

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1 Gal 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24

**Readings Next Weekend:**

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62



In the Gospel today Jesus warns us to beware of cross-less Christianity. Many in Jesus' time were looking for a Messiah who in effect announced a prosperity Gospel. Their notion of the Messiah was that, when he came, he would overthrow the Roman oppressors, re-establish the Davidic Kingdom, and usher in a period of unprecedented economic prosperity and worldly glory. But Jesus makes it clear that he, though he is Messiah, has not come to do that. He has come to bear a cross and only after suffering this world's hatred and blows would he enter into glory. There are blessings in living the faith, to be sure, but the cross cannot be set aside or avoided. Beware of any preacher or teacher of the faith who hides the cross or downplays it. Christ had to suffer and he proclaims it openly. He goes on further to declare that we are not exempt from the Cross either. One of the demands of discipleship is that we be willing to walk the same path as Christ, to experience this world's hatred and blows, and then ultimately enter glory by God's grace. There is an old song that says, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me." I've come to remind you, "no cross, (then) no crown."

**FUNERAL:** Curtis Stevenson (June 17<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, June 19**

8:00am Antonio Contreras †  
11:00am For the intentions of Annie Do  
7:00pm For the intentions of Maryanne Muttly

**Monday, June 20**

7:00am Frances McHugh Zilliox †

**Tuesday, June 21**

7:00am For the souls lost to terrorism and hatred †

**Wednesday, June 22**

7:00am Antonio Contreras †

**Thursday, June 23**

7:00am Antonio Contreras †

**Friday, June 24**

7:00am For the People

**Saturday, June 25**

8:00am John B. Macon † (birthday)  
4:30pm Hasina & Justin Reed (wedding anniversary)

**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:** 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18 Matthew 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36 Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Matthew 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29  
**Friday:** Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80  
**Saturday:** Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Matthew 8:5-17

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
\* Lift High the Cross LMGM #726  
\*\* Rejoice LMGM #310  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.  
**Offertory Hymn**  
\* I Have Decided to Follow Jesus LMGM #613  
\*\* Jesus You're the Center of My Joy Richard Smallwood  
**Communion**  
\*\* Worthy Is the Lamb Hillsong  
**Post Communion**  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert Martin  
**Recessional**  
\*\* A Follower of Christ LMGM #628  
\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/12)	\$23,170
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$6,824

**Mass Attendance for June 12, 2016**

4:30pm	43
8:00am	117
11:00am	290
7:00pm	90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>540</b>



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

Too many families throughout the DC metro area struggle simply to put food on the table. Many of these low-income families turn to the Catholic Charities SHARE Food Network to buy their own affordable groceries each month. Through the merciful support of countless donors and volunteers, SHARE's assistance reaches more than 40,000 people every year! In December alone, more than 9,000 healthy food packages were sold and delivered to families. Just before the New Year, the staff and volunteers at SHARE expanded their support by moving into a new state-of-the-art facility. Now, the SHARE Food Network is better prepared to help low-income families find good, affordable food. Find more about this and other ways to share God's mercy in your community at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (6/19)</b> 9:15am RCIA Team meeting 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (6/22)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (6/20)</b> 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (6/23)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (6/21)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (6/24)</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (6/25)</b> 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**

*Father's Day Prayer*

*Thank you Lord for sending me a husband, father, step-father, uncle, grandfather, who is righteous, who sees your loving hand in everything. A man who's filled with passion and with purpose. Whose faith stays strong whatever life may bring. A man who keeps his promises sincerely, a man who shows he knows his family's worth. I thank you Lord, for sending me a man who makes our life a heaven here on earth. For everything you are to us, for everything you do, we love you.*

*Have a Blessed Father's Day!!*



**BLESSINGS** to Alexander Xavier Taylor who was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on June 12<sup>th</sup>. May God bless him in his journey of faith.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to James & Helen Brown (61 yrs); Lester & Natleen Chance (40 yrs); James & Dorothy Young (54 yrs) and Gail & Lionel Jackson (25 yrs) as they receive special recognition from Cardinal Donald Wuerl, **Sun., June 19<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm at the archdiocesan-wide Jubilarian Mass Celebration for Married Couples at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited. Pictures of HCSC couples are posted in our vestibule.

**ARE YOU A HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN SCHOOL GRADUATE?** The Class of 1977 & 1978 are hosting a "HCSC Alumni Reunion" of HCSC graduates on **July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7—11pm at the school**. All classes are invited to this potluck event. All attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP by June 25<sup>th</sup> to Joseph Mitchell, Jr. at 301-276-1618**. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and plan for future events.



**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)**—Parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (**see flyer in rear of the church for recipe**). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., June 24<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.

**SAVE THE DATE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016** for the Entire Family begins **Wed, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. In this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, we are planning informative and interesting sessions on the puzzlement of Mercy. **We need your help!** Let us know if you have questions about Mercy or suggestions for the sessions. Call the rectory at 202-546-1885 with ideas.



**I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING!** is the slogan for the new app myParish, that allows you to connect with your parish like never before. Stay up-to-date with what is going on in our parish throughout the week. With the myParish app you can receive and respond to parish messages, read bulletins, and RSVP for upcoming events. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, submit prayer requests, reminders to silence your phone before Mass, schedule Confession, prayer time, a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. See flyer for more details.

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

**THANK YOU** to all the helping hands who made the High School Graduate Breakfast with Monsignor Pope a joyful event. Continued success to all our 2016 graduates.

**BOOST CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Have you been considering enrolling your child in a Maryland Catholic school but couldn't afford the tuition? Or, perhaps you are currently struggling to pay your child's tuition. Your child may be eligible for a scholarship as part of a new Maryland state program that will provide \$5 million in scholarships for low-income kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students starting in the 2016-2017 school year. To be eligible for the scholarship, your family must meet certain household income guidelines. For information, or to apply to BOOST, contact your Catholic school office and ask for information about the **BOOST program**, or visit <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST>.

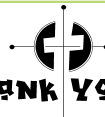
**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP 2016:** Tuesday nights thru June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Information Center (1501 K St., NW). Happy Hour 6-7pm, and TAPtalks 7-8pm. Looking to get connected? All young adults (college age to late 30's) are invited for happy hour and inspiring TED-style Theology on TAPtalks. Contact Jonathan Lewis: [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org).

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at [sakeene@gmail.com](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



**THANK YOU**

The **Knights of Columbus Council #10008** would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to those who supported and attended their Spaghetti Dinner last Saturday. The purpose of the dinner was to show appreciation to those members of the Knights of Columbus and other church ministries who serve God and his people.

**NO DC SUICIDE**—The D.C. Catholic Conference works actively with No DC Suicide to oppose legislation for legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Find out more on this very serious and growing issue by contacting Michael Scott at 202-683-1721 or [miscott@dccathcon.org](mailto:miscott@dccathcon.org) or visit: [www.noDCsuicide.org](http://www.noDCsuicide.org). Help to spread the message that assisted suicide is #Wrong4DC.

**VACATION NOTE:** While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. Visit the **NEW SITE [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)** for Mass times and locations around the country.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help 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>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp](http://myParishapp)

