

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23

Readings Next Weekend:

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40



In today's Gospel we see that Jesus begins his public ministry. Note first the CONTEXT of his ministry. The text says that Jesus went north, away from Judea and back up to Galilee. Not only is this to fulfill Scripture which spoke of the Messiah preaching there, but he is also going where his work will be more fruitful. The people in Judea were hostile in many ways and the religious leaders were vindictive there. Thus, Jesus moves north to more fertile ground. He has not abandoned Judea and will make several trips back there. Eventually, he will be arrested and killed in the South, in Jerusalem of Judea. Note next the CONTENT of Jesus ministry. His fundamental message was "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus came to preach the good news of the Kingdom of heaven but did not shy away from discussing the bad news of sin either. For the good news, that new life is possible only makes sense if we understand the bad news that we need that life. Finally, note the CALL of his ministry. Jesus does not run a one-man show. He recruits and trains new leaders, the Apostles. Good leaders share their leadership and prepare their successors.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 26
 8:00am Lillian Yates † (birthday)
 11:00am William Ward †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Msgr. Charles Pope
Mon., January 27 *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder*
 7:00am Michael Caldwell †
Tuesday, January 28 *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of Church*
 7:00am For mothers and babies at risk of abortion
Wednesday, January 29
 7:00am For the People
Thursday, January 30
 7:00am For the intentions of Helen Price
Friday, January 31
 7:00am Charles Myrick † (birthday)
Saturday, February 1
 8:00am For the intentions of Betty "Nicki" Gebrehwot
 4:30pm John Parker (birthday—Feb. 2nd)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12-19 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17 Mark 4:35-41

Music Schedule	
Processional A Follower of Christ	LMGM #628
Responsorial Psalm "The Lord is my light and my salvation"	Psalm 27
Offertory * The Lord Is My Light ** The Lord Is My Light	LMGM #572
Communion * Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist ** Not By Bread Alone	LMGM #756 Roger Holland
Post Communion ** My Help	
Recessional Lead Me, Guide Me	LMGM #538
* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music ** HCSA Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music	

Mass Attendance January 19, 2020	
4:30pm	30
8:00am	127
11:00am	214
7:00pm	105
Total:	476

Stewardship Report: Jan. 1—24, 2020	
Budgeted Tithes: January 1-24	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: January 1-24	\$36,202

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 (1/26) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/29) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Dance Ministry 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/27) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/31) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (1/28) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Saturday (2/1) 10:00am Holy Name mtg 10:30am Dance Ministry

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

BLACK AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD: Join the Holy Comforter—St. Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sun., Feb. 2nd**, at 7:30AM to pray the Rosary before 8AM Mass. Following the mass, come hear Sodalists speak on the **6 Black American Catholic candidates for Sainthood** by attending the Sodality meeting held in the cafeteria of the Center City Charter School.



THE WORD AMONG US: February issues are available in the Candle Light Store. **Cost: \$2 each.** This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

BENEFIT CONCERT for THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE SEMINARIAN MISSIONS: Support over 30 seminarians going on mission trips to Appalachia, Guatemala and Honduras by purchasing tickets for a concert at **St. Luke Catholic Church**, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA, **Fri., Jan. 31st**, at **7:30PM**. Purchase tickets at www.musicinmclean.org. See flyers in rear of church.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT—All men are welcome to the Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD, on **July 31—August 2, 2020** for an overnight retreat. Deacon Steven Nash of Saint Joseph, Largo, MD, will facilitate the retreat on the theme: **"God is Good—He's Better Than You Think"**. Cost: \$260—\$290. For more information contact Cyprian Jenifer (301-580-4273).



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.



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Young Adult Ministry

WANT TO WORK FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE? The ADW is in a hiring process for a Program Director of the Office of Campus and Young

Adult Ministry! For more information, visit ADW.org and search Employment Opportunities under "About Us".

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be made available beginning **Mon., Feb. 3rd**. Statements are not mailed automatically and will be prepared **only upon request**. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request to have your statement 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 not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who electronically tithe through Faith Direct will be automatically mailed as part of your membership. You can also obtain a copy via the website using your login.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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YOUTH RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!!! The HCSC Youth Ministry annual **"Walk in the Light"** Youth Retreat is **Sat., March 14th** at **Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House** in Sparks, MD.

Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. 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 **Book of Genesis**. Come and meet other young adults!



FEBRUARY THEOLOGY ON TAP: Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals on **Tue., Feb. 11th**, from **6-8PM** with a talk and Q&A at **Public Bar Live, 1214—18th St., NW**. Theme: **"Real vs. Ideal: Love, Dating, Marriage"** featuring **Chris & Katie Baker**. Happy Hour specials from 6—7PM. For details visit adw.org/tot or facebook.com/DCCatholic.



A variety of personal belongings have been left in the church or chapel (hats, scarfs, belts, keys, umbrellas, eyeglasses and eyeglass cases) and are available for retrieval in the vestibule. Please take a moment after mass to look in the basket in the vestibule to see if something you've "misplaced" found its way into our collection.

RECOVERING ORIGINS RETREAT—for adult children still affected by the divorce or separation of their parents. Come **Feb. 7th—9th** for a greater understanding of the wound left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of the Catholic faith that will lead to greater self-knowledge and healing. Location: **St. Andrew Apostle Church**, Silver Spring. For info or to register, see flyer in rear of church or visit www.AnimaChristiRetreats.org.



MASS TO REMEMBER SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING / FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:

Remember those enslaved in modern-day slavery and become inspired to act. Observe the World Day of Prayer Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking and the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita with a special intercultural Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on **Sat., Feb. 8th**, at **4:30PM** at **St. Camillus Catholic Church**, 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD. Please RSVP to MRSTraff@usccb.org. See flyer in rear of church.

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
- ♦ Follow or Like us on social media: