

Tuesday, September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, September 24

7:00am Helen Price (birthday)

Thursday, September 25

7:00am Thelma Harvey †

Friday, September 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

7:00am Margaret Gordon †

Saturday, September 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:00am Charles Gorham, Sr. (birthday)
 4:30pm Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34 Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9 Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Luke 9:43-45

Music Schedule

Processional
 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" LMGM #410
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Great is Thy Faithfulness" LMGM #492
 * * "Come to the Table of Mercy" R. Harbor
Communion
 "Bless the Lord" LMGM #451
 * 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 * * 11:00am *Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator*
 – *Josh Graf, Music Associate*

Mass Attendance for September 14, 2014

4:30pm 44
 10:00am 368
 7:00pm 63
Total: 475

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed (9/14)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/14)	\$19,134
Weekly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	+ \$2,788

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 (9/21)
 9:30am Sunday School
 1:00pm Youth Ministry meeting
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Thursday (9/25)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (9/26)
 8:00pm NA

Monday (9/22)
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Saturday (9/27)
 10:00am Liturgical Dance
 12:00pm Adult Choir
 4:30pm Mass

Tuesday (9/23)
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (9/24)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

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 and their families who braved the inclement weather for a fun and delicious **Parish Picnic** last Saturday. Even in the rain, we had a joyous event. A very special and gracious Thank You to Annette Brooks and her industrial team of volunteers who coordinated and prepared a fantastic event. We are so grateful for your commitment to this parish. God bless you!

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite our youth to sit together in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—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 youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are still available in the church, the rectory, and at www.hcscchurch.org. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885, ext. 26, or at: mre@hcscchurch.org.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes begin **Sun., Sept. 21st** for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Classes are intended for non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adults seeking to complete their sacramental formation. Call Deacon Butler on 301-437-9434 or 301-352-7194.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH IN THE ALLEY—Parking in the alley is illegal and may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense. No one has permission to park on the grass behind the church for any reason or length of time. This includes the ramp to the rectory garage and the reserved parking area for clergy and working office staff. Thank you.

Friendly Seniors will resume meeting Sept. 24th at 11am in the Youth Room at the school.



SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed—HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and/or distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., Sept. 27th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Drop off your non-frozen chicken to the rectory before close of business on Fri., Sept. 26th. Questions? Call Earlene Capers at 301-910-1763.

PRAYER BREAKFAST—hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry on **Sat., Oct. 18th from 9am—12 noon** at St. Benedict the Moor Church Imperial Room, 320—21st Street, NE. Keynote Speaker Andrea Roane, co-anchor at WUSA 9 News, will speak on breast cancer awareness. Tickets: \$25. Call June Holton-Johnson on 202-546-1885.

42nd ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT—**Sun., Oct. 26th, at 4pm**. The theme is **"Just for Me"**. Tickets available from any Choir member or in the rectory office for \$20. Tickets sell quickly so get yours today! **Deadline for program ads is Tues., Sept. 30th**.

Youth Ministry News

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

THANK YOU—to all of the youth who participated in the monthly **Youth Service Project** by bringing in a canned food item for our parish food pantry.

SOME, INC.—The Youth Ministry will perform monthly community service at SOME, Inc. on **Sat., Sept. 27th**, from **10am until 1pm** at 71 "O" St., NW. Any youth age 13 or older interested in volunteering, contact Nicki Gebrehwot.

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR—HCSC Youth Choir encourages youth in first grade or higher interested in joining the youth choir to come to rehearsals on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the Church. Come and make a "joyful noise" in the youth music ministry! Contact L'Tanya Holley at: ltanya.holley@gmail.com.

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL (Oct. 6th thru 9th)—**Youth Night** is **Tues., Oct. 7th**, from **7—9pm** at Saint Joseph, Catholic Church, 2020 Saint Joseph Drive, Largo, MD.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

"GRILL THE PRIEST" Sunday, Oct. 5th following the 11am Mass. Ask Msgr. Pope those burning questions you've always wanted to ask. Area parishes will also be invited to attend. Light lunch will be served. If the weather permits, it will be an outdoor event.

***NOTE: Young Adult Bible Study** will move to **Mondays** at 8pm in the rectory basement only for the month of **September**.

Check out the Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or email: yam@hcscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



SAVE THE DATE—Come celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Ordination** of our pastor, **Msgr. Charles Pope** on **Sun., Nov. 9th**. Stay tuned for more details.

GREETINGS—to Deacon Keith Hathaway who returns after his ordination to the transitional diaconate at the Diocese of Fort Worth, TX. Deacon Hathaway continues his studies at the Theological College at Catholic University. We also have two seminarians serving with us—Sam Mangieri of Peoria, IL, who is studying at Mount St. Mary's, and Will Frei of Charleston, SC, also studying at Theological College. Be sure to greet each of them with a warm HCSC handshake.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH—To receive periodic HCSC email newsletters with information and updates on what is happening at HCSC, send your name and email address to hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. You will receive an email inviting you to join the HCSC email group. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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>

