

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-48

Readings Next Weekend:

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



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?



Sunday, September 27

4:30pm (Sat) Catherine Dunn †
8:00am Joseph Stewart †
11:00am Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)
7:00pm Rosetta Young & Family

Monday, September 28 *Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz, Martyrs*
7:00am Delante Rush, Jr. (birthday-Sept. 29th)

Tuesday, September 29 *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*
7:00am Raymond Peter Rybik †

Wednesday, September 30 *St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of Church*
7:00am Joyce V. Hall †

Thursday, October 1 *St Thérèse of Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of Church*
7:00am Charles P. Campbell †

Friday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
7:00am Marlene F. Whitlock (birthday)

Saturday, October 3
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Antonia Contreras †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-51
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8 Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4-7, 12 Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Luke 10:17-24

Music Schedule

Processional
"Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562
Responsorial Psalm
"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "In Christ There Is No East of West" LMGM #664
** Choral Praise
Communion
"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" LMGM #572
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for September 20, 2015

4:30pm	46
8:00am	126
11:00am	285
7:00pm	90
Total:	547

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/00)	\$11,013
Actual Surplus Deficit (-)	- \$5,333

ELECTRONIC TITHING—What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries? Try 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. Thank you for your continued support!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/27)
9:15am RCIA
9:30am Sunday School
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA

Monday (9/28)
6:30pm Parish Council meeting
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (9/29)
6:30pm Youth Leaders
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (9/30)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study

Friday (10/2)
6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
8:00pm NA

Saturday (10/3)
10:00am Blessing of Animals
10:00 Liturgical Dance
4:30pm Mass

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—classes have begun for youth in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30am at the school. Children can still register. Forms are available in the rear of the church or on our website. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org. **Adult Bible Study** is held in conjunction with Sunday School.

2016 YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE EARLY REGISTRATION!!! Attention catechist, youth leaders, and youth interested in attending next year's **Youth Rally & Mass for Life** event. For registration details, please contact our Minister of Religious Education, Shirley Austin, on 202-546-1885, no later than Sun., Oct. 4th.

THE WORD AMONG US: October 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!*

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS—weekly fellowship will resume **Wed., Sept. 30th at 11am** in the Youth Room at the school. Join us for fellowship, Bible study, and to play games. For information call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Fri., Oct. 2nd, 6—7pm.** Both the Music and Usher Ministries will act as host for the evening. Come spend some quality time with Jesus in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: **Sat., Oct., 3rd,** the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Msgr. Pope will bless animals out on the church plaza from **10am—12noon.** Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD: Please consider joining Monsignor Pope on **Sat., Oct. 3rd at 7pm** for a candlelight vigil against the construction of a planned parenthood mega-center. The candlelight vigil will be at **4th & Florida Ave., NE,** the mega-center construction site.

HCSC Church Choir's 43rd Anniversary Concert is **Sun., Oct. 25th, at 4pm.** Tickets: **\$20 each** are available from any Choir member or the rectory office. **Please consider placing an ad or memorial in the program.** Pick up the choir flyer in the rear of the church for details.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—is selling collectible Oblate dolls in the Candlelight Store. The dolls are handmade by the Oblates and dressed in two distinct habits from their past. Stop by the store in the rear of the church and see. Orders must be placed in advance and will be ready in 2-3 weeks.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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SAVE THE DATE!!! Annual East of the River Fall Revival Youth Night is Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 7pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD. For information, contact the Youth Director.

ALL YOUTH!!! If you are interested in becoming a reporter for the **HCSC Youth Newsletter**, please contact the Youth Director.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: If you celebrate a birthday during August, September, or October and would like it posted in the next HCSC Youth Newsletter contact the Youth Director.

WE NEED YOU FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES! Many of our youth have graduated and become young adults. We are looking for more youth to serve in our Youth Ministries: *Altar Servers; Dance Ministry; Junior Ushers; Youth Ensemble; Youth Lectors.* If you are interested in joining any of our youth ministries, or helping with one of the youth ministries, contact the Youth Ministry Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry
Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ❖ YAM@hscchurch.org

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@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!

Thank You From the Knights of Columbus to our HCSC parishioners. Your donations of clothing made our clothing drive a successful event. The clothing was delivered to the Central Union Mission and to Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Pennsylvania Ave.

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.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8am, 11am, and 7pm
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm and Sunday, 9am—2pm

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office. Follow us on Facebook! Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>