

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34



The Lord gives us a kind of Education for Evangelizers in today's gospel. First there is a **SENDING** wherein he appoints them to the task and sends them out in pairs with authority to cast out demons. Note that we don't restrict this description to priests or clergy. Parents surely have an evangelical task to their children, as do elders, teachers, co-workers and friends. Note, too, that the task is not a solo task, we do well to work in pairs and groups. And we can cast out demons of ignorance, sin and foolishness in others by both word and good example. Next, note that he counsels **SIMPLICITY** by telling them to travel light. We too, do well to heed the call to greater simplicity for most of us have lives that are cluttered, complex and compromised. We have to get free of the world in order to evangelize well. Next, he counsels **STABILITY** telling them to find a house and stay there. We, too, do well to stay in our lane, stay close to home, and develop stable and lasting relationships that are the most fertile ground for true evangelization. Next, Jesus establishes them in **SURETY** for too often we allow the ridicule or rejection of others to throw us off track. Jesus says, we ought to expect this and not let it rile us. We are to stay sure in the message and the teachings of the faith. Finally, Jesus gives the **SUBSTANCE** of the message which is repentance unto healing and salvation. Don't make things too complicated. The essential message is a call to recognize that our biggest problem is our sin and that Jesus is able to heal.

Music Schedule

- Processional**
- * Praise Him! LMGM #446
- ** Glad To Be In God's Service
- Responsorial Psalm**
- Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
- Offertory**
- * This Little Light of Mine LMGM #637
- ** Lord, I Want To Be a Christian Jalonda Robertson
- Communion**
- * Here I Am, Lord LMGM #643
- ** Here I Am, Lord Samuel Cromwell
- Post Communion**
- ** He's God Edwin Hawkins
- Recessional**
- ** Go Out W. Clifford Petty
- * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
- ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for July 8, 2018

4:30pm	44
8:00am	96
11:00am	207
7:00pm	128
Total:	475

Stewardship Report 2018—2019

Actual Tithes Collected (7/8)	\$11,505
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Thank you for being a part of our Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission. This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through **Faith Direct** can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC59. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. Monsignor Pope.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, July 15**
- 8:00am For the intentions of Lawrence Hicks
- 11:00am Dolores Gorham †
- 7:00pm For the intentions of Cindy Twardzik
- Monday, July 16** *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
- 7:00am For the intentions of Marcia Wooden
- Tuesday, July 17**
- 7:00am Minerva C. Yates †
- Wednesday, July 18** *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*
- 7:00am Martin Paczynski †
- Thursday, July 19**
- 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
- Friday, July 20** *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*
- 7:00am For the People
- Saturday, July 21** *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Dr. of Church*
- 8:00am Shirletta Butler (birthday)
- 4:30pm Marian Turner † (birthday)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Isaiah 1:10-17 Matthew 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:1-9 Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday:** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21, 22, 7-8 Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Micah 2:1-5 Matthew 12:14-21

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/15)	Wednesday (7/18)
8:00pm AA	7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (7/16)	Saturday (7/21)
8:00pm YAM Bible Study	10:00am Baptism Class
Tuesday (7/17)	
7:00pm Adult Choir	

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:

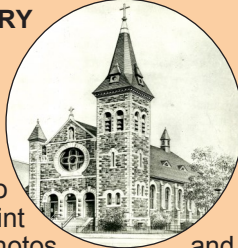
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

“How Firm A Foundation”

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018-2019 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. Displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church, prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966, will be featured in the HCSC vestibule. **You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display.** All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



DID YOU ATTEND HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN SCHOOL? Join us for the 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion on July 21st, from 7-11pm in the school cafeteria (1501 E. Capitol

Sts., SE). The reunion is **FREE** but we kindly ask for either a **food or monetary** donation since it is a potluck meal. Bring your yearbook or school pictures and meet up with your old school mates. Please tell your classmates and invite them to come. **RSVP** to Joseph Mitchell, Jr (301-276-1618) or Derrick Perry (202-705-9073) and tell them what you can bring. **St. Cyprian School alumni are also invited.**



HCSC 2018 Family Vacation Bible School is titled, **Running the Race**, a series exploring the ancient conflicts in the bible and how its lessons were applied in our times. St. Cyprian Parish was on the front lines of the racial tensions of our land. We will explore how the parish endured and applied biblical principles through the ministries of the Josephites and Oblate Sisters of Providence. We will meet at the school on **Wednesdays in August (1, 8, 15 & 22) 6:30—8:15PM.** A light meal will be served so you must register. See flyer for details.

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! Are you able to arrive an hour earlier to help with set-up and meal prep? We could use a few helping hands. Even if you can only volunteer for one night, let us know. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

WORLWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Jesus is asking us to go out two-by-two and proclaim his Good News. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **August 3-5**, in **Hanover, MD.** Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

NATIONAL OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI HOMECOMING RAFFLE: Please support the continuing efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 raffle tickets to a book) for \$5. All prizes are monetary (top prize is \$1000). Drawing on **Sun., Aug., 5th** (winner need not be present). Purchase deadline: Sun., July 22nd. Contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org to purchase raffles.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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YOUTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: During our Family Vacation Bible School there will be special sessions for our younger parishioners (grades pre-k to middle school) will be held simultaneously with the adult session. We will focus on **The Saints**. We have videos, as well as lesson materials for each week. We will be teaching our youth about the lives of St. Josephine Bakita, St. Monica, St. Martin DePorres, and St. Kateri Tekakwita. Please see VBS flyer for details and to RSVP.

JOIN ONE OF THE HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES: Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Youth Ushers.** If you'd like to join us, contact the Youth Ministry Director. We need you and we'd love to have you!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

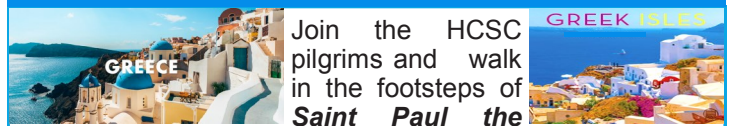


YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. **We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes.** This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

JUST A REMINDER: Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pilgrimage to GREECE and the GREEK ISLES



Join the HCSC pilgrims and walk in the footsteps of **Saint Paul the Apostle** through Greece on an **11-day pilgrimage, November 5—15, 2019.** Walk the streets of Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki. Also, enjoy a **3-day cruise of the Greek isles. COST: \$3399.** Watch for more details.

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. Visit www.DiscoverMass.com for Mass times and locations. **You can also access this information on myParishapp under DiscoverMass!**



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

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