

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Eph 5:2, 25-32 John 6:60-69

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



The readings today contain two “hard sayings.” The One which we have been examining for five weeks now is Jesus teaching on the Holy Eucharist and his insistence, despite grumbling crowds, that Holy Communion really is his Body and Blood. So upset were many who heard this that, as we read today, many left him and would no longer follow him because he taught in this way. Your Amen today for Communion indicates you stand with Jesus in this first hard saying. The second hard saying is from St. Paul, who as an apostle speaks for Christ. We are taught that wives should be submitted to their husbands. A hard saying for some! Of course the Lord goes on to teach through St. Paul that a husband should have a passionate (sacrificial) love for his wife and also a purifying love, and a providing love. Hence the husband has serious and significant obligations to his wife and children. Headship, in the Christian tradition is always about service and responsibility not rank. Still, a hard saying for the wife, but also for the husband if he takes to heart his charge.



**Sunday, August 23**

4:30pm (Sat) Cheryl Walker Ross † (birthday)  
 8:00am For the People  
 11:00am Sarah R. Brooks †  
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Gabriella Josephine Meszaros

**Monday, August 24** *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00am Deborah Brown (birthday— Aug. 22)

**Tuesday, August 25** *Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00am John N. Graham †

**Wednesday, August 26**

7:00am Barbara Nettles †

**Thursday, August 27** *Saint Monica*

7:00am For the Intentions of Gabriella Josephine Meszaros

**Friday, August 28** *Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Renard & Michelle Blanchard (16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)

**Saturday, August 29** *Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00am Ruby L. Roberts (birthday)

4:30pm Catherine Miles † (17<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**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:** Revelation 21:9-14 John 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Matthew 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Matthew 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Mark 6:17-29

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 “Standing on the Promises” LMGM #562  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 “Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord”  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 “Alleluia!”  
**Offertory**  
 \* “Jesus Is All the World to Me” LMGM #370  
 \*\* Music Ministry of Terrence & Kathy Richburg  
**Communion**  
 “Unity” LMGM #666  
**\*\* Post Communion Music**  
 Music Ministry of Terrence & Kathy Richburg  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Music Ministry of Terrence & Kathy Richburg

**Mass Attendance for August 16, 2015**

4:30pm	38
8:00am	103
11:00am	210
7:00pm	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>421</b>

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/16)	\$
Actual Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	\$

**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](http://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**

<b>Sunday (8/23)</b> 9:15am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (8/27)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Monday (8/24)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (8/28)</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (8/29)</b> 4:30pm Mass

**HCSC BULLETINS ONLINE:** Did you know that we post our bulletins for up to a year on our website ([www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org))? That’s right! So, if you are traveling or away from Church, visit our website and find out what you’ve been missing!

**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

*Thank You* is insufficient but the family of Deacon Charles Edelin wish to express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our HCSC Parish family for all of the cards, well-wishes, and outpouring of love and support received from you during his transition. He was our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, and to many of you a mentor. May God continue to bless this faith community.



to the parishioners who attended Vacation Bible School this year. We had over 55 attendees each week. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with registration, set-up, food distribution, and clean-up. Your assistance helped make this year's VBS a success. Finally, a **Special Thanks** to Fr. Aaron Qureshi for facilitating one of our sessions. His recent personal insight was invaluable.

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Starting **Wed., July 29<sup>th</sup>** through **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Rectory Office will close on Wednesdays at 5pm.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the school.**

This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration will begin Sun., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Did you or any family member, or friend, miss receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion? Are you searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith? Enroll now in the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Adult Catechetical Program! Classes will begin in the Fall. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church and in the rectory office.



**NEW PICNIC LOCATION:** HCSC Annual Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> in Watkins Park in**

**Upper Marlboro, MD.** Please call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) and volunteer. Your special talents are needed to help make this a successful and fun event.

**SAINT CYPRIAN FEAST DAY:** HCSC will celebrate our Patron Saint on **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please note that only **ONE Mass, at 10AM,** will be celebrated on this day (no 8am or 11am Mass). **Our parish plans to host an Organization & Ministry Fair out on the plaza following Mass.** Stay tuned for more details.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT** at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **November 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@hscchurch.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.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ YAM@hscchurch.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<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!

**SAVE THE DATE!! HCSC HOLY NAME SOCIETY** is planning its annual men's spiritual retreat to **Loyola on the Potomac, January 1—3, 2016.** The retreat fee is \$235.00 (\$185.00 for first time participants and/or young adults up to age 30). Contact Rodney Newman on 202-575-0743 or at newman\_acm@hotmail.com.

**SODALITY BAZAAR:** Arts & Crafts, Baked Goods, and more at St. John de la Salle Catholic Church, **Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am—3pm,** 5706 Sargent Rd., Hyattsville, MD. For more details call Vicky Wise (202-635-3703) or see flyer on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

**THE HOPE MASS** is for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends and will be celebrated on **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Holy Name Annex Building, 1125 Neal St., NE.** Homilist is Most Rev. Mario Dorsonville. Following the Mass, the DC Heart of Hope Expo offers information and resources for the disability community. For more info call Cheryl McLaughlin (202-397-2525).

**VACATION TIME IS HERE:** Whether you stay at home, visit relatives or friends, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? Visit **www.masstimes.org** for Mass times and locations around the country.



**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

