

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32



The first reading from First Kings speaks to us of the paradox of poverty. The paradox is that often our poverty, our neediness provides a doorway for God to bless us with true riches. It is our emptiness that provides room for God to work. The first reading opens with a Desire Portrayed. The prophet Elijah encounters a widow in the city of Zarepath, which means "refining fire." Both of them are hungry due to a famine in the land. But Elijah, as God's prophet, speaks not only for himself, but for God when he asks this very poor woman to share her meager food with him. For, truth be told, God has a desire, a hunger for us. The woman too as many desires, but her desire needs to be purified in this place called "refining fire." Notice next, the Destitution of Poverty. The woman articulates her poverty, that she has only a small amount of food for herself and her child, that starvation is near at hand. We may wonder why God allows poverty. The quick answer is because there is such a grave risk in riches. In riches we trust in ourselves, in poverty we can only trust God. And it is only by trusting faith that we can ever be saved. So, next notice the Demand that is Prescribed. God's prophet, Elijah, summons her to trusting faith. He tells her not to be afraid to share, and in effect, teaches her the Lord will not be outdone in generosity. At a merely human level, Elijah's request may seem almost cruel. But from a spiritual perspective, Elijah is summoning her to the faith that can truly save her. We too must come to realize that merely looking to our own self-interest will only feed us for one day. Only in openness to God and to others can we procure a super-abundant food, that will draw us to life eternal. Finally, note the Deliverance Produced. Having little to lose, she trusts in God's word through Elijah and shares her food. And sure enough God is not outdone in generosity. From that day forward her jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry. If we learn to trust God, we come to discover that God never fails.



Sunday, November 8

4:30pm (Sat) Clarence L. Campbell †
 8:00am Ernestine C. Jackson †
 11:00am Deceased Barnes Family Members
 7:00pm Deceased Barnes Family Members

Monday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

7:00am All Souls

Tuesday, November 10 *Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church*

7:00am All Souls

Wednesday, November 11 *Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

7:00am Charles H. Kittrell and WW II veterans †

Thursday, November 12 *Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Chionesu Brown (birthday—Nov. 9)

Friday, November 13 *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 14

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Dorothy Taylor Walker † (10th anniversary)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23—3:9 Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22—8:1 Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9 Luke 18:1-8

Music Schedule

Processional
 "We're Marching to Zion" LMGM #706
Responsorial Psalm
 "Praise the Lord, my soul"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Is Your All on the Altar" LMGM #660
 ** "God, Great God" Kurt Carr
Communion
 "Oh How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365
 * 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Music Associate*

Mass Attendance for November 1, 2015

4:30pm	50
8:00am	159
11:00am	220
7:00pm	100
Total:	529

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/01)	\$17,949
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,603

FAITH DIRECT: With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are received even if you are out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our **Church Code is DC59**. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (11/8) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (11/11) Rectory Closed 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (11/9) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (11/12) 7:00pm Pageant Rehearsal
Tuesday (11/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (11/13) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (11/14) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 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



In observance of **Veterans Day**, the **Rectory Office** will be **closed Wed., November 11th**. Please continue to pray for those who have served and are continuing to serve.

YOUTH SUNDAY TODAY: 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 child!

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

RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION—this weekend is for the priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the Archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall through such efforts as this special collection. Priests do contribute to their own retirement through 403 B and Social Security, but please keep in mind that their salaries are modest. Our archdiocesan priests have been there for you and your families, please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service. Envelopes are located in the pews for your donation. Thank you.

THE MIRACLE OF MARRIAGE: Our own Msgr. Charles Pope is the guest speaker **Fri., Nov. 13th** at St. John Neumann, 9000 Warfield Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. This **FREE** lecture is recommended for everyone, but especially for persons who have difficult marriages!

STRUGGLE & HOPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, Custos of the Holy Land, will share his witness of the daily life, struggles and hopes of the Christian communities and others of goodwill living in the Middle East. **Tues., Nov. 17th, 7:30 pm**, at St. Francis Hall, 1340 Quincy St., NE. **FREE event.** For more information, contact the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 202-526-6800 or myfranciscan.com.

WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN): 2015 FALL CITY-WIDE ACTION—on Jobs; Housing & Homelessness, **Thur., Nov. 19th 6:30—8:30pm** at Covenant Baptist, 3845 S. Capitol St., SW. Mayor Muriel Bowser is scheduled to attend. Call the rectory for details.

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 in the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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THANK YOU—to our youth, parents and volunteers who helped with the **Fun-Filled Faith Fellowship** event.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Youth Ministry is looking for actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant. We also need adults to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. Questions? Contact the Youth Director.

ALL YOUTH!!! Interested in becoming a reporter for the HCSC Youth Newsletter? Contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcschurch.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!

SAINT JOSEPH 2016 SUNDAY MISSALS—have arrived and are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$3**

ATTENTION LECTORS: Personalized copies of the **2016 Lectors Workbook** have arrived and are available in the sacristy. Please take only the copy with your name on it.

REMEMBERING DOROTHY DAY: In remembrance of Servant of God Dorothy Day on the 35th anniversary of her passing, Dorothy's granddaughter, Martha Hennessy, will speak on *"Dorothy Day: A Disciple For Our Times"* at St. Francis of Assisi Church (6701 Muncaster Mill Rd., Derwood, MD) on **Sat., Nov. 21st at 10am**, in the Parish Center following 9am daily Mass. All are welcome. For more information, call 301-840-1407.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY: *Having unresolved feelings about your abortion experience? You don't feel forgiven? Worried if you will be a good mom?* Come to an **Entering Canaan DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING on Saturday, December 5th**. Questions? Contact Julia Shelava (301-982-2008) at ProjectRachel@adw.org. Due to the personal nature of this experience location and contacts are confidential.

DISCOUNTED WASHINGTON CAPS and WIZARDS TICKETS—Fans can see both teams play, save dollars, and support Catholic Charities. To **"Rock the Red,"** go to www.mesales.com/caps/catholiccharities, type in Promo Code "CCCaps." To purchase Wizards tickets, visit www.mesales.com/wiz/catholiccharities, type in Promo Code "CCWiz." \$5 of each discounted ticket will be donated to Catholic Charities to assist in providing services for those most vulnerable in our community.

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>

