

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Nehemiah 8:2-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; :14-21



The Gospel today presents us with some Biblical Basics on Mother Mary. Note first the **Prayer** that Mary made. It was Mary who noticed that the couple at the wedding had no wine. We may wonder why Jesus didn't notice. Perhaps he did, but often God waits for us to ask even when He already knows our need. The Book of James says, You have not because you ask not (James 4:2). Thus Mother Mary not only notices, but she prays, she beseeches the Lord. So, don't forget to pray. Too often do we postpone prayer and travel a lot of needless miles. Ask! Next, notice the **Portrait** of Mother Mary. In the first place she is given a **Title** by Jesus who calls her "Woman," a strange thing for a son to call his mother. But Jesus is here harkening back to Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Thus Jesus is portraying her as the woman and himself as the one who would destroy Satan's power. Note too Mary's **Tenacity**. For at one level Jesus seems to be unwilling to grant her request, wondering what the lack of wine has to do with him. But Mary is not overcome so easily and she stays in the conversation. We don't know exactly what happened, perhaps she gave Jesus a look only a mother can give. But the next thing we see is that Jesus is making 60 gallons of the wine. So Mary is tenacious. And she is also **Trusting**, for she does not need to know the details, she only says to the waiter, "Do whatever he tells you." Finally, notice the **Power** of Mary. We have already seen the vast amount of wine Jesus makes. But the text also tells that on account of this miracles many became Jesus followers that day. And herein lies Mary's greatest role, to draw others to her Son.



Sunday, January 17

8:00am Ellis S. Poole † (birthday Jan. 16)
 11:00am James Wilmer Fenwick †
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Care-Givers

Monday, January 18

7:00am Deceased Cole, Greene & Hill Family

Tuesday, January 19

7:00am For the Intentions of the homeless

Wednesday, January 20

7:00am Lillian Yates † (4th anniversary)

Thursday, January 21

7:00am For the Intentions of James E. Edelin

Friday, January 22

7:00am For the Intentions of Kamren Reynolds

Saturday, January 23

8:00am June Holton-Johnson (birthday)
 4:30pm For the People

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mark 3:20-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LMGM #492
Responsorial Psalm
 "Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LMGM #343
 ** "We Offer Praise" R. Bryan
Communion
 "Taste and See" LMGM #750
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor*—Gwen Myles, *Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir* — L'Tanya Holley, *Music Associate*

Mass Attendance for January 10, 2016

4:30pm	54
8:00am	124
11:00am	230
7:00pm	87
Total:	495

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/10)	\$13,854
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$2,492



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

Michael shares: "My most powerful encounter with Jesus was during Confession. I shared my sins and struggles with the priest, and as he prayed over me, I saw myself at the foot of the cross. Christ looked down at me, spoke to me personally with love and forgiveness, offered his healing and asked me to repent and accept it. He invited me to live in love with him. That encounter changed my life. To know God, to experience his mercy so deeply that I still feel it – there's nothing else like it." Share your Mercy Story at mercy.adw.org.

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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/17) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/20) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/18) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/22) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (1/19) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (1/23) 10:00 am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cypryan 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

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, January 18th— the rectory office is closed in observance of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday.

HCSC AFRICAN—AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH will begin with the recognition of our ancestors on whose shoulders we continually stand. Beginning this year, we ask our parish families to submit the names of their deceased on the forms in your bulletin and drop them in the baskets in front of the Mary and Joseph altars. These names will be on display in the church sanctuary throughout the month of February. **Deadline for submission: Sunday, Jan. 31st.**
NOTE: This act of recognizing those who are deceased will be moved to the month of November during the Church's observance of All Souls. Flyers will be in the bulletin over the next three weekends.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed: HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and/or distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., Jan. 23rd.** Your cooked chicken is **desperately needed (see flyer in rear of the church for recipe).** Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., Jan. 22nd. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.

ADULT & FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: Continue your *Walk with Francis* on **Fri., Jan. 22nd.** Rally: 9—10am; Mass: 10—11:30am at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW. Celebrant—Bishop Mario Dorsonville; Homilist—Fr. Dan Leary, Pastor, St. Andrew Apostle Parish. To register go to: www.adw/jan22.

4th ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: *Divine Mercy—in Prayer and Action* sponsored by ADW Office of Family Life and the Council of Catholic Women, **Sat., Feb. 27th, 8AM—4PM,** at Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg, MD. Keynote speaker is our pastor, Msgr. Charles Pope, scheduled to speak on *Perfect Mercy*. **Cost: \$40.** For more information: adw.org/womensconference.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are prepared only upon request. Statements **will be available starting Mon., Feb. 1st** and will not be automatically mailed. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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DEADLINE EXTENTION 2016 ESSAY & DRAWING CONTEST: The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors its second **Essay and Drawing Contest**. **NEW** entry deadline: **Wed., Jan. 20th.** Essay contest open to youth 8—18 year olds. This year's theme: **"What can I offer in sacrifice to help the poor and help save the earth?"** Drawing contest limited to 8—10 year olds. Guidelines for submissions available in rear of church or at sodalityunionadw.org/Committee_Reports. For questions, contact the Youth Ministry Director.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: If you have a birthday in the months of December, January or February let us know so it can appear in the next edition of the HCSC Youth Newsletter.

YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: Any youth interested in attending this annual event on **Fri., Jan. 22nd,** can contact the Youth Ministry Director.

S.O.M.E., INC.: The Youth Ministry will perform monthly community service at S.O.M.E., Inc. on **Sat., Jan. 23rd,** from 10am 'til 1pm at **71 "O" Street, NW.** Any youth age 13 or older interested in volunteering, contact the HCSC Youth Director, Nicki Gebrehiwot.

YOUTH MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: **Sat., Jan 30th, 1-7pm** at the Merrick Center (near St. Thomas More Church). Workshops, food and fun. Contact Nicki for info.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Youth Retreat is **March 12-13,** at Camp Maria in Leonard, MD. Stay tuned for more details.

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. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

SAVE THE DATE!!! HCSC LENTEN FAMILY DAY—Sun., Jan. 31st at 1pm at the school. Lunch provided! Please RSVP as soon as possible. See flyer in the bulletin.

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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 7:00am (Chapel)
 Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
 Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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