

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37



The Gospel reading today turns our attention to the passing nature of this world and all its glories. We are taught that our exit from the world and appointment for judgment is just one heartbeat away. The setting of the Gospel is just prior to Jesus' final ascent into Jerusalem where he will suffer and die, and then rise. The apostles admire the beautiful buildings of the Temple from across the Kidron Valley as they stand atop the Mount of Olives. Jesus then warns them that the days are coming when all those beautiful buildings will be thrown down. Indeed they were, a mere forty years later, never to be rebuilt. This is an image for the world as we know it. It will not last, it is changing from moment to moment and will at some point be definitively swept away. In the age of the Church, some 2000 years, numerous Empires (e.g. Rome, the British Empire, etc.) have all risen and fallen. Whole cultures have been swept away. But Christ and his Church have lasted. Every now and again people laugh at Christ and his Church and pronounce that the end of the Church and faith is at hand. But the Church has buried every one of her undertakers and survived oppressive governments and philosophies since 33AD. And thus today, in the Gospel the Lord reminds us that the things of this world are passing, they are ephemeral. And no matter how much we may admire the power or influence of certain things, philosophies and people now, they are all steadily eroding. The Lord speaks a truth that we must ultimately grasp: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mk 13:31). In other words, don't be too impressed with the world and get on the Lord's team. We're gonna win!



Sunday, November 15

4:30pm (Sat) Dorothy Taylor Walker † (10th anniversary)
 8:00am Catherine E. Graham †
 11:00am Moore, Jackson, Pye & Crumpton Families
 7:00pm Mabel C. Campbell †

Monday, November 16 *Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*

7:00am All Souls

Tuesday, November 17 *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

7:00am All Souls

Wednesday, November 18 *Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles*

7:00am Chionesu Brown (birthday)

Thursday, November 19

7:00am Robert DeFoe †

Friday, November 20

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 21 *Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm For the Intentions of Pope Francis

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Sign Me Up" LMGM #696
Responsorial Psalm
 "You are my inheritance, O Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Plenty Good Room" LMGM #714
 ** "In the Word of God" Robinson
Communion
 "Jesus in the Morning" LMGM #391
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for November 8, 2015

4:30pm 48
 8:00am 141
 11:00am 265
 7:00pm 102
Total: 556

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/8)	\$16,271
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$75

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 (11/15)
 9:15am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 1:30pm Pageant Rehearsal
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Wednesday (11/18)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

Thursday (11/19)
 1:00pm Pageant Rehearsal

Monday (11/16)
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Friday (11/20)
 8:00pm NA

Tuesday (11/17)
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Saturday (11/21)
 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

“**THANKSGIVING**” is NOT about an abundance of food. Thanksgiving is about survival, sharing, and friendship. Thanksgiving means making friends out of strangers. Sharing with others who have less than you. The origin of Thanksgiving was the coming together of two unfamiliar communities. The pilgrims survived the long hard voyage across the ocean. They found a native people who were willing to teach them, regardless of a language barrier, how to survive in the “new land.” After their long hard struggle to survive they chose to come together to share a meal in solidarity of their friendship. The Pilgrims and the original natives of the “new world”, came together to “Give Thanks” and praise to their God/gods for allowing them to learn from each other how to survive together.

THANKSGIVING MASS is **Wed., Nov. 25th at 7pm** in the church. Please consider taking a moment to come together with your Church family to thank God for the abundance of blessings He has bestowed upon us.

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, 7:30pm**, 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 scheduled to attend.

REMEMBERING SERVANT OF GOD 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 in Derwood, MD (6701 Muncaster Mill Rd.) on **Sat., Nov. 21st at 10am**, following 9am daily Mass in the Parish Center. 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 **Sat., Dec. 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.

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

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ALTAR SERVERS AWARD EVENT: The Annual Altar Servers Recognition Mass and Appreciation Ceremony sponsored by The Serra Club of Washington, is **Sun., Nov. 22nd, at 2pm**, at the Basilica of the Nat’l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to attend in support of our own altars servers who will be recognized..

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@hcscchurch.org

FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP: In his address to Congress Pope Francis highlighted four individuals of this country and their dreams of liberty; liberty in plurality and non-exclusion; social justice and the rights of persons; and the capacity for dialogue and openness to God. The Fall Theology on Tap series explores the dreams of these four individuals and their spirit of faith for our country to develop and grow, so that young people can inherit and dwell in a land which has inspired people to dream. On **Tues., Nov. 17th**, Art Laffin, Member of the Catholic Worker Movement, will discuss **Dorothy Day & Social Justice**, at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited for **Happy Hour from 6—7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow 7—8pm.**

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: The new liturgical year begins **Sun., Nov. 29th First Sunday of Advent.** Personalized copies of the **2016 Lectors Workbook** have arrived and are available in the sacristy. Please take only your copy.

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.hcscchurch.org
Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

