

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14



Today, the first reading and the Gospel present a kind of "use it or lose it" proposition. The Lord uses the example of a vineyard, the vineyard owner and tenant farmers who are expected to grow produce on the leased land. Notice first the **SOWING** – When we consider the purpose of sowing seeds, or, in this case, planting a vineyard, what is the purpose of sowing? The answer, of course, is one does this in order to reap a harvest. Hence, God carefully planted the vineyard of Israel, and entrusted it to the care of the Israelites themselves. Next, notice the **SEEKING** – The harvest he sought from them and seeks from us is justice, love, peace, truth, life and faith. God, the vineyard owner, sought the proper fruits of the vineyard. But notice next the **SINNING** – Instead of grapes, he gets the sour grapes of bloodshed, injustice, idolatry, adultery, divorce, sexual confusion, loss of chastity, theft, neglect of the poor, and so on. A foul harvest indeed. Jesus goes on to add how not only did they do these things but they persecuted, hated and even murdered those who called this to their attention, and they are planning to murder Jesus, too. This leads to the **SENTENCING** – In effect the Lord teaches that if you do not want or refuse to use the kingdom blessings you don't have to have them and they will be taken from you and given to others. So, the bottom line is, if you want the Kingdom, it is yours and it will bring forth fruits of righteousness. If you don't want it, and don't care for the grapes of righteousness, you don't have to accept it. The judgment is ultimately in your hands.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 8
 8:00am Alice N. Thornton † (32nd anniversary)
 11:00am Deceased Holland family members
 7:00pm Rita Lowry (birthday-Oct. 4th)
Monday, October 9
 7:00am For the People
Tuesday, October 10
 7:00am For the intentions of Ruby Robertson
Wednesday, October 11
 7:00am Elaine Carter †
Thursday, October 12
 7:00am Candis Stretcher (birthday-Oct. 13th)
Friday, October 13
 7:00am Sharon Williams Lewis (birthday)
Saturday, October 14
 8:00am Doris Edelin (birthday)
 4:30pm Michelle Savoy †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMGM #465
 ** I Just Came to Praise the Lord LMGM #675
Responsorial Psalm
 The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Offertory
 * Leaning on the Everlasting Arms LMGM #592
 ** Healer in the House
Communion
 ** The Lord is My Light LMGM #572
Post Communion
 *** Something Out of Nothing Jessica Reedy
Recessional
 ** Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Youth Ensemble—George Stewart, Music Director
 *** Liturgical Dance Ministry—Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance
for October 1, 2017**

4:30pm	49
8:00am	138
11:00am	280
7:00pm	134
Total:	601

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (10/1)	\$18,465
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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). Questions? Call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/8) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/11) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/9) RECTORY CLOSED 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (10/13) 7:00pm Latin Mass for Fatima
Tuesday (10/10) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/14) 9:00am Women's Min Fellowship 10:00am Sodality Union mtg 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—Monday, October 9th in observance of **Columbus Day**.

LET US PRAY: In the past month, our country and our world have experienced both natural and human borne tragedies. Many have been left homeless, killed, or injured due to weather. Just as tragic are the atrocities instigated by human hands (Las Vegas). As we pray for those who were affected by weather, we also feel that we need to help our brothers and sisters. Because our parish has a special connection to the diocese in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the Pastoral Staff will be discussing with the Parish Council a plan to collect and send funds to at least some of our brothers and sisters in the Virgin Islands who are going to be in need far after the news agencies leave. We would like to designate our Christmas collection to this effort. Please stay tuned for more details as they develop.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN AT FATIMA: A Solemn High Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Liturgy will be celebrated at HCSC on **Fri., Oct. 13th at 7:30pm**. The occasion is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima and will feature splendid music composed by Palestrina and Byrd and sung by the renown group Chantry.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: At the 11am Mass we invite our youth and their parents to sit in the pews in front of the clergy.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: If you brought canned goods for our food pantry, please give them to the ushers. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Poor Boxes on the walls near the exits. Thank you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP: Come join other women of faith on **Sat., Oct. 14th**, for spiritual uplifting through fellowship, prayer and praise down at the school. Cafeteria doors will open at 9AM. All women are invited. Come and see what we are about! For more information, please contact Laura Stanton (301-326-9467).



HCSC CHOIR'S 45th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 22nd, at 4pm. Theme: *"Just a Little Prayer & Faith"*
Tickets: \$20. NEW! Purchase your tickets online at hcsc45thanniversary.eventbrite.com. Tickets are also available from any choir member or the rectory office. This year we will feature past choir members and our youth ensemble.



PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE: The Sodality Union is sponsoring a **12-day pilgrimage** from **July 9–20, 2018**. Cities to be visited include Prague, Vienna and Budapest. This pilgrimage is open to everyone, not just Sodality members. For more information, contact Elizabeth Colston at lizcolston@comcast.net or 301-248-1566.



SOCK-TOBER: HCSC Social Concerns Ministry is helping **S.O.M.E.** collect new adult socks starting **October 7–26**. Please bring your donation and place them in the sock basket/box located in the church vestibule.

Youth Ministry News

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

SAVE THE DATE: GRILL THE PASTOR on Oct. 28th from **11am—1pm** in the Youth Room at the school. We invite our youth (age 12 and up) and their friends to come and ask any question of our Pastor. It's a great opportunity to find out why and what we believe as Catholics. This is a venue for our "teens" so they can feel free to ask questions and have an open dialogue with clergy along with their peers. Refreshments will be provided. So that we can order enough food, please let the Youth Director know you are coming.

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!**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE. The Beginning of the End of Abortion: Join the worldwide mobilization to protect mothers and children through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach. For information on vigil locations and hours go to: 40daysforlife.com/washington. Also contact Kim Peaks at: pam@hscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (RCIA) are held **Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory**. Classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. Also for those returning to the Church after a long absence and looking to enrich their faith. Registration forms in the rear of the church. Questions? Call the rectory (202-546-1885) or email: rciahcsc@gmail.com.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at: hcscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202.546.1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
 Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
 Thursday, 9am—5pm;
 Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
 Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

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