

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

2Mc 7:1-2, 9-14    2 Thes 2:16-3:5    Luke 20:27-38



Today's Gospel features the rather familiar story of Zacchaeus who climbs a tree to see Jesus. We can

look at this Gospel in three stages. First, there is the **Shortsighted Sinner**. And this is Zacchaeus (and us). To call Zacchaeus short is not simply a reference to his physical stature it is a reference to his moral state. He is deficient in righteousness. He does not measure up. He cannot see the Lord until he climbs a tree (the tree is the cross). Next, notice the **Searching Savior**. This is Jesus. It is true that Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus but an even more joyful fact is that Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus. He saw him in that tree and asked him to come down. He sought his company and a meal with him. Jesus has done this for us today as well for he has called us to receive of his body and blood in this sacred and sacrificial meal of the Mass. Finally, notice the **Saving Surrender**. Zacchaeus is moved by the Lord's love and invitation. He repents of his sin and promises to restore what he has stolen and to give half of everything else to the poor. It is true that ultimately Zacchaeus must surrender all to Jesus (not just half), but we have a start here and the Lord will get him (and us) to the full surrender in due time. But, to make a long story short, Zacchaeus has come to Jesus and Jesus will draw him to the full stature of Christ (cf Eph 4:13) in due time.

**Music Schedule**

- Processional**
  - \* I Just Came to Praise the Lord LMG #675
  - \*\* Glad to Be in God's Service
- Responsorial Psalm**
  - I will praise your name forever, my king and my God. Psalm 145
- Offertory**
  - \* Praise Him! LMG # 446
  - \*\* Oh, Taste and See Chicago Mass Choir
- Communion**
  - \* One Bread, One Body LMG #760
  - \*\* Taste and See LMG #512
- Post Communion**
  - \* Ave Maria F. Schubert
  - \*\* John 3:16 B.E. Boykins
- Recessional**
  - When the Saints Go Marching In LMG #729
  - \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
  - \*\* 11:00am HCSC Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for October 27, 2019	
4:30pm	63
8:00am	112
11:00am	170
7:00pm	147
<b>Total:</b>	<b>492</b>

Stewardship Report: Oct. 1-31, 2019	
Budgeted Tithes: Oct. 1-31, 2019	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: Oct. 1-31, 2019	\$56,809
Budgeted Goal Percent: Oct. 1-31, 2019	90%

**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.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, November 3**
  - 8:00am Deacon Charles Edelin †
  - 11:00am Coulter Nakamura †
  - 7:00pm For the intentions of Juanita Moore
- Monday, November 4** *Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
  - 7:00am ALL SOULS
- Tuesday, November 5**
  - 7:00am Delores Gorham †
- Wednesday, November 6**
  - 7:00am ALL SOULS
- Thursday, November 7**
  - 7:00am Edgell Fairfax † (birthday)
- Friday, November 8**
  - 7:00am ALL SOULS
- Saturday, November 9** *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
  - 8:00am Beatrice Edelin † (birthday—Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - 4:30pm Lillian Myrick † (birthday)

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (11/3)</b>	<b>Wednesday (11/6)</b>
9:30am RCIA	11:00am Friendly Seniors
9:30am Sunday School	<b>Friday (11/8)</b>
8:00pm AA	6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Monday (11/4)</b>	<b>Saturday (11/9)</b>
8:00pm YAM Bible Study	9:00am Women's Ministry mtg
<b>Tuesday (11/5)</b>	10:00am Dance Ministry
6:00pm Holy Name meeting	10:30am Ushers meeting
6:30pm Youth Choir	
7:00pm Adult Choir	

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

- Monday:** Romans 11:29-36    Luke 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Romans 12:5-16    Luke 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Romans 13:8-10    Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Romans 14:7-12    Luke 15:1-10
- Friday:** Romans 15:14-21    Luke 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12    1 Cor 3:9-11:16-17    Jn 2:13-22

**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



**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*. You may submit the names of your deceased on the *All Souls* envelope (included with tithing envelopes or in the rear of the Church) and they will remain on the altar throughout the month of November. Prayers will be lifted up at Mass for your dearly departed to our merciful and loving Heavenly Father. Envelopes may be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



**THANK YOU HCSC FAITH FAMILY:** Mrs. **Ruby L. Roberts and family** would like to express their sincere gratitude to those who attended her **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** celebration. She received a host of beautiful cards, thoughtful gifts and exquisite flowers. More importantly, you demonstrated a tremendous outpouring of love and appreciation for her. Your presence made her party one of the most special days of her life. Any mention of that day brings a broad smile to her face. To those who were unable to come but thought of her, said a prayer for her, or offered a Mass for her—she appreciates that, as well. God bless you, HCSC family. You are simply the best!

**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY:** Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at mass next week.



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE:** Holiday cards and small gift items will be on sale, for the benefit of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)**, on Sundays, **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>—Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in the vestibule after the 8AM and 11AM masses. Questions?

Contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786).

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



**ADVENT FAMILY DAY:** All are invited to this community event to welcome the start of the Advent season, **Sun., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> following the 11AM mass**. A youth track will be available for youth in kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A light lunch will be served in the school cafeteria. Theme: **"Waiting and Wanting."** **Facilitated by: Fr. Brendan Glasgow, Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Catholic Church on Capitol Hill.** See flyer for more information and to RSVP.

**BINGO IS BACK!** at **Incarnation Church, 880 Eastern Ave., NE**, every **First Thursday** of the month. Doors open at 6PM. Games start at 7:15PM. Questions? Call 202-396-0942.



### Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT:** Attention youth of all ages!!! The second Sunday of each month we collect canned foods for our church food pantry. Next Sunday please bring in a canned food as a service project of the Youth Ministry. Give your donation to an usher as you enter the church.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry is looking for youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve at the **6PM Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **We also need adults** to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. Contact the Youth Ministry Director.

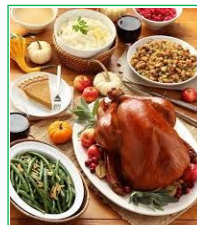
### HCSC Young Adult Ministry



**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!

**ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND:** This weekend the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the annual Retired Priests Collection. Thank you for your support and cooperation in making the annual Retired Priests Collection successful since its inception in 2011. Your efforts have helped raise more than \$625,000 in 2018 and over \$4.3 million since 2011! In preparation for the upcoming 2019 collection, I want you to know that 100% of the funds will help provide the dignity and care our priests deserve in their retirement. Envelopes are in the pews. Make checks payable to **RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION**. Thank you for your generous support.

**MOTHER MARY LANGE: A LEGACY OF HOPE:** Join the Oblate Sisters of Providence for their 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, **Sat., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30AM—3PM** at Archbishop Curley High School (3701 Sinclair Lane, Baltimore, MD). **Cost: \$30** (includes morning hospitality and lunch). Speakers: Dr. Diane Batts Morrow; Sharon Knecht; and Auxiliary Bishop Adam J. Parker of Baltimore, mass celebrant. For more details and to register, visit [motherlange.org](http://motherlange.org) or [oblatesisters.com](http://oblatesisters.com).



**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER & RAFFLE** at **Pope Francis Center** (7202 Buchanan St., Landover Hills, MD) **Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM—4PM**. Adults—\$15; Children (5 to 12 yrs)—\$7; Children under 5 eat FREE. "To Go" boxes available. **CASH PRIZE RAFFLE** drawing at **3:30PM**. First Prize=\$500; Second Prize=\$300; Third Prize=\$200. For info, go to [deafcatholic@adw.org](mailto:deafcatholic@adw.org).

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

- ♦ Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Media Links: [www.msgrpope.com](http://www.msgrpope.com)

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

♦ Follow or Like us on social media: