

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30—5:2 John 6:41-51

Readings Next Weekend:

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58



In today's Gospel we meditate on the Food of a Faithful Father. As the Gospel opens we see the people grumbling about Jesus' claims to have come down from heaven. In this we see the **FOCUS of FAITH**. Note that while the claim to have come from heaven is astonishing, Jesus has given them a lot of evidence so that they can trust him. He has worked countless miracles and has just fed over 20,000 people on five loaves and two fishes. And while God can give us evidence, in the end faith has to close the deal for us to really accept and trust what the Lord tells us. Next, we note the **FONT of FAITH**. Jesus tells them specifically that the Father is the source of faith in him and says they must let the Father "draw" them to Jesus. The Greek word translated here as draw, can also be translated as "drag" and the verb implies resistance from the one being drawn or dragged. Yes, we are a hard case and the Father has to drag us to faith in Jesus. Next, note the **FUNCTIONING of FAITH**. Here too the Greek is important, for the word translated here as "believes" is better translated as "whoever goes on believing." Thus, faith is more than an event, an answering of an altar call, or getting baptized. Faith is an on-going disposition and only this sort of faith will lead us to eternal life. Finally, note the **FOOD of FAITH**. With our faith in the Lord firmly in place and active, we are now journeying to heaven and we need food for the journey. Do you believe that what you receive in communion every Sunday is more than a wafer of bread, but is in fact the Lord himself who can sustain you with his flesh and blood and draw you to salvation?

FUNERAL—Rev. Mr. Charles Edelin (August 7th)



Sunday, August 9

4:30pm (Sat) Souls in Purgatory
 8:00am Sharon L. Graham (birthday)
 11:00am Rita G. Holland †
 7:00pm Deacon Charles Edelin †

Monday, August 10 *Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

7:00am Anika Williams (birthday)

Tuesday, August 11 *Saint Clare, Virgin*

7:00am Phillip Whitlock (82nd birthday)

Wednesday, August 12 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

7:00am For the Intentions Doris Edelin

Thursday, August 13 *Saints Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

7:00am For the People

Friday, August 14 *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

7:00am For our recently baptized

Saturday, August 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am For the Intentions of the Edelin Family
 4:30pm Sheila Jackson †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10-17 Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13 Mathew 19:3-12
Saturday: Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 1 Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562

Responsorial Psalm
 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"

Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"

Offertory
 * "In Christ There Is No East or West" LMGM #664
 ** "Choral Praise" Allyn Johnson & Divine Order

Communion
 "Taste and See" LMGM #750

Post Communion Music
 ** Allyn Johnson & Divine Order

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Robert Person, Cantor with*
The Music Ministry of Allyn Johnson & Divine Order

Mass Attendance for August 2, 2015

4:30pm	45
8:00am	124
11:00am	225
7:00pm	80
Total:	475

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/2)	\$19,707
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,361

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

<p>Sunday (8/9) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA</p> <p>Monday (8/10) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study</p> <p>Tuesday (8/11) 7:00pm Adult Choir</p> <p>Wednesday (8/12) Rectory Closes at 5:00pm 6:30pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>Thursday (8/13) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Friday (8/14) 8:00pm NA</p> <p>Saturday (8/15) 4:30pm Mass</p>
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MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. See flyer for more explanation. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Customary donation is \$5 per intention.

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

IT IS WITH GREAT SYMPATHY we announce the passing of our beloved Deacon Charles Edelin on Monday, August 3rd. After a prolonged illness, Deacon Charles went home to join his ordained brethren to stand before our Lord and be greeted "well done my good and faithful servant." Please keep his family in prayer.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS—Starting **Wed., July 29th** the Rectory Office will **close on Wednesdays at 5pm**. Regular Wednesday evening hours resume September 2nd.

ALLYN JOHNSON, an accomplished musician in his own rite, is our guest musician this Sunday at the 11am Mass. He is a Professor and the Chair of Jazz Studies at the University of the District of Columbia. Blessings on his birthday today.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—meets every **Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria through August 19th**. A light dinner will be served, so you must register (either online at www.hcscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885). **Theme: "Pope-Pourri—A Biblical study of the Pope and his role in the Church."** We will explore biblical texts that show how the Office of Peter (the Pope) was established by Jesus; how Peter and his successors advanced the faith; and, in the



Fr. Qureshi

Acts of the Apostles, how they lived out their faith. We will also examine bible texts that set forth the authority of Peter and his successors to teach and govern, and we will spend time considering the problems that arise in denominations where there is no Pope or Papal authority. **This week we welcome the return of Fr. Aaron Qureshi who recently completed his studies in Rome and has returned to the Washington area to serve as Parochial Vicar to Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, MD. Fr. Qureshi was a summer seminarian here at HCSC in 2012.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—We really need your help this summer coordinating, serving food and set-up for our Vacation Bible School (VBS). **PLEASE** consider donating an hour or two for one (or more) of the nights (*Wednesday evenings July 29—Aug 19*). Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hcscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885.



NEW PICNIC LOCATION: HCSC Annual Friends & Family Picnic is Sat., Sept. 12th in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. Your special talents are needed to make this event fun. If you would like to help make this a successful event, please call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).

NEW DATE! WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Nov. 6—8. 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 is now due. See flyer in the rear of the Church.

Youth Ministry News

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

COLLEGE STUDENTS—Many of our young adults are heading away to college and we like to send them off with a blessing. Please let our youth director or the rectory office know when you are leaving so we can invite you to Mass to be blessed. This includes young adults entering college for the first time and those home for summer break.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has begun and sessions designed for youth in pre-k to 12th grade are being offered. 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!** Adoration and Confessions at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. After Mass attendees gather at a nearby restaurant for fellowship, food and drinks! For more info: contact DCCatholic@adw.org or visit www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

SUMMER ROOFTOP THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES—Join hundreds of young adults (21-late 30s) for the Summer TED-talk inspired THEOLOGY on TAP series at the rooftop of the Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street, NW) Tuesday nights, July 7—August 11. The roof opens for Happy Hour from 6—7pm, talk and Q/A follow from 7—8pm. Speakers and topics at adw.org/tot. Questions? Email DCCatholic@adw.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. During summer months call the rectory (202-546-1885) to confirm that the group will meet. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! 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)

CRAB FEAST—**Sat., Aug. 15th, 12—4pm**, St. John Baptist De La Salle, 5700 Sargent Rd., Chillum, MD. **COST: \$50**, includes chicken and ham dinner. Questions? Call Carolyn (202-526-3785) or Jennie (202-635-3703).

VACATION NOTE—While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. You can visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country.

NEW ASSIGNMENT: Fr. Araia Ghebray (a.k.a. Fr. Lazaros) has been assigned by Cardinal Wuerl as Catholic Chaplain to St. Elizabeth Hospital, and to United Medical Center (former Greater Southeast Hospital).

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>

