

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37



On this Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, we are presented with three portraits of our King. First he is the **CARING KING**. The first reading has God say, I myself will look after and tend my sheep, as a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. Thus, the Lord cares for us and seeks us when we stray, calls to us and seeks to draw us back. He is a caring King. The Second reading depicts Jesus as the **COSMIC KING**. He is king of all things, not just us. We are told that every satanic enemy of his will be put under his feet even death itself and that all things will be subject to him. For now this does not always appear so, but in the end, Jesus' complete sovereignty over the whole cosmos will be evident to all. He is the cosmic King. Lastly, he is presented in the Gospel as the **COMING KING**. For he shall come upon the clouds and take his judgment seat and all will be brought before him. Here we see a lot of paradox, for our King, Jesus, is depicted as a King who was hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, ill, naked and a stranger, for he identifies with all and to serve or neglect them, is to serve or neglect Him. Remember this, if you have loved the poor and the needy, God will never forget what you have done. The poor may not be able to reward you, but Jesus who is in them, will pay you back a million times over. He is the coming King and has the power to do so. To serve this King is to serve and love his poor and needy children.

FUNERAL—Sallie Littlejohn-Dorsey (Nov. 24th)



Sunday, November 23

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am Carroll Greene †
11:00am Dwayne & Marcia Holton (11th wedding anniv.)
7:00pm For the People

Monday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Martyr*

7:00am All the Poor Souls

Tuesday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00am Ron Hawkins (birthday)

Wednesday, November 26

7:00am All the Poor Souls

7:00pm Brian Stone †

Thursday, November 27

8:00am Joyce Francine Walker †

Friday, November 28

7:00am All the Poor Souls

Saturday, November 29

8:00am Carole Wise (birthday)

4:30pm For the Intentions of the Rodgers Family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Music Schedule

Processional
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LMGM #342
Responsorial Psalm
"The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want."
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Praise Him! Praise Him!" LMGM #441
** "Oh Excellent Is Thy Name" J. Higdon
Communion
"Jesus" LMGM # 447
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for November 16, 2014

	4:30pm	126
Vespers	7:00pm	257
	8:00am	121
	11:00am	275
	7:00pm	60
Total:		839

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/5)	\$21,029
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$4,683

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 (11/23) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (11/26) 5:00pm Rectory Closed 7:00pm Thanksgiving Mass
Monday (11/24) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (11/27) Rectory Closed
Tuesday (11/25) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (11/28) Rectory Closed 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (11/29) 4:30pm Mass

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.

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



THANKSGIVING MASS is **Wed., Nov. 26th at 7pm.** Before starting to prepare that last item for your Thanksgiving dinner, consider coming to Mass to thank God for the abundance of blessings He has bestowed upon you.

RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wed., Nov. 26th — Rectory will close early at 5pm.
Thurs., Nov. 27th thru Fri., Nov. 28th — Rectory office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.

BAPTISM CLASS—If you are making baptism preparations for a child, our next baptism class is **Sat., Dec. 6th at 1PM** in the Chapel. Please call the rectory staff (202-546-1885) to register your child.

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!*



WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!—If you took pictures during the Msgr. Pope's Anniversary Mass or dinner celebration please provide us with copies in any format (prints or CDs). Drop off at the rectory or email to

hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

SAINT JOSEPH 2015 SUNDAY MISSALS—are available in the Candlelight Store. Cost: \$3. The new missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent on Nov. 30th.



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

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE—The Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumnae Association is hosting a fundraiser featuring Afro-Centric Christmas Cards and other religious gift items after Mass this weekend in the rear of the Church. All proceeds will benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The Sisters appreciate your support!

END OF LIFE ISSUES—The ADW Department of Life Issues has compiled many resources as an aid for reflection on end of life issues and what it means to have a hopeful and holy death. We've included one document in this bulletin. You can find more information at www.adw.org/transformfear (or #TransformFear). Copies of the pastoral letter is located in the rear of the Church.

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 is 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 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

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS for **"The King is Coming!!!"** have begun. The next rehearsal is **Thur., Dec. 4th 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 January newsletter that demonstrate your **"Faith in Action"**. Please submit your article for publication to the Youth Director.

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 [HCSYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSYoungAdults)



GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE—Next Sunday, our parish will begin its annual Advent food drive for the needy. Christmas ornaments listing needed food items will be placed on the tree for you to take and bring the listed items back to the church. We hope you will support this worthwhile effort by our Social Concerns Ministry.

COAT DRIVE—The Knights of Columbus along with Catholic Charities will be hosting a coat drive this winter. See flyer in bulletin on how you can help.

"I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25

SIGN-UP FOR THE HCSC EMAIL NEWSLETTER—To receive periodic HCSC email newsletters with information and updates on HCSC events, send your name and email to hscstaff@hscchurch.org. You will receive an email inviting you to join the HCSC email group. You can unsubscribe at any time. Sign-up today!

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>

