

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30



In today's gospel we see described and taught the miracle of marriage. If your marriage is even reasonably working, it is a miracle. We live in an age that is poisonous to marriage. Successful marriages need to be seen for the miracle they are: namely, that God can take two, and make them one. The gospel begins with a **REJECTION** of God's plan for marriage. The Pharisees approached Jesus and assert that they are free to divorce their wives, if they wish. Jesus responses to them by teaching that their rejection of marriage and their wives is the sign of the hardness of their hearts. Jesus then points to the **RESTORATION** of God's plan for marriage. For it is true that Moses had permitted divorce, but this was not God's original plan. Jesus reminds them that in God's plan the two become one flesh, and that what God has joined together, no one must divide. Jesus then announces the **REALITY** that divorce and remarriage amount to adultery. Whatever human papers from some human judge that we shake in front of God's face, God does not recognize the human dividing of marriages he has truly made. These are hard words in a culture like ours, where divorce is so common. And yet, as with every difficult passage, we must remember that the Lord is announcing a grace that is available to us. In this case, it is a grace that he offers us that we can actually love our spouse, and seek to have our love deepen each year. Next comes a **RE-EMPHASIS** by Jesus. He takes a little child and warns the disciples never to hinder a child in finding their way to the kingdom. This passage relates to the previous text because children are the fruit of godly marriage and it is in the context of a stable and harmonious marriage that children best find their way to the kingdom of God. Finally, there is a **REASSURANCE** where Jesus encourages us to receive this difficult teaching like a little child. In other words, when challenged by a difficult teaching we should be like little children seeking God's help, rather than to bristle and proudly reject it. This gospel does not simply present demands, but rather, offers grace and help.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 7

8:00am For the intentions of Sodality Members
 11:00am Deceased Holland Family Members
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, October 8

8:00am Alice N. Thornton †

Tuesday, October 9

7:00am Joan S. Grant †

Wednesday, October 10

7:00am Mary L. Holmes †

Thursday, October 11

7:00am Leon Sylvester Brooks †

Friday, October 12

7:00am Peter & Patti Anzenberger (40th wedding anniv.)

Saturday, October 13

8:00am For the intentions of Ruby L. Roberts
 4:30pm Candis Stretcher (birthday)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Galatians 3:7-14 Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29 Luke 11:27-28

Music Schedule

Processional

* Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You LMGM #435
 ** Glad To Be in God's service

Responsorial Psalm

"May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives" Psalm 128

Offertory

* Precious Lord, Take My Hand LMGM #780
 ** Perfect Praise Walt Whitman

Communion Hymn

* One Bread, One Body LMGM #760
 ** The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power LMGM #383

Post Communion

* Ave Maria F. Schubert
 ** Walk In the Light Thomas Whitfield

Recessional

What Wondrous Love Is This LMGM #500

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance September 30, 2018

4:30pm	38
8:00am	121
11:00am	280
7:00pm	148
Total:	587

Stewardship Report: September 1—30, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Sept. 1—30, 2018	\$78,845
Actual Tithes Received: Sept. 1—30, 2018	\$74,290
Budgeted Goal Percentage: Sept. 1—30, 2018	94%



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 (10/7) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Sodality meeting 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/10) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/8) 8:00am Daily Mass RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (10/11) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (10/9) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (10/12) 6:00pm Healing Holy Hour

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

RECTORY CLOSED in observance of **Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 8th**. The office will re-open on Tues., Oct. 9th.



ALTAR FLOWERS: This week the altar flowers were donated by a member of the Sodality in honor of the HCSC Sodality of the Blessed Mother and to commemorate October which is the Month of the Rosary. The Sodality is a ministry for men and women and it promotes a greater devotion to Our Lord through the veneration of His Blessed Mother. *To Jesus through Mary.*



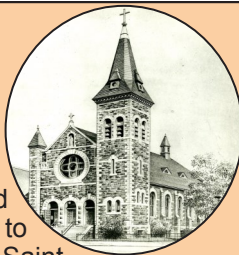
CONGRATULATIONS to **Avery Olivia Taylor** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Sept. 30th**. May God bless her in her journey of faith.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: If you have an infant or young child that needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). Parents will be required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism. Our next scheduled class is **Sat., Oct. 20th at 1:00PM** in the rectory basement.

SEASON OF HEALING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: In recognition of the ongoing need for healing in the Catholic Church, we will gather as a parish community to pray, and 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 in the sanctuary each Friday through Oct. 19th at 6:00pm.** **NOTE:** Msgr. Pope and other staff will be available for open discussion following the **Oct. 12th Holy Hour.**

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).



HCSC CHOIR'S 46TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 28th, at 4pm. Theme: *"The Spirit of an Awesome God."* Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased three ways: either online at hsc46thanniversary.eventbrite.com; or

from any choir member; or in the rectory office. If you wish to place an ad in the program see the back of the flyer in the bulletin.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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SAVE THE DATE—BOWTIE BRUNCH FOR BOYS: Attention all male youth in grades K—12!!! In celebration of developing strong young men through fellowship with Fathers and Male Mentors, St. Anthony Catholic School presents its 5th Annual "Bowtie Brunch for Boys" on **Sat., Nov. 3rd**, from **11AM—3PM** in Margot Hall. The school is located at 3400—12th St. NE. For more information about tickets and registration for this event please contact Sylvia Hall (202-213-9841) or the HCSC Youth Director.

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.



TRIP TO "JESUS": Join the HCSC Religious Education Ministry on a trip to the **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, Thurs., Dec. 27th** to see the biblical production of "Jesus". **COST: Adults 13 and above - \$125; Children 4 to 12 - \$75**, includes transportation, snacks, a meal, and the play. See flyers in the rear of the church and on our website.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass to help keep our pantry stocked. Our ushers will collect your items.



TEA TIME w/ the Oblate Sisters of Providence: The Annual Tea Time Fundraiser will be **Saturday, October 20th, 11:30 AM - 3 PM** at Oblate Sisters of Providence Sacred Heart Hall, 701 Gun Rd, Halethorpe, Maryland 21227. **Cost: \$35.** For more information, call Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, at 410-242-6861.

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To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wed and Thurs, 9am—5pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and, Sun, 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://www.getty.com/myParishapp.com)
- Follow us on Social Media: