

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Dt 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13



The Gospel today shows how the Lord prepares his Apostles to be prophets and evangelizers. The focus is on Simon Peter. First, note that he seeks Simon's Help. Jesus uses Simon's boat to preach from. What talents or resources do you have that the Lord can use? Next, note Peter's Hesitation. The Lord invites him to go to deeper waters and lower his nets for a catch. Peter is tired and doubts that such an effort will be successful. Almost with humor in his voice he says, "At your command I will lower the nets." He expects nothing. Too often we doubt God as well. Next, notice the Harvest. So heavy is the net that it is at the point of breaking. But look at what even a little obedience will do. What might happen if we obey God despite being tired or doubtful? Next, note Peter's Humility. He sees that his doubt and lack of faith were sinful and he repents. How have you or I sinfully doubted God's providence? Finally, note Peter's Heeding of the Lord's invitation to come away and be a fisher of men. Peter has learned and is now ready to step out. What about you?



Sunday, February 7

8:00am Rita Elizabeth Sheridan †

11:00am William McPherson †

7:00pm For Our Deceased Ancestors

Monday, February 8 *St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

7:00am Audrey Colvon †

Tuesday, February 9

7:00am For the Intentions of LaVonne Jackson

Wednesday, February 10 *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Sherrill Hawkins † (birthday)

10:00am For the Intentions of Mary Turner

7:00pm

Thursday, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

7:00am Dorothy Taylor Walker † (birthday)

Friday, February 12

7:00am For the Wilson-Reynolds family

Saturday, February 13

8:00am Deon Rush (birthday)

4:30pm For the People

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: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

Music Schedule

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

Responsorial Psalm
"In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises Lord"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Here I Am, Lord" LMGM #643
* * "Center of My Joy" R. Smallwood

Communion
"Jesus is Here Right Now" LMGM #142

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

Mass Attendance for January 31, 2016

4:30pm	48
8:00am	84
11:00am	276
7:00pm	81
Total:	489

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/31)	\$19,606
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,260



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"During the upcoming Season of Lent, we take a good look at our lives, and see how we have fallen short in showing God's love to the world around us. It's a season for taking stock. Examine how you're faring in your relationships with your husband or wife, with your kids, or with your parents. Take a look at how you spend your time and how you spend your money. Of course, we're going to become aware of all the ways that our lives have gone off the track. But for me, the really big question is: How can I do better? How can I get my life back on track?" Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at: MERCY.ADW.ORG.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/7)
9:15am RCIA
9:30am Sunday School
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA

Monday (2/8)
6:30pm Finance Council mtg
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (2/9)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (2/10)
10:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Thursday (2/11)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (2/12)
6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
8:00pm NA

Saturday (2/13)
10:00am Holy Name meeting
10:00am Liturgical Dance
10:30am Social Concerns Min.
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

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

As our parish celebrates **AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**, join us **Sun., Feb. 14th**, at 1pm in the school cafeteria, to hear **Rev. Fr. Donald A. Sterling's** presentation on **"Cracking the Code of Our History: Hope for Racial Justice in the Church and Society"**. Rev. Sterling, holds the distinction of being the first African-American ordained to the priesthood in 1974 for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Lunch will be provided, but you must RSVP to the rectory office (202-546-1885).

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL COMMITMENT: This weekend we hold the in-pew portion of the Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Note that this campaign allows you to give a gift over 10 months instead of a one-time collection. Your pledge to this Appeal touches the lives of many (see the brochures in the pew). If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you are completing it at Mass today drop it into the Appeal Collection basket or bring it back to church next week. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass and invite them to sit together in front of the clergy. Please invite a friend to join you at Mass.

CATHOLIC STANDARD: FREE COPIES are available in your pew. Stay current on news throughout the Archdiocese and the world, take a copy home to read.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

ASH WEDNESDAY is **February 10th** and begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during **7am, 10am, and 7pm Masses only**. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Come and begin your preparations for Lent.

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. On **Wednesdays during Lent, starting Feb. 17th**, stop by our church from **6:30—7:15pm**, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open to all ages. Please note that all churches in the diocese are open to hear confessions.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE—w/Msg. Pope is every **Wednesday during Lent at 7pm** in the rectory basement. Theme: **"Lord Have Mercy"**. Join us for a meal and bible study! If you can help prepare soup, please call the rectory.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held **every Friday throughout Lent** in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. **The Sodality will host on Feb., 12th**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US: To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during the Lenten season, **free copies of THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church.

Youth Ministry News

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MANY THANKS—to **Martin Johnson, Kayla Powell, and Shelby Smith**, three HCSC youth who attended the Youth Mardi Gras Celebration at the Merrick Center.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: If your birthday is in December, January or February let us know so it can appear in the next edition of the HCSC Youth Newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT is **March 12—13**, at Camp Maria in Leonard, MD. See flyer for info.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory.

Young adults (college-age to thirties) are invited to join Silver Spring Catholic for **ALPHA** to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks, looking at topics including "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and how do I pray?", with the option of a get-away weekend. Come along for the first session and see what you think, **Tues., Feb. 9th at 7:30pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Silver Spring**. Contact sscatholics@gmail.com for questions and to RSVP, or visit facebook.com/silverpringcatholic/events.

CANNED FOOD COLLECTION RESUMES NEXT WEEK: Please bring nutritious, non-perishable, high protein canned food (meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit) to Mass next week to restock our pantry. Or, please give to the Poor Box on the wall by the exits. Thank you.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are prepared upon request only. Statements will NOT be automatically mailed. To request a statement, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. Statements can be mailed or picked up. Only donations submitted in an envelope and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

ELECTRONIC TITHING: When you can't attend Mass due to the weather, **Faith Direct** electronic tithing can make it easier to keep up with your weekly tithes. You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish. Enrollment forms in the rear of the church, the rectory, or sign up at www.faithdirect.net. (**HCSC code: DC59**). Questions? Call Kim Peaks in the rectory office. It's easy and it's **FREE!**

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

For information about or to join our parish community contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm and Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.
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