

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30



The Gospel today reminds us of judgment and gives us some **Practical Principles for Preparation**. The first principle is **Procure your Provisions**. The five wise virgins had procured plenty of oil so that, should the Groom delay his arrival, they would be prepared. What is the oil a symbol of? Well, many things, but first and foremost it is the oil of desire and holiness. One of the greatest dangers is that we lose our desire for God and drift away through indifference. Hence, stirring our hearts to the watchful attentiveness of desire is essential. We do this through regular prayer, the reception of the sacraments, scripture and fellowship in a community of believers who stir faith and desire in us. The next principle is that we must **Personally Prepare**. Too many Christians "affiliate" with the Lord and the Church by referring to "their mother's Church" or "that's my family's Parish." But there are some things you cannot borrow. You can't get saved by your mother's faith, you have to have your own. When the foolish bridesmaids try to borrow oil from the wise ones they are told this is not possible. The next principle is to **Persevere in your Preparation**. The groom does not come 'till midnight in the gospel, so they had to persevere in waiting. Too many say, "I used to go to that Church" or I was an altar server in the old days." So? What about now? Finally, note the principle of the **Peril of Procrastination**. There comes a point when it is just too late. The judgment sets in, the question is called, and the door is barred. Either you're in or you're out. You can't keep saying, tomorrow. Tomorrow is not promised.

FUNERAL: Charlene Thomas (Nov. 9th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 12
 8:00am Mark Anthony Graham †
 11:00am For the intentions of Tammy Cannedy
 7:00pm Lisa Wooden (birthday-Nov. 7th)
Monday, November 13
 7:00am All Souls
Tuesday, November 14
 7:00am Dorothy T. Walker † (12th anniversary)
Wednesday, November 15
 7:00am All Souls
Thursday, November 16
 7:00am Otha Hamer, III † (birthday)
Friday, November 17
 7:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 18
 8:00am Deceased Campbell Family Members
 4:30pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7 Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23—3:9 Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22—8:1 Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Luke 18:1-8

Music Schedule

Processional
 * For All the Saints LMGM #728
 ** Soon and Very Soon LMGM #691
Responsorial Psalm
 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Offertory
 * Because He Lives LMGM #303
 ** Faith Kirk Franklin
Communion
 * I Am the Bread of Life LMGM #755
 ** Taste and See LMGM #750
Post Communion
 *** Alabaster Box CeCe Winans
Recessional
 Soon and Very Soon LMGM #691
 * 8am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11am Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley—George Stewart, Music Director
 *** Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

Mass Attendance

All Saints Day (11/1)
 10:00am 41
 7:00pm 71
November 5, 2017
 4:30pm 63
 8:00am 158
 11:00am 250
 7:00pm 106
Total: 577

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (11/5)	\$16,024
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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

Sunday (11/12) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearse 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (11/14) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Wednesday (11/15) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (11/13) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (11/18) 10:30am Social Concerns mtg 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

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. Youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy and parents are encouraged to sit with their children.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS 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. If you didn't bring canned food this weekend you are invited to make a donation in one of the "Poor Boxes" located on the wall beside each entrance.



Many thanks to all those who donated socks to the 'Socktober' campaign last month. We collected 3 very large boxes of socks for the homeless and those in need in the DC area. A special thanks to the Sunday School families who participated and to Omar and Nicolette Wilkins who held a campaign at their school and collected 124 pairs of socks.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: If you missed it last week, you can still contribute to the Retired Priests Collection of the Archdiocese of Washington this weekend. This is a one-time collection for the Retired Priests Pension Fund. Please use the second collection envelopes mailed to your homes and/or the special collection envelopes in the pews. God bless you for your support of retired priests.



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.

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.



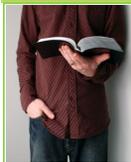
Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGENT: The HCSC Youth Ministry is looking for youth to participate in the Christmas Youth Pageant. We also need parent volunteers to help with props and costumes. **Our first informational meeting** will take place immediately following the 11:00 am mass on **Sun., Nov. 12th** in the rectory basement. The meeting will be very brief. **PARENTS:** if you are interested in having your youth participate in the pageant please come and sign them up. Regular rehearsal schedule will begin next Sunday (11/19) following 11am mass. If you have any questions please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

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.



ATTENTION HCSC LECTORS: Please pick up your new 2018 Workbook for Lectors located on the counter in the sacristy. **Please take only your book** (names are printed on the books). If your book is missing, contact Jimmye Claire Walker at 202-546-1885 or jcwalker@hscchurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC will hold its **Annual Advent Family Day** on **Sunday, December 3rd** following the 11:00am Mass. This year's theme is: "Jesus is Coming, Are you Ready?". Come and bring the family for an afternoon of fellowship (meal included) and to learn about the celebration of Advent. Stay tuned for more information.

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 19th**. For information, contact Bertha Colbert at (301) 567-9786.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY 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.

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

