

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.  
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mk 9:39-40



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Nm 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

*Message from the Pastor*

In today's Gospel we see three Principles for prophets. In speaking of prophets, this means you, for by our baptism we are all summoned to be prophets for the Lord. The first principle is **PROPER PRIORITIES**. The Apostle John, speaking with consternation, indicates that he and the others tried to prevent someone from driving out a demon in Jesus' name, because the exorcist "was not of our company." This whole action bespeaks confused priorities. Task number one is to advance the Kingdom of God, and take back territory from the evil one. If someone, in Jesus name, is able to drive out demons, we ought to praise the Lord! "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." But the Apostles here seem more concerned about pedigree, personal advancement, power, prestige, and pride. Souls being set free seems a secondary concern to them. Wrong priority! Priority number one: more about Jesus and his Kingdom, less about me and my glory. The second principle **PROPHETS need PARTNERSHIP**. The Lord admonishes the apostles, "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink...will surely not lose his reward." This, of course, implies that the apostles will be needy of help, encouragement, and basic necessities as they undertake to proclaim the gospel. The attitude of wanting to do everything myself, is not only prideful, it is foolish and impossible. We must accept that one of the provisions necessary for those who would be prophets, is the help and support of others. The final principle is **PERCEIVE the PRIMARY PROBLEM**. Through the use of several analogies, the Lord illustrates just how serious sin is, and how essential our need to draw people to salvation. Jesus came to save us from our sins. Our sin is our most serious problem. Jesus says to sin is more serious than to lose our hand, or foot, or eye. It is an essential role of the prophet to help people recognize the absolute need for salvation, and then to draw them to the one who alone can save them. The ancient prophets held up the sins of the people before them and called them to return to the Lord wholeheartedly. How about us?

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, September 26** *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00am Norma B. Jackson †  
9:30am Anna Griffin (*birthday*)  
11:00am The McPherson Family  
7:00pm For the people
- Monday, September 27** *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
8:00am Dwayne T. Holton (*birthday*)
- Tues., Sept. 28** *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*  
7:00am For the intentions of Amani Rodgers
- Wednesday, Sept. 29** *Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*  
7:00am Delante Rush, Jr. (*birthday*)
- Thursday, September 30** *St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*  
7:00am Georgiana L. Barnes (*birthday*) †
- Friday, October 1** *St. Therese of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*  
7:00am For the intentions of the Stafford Family
- Saturday, October 2** *The Holy Guardian Angels*  
8:00am For the intentions of William Somerville  
4:30pm For the intentions of Marion Wohlers

**DAILY READINGS**

- MONDAY** Zechariah 8:1-8 Luke 9:46-50
- TUESDAY** Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56
- WEDNESDAY** Deuteronomy 7:9-10,13-14 John 1:47-51
- THURSDAY** Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 Luke 10:1-12
- FRIDAY** Baruch 1:15-22 Luke 10:13-16
- SATURDAY** Baruch 4:5-12,27-29 Matthew 18:1-5,10

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Visit our parish website ([hcschurch.org](http://hcschurch.org)) for updates from the pastor and events in the parish. Here are other ways to stay in touch:

**Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit <https://hcschurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, recorded mass links, and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!

Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device to stay in touch with what's happening at our parish. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on your notifications after you download so you can receive updates and information.

And, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay connected!

**Mass Attendance—September 19, 2021**

4:30pm	24
10:00am	257
7:00pm	61
<b>Total:</b>	<b>342</b>

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**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (9/27)</b> 7:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Wednesday (9/29)</b> 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday (9/28)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg	<b>Friday (10/1)</b> 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour

**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.*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE

**THANK YOU** to all who came out and celebrated our Feast Day last Sunday. Many thanks to *Angelica Tom, Annette Brooks, Felicia Miller, Chris Boehmler* and the *Knights of Columbus* along with all the parishioners who assisted and attended this wonderful parish event. Over 200 parishioners celebrated a spirited liturgy and then enjoyed a picnic lunch and fellowship on the church lawn.



**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual East of the River Revival—** Mon., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This is a live and virtual event held at St. Luke Roman Catholic Church in Washington, DC. **Revivalist:** Fr. Robert Boxie. **Theme:** *In the Midst of it All.*

A special session will be held for the youth on **Sat., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 11am-4:30pm at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church. This annual revival features scripture, music and relevant inspirational preaching for all. See flyer for links and details.



**THE WORD AMONG US:** The **October issue** is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$2** each. This monthly 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!*

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Mon., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**, Msgr. Pope and other clergy will bless your pets on the church plaza from **6pm—7:30pm**. Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by for a special blessing!



**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH** by enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA). Classes begin on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** but there is still time to join! If you are interested in becoming Catholic, need to receive missed sacraments, or just learn more about our faith, contact Liz Butler at [ebutler717@gmail.com](mailto:ebutler717@gmail.com) or (301) 379-5266.

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**UPDATE:** As of July 31, 2021, the DC Mayor reinstated the indoor mask mandate. Our church will remain open with the following protocol:

- ♦ Everyone who enters the church or rectory buildings, even if you have been fully vaccinated, are **required to wear a mask** or covering. If you do not have one, please see an usher.
- ♦ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ♦ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
- ♦ Sanitizing of minister's hands will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we follow both diocesan and local health guidelines.

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. At our parish, the Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council #10008 conducts fraternal and charitable service at the parish and throughout DC. We invite you to consider joining our growing council. If you would like to learn more, or join today, please feel free to contact the council's Grand Knight, James Mazol, at [james.mazol@gmail.com](mailto:james.mazol@gmail.com) or go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus).



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2021—22** for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have orientation on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will start the first weekend in October. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes

those youth who need their Sacraments (Penance, First Communion and Confirmation). Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at [mre@hscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hscchurch.org) or (202) 368-7231. Visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for more information.

**UPDATE ON MASS INTENTIONS:** The norm in the Archdiocese of Washington for mass intentions is that persons submitting a Mass intention make a sacrificial donation of \$10 per intention. Our own parish has been suggesting a donation of \$5 per intention but we would like to begin operating under the norm of the diocese. **As of September 5<sup>th</sup>** the requested donation is \$10 per intention. We understand it may be a financial hardship for some, so please note that this donation is suggested, not required.

### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 7pm in the rectory basement**, preceded by a short social at 6:30pm. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. After subscribing to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com), you will be able to RSVP each week. For questions, call (202) 546-1885. We are studying **SONG OF SONGS**.



Join Msgr. Pope for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm**. To receive the Zoom link via email, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). We are studying the **BOOK OF BARUCH**.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or (202) 546-1885.

**Mass Times:** **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);  
**Sunday** 8am, 9:30am 11am and 7pm;  
**Weekdays** Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

#### Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm  
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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