

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45



The Gospel today invites us to wrestle with a fundamental, essential, and focal question, "How much do you really want heaven?" The Gospel opens with a **Problematic Pondering**. A man asks Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Now, his question is a good one, but it is problematic, because he couches it in terms of his own personal power and achievement. For, he wonders what he, himself, must do to attain eternal life. The problem is, none of us have the holiness or the spiritual wealth or power to attain heaven based merely on what we do. The kind of righteousness we need can come only from God. His question leads to Jesus engaging in a kind of **Preliminary Prescription**, wherein he quotes the Commandments and draws out the flawed premise of the man, setting him up for what comes next. And the man takes the bait, for next we see his **Perceived Perfection** as he announces he has followed the Commandments. For, having heard Jesus quote the second table of the Law, he announces that he has observed all of these from his youth! He must have had a fairly minimalist and perfunctory observance of the law for Jesus observes in the Sermon on the Mount that righteousness involves a fulfilling of the law, not merely a perfunctory observance of it. Thus, it is not enough not to commit adultery, we must banish lust from our minds. It is not enough not to steal, we must act with justice toward the poor, etc. Jesus goes on to discuss the rather **Pricey Prescription** for the kingdom of heaven. What does heaven cost? The answer is, everything! What does it mean to go to heaven, except to forsake and leave behind everything of this world. Even the apostles, who had left everything to follow Jesus, were astonished by this teaching, and cried out "Then who can be saved?!" And this leads finally in this gospel to the **Powerful Possibility** proclaimed by the Lord, "For man it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Thus, in the end, salvation must be God's work. He alone can take these tortured hearts of ours, so rooted in passing things, and make them willing to forsake all things for the kingdom of heaven.

FUNERAL: Shawntee Rowe (10/6th)
Alfred Miner (10/12th)



Sunday, October 11

4:30pm (Sat) Francis D. Campbell †
8:00am Joan M. Graham †
11:00am Rashida Brown (birthday)
7:00pm Antonia Contreras † (birthday 10/13)

Monday, October 12

7:00am Curtiss Brown †

Tuesday, October 13

7:00am Candis M. Stretcher (birthday)

Wednesday, October 14 *Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am Nathaniel Williams † (birthday)

Thursday, October 15 *St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Sylvester C. Campbell †

Friday, October 16 *Sts Hedwig, Religious & Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

7:00am Antonia Contreras †

Saturday, October 17 *St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00am For the People
4:30pm Antonia Contreras †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54
Friday: Romans 4:1-8 Luke 12:1-7
Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18 Luke 12:8-12

Music Schedule

Processional
"God Has Smiled on Me" LMGM #499

Responsorial Psalm
"Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" LMGM # 196
** "Completely Yes" by Sandra Crouch

Communion
"Bless His Holy Name" LMGM #451

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
** 11:00am Youth Ensemble, L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator

Mass Attendance for October 4, 2015

4:30pm	47
8:00am	136
11:00am	256
7:00pm	98
Total:	535

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/4)	\$18,890
Actual Surplus	+ \$2,544

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 (10/11) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name Society 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/14) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance No Bible Study
Monday (10/12) RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED No YAM Bible Study	Friday (10/16) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (10/13) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/17) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher Board meeting 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

RECTORY CLOSED—Monday, October 12th in observance of **Columbus Day**.



TRAVELING MERCIES—for Msgr. Pope, Deacons Butler and Cyrus, and the HCSC parishioners on pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France from **Oct. 12-21**. Please pray for our pilgrims as they journey to seek graces.

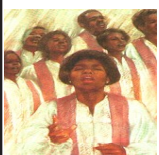
SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING PARISH PILGRIMAGE

No YAM Bible Study Oct. 12th and 19th
No Wednesday evening Bible Study Oct. 14th or 21st

YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your youth!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION: On the second Sunday we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein **canned** foods (**meats, tuna/fish, stews, peanut butter**) for our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your canned food contribution. If you were unable to bring canned food today you can contribute to a Poor Box located at each entrance since this money is used for the same purpose.

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. This will be the last HCSC concert under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Louis. So don't miss this opportunity!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—SPACES STILL AVAILABLE—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."** **Facilitator: Charlene Howard.** Flyers in rear of the church.

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—will sponsor their Fall Barbecue on **Sun., Oct. 25th, at Saint Benedict the Moor, 320—21st St., NE, 8am—2pm.** Delicious ribs, chicken and sides will be available. See flyer for pricing.

"TEA TIME" with the OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—is **Sat., Oct. 17th, 11:30am—3pm.** Silent auction and fancy tea purchases on hand. Ladies are encouraged to wear a hat and gloves and gentlemen should wear a tie. For more information contact Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP at 410-242-6861.

NORTHWEST CENTER's 29th ANNUAL INDIAN SUMMER BALL: Join the **Northwest Center, Sat., Oct. 17th, 8pm to Midnight** at the Organization of American States 17th & E. Constitution Ave., NW. Black tie, gourmet dinner buffet, open bar, live music and dancing. All proceeds benefit the pregnancy center and maternity home. Advance ticket purchases only (\$95/person, \$175/couple). Visit www.northwestcenter.net/events or contact Sheena Byrne on 202-483-2857 or sheena@northwestcenter.net.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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S.O.M.E., Inc.—The Youth Ministry will resume its monthly community service at S.O.M.E., Inc. on **Sat., Oct. 24th**, from 10am to 1pm at 71 "O" St., NW. Any youth, 13 years or older, interested in volunteering, please contact HCSC Youth Director.

SAVE THE DATE!! Youth Ministry Fun Fellowship, **Fri., Oct. 30th**. Stay tuned for more details.

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. Interested in joining one of our youth ministries? Contact our Youth Ministry Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—will not meet Oct. 12th and 19th during the parish pilgrimage.

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



"WE OFFER PRAISE" CD—is Mr. Louis' final recording project with the HCSC Music Ministry. Pick up a copy in the Candlelight Store or the rectory. **COST: Just \$10 each!**



GUADALUPE RADIO—can be heard at 1160AM throughout Washington, Maryland and Virginia and offers a variety of Catholic programs such as Call-in shows, the Holy Mass, Vatican Radio, our own Msgr. Charles Pope, and the Morning Glory Show with Brian Patrick, Gloria Purvis. Program guides, bumper stickers and station cards available in rear of church with more information.

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.

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

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

