

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

**Readings Next Weekend:**

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



The first reading from First Kings speaks to us of the paradox of poverty. The paradox is that often our poverty, our neediness provides a doorway for God to bless us with true riches. It is our emptiness that provides room for God to work. The first reading opens with a **Desire Portrayed**. The prophet Elijah encounters a widow in the city of Zarepath, which means "refining fire." Both of them are hungry due to a famine in the land. But Elijah, as God's prophet, speaks not only for himself, but for God when he asks this very poor woman to share her meager food with him. For, truth be told, God has a desire, a hunger for us. The woman too as many desires, but her desire needs to be purified in this place called "refining fire." Notice next, the **Destitution of Poverty**. The woman articulates her poverty, that she has only a small amount of food for herself and her child, that starvation is near at hand. We may wonder why God allows poverty. The quick answer is because there is such a grave risk in riches. In riches we trust in ourselves, in poverty we can only trust God. And it is only by trusting faith that we can ever be saved. So, next notice the **Demand that is Prescribed**. God's prophet, Elijah, summons her to trusting faith. He tells her not to be afraid to share, and in effect, teaches her the Lord will not be outdone in generosity. At a merely human level, Elijah's request may seem almost cruel. But from a spiritual perspective, Elijah is summoning her to the faith that can truly save her. We too must come to realize that merely looking to our own self-interest will only feed us for one day. Only in openness to God and to others can we procure a super-abundant food, that will draw us to life eternal. Finally, note the **Deliverance Produced**. Having little to lose, she trusts in God's word through Elijah and shares her food. And sure enough God is not outdone in generosity. From that day forward her jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry. If we learn to trust God, we come to discover that God never fails.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 11** *Veteran's Day*  
 8:00am Clarence Campbell †  
 11:00am Moore, Jackson and Pye family members †  
 7:00pm For the People  
**Monday, November 12** *Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr*  
 8:00am All Souls  
**Tuesday, November 13** *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
 7:00am Mable Campbell †  
**Wednesday, November 14**  
 7:00am Dorothy T. Walker †  
**Thursday, November 15** *St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Dr. of the Church*  
 7:00am All Souls  
**Friday, November 16** *Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*  
 7:00am Annie L. Barnes  
**Saturday, November 17** *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
 8:00am All Souls  
 4:30pm William S. Rozier, Jr. †

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Titus 1:1-9 Luke 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Luke 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Titus 3:1-7 Luke 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Philemon 7-20 Luke 17:20-25  
**Friday:** 2 John 4-9 Luke 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** 3 John 5-8 Luke 18:1-8

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMG #465  
 \*\* We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise LMG #449  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Praise the Lord, my soul! Psalm 146  
**Offertory**  
 \* Praise Him! LMG #446  
 \*\* He Reigns Kirk Franklin  
**Communion Hymn**  
 Blest Are They LMG #602  
**Post Communion**  
 Tomorrow Winans  
**Recessional**  
 \*\* Praise Him, All Ye Little Children LMG #436  
 \* Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley, Director - George Stewart, Accompanist  
 HCSC Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance November 4, 2018**

4:30pm	49
8:00am	151
11:00am	185
7:00pm	129
<b>Total:</b>	<b>514</b>

**Stewardship Report: November 1—9, 2018**

Budgeted Tithes: Nov. 1—9, 2018	\$15,769
Actual Tithes Received: Nov. 1—9, 2018	\$12,428



**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**

**Sunday (11/11)** 9:30am Holy Name Society mtg  
 9:30am RCIA  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 8:00pm AA  
**Monday (11/12)** 8:00am Mass  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study  
**Tuesday (11/13)** 7:00pm Adult Choir  
**Wednesday (11/14)** 11:00am Friendly Seniors  
 7:00pm Bible Study  
**Friday (11/16)** 6:00pm Holy Hour  
**Saturday (11/17)** 9:00am Women's Ministry mtg

**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



In observance of **Veterans Day**, the **Rectory Office** will be **closed Mon., Nov., 12<sup>th</sup>**. We ask blessings on those who serve our country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for veterans wounded in body and soul. We pray especially for the men and women in active combat coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. We pray for them when they cannot pray. Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives. Give us creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being beyond war. Through Christ our Lord.

**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEK:** We invite all youth to attend the 11AM Mass and sit in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with your child.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** On the second Sunday, we invite you to bring nutritious, non-perishable, high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass for our church pantry. If you were not able to bring canned food this weekend, consider making a donation to one of the Poor Boxes located at each exit as these funds are for the same effort.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**LAST CALL for trip to "JESUS" play!** Limited seats still available for the trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, for the biblical production of "*Jesus*" on **Thurs., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>**. **Cost: adults (13 and above) \$125; children (4 to 12) \$75**, includes transportation, snacks, a full meal, and the play. Flyers in the rear of church and on website. Contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

**THE WAY OF SAINT JAMES:** Come hear our own **Stephen Mariano** discuss his *El Camino de Santiago* (the Way of Saint James) pilgrimage, **Tues., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30—8PM** at the **REI Store, 201 M St., NE**. All are welcome. The Camino de Santiago pilgrimage leads to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great where tradition has it the remains of the saint are buried. Many follow the El Camino routes through northwestern Spain as a spiritual path or retreat for spiritual growth. To attend, register at: [www.rei.com/events/89672/walking-el-camino-with-stephen-mariano](http://www.rei.com/events/89672/walking-el-camino-with-stephen-mariano).

**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 Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto: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. 18<sup>th</sup>** in the rectory basement. This meeting will be brief so we can find out who is interested in participating in the pageant.

**NORTH EAST REGION TEENS (N.E.R.T.)**—invites all teens to "Bubble Soccer Night" on **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7—9pm** at the Holy Name Annex (1125 Neal Street, NE). **N.E.R.T.** is a regional Catholic youth group based out of Holy Name Catholic Church that meets one Friday evening a month. For more details or to RSVP, contact Nicki Gebrehwot.

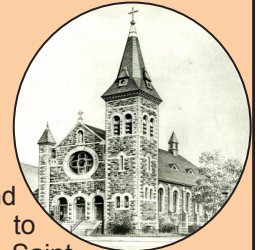
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**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 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@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885).

**BULLETIN SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING:** As always, the Thanksgiving holiday generates special scheduling from our bulletin publisher. Any information you'd like to appear in the **November 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin** must be information no later than noon on Wed., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

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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: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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](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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