

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 32:7-11-14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13



Today's Gospel contains one of the most memorable parables of all, the Prodigal Son. Since it is so familiar we can sometimes tune out as it is read. But notice how it begins: "A man had two sons...." In other words, God has many children of a different sort. Some of us are outwardly rebellious like the younger son. Some of us are outwardly obedient but inwardly distant from the Father and can have many secret resentments. And there are any number or other combinations. But the fact is that we all have our "issues." Notice how the father loves them both. One of the most shocking aspects of this parable is the way the father lowers himself to care for his sons. Both these sons treat their father with contempt and speak to him in a way that no ancient father need ever tolerate. But the father runs to embrace his rebellious son. Ancient noblemen never ran since it was a sign of being on an errand for someone or of being in flight. Further, to run meant a man had to bare his legs. This was considered a disgraceful thing for a nobleman. But this father throws aside all "dignity" and runs to his returning son. To the older son who denounces him, the father pleads with him to come into the banquet and greet his brother. No ancient father would ever plead with a son, he simply commanded. But the father (Jesus' Father) lowers himself and pleads with his son. An amazing detail of the Father's patience and love. The story is left unfinished. We do not know if the older son entered the feast or not. You and I are that son, and we have to finish the story for ourselves. Will we enter the feast of heaven on its own terms, or will we stand outside, resentful that the Father doesn't think like we do? You decide.

FUNERAL: Reginald Antonio Blanchard (Sept. 10)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, September 15** *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:00am Catherine E. Graham †
7:00pm Jeffrey Link †
- Monday, September 16** *Saint Cyrian, Bishop, Martyr*
7:00am Shawntee L. Rowe †
- Tuesday, September 17** *Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop*
7:00am James A. Hill †
- Wednesday, September 18**
7:00am Rogers Family
- Thursday, September 19** *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*
7:00am Larry Elgin †
- Friday, September 20** *Sts Taegon, Priest & Ha-sang, Martyrs*
7:00am For the intentions of victims of natural disasters
- Saturday, September 21** *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*
8:00am Phillis Cook †
4:30pm For the People

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

Music Schedule

- Processional**
Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving LMGM #490
- Responsorial Psalm**
I will rise and go to my father Psalm 51
- Offertory**
O Give Thanks Jeffrey Lavalley
- Communion**
The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power LMGM #383
- Post Communion**
We Are Surrounded Gilbert Martin
- Recessional**
He's Done So Much for Me LMGM #507

H CSC Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance for September 8, 2019

4:30pm	48
8:00am	151
11:00am	205
7:00pm	113
Total:	517

Stewardship Report—September 1-13, 2019

Budgeted Tithes for Sept. 1-13	\$31,538
Tithes Received through Sept. 1-13	\$31,755

ELECTRONIC TITHING AT HCSC: WHY FAITH DIRECT? Your regular donations to our parish literally help keep the doors open. Not only does your contribution help pay for all the different aspects of celebrating Mass throughout the Church Year, as well as the charitable programs we actively participate in, but also the sizeable maintenance and utility expenses for both the sanctuary and the rectory, where numerous meetings are held by our various ministries. By using FAITH DIRECT for your monthly (or bi-weekly) contribution to the parish you help guarantee that all of our financial obligations will be met. It's FREE and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code DC59 or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hcschurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday (9/15)** **Wednesday (9/18)**
8:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study
- Monday (9/16)** **Friday (9/20)**
7:00pm YAM Bible Study 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00pm Adult Choir
- Tuesday (9/17)**
6:30pm Youth Choir
7:00pm Adult Choir

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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.

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PARISH LIFE



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019—20 for Pre-K through 12th grade will begin **Sun., Sept. 22nd** at **9:30AM** at the school. **Registration has begun** and registration forms are available in the rear of the church and online at our website (hcschurch.org). Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments. Parents are invited to participate also. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at 202-546-1885 ext. 26 or mre@hcschurch.org.



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

Enroll in Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes beginning **Sept. 22nd** and held **Sundays at 9:30AM in the school**. Classes provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although RCIA classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming Catholic, they offer an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving a sacrament, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. Classes also open to adult Catholics looking to enrich their faith. Registration forms in the rear of the church. Questions? Call 202-546-1885 or rciahcsc@gmail.com.



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort formed of several Catholic parishes (*including our own HCSC parish*) in Washington, D.C. in response to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. We invite you to join us

in our prayer and witness for life event on **Sat., Sept. 21st**, from **10:30AM—12:30PM** at **Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church**. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Questions? Visit p24community.weebly.com or email: p24community@gmail.com. See flyers in the rear of the church.

LECTORS WORKSHOP: There will be a Lector Workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Office of Worship, **Sat., Oct. 19th** here at **HCSC, 9AM—12PM**. A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the door. Please RSVP by contacting the ADW Office of Worship at: liturgy@adw.org or 301-853-4594 and leave your name, phone, and email.



SODALITY INVITE: HCSC Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary will host a meeting for those interested in becoming a Sodalist, **Sat., Sept. 21**, from **10AM—12 noon**, in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome to learn more about the Sodality. Come join us. If you have any questions contact Charles Rodney on (301) 742-2518.



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

Youth Ministry News

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

SAVE THE DATE: The **ANNUAL EAST of the RIVER YOUTH RALLY** is **Sat., Oct. 5th**. Join other youth from local churches in a day of fun and fellowship. All HCSC youth and their parents/guardians are invited. Stay tuned for more details.

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!



RECRUITMENT DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. Local Council, St Cyprian #10008, will hold a membership drive at all masses, **Sept 21st and 22nd**. To join go to: KofC.org/joinus and enter our council (#10008) for local information. Or, contact the Council's Grand Knight, James Mazol, at: james.mazol@gmail.com.

MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: The Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council (#10008) invite all men to a FREE day of reflection, reconciliation, and prayer **Sat. Sept. 28th, 9AM—3PM** at the **Saint John Paul II Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd., NE**. Schedule includes: coffee/donuts; lecture by Fr. Okjaji; Mass; lunch; lecture and discussion; confession; and the rosary. Contact: Joe Gigliotti (202-258-0184) if you are interested in attending. An accurate headcount is needed.

47th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: HCSC Church Choir Annual Concert is **Sun., Oct. 27th**, at **4—6PM**. Theme: **"The Storm is Passing Over."** Tickets: **\$20 each**, go on sale **Sept. 15th** and can be purchased three ways: online at <https://hcschurch47thanniversary.eventbrite.com>; or from any choir member; or in the rectory office. If you wish to place an ad in the program see the flyer in rear of church. Choir members will be available this weekend after the 10AM mass with tickets.



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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: hcsstaff@hcschurch.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.

- **NEW** Pastor's Media Links: MSGROPOPE.com
- HCSC App: myParishapp.com
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