

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mark 6:7-13



There can be no preaching in the wrong atmosphere. Our churches would be different places if congregations would only remember that they preach far more than half the sermon. In an atmosphere of expectancy the poorest effort can catch fire. In an atmosphere of critical coldness or bland indifference the most spirit-packed utterance can fall lifeless to the earth. In today's Gospel we see how true this all is. Jesus comes to the synagogue at Nazareth and things begin well. The reaction of those gathered is described as one of **REJOICING**. The text says they are astonished at his preaching. Yet suddenly and almost without reason the atmosphere turns and goes to one of **REJECTION** as they begin to scoff and say, "Where did he get all this? Who does he think he is talking so bold when he is just of simple stock like us." Perhaps there was envy, perhaps simple prejudice, surely they sin against the Holy Spirit. And then comes the **RESULT**: He was not able to perform miracles there due to such a lack of faith. Pay attention, "Don't block your blessings." God may speak to you in ways and through people you might not expect. While we must square everything with the rule of faith, stay open to hearing the true faith even from the mouths of babes (cf Ps 8:2; Matt 21:16).



Sunday, July 5

4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of the Richards Family
 8:00am Shirley "Freda" Warrick †
 11:00am Marzel Smith †
 7:00pm Stanlie Barton †

Monday, July 6 *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am Maurice Young †

Tuesday, July 7

7:00am Marilyn Gilliam (birthday)

Wednesday, July 8

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross †

Thursday, July 9 *St Augustine Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Austina Jones †

Friday, July 10

7:00am Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope (birthday)

Saturday, July 11 *Saint Benedict, Abbot*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Deceased Richards Family Members

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22 Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33 Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24 Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5 Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26 Matthew 10:24-33

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Order my Steps" LMGM #527
Responsorial Psalm
 "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord; pleading for His mercy"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" LMGM #597
Communion
 "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for June 28, 2015

4:30pm	45
8:00am	109
11:00am	230
7:00pm	55
Total:	439

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/28)	\$10,978
Actual Surplus Deficit (-)	-\$5,368

ELECTRONIC TITHING—What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? *eGiving* through Faith Direct! Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Our church code is DC59. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your continued support!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/5) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (7/9) 2:30 pm WIN Team meeting
Monday (7/6) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (7/10) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (7/7) 6:30pm Older Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (7/2) 10:30am Social Concerns mtg 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (7/8) 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



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope who celebrates his birthday on **Fri., July 10th**. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in his love and care.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

CANNED FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—Our food pantry is seriously low. We invite you to bring nutritious non-perishable high protein **canned foods** (**meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit**) to Mass to restock our pantry. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.



BLOOD DRIVE—The HCSC Sodality along with the American Red Cross is sponsoring its semi-annual Blood Drive on **Sun., July 12th**, in the rectory basement. Blood Drive begins after the 8am Mass and continues until 2pm. **Registration available following each Mass.** Invite friends and family to participate in this life-saving cause.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School on Wednesdays starting **July 29th thru August 19th at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria. Light dinner will be served so you must register with the rectory. Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE—Homecoming for all students and teachers of past and present programs and schools of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sun., Aug. 2nd**, at Our Lady of Mount Providence, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. Bring friends and classmates. For info call Sr. Helene Therese on 410-536-5687.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, and LOURDES, FRANCE—Our parish is preparing to go on a 10-day pilgrimage in **October 2015**. For info pick up a brochure in the rear of the church, in the rectory office, or contact Deborah Vanzego on 202-277-1823 or DVanzego@cmht.com.



SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Nov. 13th-15th**. **COST: \$225** covers private room, transportation, meals, and spiritual enrichment. **Theme: "Holding on to my joy while striving to live my faith."** **Retreat facilitator: Charlene Howard.** Deposit due July 15th. For info see flyer in your bulletin.

HCSC BULLETINS ONLINE—Did you know we post our bulletins on our website (www.hcscchurch.org)? So, if you are traveling or away from Church, you can still know what is happening at the parish. Visit our website and find out what you've been missing!

VACATION TIME IS HERE—Time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments. As you travel visit **DiscoverMass.com** to see our parish information, bulletins, and also find a local Mass. Whether you stay home or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you enjoy yourself, rest your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. We are to always keep the Lord's day sacred.



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins July 29th and we will have sessions for our youth from grades pre-k to 12th. Please plan on attending with your family.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

MONTHLY YOUNG ADULT MASS: CHRIST IN THE CITY—All Young Adults (21 to late 30s) are invited to a monthly Young Adult Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish (8th & N Sts., NW—Mt. Vernon Square Metro) on the **2nd Thursday of each month!** Mass at 7pm with adoration and confessions at 6pm. After Mass attendees gather at a nearby restaurant for fellowship, food and drinks! For more information: contact DCCatholic@adw.org or visit www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hcscchurch.org. Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

HCSC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—Sat., July 25th at 6:15pm. The featured film is "Do you Believe?" which was released in theatres last fall. Refreshments will be served and movies will be shown for youth in the youth room. Reserve your seat: call 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

EWTN—THE FIRST CATHOLIC BROADCASTING NETWORK (founded by Mother Angelica) airs family and religious programming (on radio, cable, internet) from a Catholic point of view with inspiring talk shows, entertaining children's animation, exclusive teaching series, live coverage of Church events, and thought-provoking documentaries. First and foremost, the spiritual heart of EWTN's mission is to bring the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, to all. Find out more at www.ewtn.com.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have created a National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage to help build and strengthen Christian marriages. So, what have you done for your marriage today? For tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit www.foryourmarriage.org.

SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES—at the National Shrine, Sundays, **July—August, 6pm.** Performances held in the Upper Church. No charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, free parking (walking distance from Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line). For info: call 202-526-8300 or visit: www.nationalshrine.com/music.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

