

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17      1 Cor 15:20-28      Mt 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:** Constance B. Jackson (11/21/17)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 19**  
 8:00am For the intentions of Harvey Clapp  
 11:00am Grace Stewart † (birthday-Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>)  
 7:00pm Mary Hudson †  
**Monday, November 20**  
 7:00am Bessie B. Walker † (birthday)  
**Tuesday, November 21** *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:00am All Souls  
**Wednesday, November 22** *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*  
 7:00am All Souls  
 7:00pm Margaret Norman † (birthday)  
**Thursday, November 23** *St Clement I, Pope*  
 8:00am Dwayne & Marcia Holton (14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
**Friday, November 24** *St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, Martyr*  
 7:00am All Souls  
**Saturday, November 25** *St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr*  
 8:00am Deceased Campbell Family members  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Cheyenne Rowe

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63      Luke 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31      Luke 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31      Luke 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** 1 Maccabees 2:15-29      Luke 19:41-44  
**Friday:** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59      Luke 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13      Luke 20:27-40

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 In That Great Gittin' Up Mornin'      LMGM #695  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
**Offertory**  
 \* This Little Light of Mine      LMGM #637  
 \*\* The Lord is My Light  
**Communion**  
 \* Just a Little Talk with Jesus      LMGM #559  
 \*\* All Is Well      Michael Dotson  
**Post Communion**  
 \*\* Take it to the Lord in Prayer      Nolan Williams  
**Recessional**  
 This Little Light of Mine      LMGM #637  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance for November 12, 2017**

4:30pm	44
8:00am	97
11:00am	201
7:00pm	116
<b>Total:</b>	<b>458</b>

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Actual Tithes Collected (11/12)	\$10,128
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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](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Questions? Call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (11/19)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearse 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (11/22)</b> 7:00pm Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Monday (11/20)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (11/23)</b> 8:00am Mass <b>RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday (11/21)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (11/24)</b> 8:00am Mass <b>RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>Saturday (11/25)</b> 10:00am SOME (off-site) 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**



Our parish will celebrate a **FAMILY THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS** on **Wed., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7pm in the church. 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.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **RECTORY** will be **closed Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**. **Thursday and Friday Mass is at 8AM.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will **NOT** meet on **Sun., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE:** HCSC Social Concerns Ministry will begin on **Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** with the annual Advent food drive for the needy. Parishioners are asked to donate food items for Christmas baskets. The food items are listed on the Advent Tree ornaments. Please take one or more ornaments and **bring the listed item back to the church by Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. See flyer for details.



**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you can't help with serving on that day then you can donate cooked chicken for the meal (see flyer for easy recipe). Your **non-frozen cooked** chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **5pm on Wed., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



**→ SAVE THE DATES FOR ADVENT ←**

**ADVENT FAMILY DAY:** **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** following the 11:00am Mass at the school. 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.

**ADVENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE:** *"Jesus is Coming, Are you Ready?"* We will explore the theme of readiness for the Coming of the Lord and of our judgment by studying several advent hymns and exploring their scriptural roots. **We will meet on three consecutive Thursdays in the Rectory basement.** Themes are:

- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>— The Day of Judgment described
  - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>—The Case for the Clemency we need
  - Dec 21<sup>st</sup>—The Call for Compassion
- Meal begins at 6:30pm and bible study is at 7:15pm.

**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 in the rear of the Church) and drop 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**

**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. 24<sup>th</sup>** at the **6pm Family Christmas Mass**. If you are interested (any age is welcome), come to rehearsal on **Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 11am Mass in church or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot. Adults are also needed to help with costumes and set!

**SAVE THE DATE! BRUNCH WITH SAINT NICHOLAS** is **Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** at the school. Food, games and a visit from Saint Nick! Stay tuned for more details.

**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.

**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 at our parish **beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>**. For more info, call Bertha Colbert at (301) 567-9786.



**WALK WITH MARY:** The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego significantly marked the history of our continent. For centuries the miraculous image of

Our Mother has called Catholics back to the faith and moved others to embrace the faith. Today, Our Lady continues to empower our evangelization efforts with her constant proclamation of the Gospel and calls us to encounter and accompany the stranger in our midst. **The Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe**—used during our annual archdiocesan celebration and was hand-embroidered by contemplative nuns in Mexico—**will be on display at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church from Nov. 22-29 in the Church. See flyer in bulletin for more information** on opportunities to learn about the significance of the image, its historical roots, and Mary's message to welcome the stranger seeking a home and place of rest in our Church and communities.



**REQUIESCAT IN PACE (Rest in Peace)—Rev. Joseph Nicholas Begay, S.S.J.**—who passed away on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. He served as Pastor of Saint Cyprian Church in the mid 60's and numerous other Josephite parishes.

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

- ♦ Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
- ♦ **Follow us on social media**