

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 35:12-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 11:22—12:2 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Luke 19:1-10



Today's Gospel gives an important reminder to compare ourselves to others is to completely miss the point of our spiritual journey, which is to become more like Christ in the way he intends for us personally. Notice first the **Presentation of the Problem**. The text says, Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. The text makes it clear that the problem is two-fold. First, we cannot have our own righteousness, and even if we could it would never be adequate. We need to have Jesus' righteousness. Secondly, the problem is that some look down on everyone else because they don't understand their own poverty and need for mercy. Next, notice the **Portrayal of the Problem**. The arrogant man compares himself favorably to a man he considers worse than him. The problem with this is that other people are not the standard I have to meet. Jesus is. I will not get to heaven by being better than some poor sinner. I will only get there by becoming Christ. Get it? Now we know why we need mercy! Finally, note the **Prescription for the Problem**. The sinful man reflected only on his need for mercy and humbled himself before God. This man went away with the righteousness of Jesus, for he was smart enough to ask for it.

Mass Attendance for Oct. 16, 2016

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| 4:30pm | 60 |
| 8:00am | 114 |
| 11:00am | 247 |
| 7:00pm | 85 |
| Total: | 506 |

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, October 23**
- 8:00am For the souls lost during hurricane Matthew
- 11:00am Monique Jordan †
- 7:00pm For mothers and infants at risk of abortion
- Monday, October 24**
- 7:00am Alicia Trejo †
- Tuesday, October 25**
- 7:00am Pauline Macon † (birthday)
- Wednesday, October 26**
- 7:00am Sheila B. Ray †
- Thursday, October 27**
- 7:00am Arthur Smith †
- Friday, October 28**
- 7:00am For the intentions of Marlene Whitlock
- Saturday, October 29**
- 8:00am For the People
- 4:30pm For the intentions of Deacon Kevin Butler

***If you want to place a mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Ephesians 4:32—5:8 Luke 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Ephesians 6:1-9 Luke 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Ephesians 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35
- Friday:** Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16
- Saturday:** Philippians 1:18-26 Luke 14:1, 7-11

RESPECT LIFE JOIN US IN OUR PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE: In response to the recent opening of a Planned Parenthood clinic in our community, a group of local churches started a new pro-life initiative called the **Proverbs 24 Community**. (*Rescue those being led away to death; intervene on behalf of those staggering toward slaughter.* --Proverbs 24:11) The initial commitment is for four Saturdays over the next three months. You are asked to participate in our pro-life witness: *by praying in front of the facility; to pray in a Holy Hour at Church during the sidewalk witnesses; or help prepare a meal for a fellowship lunch upon our return.* For questions and sign up, contact P24Community@gmail.com. If you need further details, contact Teresa Yao at yao@adw.org or (301) 853-4555.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

“A merciful heart is motivated to move beyond its comfort zone. A merciful heart goes out to meet others; it is ready to embrace everyone. A merciful heart is able to be a place of refuge for those who are without a home; it is able to build a home and a family for those forced to emigrate; it knows the meaning of tenderness and compassion. A merciful heart shares bread with the hungry, welcomes refugees and migrants. To say the word “mercy” along with you is to speak of opportunity, future, commitment, trust, openness, hospitality, compassion and dreams. But are you able to dream? When the heart is open and able to dream, there is room for mercy, room to caress those who suffer, room to draw close to those who have no peace of heart, or who do not have the bare necessities to live, or who do not have the most beautiful thing of all: the faith.” (Pope Francis at World Youth Day) Celebrate God’s mercy this year at mercy.adw.org.

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

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| Weekly Budget Amount Needed | \$16,346 |
| Actual Tithes Collected (10/16) | \$16,294 |
| Actual Deficit (-) | -\$52 |

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (10/23) | Wednesday (10/26) |
| 9:30am Sunday School | 11:00am Friendly Seniors |
| 9:30am RCIA | 6:30pm Liturgical Dance |
| 4:00pm Choir Concert | 7:00pm Bible Study |
| 7:00pm Mass | |
| 8:00pm AA | Saturday (10/29) |
| | 10:00am Liturgical Dance |
| | 4:30pm Mass |
| Monday (10/24) | |
| 6:30pm Parish Council | |
| 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | |

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



BLESSINGS: *Xavier Amari Quarles* was Baptized at HCSC into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Sun., Oct. 16th**. May God bless Xavier in his faith journey.



CONGRATULATIONS to *Danno Meros and Camilla Nunes* who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **Sat., Oct. 15th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY will celebrate their 44th Anniversary in concert **Sun., Oct. 23rd at 4pm**. Limited tickets may be sold at the door if available. Check at the rectory office or a choir member.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI: When hurricane Matthew made landfall on the island of Haiti; it was the most powerful storm to hit the island in almost 50 years. Updated reports indicate more than 300 people have died, with major damages to a number of rural villages and towns as a result of the high winds and flooding. In response to the need we anticipate due to Hurricane Matthew's path, which included other parts of the Caribbean, parishes are being asked to support efforts through a special collection on the weekend of **Oct. 22—23**. All funds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, for distribution. A second collection will be taken at Mass for this effort, as well as money collected in the Poor Box.

ADW Evangelization Conference—on “*Training Parish Teams for Missionary Discipleship*”, **Sat., Nov., 5th**. This conference is geared for parish and ministry leaders interested in fostering a culture of missionary discipleship in our parish. This training focuses on encountering Christ and forming missionary disciples. **Sherry Weddell**, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, will be the keynote speaker along with other archdiocesan presenters and workshop facilitators. If you are interested in representing HCSC at this conference, contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or at pam@hcschurch.org.

ALUMNI OF SAINT CECILIA'S ACADEMY: The SCA Alumnae Association will host its Annual Alumnae Mass & Luncheon on **Sat., Nov. 19th at 11am** at **St. Jude's Shrine** in **Rockville, MD**. **Cost: \$35**. Contact Kimberly Peaks (Class of 1980) at 202-546-1885 or pam@hcschurch.org for details. **RSVP deadline is Tues., Nov. 1st**.

SAMSON PRODUCTION: The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, **Sat., Nov. 26th** to see the biblical production of Samson. This is a family event. **COST: Adults \$135 and Youth ages 4 to 12 years \$74!!** Transportation and meal included. **Space still available**. Questions? Call Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

FALL INTO eGIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC59 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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Many thanks to **Tyree Gilliam, Jr. and Martin Johnson** who helped to distribute flyers throughout the neighborhood on Capitol Hill announcing the 44th Annual HCSC Choir Concert. Both are youth altar servers and members of HCSC Youth Ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER: The HCSC Youth Ministry needs an editor for their newsletter. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hcschurch.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!**

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH EVENT: *Day of Reflection & Unity Mass*, **Sat., Nov. 19th, 7am—6pm**, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, VA. “Free-will” donation at the door, but you must preregister by Sat. Nov. 12th at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org. Speakers include: Deacon & Mrs. Al Turner; Deacon & Mrs. Timothy Tilghman. Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop John H. Ricard, S.S.J. All are welcome! Especially singles and young adults.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Georgetown Visitation Monastery located at 35th and P Streets, NW, is looking for “On Call Care Givers” in their infirmary. For more information, call Priscilla Posch at 202-337-3350 ext. 2355.

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.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hcsstaff@hcschurch.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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Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

