

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 62:1-5      1Corinthians 12:4-11      John 2:1-11

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Neh 8:2-10      1 Cor 12:12-30      Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



The Gospel today presents us with some Biblical Basics on Mother Mary. Note first the **Prayer** that Mary made. It was Mary who noticed that the couple at the wedding had no wine. We may wonder why Jesus didn't notice. Perhaps he did, but often God waits for us to ask even when He already knows our need. The Book of James says, You have not because you ask not (James 4:2). Thus Mother Mary not only notices, but she prays, she beseeches the Lord. So, don't forget to pray. Too often do we postpone prayer and travel a lot of needless miles. Ask! Next, notice the **Portrait** of Mother Mary. In the first place she is given a **Title** by Jesus who calls her "Woman," a strange thing for a son to call his mother. But Jesus is here harkening back to Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Thus Jesus is portraying her as the woman and himself as the one who would destroy Satan's power. Note too Mary's **Tenacity**. For at one level Jesus seems to be unwilling to grant her request, wondering what the lack of wine has to do with him. But Mary is not overcome so easily and she stays in the conversation. We don't know exactly what happened, perhaps she gave Jesus a look only a mother can give. But the next thing we see is that Jesus is making 60 gallons of the wine. So Mary is tenacious. And she is also **Trusting**, for she does not need to know the details, she only says to the waiter, "Do whatever he tells you." Finally, notice the **Power** of Mary. We have already seen the vast amount of wine Jesus makes. But the text also tells that on account of this miracles many became Jesus followers that day. And herein lies Mary's greatest role, to draw others to her Son.

**FUNERAL: Elza and Sylvia Moraes (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, January 20**  
 8:00am Gerald Craig Lambdin, Jr. †  
 11:00am Norville Lacey †  
 7:00pm Ellis Poole † (birthday-Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>)  
**Monday, January 21** *Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*  
 7:00am For those affected by Federal gov't shutdown  
**Tuesday, January 22** *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*  
 7:00am Gary Johnson †  
**Wednesday, January 23** *Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*  
 7:00am June Holton-Johnson (birthday)  
**Thursday, January 24** *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop*  
 7:00am For intentions of Sr. Mary Living Tabernacle  
**Friday, January 25** *Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*  
 7:00am For the People  
**Saturday, January 26** *St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*  
 8:00am Elza and Sylvia Moraes †  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Hebrews 5:1-10      Mark 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Hebrews 6:10-20      Mark 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17      Mark 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hebrews 7:25—8:6      Mark 3:7-12  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-22      Mark 16:15-18  
**Saturday:** 2 Tim 1:1-8      Mark 3:20-21

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 Lift Every Voice and Sing      LMGM #649  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.      Psalm 96  
**Offertory**  
 We Shall Overcome      LMGM #652  
**Communion**  
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand      LMGM #780  
**Post Communion**  
 \* If I Can Help Somebody  
 \*\* All is Well      Michael Dotson  
**Recessional**  
 Heal Our Land      Oscar Williams  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robinson, Cantor—Dr. Olivia Needham, Accompanist  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance  
 January 13, 2019 (Snow)**

4:30pm      48  
 8:00am      41  
 11:00am      35  
 7:00pm      78  
**Total:      202**

**Stewardship Report: January 1—18, 2019**

Budgeted Tithes: Jan. 1—18, 2019	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received: Jan. 1—18, 2019	\$27,162

**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**

<b>Sunday (1/20)</b> 9:30am Ladies of Charity 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (1/23)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (1/21)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (1/25)</b> 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Tuesday (1/22)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (1/26)</b> 9:30am Virtus Training 10:00am S.O.M.E. 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**

**RECTORY CLOSED**

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** the rectory office is closed in observance of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH**

*“How Firm A Foundation”*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH MASS & LUNCHEON on Sun., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> — ONE Mass at 10:00AM** followed by a parish-wide luncheon with Dr. John McGreevy, author of Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter with Race in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Urban North. See flyer in your bulletin for more details.

**SUBMIT YOUR ST. CYPRIAN PHOTOS!!** We continue to invite you to submit photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966 for our display case in the HCSC vestibule and throughout the church. All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. See the featured brochure in vestibule for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort formed of several Catholic parishes (*including our own HC-SC parish*) in Washington, D.C. in response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. We invite you to join us in our prayer and witness for life. You can serve in one of three ways: **Witness:** *walk, pray, and give quiet witness outside the facility*; **Pray:** *in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament while others are outside*; **Cook:** *help prepare a meal for all participants to share afterwards*. Our next event is **Sat., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name Church, 920—11<sup>th</sup> St., NE**. Please prayerfully consider joining us. You can also send questions to [P24community@gmail.com](mailto:P24community@gmail.com). See flyer.

**HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be prepared only upon request and available beginning **Mon., Feb. 4, 2019**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations.

**FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS** for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2018 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org)

**HCSC YOUTH RETREAT: March 16-17, 2019** at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for registration details.

**VIRTUS TRAINING** is the mandatory child protection training for all Archdiocese of Washington employees and parish volunteers who have substantial contact with children. The next training will be held here at HCSC, **Sat., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the rectory basement. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin, HCSC Religious Education Minister (202-546-1885).

**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!



**LOST AND FOUND** There have been a number of items left in the church—hats, scarfs, belts, keys of all kinds, umbrellas, eyeglasses and eyeglass cases. All sorts of personal belongings have been discovered and are available for retrieval in the vestibule. Please take a moment after Mass to see if something you've misplaced found it's way into our collection.

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**. Last month HCSC volunteers fed 356 people. Questions? Contact Katy Kuhlman ([katy.kuhlman@gmail.com](mailto:katy.kuhlman@gmail.com) or 615-337-2193).



**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH MLK, JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST: Mon., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9AM** in Panorama Room (1600 Morris Rd., SE). Theme: *“Revitalize, Rejuvenate...Reload the Dream”*. **Keynote:** Rev. Dr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R. **Donation:** \$35 (youth under 12—\$15). Contact: Amanda 301-204-3482 or Jenifer 301-661-4472. Cash only tickets (no checks) sold at door.

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**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday - 7AM (Chapel)  
Saturday 8AM (Chapel), 4:30PM (Vigil); Sunday 8AM, 11AM & 7PM

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues & Fri, 9AM—8PM;  
Wed & Thurs, 9AM—5PM; Sat 9AM—1PM; & Sun 9AM—2PM.  
For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- **NEW** Pastor's Media Links: [MSGRPOPE.com](http://MSGRPOPE.com)
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myParishapp)
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