

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Malachi 3:19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43



In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus describes the "Perilous Passage to the Promised Land." He begins with a **Portrait of Passing Things**. Many were admiring the beauty of the Temple buildings. The Lord uses the opportunity to remind them that every one of the beautiful things they were admiring were soon to pass away. And sure enough, within forty years, the temple and all its surrounding buildings were destroyed in a war that killed 1.2 million Jewish people. We have here no lasting city. The Lord then indicates certain **Points of Passage** to expect on the journey to the promised land of heaven. He speaks of "**False Messiahs**" who promise us everything but also demand our loyalty. He speaks of "**Fierce Militarism**" as this world tends to erupt in violence and hatred around us. He speaks of "**Far-flung Marvels**" as people fear the things that shake this world's foundations: everything from natural disasters to political upheaval to financial crisis. Finally, he speaks of "**Fearful Malice**" as we experience hostility and hatred from the world. All of these things are described as an expected part of the perilous passage to the Promised Land. The Lord says, "By your perseverance you will save your souls." The journey is not always easy, but if we stand firm we will one day see total victory. Faith makes things possible, not easy.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 13
 8:00am For the intentions of Doris Edelin
 11:00am Jackson, Moore, Crumpton & Pye Families
 7:00pm All Souls
Monday, November 14
 7:00am Dorothy T. Walker † (11th anniversary)
Tuesday, November 15 *St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Mabel Campbell † (birthday)
Wednesday, November 16 *St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, Virgin*
 7:00am All Souls
Thursday, November 17 *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
 7:00am Clarence Campbell †
Friday, November 18 *Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles*
 7:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 19
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Clarence Campbell †

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

Mass Attendance for Nov. 6, 2016

4:30pm	61
8:00am	139
11:00am	280
7:00pm	93
Total:	573

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10 Luke 19:41-44
Friday: Revelation 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: Revelation 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40



In our continued effort to support and respect the dignity of life from birth to death, we will feature various organizations that support this issue:

GABRIEL NETWORK: Facing an unexpected or crisis pregnancy is a difficult challenge. *Gabriel Network* will help you with our Church-Based Angel Friend Volunteer Teams and Maternity Homes. We have assisted thousands of women in the past twenty years with material, emotional, and spiritual needs. You don't have to go through this alone. You don't have to be afraid. Call us and let us walk alongside you. The first step is to call our help line at 800-ANGEL-OK (800-264-3565 ex.1), Monday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. Volunteers and staff are waiting for your call. If you call after business hours or while we are on the line with another caller, please leave a detailed voicemail. We regularly return voicemails within one to two business days.

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/6)	\$18,005
Actual Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	(+) \$1,659



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?" (St. Vincent de Paul) These words from St. Vincent de Paul sum up the life and ministry of this saint of mercy. His emphasis on carrying out the works of mercy remains visible today through the many St. Vincent de Paul Societies and other service ministries in our parishes and through the work of Catholic Charities. The witness and legacy of St. Vincent reinforce one of the foundational ideas of this Jubilee Year of Mercy – that God has first shown mercy to each of us, so we have the opportunity and responsibility to share that mercy with those around us. As Pope Francis writes, "In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." Extend mercy towards others through your parish or with Catholic Charities. Find more at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (11/13) 9:30am Holy Name Society mtg 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Youth Ministry Fair 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (11/15) 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (11/14) 6:30pm Parish Council mtg 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (11/16) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
	Saturday (11/19) 8:30am Women's Min Fellowship 10:00am Liturgical Dance 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



BLESSINGS: *Evan Christopher Cervelloni, Chase Samuel Drumgoole and Jahmir Ramond Gussom* were Baptized at HCSC into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ last weekend. May God bless these children and family in their faith journey.

THIS IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child/children.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: On the second Sunday we invite you to bring nutritious, non-perishable, high protein foods (canned meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please consider donating to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since these funds support this effort.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING: Please note, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all submissions for the **Nov. 27th bulletin are due** in the rectory office **before Fri., Nov. 18th.**

FERTILITY CARE FOR NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Learn about a method of holistic fertility awareness that can benefit women from their teens through the menopausal years. Combined with medical care, it can be used as effective method of natural family planning or treatment for pain, irregularity and miscarriage/infertility issues. Join Therese Rodriguez, RN, FCP, on **Wed., Nov. 30th** at Holy Cross Germantown Hospital, 19801 Observation Dr., Germantown MD. To register: call 301-754-8800 or visit HolyCrossHealth.org.

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.

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 MINISTRY FAIR on **Sunday, November 13th** in the rectory basement after the 11am Youth Mass. All of our Youth Ministries will have a representative present to provide information on the many ways youth can become involved in our parish. Stop by for a few minutes!

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: 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)

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. 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). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's **FREE!**



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.

ST. JOSEPH 2017 SUNDAY MISSALS—are currently sold out in the Candlelight Store. We have an order on backorder which is expected to arrive by the weekend of November 19th. Check in the store at that time.

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

