

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31



Today's Gospel presents the unfortunate fact that sinners are frequently clever and energetic about the sins they commit while disciples are often sleepy and poorly organized when it comes to being saintly. It is a strange Gospel wherein the Lord seems to praise sinners. But he does not praise their sin, only their enthusiasm and cleverness. Notice first the **DESCRIPTION** of the sinner. He is called a steward of a rich man. This is us. We are not owners of what we have so we do with it just as we please. God is the owner of all and we are but stewards who must manage what we have according to the will of the owner, God. Next, notice the **DISSIPATION** of the sinner. The text says he has squandered his master's things. This too we do, squandering our time, talent and treasure on things that matter little and do not increase, but rather deplete the Kingdom of God. Next, notice the **DEATH** of the sinner. He is called to judgment for what he has done and told, "You can no longer be my steward. Sin brings death and disinheritance. But notice the **DETERMINATION** of the sinner who carefully considers his plight and comes up with a plan to deal with it. And the Lord praises his craftiness and longs for disciples who were as ingenious in holiness as this man is ingenious in wickedness. Could the Lord praise your dedication to holiness, your craftiness in evading the devil?

FUNERAL: Phyllis Cook (Sept. 20)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 22 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Norma B. Jackson † (birthday-Sept. 20th)

11:00am Dr. Philip Lucas †

7:00pm Jeffrey Link †

Monday, September 23

7:00am For the intentions of victims of natural disasters

Tuesday, September 24

7:00am Rodgers Family

Wednesday, September 25

7:00am Esther Akers †

Thursday, September 26

7:00am Charlena Addison †

Friday, September 27

7:00am Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)

Saturday, September 28

8:00am Theresa Wilson †

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: Ezra 1:1-6 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9 Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 Luke 9:43-45

Music Schedule

Processional

Lift Every Voice and Sing" (all three verses) LMGM #649

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. Psalm 113

Offertory

* Blest Are They LMGM #602

** The Beatitudes Gail Murphy Jones

Communion

* Taste and See LMGM #750

** Taste and See Edwin Hawkins

Post Communion

My Help Jackie Gouche Farris

Recessional

* God Hears Me When I Pray LMGM #587

** Blest Are They LMGM #602

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** HCSC Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance - September 15, 2019

4:30pm	74
8:00am	27
10:00am	360
7:00pm	<u>112</u>
Total:	573

Stewardship Report—September 1-20, 2019

Budgeted Tithes for Sept. 1-20 \$47,307

Tithes Received through Sept. 1-20 \$54,822

ELECTRONIC TITHING: 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 our financial obligations are met. It's **FREE** and convenient! 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 (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/22)

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am RCIA

8:00pm AA

Monday (9/23)

7:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (9/24)

6:30pm Youth Choir

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday (9/25)

11:00am Friendly Seniors

7:00pm Bible Study

Friday (9/27)

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday (9/28)

10:00am Dance Ministry

11:00am Ark Travelers

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.

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PARISH LIFE

Thank you

To all the committee members and volunteers who worked on the **Saint Cyprian 125th Anniversary Luncheon**, and all the other events planned and completed, as well as memorabilia and photos donated by parishioners to keep our parish history thriving. All your hard work and dedication created heartfelt events over the last year. Thank you for helping us celebrate a legacy of faith.



CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Irwin and Venus Hefler who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **September 7th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

WELCOME: We are blessed to have three seminarians assigned to serve in our parish this year. They are: **Cesar Garcia** from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Diocese of Dallas (TX), **Greg Schettini** from Saint Thomas Aquinas, Diocese of Dallas (TX); and **Seth Michael Seaman** from Saint Joseph Parish, Diocese of Richmond (VA). The seminarians will assist with Sunday School and other catechetical efforts in the parish such as bible study. Please be sure to welcome them to our parish!



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019—20 for Pre-K through 12th grade meet **Sundays at 9:30AM at the school**. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church and online at hscchurch.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@hscchurch.org.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: You can still enroll in the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes that meet **Sundays at 9:30AM in the school**. RCIA provides adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith especially those who are considering becoming Catholic. It also offers an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving a sacrament, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. Registration forms in the rear of the church. Questions? Call 202-546-1885 or rciahsc@gmail.com.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): Our next event to serve meals is **Sat., Sept. 28th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately needed (see flyer in rear of church)**. Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4PM on Fri., Sept. 27th**. Contact Katy Kuhlman (615-337-2193, or katy.kuhlman@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.



HELP NEEDED FOR ADW HUMAN RESOURCES: The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) is hiring those with experience in accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and human resources to work in Parish offices throughout the Archdiocese. The work is interesting and the hours are flexible if needed. Email your resume to russl@adw.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org



The **ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH RALLY** is **Sat., Oct. 5th** from 10am-4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, (1600 Morris Rd., SE, WDC). Ages 7-17. Join other youth from local churches in a day of fun and fellowship. All HCSC youth and their parents/guardians are invited. See flyer for details. Contact 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 **Gospel of John**. Come and meet other young adults!



47th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: HCSC Church Choir Annual Concert is **Sun., Oct. 27th**, at **4—6PM**. Theme: **"The Storm is Passing Over."** Tickets: **\$20 each**, are on sale and can be purchased three ways: online at <https://hsc47thanniversary.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 the bulletin.



30th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: **Oct. 7—9, 7PM** nightly. Theme: **"Be Still and Know That I Am God."** Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747. **Revivalist: Richard Lane**. See flyer for more details.



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 after **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.



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.

HCSC BULLETINS ONLINE—Did you know that we post our bulletins for up to a year on our website at hscchurch.org and on MyParishApp? If you are traveling or away from Church, you can still know what is happening at the parish. Take a look and see what you are missing!

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org

♦ Fr. Pope's Blog & Homilies online: www.msgrpope.com

♦ HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://www.getty.com/apps/myParishapp)

♦ Follow or Like us on social media:

