

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Mal 1:14—2:2, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13



The Gospel today presents a teaching of Jesus on authority. Note first the **Tenure of Lawful Authority**. Jesus teaches the disciples that, for now, they are to remain under the lawful authority of the Scribes and Pharisees. In the future, Jesus will fully send forth his Church and establish the authorities of the apostles. But for now, they are to follow lawful authority, just as Jesus will expect the disciples to be under the lawful authorities in the future. Christians are not encouraged anywhere in scripture to overthrow lawful authority. Next, note the **Tyranny of Arrogant Authority**. Jesus does acknowledge the burdensome and insensitive qualities of the current leadership. They will have to answer to God for their tenure and Jesus holds them up as a warning to the future leaders of his Church who will also have to render an account for their leadership one day. Next, note the **Trappings of Self-Centered Authority**. Jesus points out how the Scribes and Pharisees loved titles, honors, and ostentation. But leadership is not about trappings. It is about service. Finally, note the **Truth of Christian Authority**. Jesus emphasizes two fundamental things here. First, true authority is submitted to the headship of God. He is the true Father of all and all authority comes from him. Secondly, authority is not for honor and power, it is for service. Jesus says, simply, the greatest among you is the servant.

FUNERAL: Angela Keys-Robinson (Nov. 10th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 5
 8:00am Deacon Charles Edelin † (birthday-Nov. 6th)
 11:00am Dolores Gorham † (birthday)
 7:00pm Lisa Wooden (birthday-Nov. 7th)
Monday, November 6
 7:00am All Souls
Tuesday, November 7
 7:00am Leslie Jackson-Hughes (birthday)
Wednesday, November 8
 7:00am Lillian Myrick † (birthday)
Thursday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
 7:00am Edgell W. Fairfax † (birthday-Nov. 7th)
Friday, November 10 *St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church*
 7:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 11 *Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*
 8:00am Brevard Smith † (birthday-Oct. 26th)
 4:30pm All Souls

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16 Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8
Saturday: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Luke 16:9-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Lead Me Guide Me MMGM #538
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Responsorial Psalm
 In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
Offertory
 * Have Thine Own Way Lord LMGM #513
 ** Order My Steps Glenn Burleigh
Communion
 * One Bread, One Body LMGM #760
 ** Give Me A Clean Hear LMGM #625
Post Communion
 * Ave Maria Schubert
 ** Heal Our Land Lord Oscar Williams
Recessional
 ** Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322
 * 8:00am Ms. Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
for October 29, 2017**

4:30pm 87
 8:00am 89
 11:00am 280
 7:00pm 129
Total: 585

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

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| Actual Tithes Collected (Oct. 29) | \$15,012 |
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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

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| Sunday (11/5) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (11/8) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (11/6) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Thursday (11/9) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus |
| Tuesday (11/7) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (11/11) 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

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE/WELCOMING: On **Sunday, Nov. 5th at the 8am Mass**, our parish joyfully welcomes those who will be received into the order of catechumens. In the months to come they will prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. We also greet those who, already one with us by baptism, now wish to complete their Christian initiation through confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For all of these, we give thanks and praise to the God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith and we welcome you in the name of Christ.

TRAVELING MERCIES—for Msgr. Pope and the HCSC parishioners on pilgrimage through Italy from **Nov. 6-16**. Please pray for our pilgrims as they journey to seek graces.

 **THANK YOU VETERANS** **RECTORY CLOSED**—on **Friday, Nov. 10th** in observance of **Veterans Day**. Please continue to pray for those who have served and continue to serve.

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION: The Retired Priests' Collection is for the priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. This Collection is not to be confused with the second collection for retired religious. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the Archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall. Priests do contribute to their own retirement but please keep in mind that their salaries are modest. Our archdiocesan priests have been there for you and your families, please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service. Please use the envelopes located in the pews or with your envelopes and drop in collection basket or at the rectory.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Invite a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS OR GIFTS? There will be a sale of religious holiday cards and small gift items for the benefit of the Oblate Sisters of Providence on Sundays **beginning November 19, 2017**. For information, contact Bertha Colbert at (301) 567-9786.

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.



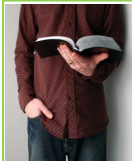
Youth Ministry News

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

ANNUAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: We need youth actors! The pageant is held on Dec. 24th at the 6PM family Christmas mass. If you are interested in being in the play, contact Nicki Gebrehiwot. Adults are also needed!

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.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Steadfast Witness In Music | Friday November 10, 2017

All are invited during Black Catholic History Month for the celebration of **Mass with Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.** Auxiliary Bishop of Washington honoring the Archdiocese of Washington Gospel Choir on **Friday, Nov. 10th** with praise and worship at 7:00pm and Mass at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 2020 St. Joseph's Drive, Largo, MD 20774.



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort of several Catholic parishes (*including our own HCSC parish*) in Washington, D.C. formed in response to the opening of a new Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. We invite you to join us in prayer and witness. On designated Saturdays, you will be able to serve in one of three ways: **Witness:** walk, pray, and give quiet witness outside the facility; **Pray:** pray in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament while others are outside; **Cook:** help prepare a meal for all participants to share afterwards. If you are new to this event, we will hold an orientation on **Sat., Nov. 18th from 10:30am-12noon at St. Dominic's Church (630 E St SW, Washington, DC 20024)**. Please prayerfully consider joining us or come to the orientation! Sign-up sheets will be located in the rear of the church. If you have any questions, email P24community@gmail.com.

THE SODALITY—invites all women and men who have ever been a Sodalist at any parish or school to join us and participate with the HCSC Sodality. We meet on the first Sunday of each month. Rosary at 7:30AM, Mass at 8AM followed by our meeting. We hope to see you there.

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**

