

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 66:10-14 Gal 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Today's Gospel sets forth five disciplines of discipleship that are important for us to embrace. First is **Purposefulness**. The text says that Jesus resolutely determined to head for Jerusalem. He knew what awaited him there but he did not turn back from his decision to go, suffer, die and rise. So too for us who must resolutely set out about the work that God has given us. Second discipline is **Perseverance**. Along the way the disciples are rejected by a certain town since they were Jews. We too can experience rejection from the world for any number of reasons. We cannot simply give way to discouragement or hatred. They are to be expected and we should not fold under pressure. Third discipline is **Poverty**. A man says he will follow Jesus but Jesus warns that detachment from this world is required. Jesus did not live in luxury and stay at five star hotels. He was wholly dedicated to his mission and travelled light because of it. So too should we learn to travel light. Attachments to money and luxury hinder our discipleship. Fourth is **Promptness**. A man wants to follow Jesus but first he must wait till his father, who is up in years has died and then the man will be free to follow Jesus. Jesus rebukes him. Why? There will always be something that we can come up with that makes us say "later" to discipleship. Jesus says "now." Finally, there is **Permanence**. Jesus instructs us not to look back once we have set our hand to the plow. But too often we do look back and return to things the Lord has called us away from.



Sunday, June 26

8:00am For the intentions of Jewel Payne
11:00am Leon Jackson, Jr. † (birthday 6/25)
7:00pm For the People

Monday, June 27

7:00am Curtis Stevenson †

Tuesday, June 28

7:00am Nannie Williams †

Wednesday, June 29

7:00am Irene Miller †

Thursday, June 30

7:00am Robert Stepney †

Friday, July 1

7:00am For the intentions of Sterling Savoy

Saturday, July 2

8:00am For Family Unity and Healing
4:30pm For the intentions of Annie Do

MASS INTENTIONS: To pray for others, both living and deceased is a spiritual work of mercy. To offer a Mass call 202-546-1885. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 John 21:15-19
Thursday: Amos 7:10-17 Matthew 9:1-8
Friday: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12 Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday: Amos 9:11-15 Matthew 9:14-17

Music Schedule

Processional
Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
Responsorial Psalm
You are my inheritance, O Lord
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* God leads us along G.A. Young
** Order My Steps LMGM #527
Communion
* Where He Leads Me LMGM #621
** Sweet, Sweet Spirit LMGM #327
Post Communion
*** Take It Back Dorinda Clark-Cole
Recessional
* * I'll Say, Yes Lord, Yes
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Director of Music
* * 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music
* * * Dance Ministry—Gail Bell, Director

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/19)	\$14,626
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,720

Mass Attendance for June 19, 2016

4:30pm	57
8:00am	154
11:00am	262
7:00pm	72
Total:	545



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"All family life is a 'shepherding' in mer-cy. Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others; with Paul, we can say: 'You are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts... not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God' (2 Cor 3:2-3). Each of us is a 'fisher of men' (Lk 5:10) who in Jesus' name 'casts the nets' (cf. Lk 5:5) to others, or a farmer who tills the fresh soil of those whom he or she loves, seeking to bring out the best in them. ... This is itself a way to worship God, who has sown so much good in others in the hope that we will help make it grow." (Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 322) Reflect on ways to share God's mercy with and through your family. Find more at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (6/26) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (6/29) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (6/27) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (7/1) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (6/28) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (7/2) 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school beginning **July 27—August 17**, HCSC will host Family Vacation Bible School for **adults and youth** of all ages. The theme will focus on 'Mercy'. A light meal will be provided. More information will be available in the coming weeks. For now, please see the flyer for details on submitting any questions or inquiries you would Msgr. Pope to respond to during the sessions. Stay tuned for more information and to RSVP.



PLEASE, we need your help to make our Vacation Bible School an event to remember. If you can help with set-up or food distribution contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

NEW COMMENT BOX: The HCSC Parish Pastoral Council wants your input for strengthening our Parish and spreading God's Word to all people. Comment cards and a collection box will be available in the vestibule of the church. All input is welcome.



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 16th, 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 to Joseph Mitchell, Jr. at 301-276-1618**. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and plan for future events.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All are invited to attend an opportunity to gather and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On **Fri., July 1st, 6—7pm**, the **Usher Ministry** will host the Eucharistic Holy Hour.

NO DC SUICIDE: The D.C. Catholic Conference works actively with **No DC Suicide** to oppose legislation for legalizing physician-assisted suicide. For more on this serious issue, contact Michael Scott (202-683-1721) or mscott@dccathcon.org or visit: www.noDCsuicide.org. Help to spread the message that assisted suicide is #Wrong4DC.

WORD AMONG US: The July/August edition of the Word Among Us is on sale in the Candlelight Store for \$2. *Limited Supply.*



I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING! is the slogan for the new app myParish, that allows you to connect with your parish. Stay up-to-date with what is going on in our parish throughout the week. With the myParish app you can receive parish messages, read bulletins, and listen to homilies. 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. Pick up a card with details in the rear of the church or visit MyParishApp.com to download to your phone.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring an **End-of-the-Year Trip to Lake Fairfax Water Mine Swimmin' Hole on Sunday, July 10th from 1:30pm—7:00pm. Cost: \$11 per person.** Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips & beverages will be provided but families are asked to bring side dishes. Transportation is not provided. See flyer in the bulletin for more details.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

World Youth Day Celebration for Young Adults: On Sat., July 30th

at The Catholic University of America join thousands of young adults (18-39, married and single) from across the region at **Kraków in the Capital**, a day-long experience coinciding with the celebration of World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Kraków, Poland. Experience Kraków, and encounter Christ through: Polish food and music, bilingual talks from bishops and national speakers, a visit to the National Holy Door of Mercy, Adoration, Confession, Stations of the Cross, a vocation/long-term service exhibit hall, Vigil Mass with Cardinal Wuerl, a late-night concert, and more! Sign up for updates by texting 'wydDC' to 84576 or register at wydDC.org. #wyddc.

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})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

eGiving through Faith Direct: What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? The answer is eGiving through Faith Direct! Enroll today. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Our church **code is DC59**. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your support!

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass and remember to keep the Lord's day sacred. Visit 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
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: myParishapp

