

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37



The Gospel reading today turns our attention to the passing nature of this world and all its glories. We are taught that our exit from the world and appointment for judgment is just one heartbeat away. The setting of the Gospel is just prior to Jesus' final ascent into Jerusalem where he will suffer and die, and then rise. The apostles admire the beautiful buildings of the Temple from across the Kidron Valley as they stand atop the Mount of Olives. Jesus then warns them that the days are coming when all those beautiful buildings will be thrown down. Indeed they were, a mere forty years later, never to be rebuilt. This is an image for the world as we know it. It will not last, it is changing from moment to moment and will at some point be definitively swept away. In the age of the Church, some 2000 years, numerous Empires (e.g. Rome, the British Empire, etc.) have all risen and fallen. Whole cultures have been swept away. But Christ and his Church have lasted. Every now and again people laugh at Christ and his Church and pronounce that the end of the Church and faith is at hand. But the Church has buried every one of her undertakers and survived oppressive governments and philosophies since 33AD. And thus today, in the Gospel the Lord reminds us that the things of this world are passing, they are ephemeral. And no matter how much we may admire the power or influence of certain things, philosophies and people now, they are all steadily eroding. The Lord speaks a truth that we must ultimately grasp: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mk 13:31). In other words, don't be too impressed with the world and get on the Lord's team. We're gonna win!

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, November 18
 8:00am Eusebia Armstrong-Black †
 11:00am Elbert Yates † (birthday-Nov. 5)
 7:00pm Antoinette Weiss †
Monday, November 19
 7:00am All Souls
Tuesday, November 20
 7:00am Bessie B. Walker † (birthday)
Wednesday, November 21 *Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am All Souls
 7:00pm For the People
Thursday, November 22 *Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*
 8:00am For the intentions of Maria Pachi
Friday, November 23 *St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr*
 8:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest & Martyr*
 8:00am Allen Yates †
 4:30pm Dwayne & Marcia Holton (15th anniversary)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10 Luke 19:41-44
Friday: Revelation 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: Revelation 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40

Music Schedule

Processional
 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning LMG #699
Responsorial Psalm
 "You are my inheritance O Lord." Psalm 16
Offertory
 * We Shall Behold Him LMG #698
 ** Awesome God Brian Courtney Wilson
Communion Hymn
 * My Lord, What a Morning LMG #693
 ** Worthy is the Lamb Hillsong
Post Communion
 ** We Shall Behold Him LMG #698
Recessional
 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning LMG #699
 * Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance November 11, 2018

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| 4:30pm | 107 |
| 8:00am | 118 |
| 11:00am | 191 |
| 7:00pm | 139 |
| Total: | 555 |

Stewardship Report: November 1—16, 2018

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| Budgeted Tithes: Nov. 1—16, 2018 | \$31,538 |
| Actual Tithes Received: Nov. 1—16, 2018 | \$32,892 |

FAITH DIRECT: With the busy schedules of Thanksgiving and Advent coming upon us, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are received even if you are out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our **Church Code** is **DC59**. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or at 202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (11/18)
 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg
 9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies mtg
 8:00pm AA
Monday (11/19)
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study
Tuesday (11/20)
 6:30pm Youth Choir
 7:00pm Adult Choir
Wednesday (11/21)
 7:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday (11/22)
 8:00am Mass
RECTORY CLOSED
Friday (11/23)
 8:00am Mass
RECTORY CLOSED
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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



Our parish will celebrate a **FAMILY THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS** on **Wed., Nov. 21st** at 7pm in the church. All are welcome to come and worship as a Church family to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **Rectory Office** will be **closed Nov. 22nd and Nov. 23rd**. **Thursday and Friday Mass is at 8AM.** Eucharistic Adoration will be held on **Friday, Nov. 23 at 6pm.** The rectory will re-open on **Sat., Nov. 24th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will **NOT** meet on **Sun., Nov. 25th**.

NEW **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.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and serve meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 “O” St., NW. **Our next event is Sat., Nov. 24th.** Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your **non-frozen** chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., Nov. 23rd.** **TO VOLUNTEER,** contact Katy Kuhlman (katy.kuhlman@gmail.com or 615-337-2193).



 The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort formed over a year ago of several Catholic parishes (including our own HCSC parish) in Washington, D.C. in response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. We invite you to join us in our prayer and witness for life. On designated Saturdays, you will be able to serve in one of three ways: **Witness:** walk, pray, and give quiet witness outside the facility; **Pray:** pray in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament while others are outside; **Cook:** help prepare a meal for all participants to share afterwards. If you are new to this event, we will hold an orientation on **Sat., Dec. 1st from 10:30am-12:30noon** (location to be determined) *Please prayerfully consider joining us or come to the orientation!* **We will have someone available after Mass this weekend to answer any questions.** You can also send questions to P24community@gmail.com.

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

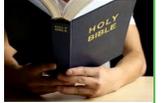
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

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.

HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR YOU! The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a **YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP** on **Sat., Dec. 1st, 10AM to 12 noon** for **all youth** currently serving as altar servers, lectors, and ushers. We also invite youth who are interested in joining one of these ministries to attend. We kindly ask parents to encourage their youths to attend since we will discuss our current ministries and how we can enhance and improve them. Stay tuned for more info.

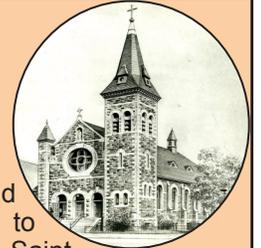
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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 **Gospel of John.** 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).

UPDATE on ARTHUR CAPER FIRE: Seniors displaced by the Sept. 19th fire at Arthur Capper Senior Housing at 5th and K Street, SE are beginning to move into new homes, according to a statement issued by the District Department of Human Services (DHS) on Oct. 25th. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services have not yet released the results of their investigation into the cause of the fire.

SAINT JOSEPH 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available November 25th. **COST: \$3.**

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 Blog & Homilies online: www.msgrpope.com
- ♦HCSC App:  myParishapp.com
- ♦Follow or Like us on social media:   