

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11      2 Peter 3:8-14      Mark 1:1-8

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11      1 Thes 5:16-24      John 1:6-8, 19-28



Who is John the Baptist? He is the one who prepares the way for Jesus Christ. He laid the groundwork upon which the Lord built. Most of the first disciples of Jesus had first been disciples of John the Baptist. Now all of us have needed John the Baptist figures in our lives. For many of us, our parents served in this role. They pointed to Jesus and helped us to be able to accept him in our lives. Many priests, religious sisters, other family members and friends have also had this role. They helped us to recognize Jesus, they pointed to him and laid a foundation for us to accept Jesus. How about you? Are you not also John the Baptist for others? Is it not also your role to lay a foundation in the lives of others so Jesus can work? Do you point to Jesus and announce his presence: "Look, there is the Lamb of God!" Surely you are John the Baptist for you are God's prophet. When you were baptized, among the offices you received was that of prophet. You are John the Baptist?

**FUNERALS**—Reginald Townsend, Sr. (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>)  
Joyce Runell Williams (Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, December 7**

4:30pm (Sat) Stanlie M. Barton (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) †  
8:00am For the People  
11:00am Helen Liistro †  
7:00pm Jan Lorie Ciccone †

**Monday, December 8** *The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*

7:00am For the Intentions of Brian O'Grady  
10:00am Joyce Runell Williams †  
7:00pm Reginald Townsend, Sr. †

**Tuesday, December 9** *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

7:00am Eric Lebow †

**Wednesday, December 10**

7:00am Andrew J. Barnes, Jr. (birthday)

**Thursday, December 11** *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

7:00am Cyrus Artz

**Friday, December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00am Reginald Townsend, Sr. †

**Saturday, December 13** *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00am Bonnie Singletary †  
4:30pm Emma Tellier †

**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:** Gen 3:9-15, 20      Eph 1:3-6, 11-12      Luke 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40:1-11      Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31      Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 41:13-20      Mathew 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10      Luke 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11      Matthew 17:9, 10-13

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"We Must Work" LMGM #642  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
"Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
"Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
\* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LMGM #420  
\*\* "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" arr. by Louis  
**Communion**  
"Emmanuel" arr. by K. Louis  
\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for November 30, 2014**

4:30pm	48
8:00am	114
11:00am	250
7:00pm	39
<b>Total:</b>	<b>451</b>

**Stewardship Report 2014—2015**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/30)	\$16,620
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$274



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**—If you would like to include a loved one on the "In Memory/Honor of..." list included in the Christmas Mass program, return your Christmas Flower offering envelope no later than **Sun., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** to the rectory. Envelopes are available from any usher or the rectory office. **PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES!**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**—Our school roof needs to be replaced and we will incur some debt to make the repair to our building. Your generosity to the Christmas collection will allow us to replenish our Maintenance/Repair Account used for building upkeep. Please use the Christmas collection envelopes to support this effort. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (12/7)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (12/11)</b> 6:30pm Christmas Pageant 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Monday (12/8)</b> 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass	<b>Friday (12/12)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (12/9)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (12/13)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Anointing of the Sick 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass
<b>Wednesday (12/10)</b> 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

**CONDOLENCES FOR REGINALD FRANCIS TOWNSEND, SR.**—On Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Reginald passed away at the age of 82. Reginald was employed as the janitor at HCSC school for over 30 years and worked at our bingo. His funeral was held on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send condolences to his wife and 5 sons, please drop off any cards or expressions of sympathy at the rectory. A limited supply of his funeral programs are available in the rectory.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrated on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. *What Is the Immaculate Conception?* Incorrectly, many people, including many Catholics, think it refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. Correctly, the Immaculate Conception of Mary refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. **Please join us for Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation at 10am and 7pm on Mon., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE** for Dec. 6, 2014 thru March 1, 2015 has been issued via email and regular mail. Hardcopies are also available in the sacristy.

**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK**—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!



The 257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND presents *The Holidays in Concert* at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!

ADVENT 2014

**FIND THE PERFECT GIFT ADVENT CAMPAIGN**—Jesus is the Perfect Gift. Through prayer, videos, social media, daily reflection and yard signs, the Archdiocese of Washington is inviting all people to *Find the Perfect Gift* in a relationship with Jesus. Take time out of the busyness of the season to slow down and reflect. Find opportunities for daily reflection for the family at [FindthePerfectGift.org](http://FindthePerfectGift.org). Free yard sign in the rear of the church.

**ANointing OF THE SICK MASS** will be **Sat., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. Confessions will be heard from 10:00am until just prior to the start of Mass.



**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT “ADVENT” TREE**—the Social Concerns Ministry continues our Advent food drive for the needy by asking you to donate food items for Christmas baskets. Please take

one or more ornaments off the tree and bring the listed item back to the church by **Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

**WINTER COAT DRIVE**—The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with Catholic Charities is holding a coat drive for the needy. Bring your clean/gently used winter coats and drop in the barrel in the vestibule. All coats are appreciated but XXXL coats are especially needed.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcschurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcschurch.org)

**MANY THANKS** to all our youth altar servers who attended the Annual Altar Server Recognition Mass at the National Shrine on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** for *“The King is Coming!!!”* is **Thur., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. To participate, contact the Youth Director. Adults are also needed!

HCSC Youth Ministry has adopted a residential unit in the **Unique Residential Care Center** to help support their **Annual Wish List Program**. Contact the Youth Director or the rectory if you are interested in making a donation.

**SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY & MASS for LIFE**—at the Verizon Center is **January 22, 2015**. There a limited number of tickets for youth for the event. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ [YAM@hcschurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcschurch.org)

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—will **not meet on Mon., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** because of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

**FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES: “Things to Know by 30”**—runs Tuesday evenings through Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events).

We’d like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook**, or send an email: [yam@hcschurch.org](mailto:yam@hcschurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



**SAVE THE DATE—MLK Concert & Liturgy—Sat., Jan. 17, 2015, at 3pm**. Come and celebrate the legacy of Dr. King with praise and worship. Stay tuned for details.

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY**—Having unresolved feelings about your abortion experience? You don’t feel forgiven? Worried if you will be a good mom? Come to an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing, **Sat., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Alma Maltez at [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org) or (301-853-4565). All contact and info is confidential!

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hcsstaff@hcschurch.org](mailto:hcsstaff@hcschurch.org).

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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