

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16—4:3 Mark 9:30-37



In today's Gospel we are given a clarification about Jesus and reminded of the necessity of the cross. First, note the **Confusion** as Jesus asks "who do people say" he is. Many divergent answers come back, none of them correct. And thus we are taught that many views and opinions vie for our loyalty in this world and most of them are either outright wrong, or insufficient due to their incompleteness. Only the Lord can give us a complete and saving vision for our life. Next, note the **Confession** of Peter. Graced by God, Peter is given the capacity to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ: that Jesus is Lord and Messiah, the Son of the living God. Faith is granted here, but faith must seek understanding, and Peter and the others who receive this proclamation of the truth must come to a deeper appreciation of Jesus and the need for the Cross. Thus, the next stage is that Jesus gives a **Clarification**, indicating that though he is Messiah and Lord, he must suffer, die and rise. Shocked by this, Peter and the others react negatively. This leads the Lord to utter the **Command** about the cross. In effect he teaches, "No Cross, No crown."

In our Parish this week we celebrate our patronal feast, St. Cyprian. By his death as a Martyr, St. Cyprian testifies to us of the need to endure the cross, but he also shouts the victory from his place in the great cloud of witnesses. For all of us, on this our feast day we are guided by this theme: *More about Jesus let me learn, of His holy will discern...More about Jesus! More of his saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me!*

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 16
 10:00am Geneva Powell Johnson Mayberry †
 7:00pm Sarah Hurd † (birthday-Sept. 15th)
Monday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop*
 7:00am James H. Hill † (birthday)
Tuesday, September 18
 7:00am Maurice Gordon, Sr. †
Wednesday, September 19 *St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*
 7:00am Shawntee L. Rowe † (3rd anniversary)
Thursday, September 20 *St. Andrew KimTae, Priest & Martyr*
 7:00am Donna Coleman †
Friday, September 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, September 22
 8:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
 4:30pm Dr. Margaret W. Davis †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31 Luke 7: 11-17
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 7:36-50
Friday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Luke 8:4-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 The Glory of the Lord Stephen Hurd
Responsorial Psalm
 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living Psalm 116
Offertory
 He's God Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir
Communion Hymn
 Here I Am to Worship Hillsong
Post Communion
 We are Surrounded Joseph Martin
Recessional
 Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way LMGM #599
 Adult Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

**Mass Attendance
 September 9, 2018**

4:30pm 47
 8:00am 107
 11:00am 186
 7:00pm 111
Total: 451

Stewardship Report: Sept. 1—14, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Sept. 1—14, 2018	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: Sept. 1—14, 2018	\$33,369



ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT):
 We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/16) 9:30am RCIA 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (9/18) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (9/17) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (9/19) 7:00pm Bible Study
	Saturday (9/22) 9:00am Women's Ministry

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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Zyaire Anthony Little** and **Jacob Morgan White** who were baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **September 9th**. With the love and guidance of their parents, may God bless them in their journey of faith.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes for Pre-K through 12th grade start next week, **Sun., Sept. 23rd at 9:30am at the school.** Sunday school is for all youth, including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory, and on the website. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin 202-546-1885 or at: mre@hscchurch.org.

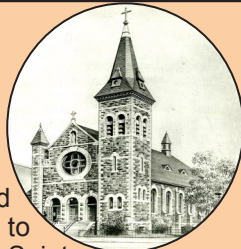


SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVENA for HCSC Religious Education Program. In an effort to strengthen our faith community, we are asking parishioners to offer a series of prayers, a 9-day Novena, for whole family participation in our Sunday School. Our Novena honors St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who, in 1808, started a school for girls in Baltimore on the grounds of St. Mary's Seminary. A year later, she began the first free school at an American Catholic parish. Copies of the 9-day novena to Mother Seton are located in the rear of the Church and on our website. You can pray alone or with a group.

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, are featured in the HCSC vestibule and throughout the church. **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. See the featured brochure in your bulletin for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



SEASON OF HEALING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: In recognition of the ongoing need for healing in the Catholic church, join us as a parish community to come together in prayer, to give voice to the pain and suffering of the survivors of clergy sexual abuse, while also recognizing the pain and wound of the whole Church. HCSC will hold a **Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration each Friday at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary from **Sept. 14 to Oct. 19**. Msgr. Pope and other staff will be available afterwards on designated days to facilitate discussions on further work that needs to be done to heal the Church and its community. Please pray and stay tuned for more details.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH NIGHT is Sat., Sept. 29th. Join other youth from local churches in a day of fun and fellowship. All HCSC youth and their families are invited. Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE—TRIP TO 'JESUS': Join the HCSC Youth Ministry on a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, Thurs., Dec. 27th to see the biblical production of Jesus. Transportation and meal included. Stay tuned for more information.

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 have started studying the **Book of Job**. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th 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., Sept. 22nd**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be brought to the rectory until 4pm on Fri., Sept. 21st. Questions? Contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman (katy.kuhlman@gmail.com or 615-337-2193).



HCSC Women's Ministry will hold their first fellowship of the season on **Sat., Sept. 22nd** at the school. Doors open at 9AM. Come and see what we are about! All women are invited. The guest speaker is **Sr. Patty Chappell** a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. She holds a Master's degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of America and is a licensed social worker in DC. Questions? Contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786) or Shirley Austin (202-368-7231).

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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 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, and Fri, 9AM—8PM;
Wednesday and Thursday, 9AM—5PM;
Saturday, 9AM—1PM; and,
Sunday, 9AM—2PM

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hscchurch)
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