

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



There is a crucial question that Jesus asks in today's Gospel. Pontius Pilate begins by asking, "Are you a king?" and Jesus responds with the crucial question: "Are you saying this on your own or have others been telling you about me?" This question is essential for us to answer. It is possible for us who say we believe merely to quote slogans, Bible passages, and things we have heard others say, but to be lacking in our own personal conviction. It's like pulling up to a parking meter and seeing that money is left over in the meter from a previous car. You end up parking on someone else's dime. But at some point it is necessary for us to be able to say on our own that "Jesus is Lord and King." We cannot simply say what others have said. We have to say it and mean it for ourselves. There is an old gospel song that says: "Yes, I know Jesus for myself." Do you? Are you saying this on your own or is it merely that others have been telling you about him?



Sunday, November 22 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Universe*

4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Pope Francis
 8:00am Joan M. Graham †
 11:00am Dwayne & Marcia Holton (12th wedding anniv.)
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, November 23 *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am All Souls

Tuesday, November 24 *Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, Martyr*

7:00am Joyce T. Walker † (birthday)

Wednesday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00am Ronald Hawkins (birthday)
 7:00pm All Souls

Thursday, November 26

8:00am Joyce Francine Walker †

Friday, November 27

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 28

8:00am Nathaniel Williams † (5th anniversary)
 4:30pm Mary E. Hudson †

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28 Luke 21:20-28
Friday: Daniel 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33
Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27 Luke 21:34-36

Music Schedule

Processional
 "To God be the Glory" LMGM #442
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LMGM # 420
 * * "Come Thou Almighty King" T. Wright
Communion
 "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" LMGM #572
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 * * 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for November 15, 2015

4:30pm 49
 8:00am 134
 11:00am 250
 7:00pm 107
Total: 540

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (11/15)	\$23,498
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$7,152

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 (11/22) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 1:30pm Pageant rehearsal 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (11/25) 5:00pm Rectory Closed 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Monday (11/23) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (11/26) Rectory Closed 8:00am Daily Mass
Tuesday (11/24) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (11/27) Rectory Closed 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (11/28) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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



CONGRATULATIONS—to Timothy and Gail Thomas who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **November 20th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: Rectory office will close early **Wed., Nov. 25th** at 5pm and closed all day **Nov. 26th** and **Nov. 27th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday School will **NOT** meet on **Sun., Nov. 29th**. Classes will resume **Sun., Dec. 6th**.



Our parish will celebrate a **FAMILY THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS** on **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.

THE WORD AMONG US: **FREE** Advent issues are available in the rear of the church. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE:

HCSC will continue its annual Advent food drive for the needy by asking you to donate food items for Christmas baskets. The needed food items have been placed on our Advent Tree ornaments. Please take one or more ornaments from the tree and bring the listed item back to the church by **Sunday, December 13th**. We look forward to your participation.



ADVENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE—will meet **Wed., Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th** with a light meal at 6:30pm followed by bible study at 7pm. Theme: **"But Who May Endure the Day of His Coming?"** A three-part study on the Book of Malachi which figures prominently in Advent. Open to all.

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



SAVE THE DATE: The **257th U.S. ARMY BAND** presents **The Holidays in Concert** at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 7th** at 7pm. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!

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 an usher) and drop in the collection basket or 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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S.O.M.E., Inc.: The Youth Ministry will participate in its monthly community service at S.O.M.E., Inc. on **Sat., Nov. 28th**, from 10am to 1pm located at 71 "O" St., NW. Any youth, 13 years or older interested in volunteering, please contact HCSC Youth Director.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Sat., Dec. 5th, 11am—12:30 noon. Msgr. Pope needs a few youth to assist with a special advertising project. Stay tuned for details!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcschurch.org

FALL THEOLOGY ON TAP: Theme—**Thomas Merton and Capacity for Dialogue and Openness to God** presented by Abbot James Wiseman, OSB, **Tues., Nov. 24th**, 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!

THANK YOU! The **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank HCSC parishioners for their support of another successful Annual Fall Barbecue. We appreciate your support.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE: The Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumnae Association will be selling Christmas cards and other items after Mass beginning **Nov. 29th**. All proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

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. Location and contacts are confidential.

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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 hcsstaff@hcschurch.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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