

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44



One of the images of the Church from Scripture is Christ crucified between two thieves. The fact is, we are all sinners and we have all used the gifts and things that belong to God in a way that is contrary to his will. To misuse things that belong to others is a form of theft and we are thus thieves. But one thief repented and strove to commit himself to Christ anew. Hopefully, we are that "good thief" and we too, though we sometimes fall and misuse the things that belong to God, we ask mercy and admittance into Christ's kingdom. On the Feast of Christ the King we do well to ask how we use the things that we call our own but which really belong to God. How do we use our time? Are we committed to pray and be at Mass every Sunday without fail? Do we use enough of our time to serve God and others or merely for selfish pursuits? What of our capacity to talk? Do we use our gift of speech to witness, to evangelize, or merely for small talk and gossip? What of our money? Are we faithful to the tithe? Are we generous enough to the poor and needy? Do we spend wisely or foolishly? Do we pay our debts in a timely way? Today is the Feast of Christ the King and we who call Christ our King must be willing to ask if he is really King and Lord of our time, talent, and treasure. In today's homily we have much to celebrate as a community as we reflect on this question. We also have need to reflect on how and where we can do a little better. May God bless us today to commit anew to the Kingship of Jesus Christ.



**PROVERBS 24 COMMUNITY UPDATE:**

Thank you to all who came out on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> to Holy Name Church to support the efforts of the Proverbs 24 community. We had a very peaceful and prayerful event with over 30 parishioners and neighbors from three area churches. We prayed, sang and fellowshiped as a community who support the dignity of life from birth to death. **Our next event is Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 10:30am—12:30noon. We will gather at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill at 10:30am and carpool to the Planned Parenthood clinic for peaceful prayer. Some will pray in front of the clinic, others will pray back at the Church while others will prepare a meal for all. Please consider joining us. We need you to **Witness...Pray....Serve**. Contact us at P24community@gmail.com or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 for more information.

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/13)	\$21,383
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$5,037



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

This Sunday marks the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a year spent celebrating the wondrous mercy of God and the many ways we share his mercy with those around us. At the beginning of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis wrote: "Mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ... This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." Though this Jubilee year is ending, the need for mercy in our world is not. Carry these words and the graces of this past year forward through the Christian witness of your life. Be merciful to each other. Continue to celebrate God's mercy with us at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org) and [catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org).

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 20** *Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 8:00am Mabel Campbell †  
 11:00am Bessie Bowler Walker † (birthday)  
 7:00pm Mary E. Hudson †  
**Monday, November 21** *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:00am All Souls  
**Tuesday, November 22** *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*  
 7:00am For the People  
**Wednesday, November 23** *St Clement I, Pope & Martyr*  
 7:00am Dwayne & Marcia Holton (13<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
 7:00pm All Souls  
**Thursday, November 24** *St Andrew Dúng-Lac, Priest & Martyr*  
 8:00am All Souls  
**Friday, November 25** *St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*  
 8:00am Ronald Hawkins (birthday)  
**Saturday, November 26**  
 8:00am Mable Thompson † (birthday)  
 4:30pm Mary E. Hudson †  
*To place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.*

**Mass Attendance for Nov. 13, 2016**

4:30pm	47
8:00am	110
11:00am	240
7:00pm	105
<b>Total:</b>	<b>502</b>

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Rev 14:1-5 Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Rev 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Rev 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9 Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Rev 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Rev 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (11/20)**  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am Ladies of Charity  
 9:30am RCIA  
 1:00pm Advent Family Day  
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux  
 7:00pm Mass  
 8:00pm AA

**Tuesday (11/22)**  
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble  
 7:00pm Adult Choir

**Wednesday (11/23)**  
 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

**Thursday (11/24)** *Rectory Closed*  
 8:00am Mass

**Monday (11/21)**  
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Friday (11/25)** *Rectory Closed*  
 8:00am Mass

**Saturday (11/26)**  
 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. 23<sup>rd</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 CLOSINGS:** In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **RECTORY** will be **closed Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**. Thursday and Friday Mass is at **8AM**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will **NOT** meet on **Sun., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will resume **Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**.


 **S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** Join us as we prepare meals and feed over 340 needy families at S.O.M.E. at 71 "O" St., NW on **Sat., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**. We especially need donations of cooked chicken (see flyer for recipe and instructions). You are welcome to come and serve. **Chicken must be dropped off by 5PM Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers at 301-910-1763.


**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE:** HCSC Social Concerns Ministry continue its annual Advent food drive for the needy by asking you to donate food items for Christmas baskets. The food items are on our Advent Tree ornaments. Please take one or more ornaments and bring the listed item back to the church by Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to your participation. 

**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The new liturgical year begins **Sun., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> with the First Sunday of Advent**. Personalized copies of the **2017 Lectors Workbook** have arrived and are available in the sacristy. There is one copy per household. Please take only your copy.

**THE WORD AMONG US: FREE** Advent issues are available in the rear of the church. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

**SAINT JOSEPH 2017 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$3** *Limited supply.*

 **SAVE THE DATE:** The **257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND** presents **"The Holidays in Concert"** on **Mon., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. In November, the Church prays for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. To include your relatives and friends, list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask an usher) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but greatly appreciated. 

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry is looking for actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant. **First rehearsal is Sun., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** following 11AM Mass. We also need adults to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. Contact the Youth Ministry Director.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** If you celebrate a birthday during October, November or December and would like it posted in the next HCSC Youth Newsletter contact the Youth Director.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**YAM@hscchurch.org**

**FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES:** Join other young adults (ages 21-39) at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle for a speaker series on *"Beyond Politics: Working through Conflict to Build a Peaceful World"*, **Tuesday evenings Nov. 22—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](http://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)



**2017 ITALY PILGRIMAGE:** HCSC Parish is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy, **Nov. 6—16, 2017**. Brochures are now available on our website ([www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)) and in the Church. **Contact:** Debbie Vanzego at 202-408-4641 or [dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com](mailto:dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com).

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885.

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)  
Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
Thursday, 9am—5pm;  
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,  
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.  
Follow us on Social Media: Fr. Pope's Blog: [blog.adw.org](http://blog.adw.org)

