

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-3

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44



In both the first reading today and in the Gospel, hear the well-known *Shema* prayer of Israel. It is, in the words of the ancient Rabbis, the whole law standing on one foot; which is a Jewish reference to brevity. Fundamentally, there are four principles that describe our love for God. First of all, our love for God is to be **Unrivaled**, for the text says *Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!* For us there are to be no other gods, whether in the ancient biblical sense of the pagan gods, or in the more modern sense of things we treat like gods, such as money, sex, power, pleasure, convenience, choice, television, or entertainment. God does not simply want a place on our list, **He is** our list. Our love is also to be **Unswerving**. The text says, *Therefore you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.* Now the heart is the place of decision, and to love the Lord with all our heart means that all of our decisions are rooted in our love for him. Ours is also to be **Undying**. The text says that we are to *love the Lord our God with all our soul.* The soul is the life-giving principle. It is what makes us different from a corpse. And thus our love for God is not part of our life, it **is** our life and it is to the undying. Finally, our love for God is to be **Unyielding**. The text says we are to *love the Lord our God with all our strength.* Therefore, love must be strong, there can be no half measures, nothing tepid or lukewarm. We must ask the Lord our God to increase and intensify our love for him. Ultimately, our love for God is his gift to us, and we can only love him with the love he first gives us. Increase our love of the Lord!

FUNERAL: Jessie Hooks (Nov. 2)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 4
 8:00am Beatrice Edelin † (birthday-Nov. 7)
 11:00am Deacon Charles Edelin † (birthday-Nov. 6)
 7:00pm Edgell Fairfax † (birthday)
Monday, November 5
 7:00am All Souls
Tuesday, November 6
 7:00am Dolores Gorham † (birthday-Nov. 5)
Wednesday, November 7
 7:00am Leslie Jackson-Hughes (birthday)
Thursday, November 8
 7:00am All Souls
Friday, November 9
 7:00am Lillian Myrick † (birthday)
Saturday, November 10
 8:00am All Souls
 4:30pm Marlene Murphy (birthday)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Philippians 2:1-4 Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday: Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday: Philippians 2:12-18 Luke 14:25-33
Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 I Love You, Lord" LMGM #437
Responsorial Psalm
 I love you, Lord, my strength. Psalm 18
Offertory
 * O How I Love Jesus LMGM #365
 ** Awesome God Ricky Dillard
Communion Hymn
 * Lord, I Want to Be a Christian LMGM #387
 ** Take it to the Lord in Prayer Nolan Williams
Post Communion
 * Ave Maria J.S. Bach
 ** Lord, You Are Good Todd Galberth
Recessional
 ** Heal Our Land Oscar Williams
 * Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance October 28, 2018

4:30pm 55
 8:00am 116
 11:00am 205
 7:00pm 115
Total: 491

Stewardship Report: October 1—31, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 1—31, 2018	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: Oct. 1—31, 2018	\$59,765
Budgeted Goal Percentage: Oct. 1—31, 2018	95%



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 (11/4)
 9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 8:00pm AA
Monday (11/5)
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study
Tuesday (11/6)
 6:30pm Youth Choir
 7:00pm Adult Choir
Wednesday (11/7)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study
Thursday (11/8)
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Friday (11/9)
 6:00pm Holy Hour
Saturday (11/10)
 10:00am Liturgical Dance

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



BLESSINGS upon *Aliyah Marie Elaine Angus* who was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on **October 21st**. May God bless her and always stay by her side in her journey of faith and service to our Lord.



ALTAR FLOWERS for this weekend were privately donated in **Memory of Deceased Sodalists**. If you would like to commemorate a person (or persons), or a milestone in your life consider sponsoring flowers for the altar. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: We invite all youth to attend the 11AM Mass and sit in front of the clergy. Be sure to invite a friend.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious, non-perishable, high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass for our church pantry. Please do not bring perishable foods, but packaged foods such as cereal, rice and pasta are welcomed. Our ushers will collect your items next weekend at each Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR will be held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



EUCCHARISTIC and LECTOR MINISTERS



Your current schedules are posted on the HCSC website and issued via email.

Also, Lectors, please come to the rectory office to sign for and pick up your **2019 Lector Workbook**. Please take only the Workbook identified with your name.

SAVE THE DATE: Come hear our own **Stephen Mariano** discuss his *El Camino de Santiago* (the Way of Saint James) pilgrimage, **Nov. 13th from 6:30—8:00PM** at the **REI Store, 201 M St., NE**. The Camino de Santiago pilgrimage leads to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great where tradition has it the remains of the saint are buried in the cathedral. Many follow the El Camino routes through northwestern Spain as a spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. All are welcome. To attend, register at: www.rei.com/events/89672/walking-el-camino-with-stephen-mariano.

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 friends and family. A mass will be celebrated every other day during November for the Poor Souls. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for an envelope) and drop in the collection basket or at rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

WE NEED YOUTH ACTORS to participate in the **Christmas Youth Pageant**. We also need parents to help with props and costumes. Our **initial meeting** is after the **11AM Mass on Sun., Nov. 18th** in the rectory basement. This meeting will be brief so we can find out who is interested in participating in the pageant.

NORTH EAST REGION TEENS (N.E.R.T.)—invites all teens to “Bubble Soccer Night” on **Nov. 16th from 7—9pm** at the Holy Name Annex (1125 Neal Street, NE). **N.E.R.T.** is a regional Catholic youth group based out of Holy Name Catholic Church that meets one Friday evening a month. For more details or to RSVP, contact Nicki Gebrehwot.

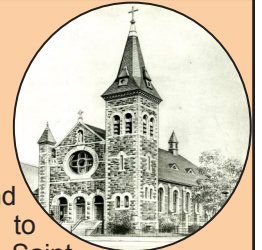
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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 studying the **Book of Job**. Come and meet other young adults!



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).

THE WORD AMONG US: November issues are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$2 each.** This publication is designed to encourage Catholics to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

THE RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION (held this weekend) is for the priests of the Archdiocese of Washington to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service. Use the envelopes located in the pews or those included with your envelopes and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

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](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myParishapp)
- ♦ **Follow us on social media**

