

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37



In today's readings a proper understanding of the Law and its relationship to our hearts is taught. First, we are taught of the **PROMISE** of the Law when Moses tells us God is giving us the Law so that we can enter the Land and take possession of it. In other words, the Law unlocks many blessings and promises for us. There is also the **PRECISION** of the Law for Moses teaches that we shall not add or subtract from what God gives. Blessings can only really come if we wholeheartedly embrace God's way. For example, if you told me how to get to your house but I only obeyed every other turn, I will most likely not get there. Next, we are taught the **PORTRAYAL** of the Law which is done by our very living of the Law. In so doing we give evidence of the very wisdom the Law itself gives. Next, we are warned by Jesus of the **PRIORITY** of God's law for he warns that we too often substitute human traditions and teachings for God's Law. No, says Jesus, every human thought and law must be subordinate to God's Law which always has priority. Finally, the Lord teaches on the **PLACE** of the Law which must be in our hearts. It is not enough for the Law to be in our intellect. For the heart is the deeper part of us wherein we deliberate, ponder the meaning of things, discern and ultimately choose. Further, the heart describes that part of us which is most truly our very self. And when the Law reaches our heart we keep it not because we have to, but because we want to.

FUNERAL—James Wilmer Fenwick (Aug. 28th)



Sunday, August 30

4:30pm (Sat) Catherine Miles † (17th anniversary)
 8:00am Sr. Naomi Smith, OSP †
 11:00am Campbell & Hawkins Families
 7:00pm James & Dorothy Young (wedding anniv. Sept 1)

Monday, August 31

7:00am Serwa Brown (birthday—Aug. 22)

Tuesday, September 1

7:00am Linda Jenkins (birthday)

Wednesday, September 2

7:00am Theresa Clark-James (birthday)

Thursday, September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Henry Leon Fulford † (birthday)

Friday, September 4

7:00am Savannah Blu Holton (1st birthday)

Saturday, September 5

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Phillip & Marlene Whitlock (60th anniv. Sept 3)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11	Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Colossians 1:1-8	Luke 4:38-44
Thursday:	Colossians 1:9-14	Luke 5:1-11
Friday:	Colossians 1:15-20	Luke 5:33-39
Saturday:	Colossians 1:21-23	Luke 6:1-5

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562
Responsorial Psalm
 "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "New Name in Glory" LMGM #708
 ** Music Ministry of Julius Riddick
Communion
 "Praise Him" D. Harper
Post Communion Music
 Music Ministry of Julius Riddick
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Music Ministry of Julius Riddick

Mass Attendance for August 23, 2015

4:30pm	53
8:00am	116
11:00am	220
7:00pm	102
Total:	491

NOTE: No Stewardship figures for the weekend of August 23rd are available for posting in this week's bulletin. Updated figures will be posted next weekend.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/30)	Wednesday (9/2)
9:15am RCIA	6:30pm Liturgical Dance
9:30am Picnic Planning meeting	7:00pm Bible Study
1:00pm Liturgical Dance mtg	Friday (9/4)
7:00pm Mass	6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
8:00pm AA	8:00pm NA
Monday (8/31)	Saturday (9/5)
8:00pm YAM Bible Study	10:00am Liturgical Dance
Tuesday (9/1)	4:30pm Mass
6:30pm Youth Choir	
7:00pm Adult Choir	

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE: Visit our website at www.hcscchurch.org to view the parish calendar for the entire year. This a live calendar and is subject to change daily to reflect new and changing events. All liturgical and ministerial events of this parish are reflected on this calendar. Check it out!

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.

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

END OF RECTORY SUMMER HOURS: After Sept. 2nd the rectory office will resume closing Wednesdays at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Gerry Counihan who was installed as Deputy Chaplain at the National Rehabilitation Hospital. Gerry will be ministering on Sundays to those Catholics who are staying at NRH. Please keep Gerry in prayer as he embarks upon this wonderful service to God's people.



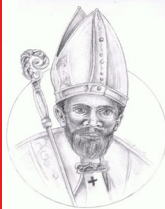
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quality time with Jesus on **Fri., Sept. 4th, 6—7pm** in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour. The Holy Name Society will host.



HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC—is **Sat., Sept. 12th** in **Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD**. The Picnic Committee will meet **Sun., Aug. 30th** from **9:30—10:30am** in the rectory parlor. Help from parishioners will make this a successful event. Different talents are needed, so please come to the meeting. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: There will be **ONLY ONE MASS, Sun., Sept. 13th** at **10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family member or friend to celebrate Mass with us. We will still have the 4:30pm vigil on Saturday and the 7pm Sunday Mass.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 20th** at **9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration begins this weekend. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hcschurch.org.



THE WORD AMONG US: September issues are available in the Candlelight 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!*

WALK WITH FRANCIS CAMPAIGN: Pope Francis is coming to the Archdiocese of Washington and you are invited to be a part of the journey by taking a pledge to commit to following his examples of faith and service. We are challenging you to take the pledge to *Walk with Francis* by choosing to **pray** or **serve** or **act** in a new way to advance his mission and ministry in the next year. Your pledge will be presented to the Holy Father when he visits. Visit Walk-withFrancis.org for details. Our parish will take the pledge next week (Sept. 5-6) at all Masses. Stay tuned for details.

Youth Ministry News

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

MOTHERS, SAINTS & MODELS OF FAITH: Come and spend an evening with Catholic Recording Artist **Vallimar Jansen** on Sept. 4th, 7—9pm at St. Margaret of Scotland, 410 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant. This is a free event for youth grades 7—12. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot for details.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY for our students who are leaving for college and those who remain and are beginning a new school year. May they seek God's wisdom and love and follow in his footsteps as they continue on their journey.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcschurch.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 HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or send an email. Follow us on Twitter at HCSCYoungAdults!

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. For info contact June Johnson on 202-546-1885.

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.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The current schedule for September 5—November 1 has been issued. Schedules have been sent to ministers with email and those without email will receive a copy though regular mail. Copies are also available in the sacristy. Thank you for your commitment to serve God and your parish.

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 begin in the Fall. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church and in the rectory office.

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

Parish Website: www.hcschurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

