

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37



In today's readings a proper understanding of the Law and its relationship to our hearts is taught. First, we are taught of the **PROMISE** of the Law when Moses tells us God is giving us the Law so that we can enter the Land and take possession of it. In other words, the Law unlocks many blessings and promises for us. There is also the **PRECISION** of the Law for Moses teaches that we shall not add or subtract from what God gives. Blessings can only really come if we wholeheartedly embrace God's way. For example, if you told me how to get to your house but I only obeyed every other turn, I will most likely not get there. Next, we are taught the **PORTRAYAL** of the Law which is done by our very living of the Law. In so doing we give evidence of the very wisdom the Law itself gives. Next, we are warned by Jesus of the **PRIORITY** of God's law for he warns that we too often substitute human traditions and teachings for God's Law. No, says Jesus, every human thought and law must be subordinate to God's Law which always has priority. Finally, the Lord teaches on the **PLACE** of the Law which must be in our hearts. It is not enough for the Law to be in our intellect. For the heart is the deeper part of us wherein we deliberate, ponder the meaning of things, discern and ultimately choose. Further, the heart describes that part of us which is most truly our very self. And when the Law reaches our heart we keep it not because we have to, but because we want to.

Music Schedule

Processional I Just Came to Praise the Lord	LMGM #675
Responsorial Psalm The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.	
Offertory * Trust and Obey	LMGM #565
** Music Ministry of Kathy & Terrence Richburg	
Communion Hymn * Sweet, Sweet Spirit	LMGM #327
Post Communion ** Music Ministry of Kathy & Terrence Richburg	
Recessional ** Music Ministry of Kathy & Terrence Richburg	
* Mary Johnson, Cantor – Vince Evans, Accompanist ** Music Ministry of Kathy & Terrence Richburg	

Our guest music ministry are **Kathy and Terrence Richburg**. Terrence is CEO/Owner of RichEscape Music, and is a producer, songwriter, author, multi-instrument musician and recording artist of contemporary and jazz gospel. Kathy is a vocalist and Women's Choir Director at Woodstream Church in Mitchellville, MD, and she sings regularly with our HCSC choir.

Mass Attendance for August 26, 2018

4:30pm	54
8:00am	89
11:00am	200
7:00pm	142
Total:	485

Stewardship Report: August 5—31, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Aug. 5—31, 2018	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: Aug. 5—31, 2018	\$68,493
Percentage of Budgeted Goal: Aug. 5—31, 2018	109%

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

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 2	
8:00am	Theresa Clark-James (birthday)
11:00am	Deceased McPherson Family Members
7:00pm	For the intentions of Ruby Roberts
Monday, September 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church</i>	
7:00am	Henry Leon Fulford †
Tuesday, September 4	
7:00am	Savannah Blu Holton (birthday)
Wednesday, September 5 <i>Saint Teresa of Calu</i>	
7:00am	Fr. John Himes, M.M. †
Thursday, September 6	
7:00am	Howard Joseph Judd †
Friday, September 7	
7:00am	For the intentions of Felicia Miller
Saturday, September 8 <i>Nativity of the Blessed</i>	
8:00am	For the People
4:30pm	For the intentions of Ruby Roberts

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/2) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/5) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/3) 8:00am Mass RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (9/8) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:00am Baptism Class
Tuesday (9/4) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 2:10-16	Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Luke 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 3:18-23	Luke 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Luke 5:33-39
Saturday:	Romans 8:28-30	Luke 6:1-5

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 **Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 3rd**. The office will re-open on Tues., Sept. 4th.



On behalf of the family of **FANNIE BAILEY**, **THANK YOU** to her Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian parish family for all your love and support over the years and especially during her extended illness. We are also grateful for the exceptional coordination of her funeral Mass at the church.



The altar flowers for this weekend were donated by **JAMES and DOROTHY YOUNG** in celebration of their **56th wedding anniversary**. If you would like to commemorate a milestone in your life consider sponsoring flowers for the altar. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

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., Sept. 8th at 10am** in the rectory basement.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Classes begin **Sun., Sept. 9th at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends who might benefit. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.

THE WORD AMONG US: The **September** issue is available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$2** each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

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 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.

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The first day of school for Pre-K through 12th grade is **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.

Youth Ministry News

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

HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES NEED YOU! Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Liturgical Dancers or Youth Ushers**. We'd love to have you join us, so contact the Youth Ministry Director.

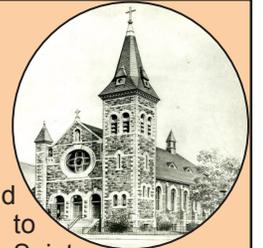
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.



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. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **Sat., Sept. 15th** in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. If you can help with set-up, games, serving or to donate food, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699). Free for all! See flyer for more info. Souvenir T-shirts commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Parish on sale after mass.

Join us as we celebrate our patron Saint Cyprian Feast Day on **Sun., Sept. 16th**. We will have one Mass in the morning at 10am. Masses at 4:30pm on Saturday and 7PM on Sunday will still be held. We are commemorating the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Saint Cyprian parish in 1893. All are welcome.



25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Deacon Ralph Cyrus will be celebrated on **Sun., Sept. 16th at the 10AM Mass**. Due to Deacon Cyrus' health issues, we were unable to commemorate his anniversary last year, so it was rescheduled. If you would like to give a gift or blessing to Deacon Cyrus, please see letter in bulletin.

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:**