

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Jeremiah 31:7-9      Hebrews 5:1-6      Mark 10:46-52

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14      1 John 3:1-3      Matthew 5:1-12



The Gospel today speaks of our struggle to see. Now the danger for us is that we think of this gospel only in terms of a man who was physically blind 2000 years ago in a city called Jericho. If that is all we "see," then our own blindness needs attention. Actually, we are the blind man. To a large degree we fail to see and understand our own sin, and we struggle to see God. Until we perceive our problem, our blindness will go largely uncured. First, note the **proclamation that is prescribed**. The story opens with the blind man seated by the roadside begging. The blind man hears of Jesus and begins to call on him. And this is the proclamation that is prescribed: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Next, note the **perseverance that produces**. As the blind man calls out he is rebuked and scorned by many, but he is not discouraged and continues to call out all the louder for Jesus. After an extended period of calling Jesus stops and calls out. His perseverance pays off. Next, note the **priority that is presented**. The text says that he threw aside his cloak and went to Jesus. Now his cloak was probably one of the most valuable things that this man owned. But in order to go to Christ he willingly leaves everything else behind. And this is sometimes required of us. Next, note the **permission that is procured**. Jesus asked the blind man a strange question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Is it not obvious to Jesus with the man needs? Yes, but note that God respects his dignity and asks him anyway. For it is a true fact that it takes guts to be healed. Many people in life want relief, rather than healing. Finally, note the **path that is pursued**. Upon receiving his sight, the text informs us that the man followed the Lord on the way. His life has been changed and he can no longer go on sitting by the roadside. Now he must follow the path that leads to life.



**Sunday, October 25**

4:30pm (Sat) Antonia Contreras †  
 8:00am Molly Moore †  
 11:00am Pauline Macon † (birthday)  
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Kenneth W. Louis

**Monday, October 26**

7:00am George & Mary L. Dyson †

**Tuesday, October 27**

7:00am Mary L. Holmes †

**Wednesday, October 28** *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

7:00am Gerry Robinson

**Thursday, October 29**

7:00am For the Intentions of Marie Jean-Bart

**Friday, October 30**

7:00am Shawntee L. Rowe †

**Saturday, October 31**

8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Jabari H. Outtz †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Romans 8:12-17      Luke 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Romans 8:18-25      Luke 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Ephesians 2:19-22;      Luke 6:12-16  
**Thursday:** Romans 8:31-39      Luke 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Romans 9:1-5      Luke 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29      Luke 14:1, 7-11

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "He Has Done Great Things for Me"      LMGM #635

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy"

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"

**Offertory**  
 \* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"      LMGM #257  
 \* \* Choral Praise

**Communion**  
 "The Lord is My Light"      LMGM #132

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \* \* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for October 18, 2015**

4:30pm	59
8:00am	98
11:00am	302
7:00pm	98
<b>Total:</b>	<b>714</b>

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/18)	\$10,592
Actual Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	— \$5,754

**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](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. Thank you for your continued support!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (10/25)</b> 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 4:00 pm Choir Concert 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (10/28)</b> 11:00am Seniors Fun Day 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (10/26)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (10/30)</b> 7:00 pm Youth Fun Night 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (10/27)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (10/31)</b> 10:00am 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**



“**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!

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



**REMINDER—Sun., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Daylight Saving Time will end.** So, remember to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER CARDS**—In commemoration of the blessing of the recent visit of Pope Francis to the United States, the Archdiocese has provided us with a prayer card that was **blessed by the Holy Father** at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew in DC. Please pick up your prayer card in the rear of the Church. We ask that you take only one card per person so that everyone may have a card. If we have any remaining then you can take more next week.



**FRIENDLY SENIORS FUN DAY—Wed., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**, 11am-2pm, in the Youth Room at the school building. Come and join other seniors for food, games and fellowship. See flyer for details and to RSVP.



**Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite for All Souls’ Day—Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30pm at HCSC. The Chantry will sing the complete 1603 Officium Defunctorum of Tomás Luis de Victoria - a rare opportunity to hear the complete Mass in the context of the Sacred Liturgy. All are invited.

**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 (\$185 for first time participants and/or young adults up to age 30). Lodging and meals are included in the fee. Contact Rodney Newman on 202-575-0743 or newman\_acm@hotmail.com for more information.

**THE WORD AMONG US**—the November issue is available in the Candlelight Store for \$2. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God’s grace and to encourage us to read the Word of God by offering meditations based on the daily Mass readings.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**—One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. During the month of November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased friends and family. A Mass will be celebrated every other day during November for the Poor Souls. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for an envelope) and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



**Youth Ministry News**

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**YOUTH FUN NIGHT:** Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the school. All youth are invited for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! All ages!

**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<sup>ish</sup>)! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD SITE: Sun., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm at 4<sup>th</sup> & Florida Ave., NE. Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington plans to open an abortion mega-clinic in the NoMa neighborhood of Northeast DC. Construction is currently underway at this site, located adjacent to two primary schools. Please join us as we pray that this clinic does not open! WDC Metropolitan Police will be present to ensure safety. Metro Stop: Red Line, NoMa Gallaudet Station (walk 3 blocks east to the site) For information, contact: Diane Conocchioni, Coordinator, 40 Days for Life, WDC at [4lifewdc@comcast.net](mailto:4lifewdc@comcast.net) or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/washington/>.

**VOICES OF THE SPANISH GOLDEN AGE:** Join the vocal group *Carmina* for a concert directed by Vera Kochanowsky and Hubert Beckwith (Assistant), **Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at HCSC**. Art, music, and literature came to a great flowering in Spain during the sixteenth century and *Carmina* will explore the musical glories of this “Golden Age” with motets, canciones, and villanescas by Guerrero, Morales, Vivanco, Vasquez, and more. Donation: \$15. For information, call 703-532-9356 or [www.CARMINA.org](http://www.CARMINA.org).

**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>

