

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40



The Gospel today contains lots of interesting juxtapositions: Hatred for Jesus but grudging respect for him, real questions versus rhetorical questions, politics and faith, duties to Caesar and duties to God. First, note the **PLOTTING OF THE PERPETRATORS**. Jesus' enemies plot together how they might trap him and set forth a question that will theoretically pin him down so that, no matter how he answers, he is in trouble. He will offend either politics or faith. They ask if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Yet, it is interesting how they grudgingly offer him respect in indicating that he will answer truthfully no matter the consequences. Frankly, there are very few among us who do not alter their speech based on the crowd and consequences. Next, note the **PROTESTING OF THEIR PRETENSE** – Jesus acknowledges their question as phony. They don't really want an answer, they merely want to trap Jesus. He goes on to call them hypocrites (actors) and demonstrates that by the fact that they are able to produce a Roman coin. This means that they make use of the very thing they are criticizing and, though they may belly-ache about the Roman oppressors, they are more than willing to trade and make money in the Roman system. Finally, note the **PRONOUNCING OF THE PRINCIPLE**. Fundamentally, Christians have a double duty. Our first duty is always to God (worship, obedience, tithe, witness), but God also expects us to be law-abiding citizens who participate and contribute to the commonwealth and common good of the nation. We are to pray for our leaders, pay taxes, obey just laws and be part of the political process. Render to God what is God's, and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

Music Schedule

Processional

- * Where He Leads Me" LMGM #621
- ** Rejoice! LMGM #310

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Offertory

- * I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice LMGM #626
- ** He Reigns Shekinah Glory

Communion

Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625

- * 8:00am Mary Johnson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
- ** 11:00am HCSC Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

**Mass Attendance
for October 15, 2017**

4:30pm	50
8:00am	139
11:00am	259
7:00pm	139
Total:	587

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (10/15)	\$12,858
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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).

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 22

- 8:00am Mattie Barclay † (birthday)
- 11:00am James Clyde Walker † (birthday)
- 7:00pm Barbara V. Ketchum †

Monday, October 23 *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

7:00am Nicholas Huzil †

Tuesday, October 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

7:00am Austina Jones †

Wednesday, October 25

7:00am Pauline Macon † (birthday)

Thursday, October 26

7:00am For the intentions of Tom Do

Friday, October 27

7:00am For the intentions of Gail Young

Saturday, October 28 *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

8:00am For the intentions of Annie Do

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:** Romans 4:20-25 Luke 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Romans 5:12, 15-21 Luke 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Romans 6:12-18 Luke 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Romans 6:19-23 Luke 12:49-53
- Friday:** Romans 7:18-25 Luke 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/22)

- 9:30am RCIA
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 4:00pm Choir Concert
- 7:00pm Mass
- 8:00pm AA

Monday (10/23)

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (10/24)

- 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
- 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (10/25)

- 11:00am Friendly Seniors
- 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Thursday (10/26)

6:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (10/27)

7:00pm Sunday School Teacher

Saturday (10/28)

- 10:00am Liturgical Dance
- 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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Madison Autumn Frederick** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **October 15th**. May God bless her in her journey of faith.

FRIENDLY SENIORS FUN DAY: We invite any senior to join us on **Wed., Oct. 25th** from **11am—2pm** in the Youth Room at the school for fun, food and fellowship. Come and meet the Friendly Seniors and see what our ministry is all about. Please RSVP using the flyer in the bulletin.

Congratulations! The **HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY** will celebrate their **45th Anniversary** in concert **Sun., Oct. 22nd at 4pm**. Tickets will be available online **ONLY** at: hsc45thanniversary.eventbrite.com up to the start of the concert.



HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD "We Offer Praise" is available on popular download and streaming sites worldwide:

- ⇒ iTunes • <http://apple.co/2aOeJwY>
- ⇒ Amazon • <http://amzn.to/2axHd9x>
- ⇒ GooglePlay • <http://bit.ly/2aqflzz>
- ⇒ Spotify • <http://bit.ly/2aOmxix>

Hardcopy CDs are still available in the Candlelight Store in the rear of the Church or rectory office. **COST: \$10!**

NEW DEADLINE DATE SOCK-TOBER: HCSC Social Concerns Ministry is helping **S.O.M.E.** collect new adult socks now through **November 5th**. Please bring your donation and place them in the sock basket/box located in the church vestibule.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Oct. 28th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., Oct. 27th**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

CALLING ALL SAINT CECILIA'S ACADEMY ALUMNII! The SCA Alumnae Association is holding its annual **Alumni Mass & Luncheon** on **Sat., Nov. 18th at 10AM**. This annual event is attended by over 150 SCA alumni and is a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates and meet new ones. If you would like to receive an invite, contact us at sca.alumnae@gmail.com or call Kimberly (Proctor) Peaks (Class of 1980) at 202-546-1885.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES OF CHARITY USA—celebrating 400 years of "saying yes to the call of St. Vincent de Paul" since 1617 providing services to those in need of food and clothing, especially shoes for children. The HCSC Chapter of Ladies of Charity was organized in May 1932 at Saint Cyprian Church. If you'd like to learn more about Ladies of Charity or to join, contact Sharon Graham (202-526-5422).



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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GRILL THE PASTOR—on **Sat., 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.

BOWTIE BRUNCH FOR BOYS: Attention all male youth in grades K—12!!! In celebration of developing strong young men through fellowship with Fathers and Male Mentors, St. Anthony Catholic School presents its 4th Annual "Bowtie Brunch for Boys" on **Sat., Nov. 4th**, from **11AM—3PM** in Margot Hall. The school is located at 3400—12th St. NE. For more information about tickets and registration for this event please contact Sylvia Hall at 202-213-9841, or the HCSC Youth Director.

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.

GRILL THE PRIEST: Join other area young adults for Grill the Priest with Msgr. Charles Pope on **Wed., Oct. 25th** from **6:30—9pm** at the Banana Café & Piano Bar at 500—8th St., SE. Come and have your "burning" questions about Catholic faith answered. For more info, email yam@hscchurch.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OLIVEWOOD SALE: KOC St. Cyprian Council #10008 is selling olive wood crosses for **\$10** to benefit Christians in the Middle East. The ISIS' genocide against Christians and other religious minorities began almost three years ago and the survival of Christians in that region has been increasingly uncertain. Help secure a future for Christianity in a land vital to its past. Crosses are available in the Candlelight Store.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—held by the Sodality of **Saint Martin's Catholic Church**, 1908 N. Capitol St., NW, **Sun., Nov. 12th**, from **9am—3pm**. At this event you can either purchase all types of seasonal items or sell your own. Table rental for non-Saint Martin parishioners: \$30. Questions? Contact Marlet Rikard on 202-529-4927.

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.com
- ♦ **Follow us on social media**