

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 53:10-11      Hebrews 4:14-16      Mark 10:35-45



The Gospel today invites us to wrestle with a fundamental, essential, and focal question, "How much do you really want heaven?" The Gospel opens with a **Problematic Pondering**. A man asks Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Now, his question is a good one, but it is problematic, because he couches it in terms of his own personal power and achievement. For, he wonders what he, himself, must do to attain eternal life. The problem is, none of us have the holiness or the spiritual wealth or power to attain heaven based merely on what we do. The kind of righteousness we need can come only from God. His question leads to Jesus engaging in a kind of **Preliminary Prescription**, wherein he quotes the Commandments and draws out the flawed premise of the man, setting him up for what comes next. And the man takes the bait, for next we see his **Perceived Perfection** as he announces he has followed the Commandments. For, having heard Jesus quote the second table of the Law, he announces that he has observed all of these from his youth! He must have had a fairly minimalist and perfunctory observance of the law for Jesus observes in the Sermon on the Mount that righteousness involves a fulfilling of the law, not merely a perfunctory observance of it. Thus, it is not enough not to commit adultery, we must banish lust from our minds. It is not enough not to steal, we must act with justice toward the poor, etc. Jesus goes on to discuss the rather **Pricey Prescription** for the kingdom of heaven. What does heaven cost? The answer is, everything! What does it mean to go to heaven, except to forsake and leave behind everything of this world. Even the apostles, who had left everything to follow Jesus, were astonished by this teaching, and cried out "Then who can be saved?!" And this leads finally in this gospel to the **Powerful Possibility** proclaimed by the Lord, "For man it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Thus, in the end, salvation must be God's work. He alone can take these tortured hearts of ours, so rooted in passing things, and make them willing to forsake all things for the kingdom of heaven.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, October 14**  
 8:00am For those suffering through natural disasters  
 11:00am Curtis & Carole Wise (60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
 7:00pm Martin Paczynski †

**Monday, October 15**  
 7:00am Beatrice C. Hall †

**Tuesday, October 16**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

**Wednesday, October 17**  
 7:00am Mary G. Barnes Hood †

**Thursday, October 18**  
 7:00am Steven Stafford (birthday)

**Friday, October 19**  
 7:00am Shirley Austin (birthday)

**Saturday, October 20**  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Helen P. Johnson †

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-27, 5:1      Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6      Luke 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25      Luke 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17      Luke 10:1-9  
**Friday:** Ephesians 1:11-14      Luke 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Ephesians 1:15-23      Luke 12:8-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* Holy God, We Praise Thy Name      LMGM #465  
 \*\* A Follower of Christ      LMGM #628

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.      Psalm 90

**Offertory**  
 \* I Have Decided to Follow Jesus      LMGM #613  
 \*\* When Jesus says, Yes      Michelle Williams

**Communion Hymn**  
 \* Here I Am, Lord      LMGM #643  
 \*\* I Have Decided to Follow Jesus      LMGM #613

**Post Communion**  
 \*\*\* Dance Ministry

**Recessional**  
 \*\* A Follower of Christ      LMGM #628

\* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* Youth Choir—L'Tanya Holley Director, George Stewart, Accompanist  
 \*\*\* HCSC Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance October 7, 2018**

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| 4:30pm        | 52         |
| 8:00am        | 121        |
| 11:00am       | 210        |
| 7:00pm        | 128        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>511</b> |

**Stewardship Report: October 1—7, 2018**

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| Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 1—7, 2018         | \$15,769 |
| Actual Tithes Received: Sept. 1—7, 2018 | \$14,694 |



**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](http://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**

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| <b>Sunday (10/14)</b><br>9:30am Holy Name Society mtg<br>9:30am RCIA<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>8:00pm AA | <b>Wednesday (10/17)</b><br>11:00am Friendly Seniors<br>6:30pm Liturgical Dance<br>7:00pm Bible Study |
| <b>Monday (10/15)</b><br>7:00pm Adult Choir<br>8:00pm YAM Bible Study                                     | <b>Thursday (10/18)</b><br>7:00pm Music Ministry rehearsal  |
| <b>Tuesday (10/16)</b><br>6:30pm Youth Choir<br>7:00pm Adult Choir  | <b>Friday (10/19)</b><br>6:00pm Healing Holy Hour   |
|   | <b>Saturday (10/20)</b><br>9:00am Woman's Ministry<br>1:00pm Baptism Class                            |

**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.*

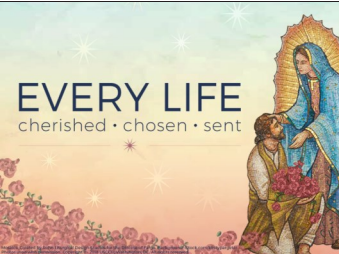
PARISH LIFE

**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEK:** Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the **11AM** Mass. We invite our youth and family to come and sit together at Mass.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious, non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, peanut butter**) to Mass for our food pantry. Give your items to ushers. You can also donate money by putting it in the Poor Box on the wall near doors.



**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. Join HCSC for **Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration in the sanctuary on Fridays through Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.**



**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the U.S. as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every

point in between. Our parish is part of the **Proverbs 24 Community** which was formed in response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community. **Join us for our next scheduled 'witness' event on Sat., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am–12:30pm** at Holy Name Church. Please prayerfully consider participating in one of three ways: by quietly praying with others in front of the facility; by praying in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament; or by helping to prepare a fellowship lunch to conclude the event. Sign up at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). Questions? Contact [P24community@gmail.com](mailto:P24community@gmail.com) or Kim Peaks at (202) 546-1885 or [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org).



**GUEST MUSIC MINISTRY NEXT WEEK:** The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SLVR) will grace us with their music ministry next week, **Sun., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**, at our **8AM and 11AM Masses.**

This missionary congregation was founded on March 19, 1988, in San Rafael, Argentina, by Fr. Carlos Miguel Buela, IVE. Currently, there are SLVR missions in over 30 countries around the world and several monastic communities. **The Servants** recently recorded a CD right here in the HCSC sanctuary. Copies are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$15.**



**HCSC CHOIR'S 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4PM.** Theme: **"The Spirit of an Awesome God."** Tickets are **\$20 each** and can be purchased three ways: either online at [hcsc46thanniversary.eventbrite.com](http://hcsc46thanniversary.eventbrite.com); or from any choir member; or in the rectory office. To place an ad in the program see flyer in the rear of the church.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcscchurch.org)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Bowtie Brunch for Boys" on **Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from **11AM—3PM** in Margot Hall. The school is located at 3400—12<sup>th</sup> St. NE. For more information about tickets and registration for this event please contact Sylvia Hall (202-213-9841) or the HCSC Youth Director.

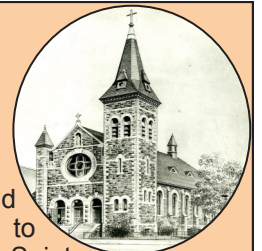
**TRIP TO "JESUS":** Join the HCSC Religious Education Ministry on a trip to the **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, Thurs., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** to see the biblical production of "Jesus". **\$25 deposit due Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. COST: Adults 13 and above—\$125; Children 4 to 12—\$75**, includes transportation, snacks, a meal, and the play. See flyers in the rear of the church and on our website.

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.



**CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885).

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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](http://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)
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