

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Readings Next Weekend:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34



The Gospel today speaks of our struggle to see. Now, the danger for us is that we think of this Gospel only in terms of a man who was physically blind 2000 years ago in a city called Jericho. If that is all we "see," then our own blindness needs attention. Actually, we are the blind man. To a large degree we fail to see and understand our own sin, and we struggle to see God. Until we perceive our problem, our blindness will go largely uncured. First, note the **proclamation that is prescribed**. The story opens with the blind man seated by the roadside begging. The blind man hears of Jesus and begins to call on him. And this is the proclamation that is prescribed: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Next, note the **perseverance that produces**. As the blind man calls out he is rebuked and scorned by many, but he is not discouraged and continues to call out all the louder for Jesus. After an extended period of calling Jesus stops and calls out. His perseverance pays off. Next, note the **priority that is presented**. The text says that he threw aside his cloak and went to Jesus. Now, his cloak was probably one of the most valuable things that this man owned. But in order to go to Christ he willingly leaves everything else behind. And this is sometimes required of us. Next, note the **permission that is procured**. Jesus asked the blind man a strange question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Is it not obvious to Jesus what the man needs? Yes, but note that God respects his dignity and asks him anyway. For it is a true fact that it takes guts to be healed. Many people in life want relief, rather than healing. Finally, note the **path that is pursued**. Upon receiving his sight, the text informs us that the man followed the Lord on the way. His life has been changed and he can no longer go on sitting by the roadside. Now he must follow the path that leads to life.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 28
 8:00am William M. Johnson †
 11:00am For the intentions of Dwayne Holton
 7:00pm Donald Greenfield †
Monday, October 29
 7:00am Gloria Downing †
Tuesday, October 30
 7:00am Vinetta L. Johnson †
Wednesday, October 31
 7:00am Steve Rogers
Thursday, November 1
 7:00am Charlene Thomas †
 10:00am For the People
 7:00pm Robert Brooks †
Friday, November 2
 7:00am All Souls
Saturday, November 3
 8:00am Corey Crump †
 4:30pm Gary K. Johnson †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9 Luke 6:12-16
Thursday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
Friday: Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40
Saturday: Phil 1:18-26 Luke 14:1, 7-11

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Alleluia! Sing to Jesus LMGM #752
 * * Glad to Be In God's Service

Responsorial Psalm
 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Offertory
 * I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me LMGM #498
 * * Ain't That Good News Wilmington Chester Mass Choir

Communion Hymn
 * Come to the Feast LMGM #684
 * * Heal Our Land Oscar Williams

Recessional
 * * I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me LMGM #498

Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance October 21, 2018

4:30pm	49
8:00am	112
11:00am	231
7:00pm	115
Total:	507

Stewardship Report: October 1—21, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 1—21, 2018	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: Oct. 1—21, 2018	\$51,064

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 (10/28) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 4:00pm Church Choir Concert 8:00pm AA	Thursday (11/1) 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Monday (10/29) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (11/2) 6:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday (10/31) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study	Saturday (11/3) 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

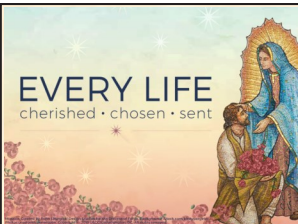


FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is **NOVEMBER 1st**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which Catholics should attend Mass. While the Church acknowledges many saints by name, there are countless others known to God who are with him in glory and make up the "Cloud of Witnesses" who surround us (*cf* Heb 12:1). It is these saints in particular who are celebrated on All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at HCSC at **7am in the chapel, and 10am and 7pm in the church**. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS: NOVEMBER 2nd is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and friends who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, **Fri., Nov. 2nd**, to pray for all souls awaiting the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Mass is held in cemetery chapels of: Gate of Heaven (9AM); Mt. Olivet (9:30AM); and Resurrection (9AM). Visit www.ccaw.org or call cemetery management.



NEW **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** will be held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. On **Nov. 2nd** the prayer devotion will be hosted by both the **Holy Name Society** and **WIN**. All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH: 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. This week, we focus on **Abortion** (*see enclosed flyer*). God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of the parents. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the men and women involved. Visit the USCCB website for resources at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/index.cfm>. Additional topics are featured in the flyers in the rear of the church. Please educate yourself on why our faith believes that Every Life is cherished, chosen and sent by God. Pick up a flyer, or two, and learn more.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated every other day for the *Poor Souls*. To include your relatives and friends, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for one) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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BOWTIE BRUNCH FOR BOYS (grades K-12): In celebration of developing strong young men through fellowship with Fathers and Male Mentors, St. Anthony Catholic School hosts its 5th Annual "Bowtie Brunch for Boys" on **Sat., Nov. 3rd**, from **11AM—3PM** in Margot Hall (3400—12th St. NE). For information about tickets and registration for this event please contact Sylvia Hall (202-213-9841) or the HCSC Youth 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 studying the **Book of Job**. Come and meet other young adults!

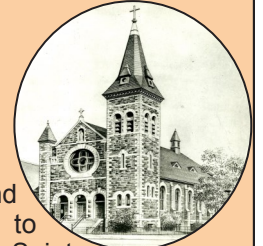


REMINDER: **Sunday, November 4th** **Daylight Saving Time will end.** So, remember to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.



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!*

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To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.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
- Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://www.getty.com)
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