

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Sirach 35:12-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10



Today's Gospel gives an important reminder that comparing ourselves to others is to completely miss the

point of our spiritual journey, which is to become more like Christ in the way he intends for us personally. Notice first the **Presentation of the Problem**. The text says, Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. The text makes it clear that the problem is two-fold. First, we cannot have our own righteousness, and even if we could it would never be adequate. We need to have Jesus' righteousness. Secondly, the problem is that some look down on everyone else because they don't understand their own poverty and need for mercy. Next, notice the **Portrayal of the Problem**. The arrogant man compares himself favorably to a man he considers worse than him. The problem with this is that other people are not the standard I have to meet. Jesus is. I will not get to heaven by being better than some poor sinner. I will only get there by becoming Christ. Get it? Now we know why we need mercy! Finally, note the **Prescription for the Problem**. The sinful man reflected only on his need for mercy and humbled himself before God. This man went away with the righteousness of Jesus, for he was smart enough to ask for it.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, October 27**
- 8:00am Martha Hurd † (birthday)
- 11:00am For the intentions of Ruby Roberts
- 7:00pm For the People
- Monday, October 28** *Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*
- 7:00am For the intentions of Patricia Chase
- Tuesday, October 29**
- 7:00am For the intentions of Denise Rodgers
- Wednesday, October 30**
- 7:00am For the intentions of Gary McPherson
- Thursday, October 31**
- 7:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff
- Friday, November 1** *ALL SAINTS*
- 7:00am Austin Roe Ketchum †
- 10:00am Thomas Edelin † (birthday)
- 7:00pm Larry Elgin †
- Saturday, November 2** *ALL SOULS*
- 8:00am Margaret Norman † (birthday—Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>)
- 4:30pm All Souls

**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

- Monday:** Ephesians 2:19—22 Luke 6:12-16
- Tuesday:** Romans 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Romans 8:26-30 Luke 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Romans 8:31-39 Luke 13:31-35
- Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
- Saturday:** Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 6:3-9 Luke 14:1, 7-11

**Music Schedule**

- Processional**
- \* Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
- \*\* Gonna Have a Good Time Stephen Hurd
- Responsorial Psalm**
- The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Psalm 34
- Offertory**
- \* O How I Love Jesus LMGM #365
- \*\* Ain't That Good News Wilmington Chester Mass Choir
- Communion**
- \* Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625
- Recessional**
- \* Blest Are They LMGM #602
- \*\* Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
- \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
- \*\* 11:00am HCSC Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance for October 20, 2019**

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|---------------|------------|
| 4:30pm        | 56         |
| 8:00am        | 102        |
| 11:00am       | 215        |
| 7:00pm        | 111        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>484</b> |

**Stewardship Report: Oct. 6-25, 2019**

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| Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 6 - 25        | \$47,307 |
| Actual Tithes Received: Oct. 6 - 25 | \$49,685 |

**FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing):** With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. You can go online to [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) for more information and to register. If you have questions, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org). Thank you for your prayerful support of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish.

**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!*

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday (10/27)</b>    | <b>Friday (11/1)</b>         |
| 9:30am RCIA              | 10:00am All Saints Mass      |
| 9:30am Sunday School     | 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration |
| 8:00pm AA                | 7:00pm All Saints Mass       |
| <b>Monday (10/28)</b>    | <b>Saturday (11/2)</b>       |
| 7:00pm Latin Mass        | 10:00am Dance Ministry       |
| 8:00pm YAM Bible Study   |                              |
| <b>Wednesday (10/30)</b> |                              |
| 11:00am Friendly Seniors |                              |
| 6:30pm Dance Ministry    |                              |
| 7:00pm Bible Study       |                              |

**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

**LATIN MASS CELEBRATION:** On **Mon., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**, please join Msgr. Pope for a Tridentine Latin mass at **7PM** at the Marian side chapel in the main church. All are welcome, especially if you've never attended a Latin mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Council #10008 is sponsoring a **NOVENA FOR LIFE** from **October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>** to coincide with the end of *40 Days for Life*, an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Novena prayer cards will be distributed beginning with the Vigil Mass on **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage parishioners to engage in nine days of sustained prayer to support a culture of life. For more information contact Grand Knight James Mazol at [james.mazol@gmail.com](mailto:james.mazol@gmail.com)



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** is **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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, **Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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](http://www.ccaw.org) or call cemetery management.



**NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH:** The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to a mass celebration honoring Black Catholic History Month, **Sat., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Family Catholic Church, Hillcrest Heights, MD (2210 Callaway St.). The event, "**Steadfast Witness**" will start with praise and worship at **3:30PM**, followed by mass at **4PM**. The Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, is the principal celebrant. For more information, contact: [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**PRAY FOR THEM** **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

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*Congratulations* HCSC's own **Sean Smart** was selected into the **Fire Cadet Program**. This position is in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department of the District of Columbia. Sean will report to the Training Academy Division on **Mon., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Our prayers are with you, Sean, as you embark on this new journey.

**ANNUAL BOWTIE BRUNCH FOR BOYS:** For male youth in grades K—12! In celebration of developing strong young men through fellowship with Fathers and Male Mentors, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowtie Brunch for Boys, is **Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **11AM—3PM** at **Holy Name Catholic Church Annex, 1125 Neal St., NE**. For tickets and questions, call Sylvia Hall (202-213-9841) or 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 Genesis**. Come and meet other young adults!



**REMINDER: Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Daylight Saving Time will end.** Remember to turn your clocks **BACK one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.

**27<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER and FASTING:** Nov. 2—10. Join us on **Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **8:30AM—4:30PM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Opening International Day of Prayer. **Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope is the celebrant for the 12Noon mass.** Other guest speakers include Abby Johnson (from the movie, "*Unplanned*"), Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga (Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda), and many other speakers and events. Visit [www.lwopf.org](http://www.lwopf.org) or call 888-478-PRAY for more information. See flier in rear of church for details.

**Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will hold its monthly meeting on **Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** with the **rosary at 7:30AM** in the church followed by 8AM Mass. After Mass, please join us in the school for fellowship. All are welcome.

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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.

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