

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-28 Matthew 25:31-46



The Gospel today teaches us to increase our altitude with an attitude of gratitude. Three men are given resources to use. Two succeed, one fails. Why the difference? Ultimately, it would seem to be the difference between fear and resentment vs. confidence and gratitude. Consider the plan of the first two men who succeed. They **1. Receive riches, 2. Risk reinvestment, 3. Render a report, and 4. Rise in the ranks.** At some level they see the owner of the riches as a man they can deal with. They have a healthy respect for him but not an unhealthy fear. They receive the funds gladly with gratitude and go to work with them. But the man who fails follows a different plan, a plan which is **fruitless** (for he buries the treasure), he is **furious** (for he considers the owner unjust and a "hard man"), and he thus **forfeits** (for the owner realizes he cannot trust this man with resources, and gives them to another). The failed man gives way to anger, resentment and indulges his fears that the owner is out to get him and the deck is stacked against him. He is not grateful for the opportunity afforded him by the owner. The lesson is what we feed will grow. Will we feed our gratitude for opportunities and gifts, or will we give way to fear and feed the anger and resentment that follows. What are you and I feeding right now?

FUNERAL—Brian Stone (Nov. 13st)



Sunday, November 16

4:30pm (Sat) Annie L. Barnes (birthday) †
 8:00am For the Intentions of Aaron Brown
 11:00am Foster Dolman (3rd anniversary) †
 7:00pm Roy F. Toodle (birthday—11/15)) †

Monday, November 17

7:00am All the Poor Souls †

Tuesday, November 18

7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †

Wednesday, November 19

7:00am All the Poor Souls †

Thursday, November 20

7:00am Sophie Isidore Huc †

Friday, November 21

7:00am All the Poor Souls †

Saturday, November 22

8:00am Paule Isidore Bossiere †
 4:30pm For the People

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: 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

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" LMG #581
Responsorial Psalm
 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "He Understands; He'll Say Well Done" LMG #785
 ** "Faithful Over A Few Things" G. Burleigh
Communion
 "Bless the Lord" LMG #451

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for November 9, 2014

4:30pm	41
10:00am	486
7:00pm	45
Total:	572

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/5)	\$16,276
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$70

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!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (11/16) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (11/20) 6:30pm Pageant rehearsal
Monday (11/17) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (11/21) 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (11/18) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm WIN meeting	Saturday (11/22) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Sodality Board mtg 10:30 am Usher Board mtg 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (11/19) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study	

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

GRATITUDE FROM MSGR. POPE—What a blessing last weekend was for me! I was and remain completely overwhelmed by the love and encouragement you gave. Verbal thanks cannot possibly express my heart's deepest gratitude and love. I am also grateful for all of you who worked so hard to make the whole weekend perfect. Many of the elements were kept hidden from me, so there were many joyful surprises. May God's rich blessings come upon you all for your generous gifts of the beatitudes and so many other gifts of love to me. Know that I love you all and remember you daily at the Altar.



WE NEED YOUR PICTURES—We'd like to assemble a photo album of Msgr. Pope's anniversary celebration. If you took pictures during the Mass or dinner celebration please provide us with copies in any format (prints or CDs). Send files to hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY—kicks off this weekend in an effort to inspire hope and build futures for those in need. You can join with other Catholics in serving the poor by volunteering your time or making a donation. Find out how to get involved by calling 202-772-HELP (4357) or go online to: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE—**THANKSGIVING MASS** is **Wed., Nov. 26th at 7pm** in the church. As you begin to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner, please consider taking a moment to come together with your Church family to thank God for the abundance of blessings He has bestowed upon us.



LECTOR WORKBOOKS—for the next liturgical year are labeled with each lector's name and ready to be picked up in the sacristy.

CHRISTMAS SALE—Afro-Centric Christmas Cards and small gift items will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend. All proceeds will benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

SIGN-UP FOR THE HCSC EMAIL NEWSLETTER—To receive periodic HCSC email newsletters with information and updates on what is happening at HCSC, send your name and email address to hscstaff@hscchurch.org. You will receive an email inviting you to join the HCSC email group. You can unsubscribe at any time. We have already sent out some invites via email, so check to see if you got one!

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD—One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. During the month of November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased family and friends. A Mass will be celebrated every other day during November 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 an envelope) and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



Youth Ministry News

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS for *"The King is Coming!!!"* have begun. The next rehearsal is **Thur., Nov. 20th at 6:30pm**. Please contact the Youth Director if you are interested in participating in the production. Adults are also needed!

HCSC YOUTH NEWSLETTER—We are looking for articles for the newsletter that demonstrate your **"Faith in Action"**. Please submit your article for publication.

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY COMING UP?! Any parish youth celebrating a birthday in **December, January or February**, if you'd like your birthday listed in the next edition of the HCSC Youth Newsletter please contact the Youth Director or the rectory (202-546-1885) with your name, birth month, and day.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES: "Things to Know by 30"—runs Tuesday evenings through Dec. 9th. All young adults are invited to Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle for Happy Hour from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. Info on speakers at: www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON TV?! Join the congregation at a taping of the TV Mass! Two future Masses are taped on the same evening, from 7:30-8:45pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). Come for one Mass or stay for both! Upcoming taping dates are **Nov. 20th, Dec. 3rd (this taping airs on Christmas Day), Dec. 11th, Jan. 27th, and Jan. 29th**.

RESTORE JUSTICE CONFERENCE—at Catholic University Edward J. Pryzbyla Center, Great Room B will focus on an end to the death penalty; campaign against torture; domestic justice and human develop **Fri., Nov. 21st from 10am—5pm**. Mass at 8:30am in Caldwell Chapel. For more information call 202-319-5999.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

