

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66



Today's readings speak of three insights that disciples must recall. First is **ADAPTABILITY**. We hear in both the first reading and the Gospel how God can take what is very humble, and adapt it to be something mighty and powerful. Perhaps it is the "tender shoot" of the first reading that becomes a mighty oak. Perhaps it is the mustard seed of the Gospel which becomes a great shade tree. But God adapts us for his purposes and no one should say, 'I cannot be used.' An old song says, "If you can use anything Lord, you can use me." The insight is **AWE-ABILITY**, the capacity to reverence mystery and to have wonder and awe at what God does. In the Gospel Jesus emphasizes that, though a man plants seeds he does not really know the deeper mysteries of life and growth. Despite our often self-congratulatory celebration of our sciences, there is much more we do not know or understand. And while science is often good at answering "how" it is not good at answering the more ultimate questions of "why", and of meaning. We do well to maintain a reverential awe of the deeper mysteries of God's works and his ways. This also opens us to hope and to the possibilities that God can work in hidden ways to exult what is humble and to bring great transformation to those who are cast down and troubled, including ourselves and our culture. Finally, there is **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The second reading reminds us that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and render an account. As we have seen, God is able to adapt, and to work in wondrous and hidden ways to lift us up, even if we are humble and struggle. We must one day render an account of how we have responded to God's grace and his invitation to be exulted. On judgment day the expression "I couldn't" will ring hollow, because as we have seen: "God CAN." Today's readings remind us to be open to what God can do, often in mysterious ways.

FUNERAL: Russell Colbert, Jr. (June 22nd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 17 *Father's Day*
 8:00am Briana Snell (birthday—May 27th)
 11:00am Helen B. Tyler †
 7:00pm Howard Joseph Judd †
Monday, June 18
 7:00am Andrew F. LeFeure †
Tuesday, June 19 *Saint Romuald, Abbot*
 7:00am For the intentions of Zamir Rowe-Jackson
Wednesday, June 20
 7:00am For the intentions of Louise Boone
Thursday, June 21 *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*
 7:00am Martin Paczynski †
Friday, June 22 *Saint Thomas More, Martyr*
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
Saturday, June 23
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Russell Colbert, Jr. †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16 Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29 Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14 Matthew 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Matthew 6:24-34

Music Schedule	
Processional	
* Come, You Thankful People, Come	LMGM #481
** We've Come This Far by Faith	LMGM #548
Responsorial Psalm	
Lord it is good to give thanks to you.	Psalm 92
Offertory	
Great is thy faithfulness	LMGM #492
Communion	
Sweet, Sweet Spirit	LMGM #327
Post Communion	
** I Will Sing, Hallelujah	New Jersey Mass Choir
Recessional	
Go Ye Therefore	LMGM #322
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, <i>Cantor</i> —George Stewart, <i>Music Director</i>	
** 11:00am <i>Church Choir</i> —George Stewart, <i>Music Director</i>	

Mass Attendance for June 10, 2018	
4:30pm	59
8:00am	128
11:00am	240
7:00pm	118
Total:	545

Stewardship Report 2017—2018	
Actual Tithes Collected (6/10)	\$15,543

WHY FAITH DIRECT? Your regular donations to our parish literally help keep the doors open. Not only does your contribution help pay for all the different aspects of celebrating Mass throughout the Church Year, as well as the charitable programs we actively participate in, but also the sizeable maintenance and utility expenses for both the sanctuary and the rectory, where numerous meetings are held by our various ministries. By using **FAITH DIRECT** for your monthly (or bi-weekly) contribution to the parish you help guarantee that all of our financial obligations will be met. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hccschurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH	
Sunday (6/17) 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (6/19) 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (6/18) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (6/20) 7:00pm Bible Study

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

Father's Day Prayer

Thank you Lord for sending me a husband, father, step-father, uncle, grandfather, who is righteous, who sees your loving hand in everything. A man who's filled with passion and with purpose. Whose faith stays strong whatever life may bring. A man who keeps his promises sincerely, a man who shows he knows his family's worth. I thank you Lord, for sending me a man who makes our life a heaven here on earth. For everything you are to us, for everything you do, we love you.

Have a Blessed Father's Day!!



JUBILARIAN COUPLES HONORED: Russell & Barbara Colbert (65 yrs); James & Dorothy Young (56 yrs); Alphonso & Joan Hearn (55 yrs); Alphonso & Terry LaFavors (50 yrs); Cyprian & Susan Jenifer (45 yrs); Bruce & Maureen Normann (35 yrs); and Gershon & Kimberly Peaks (30 yrs) will receive recognition from Cardinal Donald Wuerl **Sun., June 17th** at the archdiocesan-wide **Jubilarian Mass Celebration for Married Couples** at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass begins at **2pm**.



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH "How Firm A Foundation"

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018 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. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org with your pictures.



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., June 23rd**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be brought to the rectory by 4pm on Fri., June 22nd. Questions? Contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman (katy.kuhlman@gmail.com or 615-337-2193). Through your charitable contributions of cooked chicken to create a well-rounded meal, **HCSC volunteers fed 270 individuals** for Lunch on Sat., May 26th.

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!**



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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YOUTH YEAR-END TRIP to Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole, Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, VA, **Sun., June 24th**. **COST: \$11 per person.** See flyer in rear of church.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER:

This weekend is the deadline for returning your donation to help purchase an ultrasound machine for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center. If you'd still like to contribute make your check payable to Knights of Columbus. For cash contributions, ask an usher for an envelope and write KOC on it.

SAVE THE DATE—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Annual Family Vacation Bible School will meet Wednesdays in August (1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) from 6:30—8:15PM. A light meal will be served. More details to follow.



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort of several Catholic parishes (including our own HCSC parish) in Washington, DC, formed in response to the opening of a new Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. **We invite you to join us as a walker, cooker, or prayer for our next witness day on Sat., 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We will begin at Holy Name Church, at 920—11th St., NE, at 10:30 a.m. Please invite others to join you!



To all those who assisted with the **WIN** action last week and the parishioners who attended. A **Special Thank You** to Msgr. Pope, Felicia Miller, Gershon Peaks, Bruce Norman and Robert Person.

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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.

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