

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Mal 3:19-20 2 Thes 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19



In today's gospel the Lord Jesus strongly asserts to reality and the glory of the Resurrection and of Heaven. Note first his **Rejection of Ridicule** in terms of the reality of heaven. The Sadducees invent a scenario meant to make the resurrection look ridiculous. They imagine it to be a confusing place as a woman tries to sort out who is her husband due to the fact that she had seven husbands who all died! Jesus quickly dispatches their silly scenario and strongly reaffirms the **Resplendent Reality** of the Resurrection and heaven. In effect Jesus teaches that one cannot take merely earthly notions and think that heaven will be like them. Heaven is beyond earthly categories and limitations. Heaven is far more glorious than we can ask or imagine. Scripture affirms: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Cor 2:9). This leads us to consider our **Response to the Resurrection**. Since heaven is glorious in a way more wonderful than we can ever imagine, we ought to be willing to accept any sacrifice to get there. Look at the Maccabee brothers in today's first reading and how they were more than willing to forsake their lives here for the glory that waits. They were willing to endure torture and death. And what of us? Are we willing to testify and endure even torture and death in exchange for heaven? To the degree that we deeply accept the Lord's promise of heaven's glory, we are willing to forgo anything to get there.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 6
 8:00am Edgell Fairfax †
 11:00am Deacon Charles Edelin, Jr. † (birthday)
 7:00pm Barbara V. Ketchum †
Monday, November 7
 7:00am All Souls
Tuesday, November 8
 7:00am Lillian Myrick † (birthday)
Wednesday, November 9 *The Dedication of Lateran Basilica*
 7:00am All Souls
Thursday, November 10 *St Leo the Great, Pope/Doc of Church*
 7:00am Beatrice Edelin † (birthday-Nov. 7)
Friday, November 11 *Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*
 7:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 12 *Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Naomi DuPont †
If you want to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Titus 1:1-9 Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-12 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22
Thursday: Philemon 7-20 Luke 17:20-25
Friday: 2 John 4-9 Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 John 5-8 Luke 18:1-8



PROVERBS 24 WITNESS-PRAY-SERVE

EVENT: In response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community, HCSC has joined several other local parishes to form the Proverbs 24 Community. This new pro-life initiative's first event is **Sat., Nov. 12th from 10:30am–12:30pm** at **Holy Name Catholic Church (920 11th St. NE)**. Please prayerfully consider participating in one of three ways: by praying in front of the facility; by praying in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament; or by helping to prepare a fellowship lunch to conclude the event. Sign up at Proverbs24.eventbrite.com. Questions? Contact P24community@gmail.com or call Linda Simpson at (301) 735-6432.

Mass Attendance for Oct., 30, 2016

4:30pm	54
8:00am	104
11:00am	296
7:00pm	93
Total:	547

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/30)	\$19,288
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$2,942



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

St. Faustina Kowalska was a humble nun in Poland, yet God used her to share the devotion to his Divine Mercy with the whole world. She gives each of us a powerful example of how to give our lives over to God, writing in her diary: "I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor." St. Faustina truly took to heart the words the Lord gave her for the Divine Mercy image: "Jesus, I trust in you." Through her witness, God calls each of us to trust in his mercy as well. Celebrate God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (11/6) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (11/9) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (11/7) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (11/11) RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers
	Saturday (11/12) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cypryan 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—in observance of **Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11th**. Please continue to pray for those who have served and continue to serve.



DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: *Robert and Beatrice Youngblood* are celebrating their **60th** wedding anniversary. Please join with the entire HCSC parish in wishing them continued love and devotion to both God and each other.



BLESSINGS to Stuart and Christina Hayunga who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, **Oct. 29th**. May their union be blessed with love and devotion to God and each other.

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 and drop in collection basket or at the rectory.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass next week.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The second weekend of each month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein canned foods (**meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. You can give your items to the ushers. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since these funds support this effort.

ST. JOSEPH 2017 SUNDAY MISSALS—have arrived and available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3. Limited supply.**



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

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
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YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: Attention youth of all ages!!! The second Sunday of each month we collect canned goods. Next Sunday please bring in a canned food as a service project of the Youth Ministry.

SAVE THE DATE: After the Youth Mass **Sun., Nov. 13th**, come to the **YOUTH MINISTRY FAIR** 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.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hcschurch.org

FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES: Tired of election talk? Join other young adults (ages 21-39) at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle for our 4-week speaker series on *"Beyond Politics: Working through Conflict to Build a Peaceful World"*, Tuesday evenings **Nov. 15—Dec. 6**. We have encountered daily examples of conflict in politics, violence on our streets, across borders, and in our own lives. How do we make a change to build peace in our world, communities, and in our hearts? Speakers include a communications director, and a hostage survivor. Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm, followed by discussion and Q/A from 7-8pm. Learn more at adw.org/tot. #totdc

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)

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MONTH: On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. It is known that Christianity did not originate in Europe and that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. Learn more at: www.nbccongress.org.

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.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hcschurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: myParishApp

