

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 Luke 20:27-38



Today's Gospel features the rather familiar story of Zacchaeus who climbs a tree to see Jesus. We can look at this Gospel in three stages. First, there is the **Shortsighted Sinner**. And this is Zacchaeus (and us). To call Zacchaeus short is not simply a reference to his physical stature it is a reference to his moral state. He is deficient in righteousness. He does not measure up. He cannot see the Lord until he climbs a tree (the tree is the cross). Next, notice the **Searching Savior**. This is Jesus. It is true that Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus but an even more joyful fact is that Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus. He saw him in that tree and asked him to come down. He sought his company and a meal with him. Jesus has done this for us today as well for he has called us to receive of his body and blood in this sacred and sacrificial meal of the Mass. Finally, notice the **Saving Surrender**. Zacchaeus is moved by the Lord's love and invitation. He repents of his sin and promises to restore what he has stolen and to give half of everything else to the poor. It is true that ultimately Zacchaeus must surrender all to Jesus (not just half), but we have a start here and the Lord will get him (and us) to the full surrender in due time. But, to make a long story short, Zacchaeus has come to Jesus and Jesus will draw him to the full stature of Christ (cf Eph 4:13) in due time.

Mass Attendance for Oct 23, 2016	
4:30pm	48
8:00am	117
11:00am	298
7:00pm	104
Total:	567

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 30

8:00am Teresa Cunningham (birthday-Oct. 31st)
 11:00am Jabari H. Outtz †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Deacon Kevin Butler

Monday, October 31

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz †

Tuesday, November 1 All Saints

7:00am For the People
 10:00am For the intentions of Leslie Jackson-Hughes
 7:00pm For the intentions of Arlene Long

Wednesday, November 2 All Souls' Day

7:00am All Souls

Thursday, November 3 Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

7:00am For the intentions of Jeanette Simms

Friday, November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 5

8:00am Dolores Gorham † (birthday)
 4:30pm For the intentions of Marcia Spinner

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday: Wisdom 3:1-9 Rom 6:3-9 John 6:37-40
Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10
Friday: Philippians 3:17—4:1 Luke 16:1-8
Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) designates October as 'Respect Life' month to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life. Throughout this month, **our** parish has provided information on various life issues in our own community (*D.C. Assisted Suicide legislation and Planned Parenthood clinics*) and asked you to witness in the form of prayer and action. Please stay tuned to this column for more information as we continue our mission to respect **ALL** life from conception to death. "Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." - Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him. Let us consider the prodigal son who, when he decided to return to his father, considers making a speech, but the father doesn't let him speak. He embraces him (cf. Lk 15:17-24). This is the way Jesus is with us. 'Father, I have so many sins....' — But He will be glad if you go: He will embrace you with such love! Don't be afraid." – Pope Francis, March 13, 2015. Reflect on God's love and mercy in your life at mercy.adw.org.

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/23)	\$17,274
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$928

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 or pick up a brochure in the rear of the Church. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/30) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (11/2) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/31) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (11/4) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
Tuesday (11/1) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (11/5) 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

REMINDER—Sun., Nov. 6th, Daylight Saving Time will end. So, remember to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is **NOVEMBER 1st**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which Catholics should attend Mass. While the Church acknowledges many saints by name, there are countless others known to God who are with him in glory and make up the “Cloud of Witnesses” who surround us (cf Heb 12:1). It is these saints in particular who are celebrated on All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at HCSC at **7am in the chapel, and 10am and 7pm in the Church**. All are welcome.



FEAST OF ALL SOULS: NOVEMBER 2nd is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. These spiritual offerings are up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the sacred ground of the Archdiocese’s Catholic Cemeteries, **Wed., Nov. 2nd**, to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls awaiting the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Mass is held in cemetery chapels of: Gate of Heaven (Montgomery County); Mount Olivet (DC); Queen of Peace (Southern Maryland); and Resurrection (Prince George’s County). Questions? Visit www.caw.org or contact the cemetery management.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION—will be hosted by the **Sodality, Women’s Ministry, and Social Concerns Ministries** on **Fri., Nov. 4th**, from **6—7pm** in the church. All parishioners are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quality time with Jesus!

COLLECTION FOR HAITI: Hurricane Matthew made landfall on the island of Haiti a few weeks ago causing major destruction to a population already suffering. Reports indicate more than 300 people have died, with major damages to a number of rural villages and towns. In response to the need we anticipate due to Hurricane Matthew, parishioners are asked to donate for those affected. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA for distribution. A collection was taken last week but you can still make a donation in the collection basket this week. Please make your check payable to HCSC and write Haiti Relief on your memo line, or on an envelope from an usher.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church’s traditional month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. To include your relatives and friends, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for one) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



Youth Ministry News

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SAVE THE DATE: Following the Youth Mass on **Sun., Nov. 13th**, a **YOUTH MINISTRY FAIR** will be held in the rectory basement.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE: Youth in 8th—12th grade interested in attending the March For Life event on **January 27, 2017**, should contact Shirley Austin (202-546-1885).

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!](https://twitter.com/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. See flyer in rear of Church for details.

THE WORD AMONG US: The **November issue** is available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$2** each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God’s grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

COMMENT BOX: The HCSC Parish Pastoral Council wants your input for strengthening our Parish and spreading God’s Word. Comment cards and a collection box will be available in the vestibule of the church. All input is welcome.



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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hscstaff@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.
Follow us on Social Media: Fr. Pope’s Blog: blog.adw.org

