

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Galatians 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 a number of 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 in these things. 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 the 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. Next 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 keep looking back once we have set our hand to the plow. But too often we do look back and go back to things the Lord has called us away from. So here are five disciplines of discipleship for our instruction.



Sunday, June 30

8:00pm (Sat) For the People

8:00am Ruth Gray †

11:00am Patrice Darbny †

Monday, July 1 *Blessed Junípero Serra, Priest*

7:00am Frank & Annie Harris †

Tuesday, July 2

7:00am James N. Greene (birthday) †

Wednesday, July 3 *Saint Thomas, Apostle*

7:00am Charles P. Campbell (birthday) †

Thursday, July 4

7:00am For the People

Friday, July 5 *St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*

7:00am Ray Simpson †

Saturday, July 6 *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00am Thelma Hines †

4:30pm Loraine & Patricia Adams (birthday)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Genesis 18:16-33 Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29 Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19-22 John 20:24-29

Thursday: Genesis 22:1-19 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 1, 24:1-8, 62-67 Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 Matthew 9:14-17

Music Schedule

Processional
"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" LMGM #438

Responsorial Psalm
"You are my inheritance, O Lord"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Here I Am, Lord" LMGM #643
** "I Will Sing Praises" LMGM #462

Communion
"Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for June 23, 2013

4:30pm	65
8:00am	99
11:00am	<u>267</u>
Total:	431

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (6/23)	\$880,500
Actual Tithes (6/23)	\$864,358
Difference	-\$16,142

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? 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 community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (6/30)
9:30am RCIA/Inquirers
8:00pm AA

Friday (7/5)
Rectory Closed
8:00pm NA

Tuesday (7/2)
7:00pm Adult Choir

Saturday (7/6)
4:30pm Mass

Thursday (7/4)
Rectory Closed

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>



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



RECTORY CLOSED—closed on **Thursday, July 4th**, and **Friday, July 5th** in observance of Independence Day. Enjoy your holiday.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE—has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those without e-mail. It is also posted on our website (www.hcscchurch.org) and hard copies are available in the sacristy. Please remember that each minister is responsible for making arrangements for any changes to their assigned schedule.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY—Thanks all who supported our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Because of your support the breakfast was a tremendous success. Enjoy your summer.

BLOOD DRIVE—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross—**Sunday, July 28th** from 9:00am-2:00pm in the rectory basement. **You must sign up prior to the event to donate and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate before we can hold the blood drive. Sign-up after each Mass.** For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or nghcance@comcast.net. For info on the American Red Cross, visit www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Thank you.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School from **July 31st to August 21st at 6:30pm at the school**. Sessions are planned for every age group from youth to adults **and dinner will be served**. The theme is "Re-Member" as we reinforce our efforts to move forward with the New Evangelization and prepare for our Fall neighborhood evangelization door-to-door campaign. Stay tuned for details. Contact Kim Peaks 202-546-1885 or pam@hcscchurch.org if you can help.

LAST CHANCE TO GET DISCOUNT ON MEXICO PILGRIMAGE—Today is the deadline for the discount to join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **Oct. 8th-15th, 2013**, to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if \$500 down payment made today. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church and in the rectory.

WORD AMONG US—Every Advent & Lent we provide parishioners with free copies of the Word Among Us Daily Meditations. Many of you are familiar with these daily scriptural readings. We are selling a limited supply of the July/August combined issue for \$2 in the Candlelight Store. Buy yours today so that you can enhance your prayer life over the summer. Consider a subscription for the year.

EATING IN CHURCH—From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. Please do not chew gum or eat in church. Adults are requested to remind children of this discipline before entering the church.

Youth Ministry News

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To all who attended and participated at the Altar Servers meeting and cookout. The attendance was an example of a terrific set of youth committed and engaged in Serving on God's Altar. The testimonies from the youth were inspiring and underscore how fortunate we are as a Ministry! A very special thank you to Keith Williams who grilled the food, and to Msgr. Pope, & Deacon Butler for assisting! We also extend a warm welcome to two new Altar Servers—*Joe Rubens and Jaci Mason-Yates!*

END OF THE YEAR YOUTH TRIP—Sat., July 27th to Hershey Park! See flyer in the bulletin or rectory office for details and permission slip.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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SUMMER THEOLOGY ON TAP—The ADW Office of Young Adult Ministry presents Summer Theology on Tap series: *How Can I Find God?* at Buffalo Billiards on DuPont Circle on **Tuesdays: July 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20**. All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited for Happy Hour 6-7pm, followed by a talk and Q/A from 7-8pm. Learn more at www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult or at www.adw.org/tot.

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. We would like to hear from you! Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook  and let us know your thoughts or send an email.

"WINNIE'S WALKERS"—The family of Mary Harris "Winnie" Freeman extends a huge thank you to the HCSC family for your prayers, donations, and support in the PurpleStride 5K Walk/Run on June 15th. PurpleStride aims to raise awareness and funding for research of pancreatic cancer which is the most under-funded, under-recognized and least-studied of all major cancers. "Winnie's Walkers" raised \$3,440 in Mary's memory and the PurpleStride event raised over \$700,000! A special "Thank You" to parishioners who joined the Freeman family in the PurpleStride Walk/Run: Vinson Cannady, Sharon Graham, June Holton-Johnson, and Mary McPherson, and to Rita Lowry who ran the 5K. For info visit: www.purplestride.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY AT NATIONALS BALLPARK

—Before the "Nats" take on the LA Dodgers on **Sun., July 21st**, at 1:35pm, Catholic Charities will have a special party tent on **First Street open at 12 noon** for lots of pre-game fun including ballpark fare, sodas and adult beverages, and plenty of activities for kids. Admission is \$34 for adults, \$16 for kids, and includes a ticket to the ballgame, unlimited food and drink in the tent, and tons of fun! Go to: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/BallparkDay to reserve your seats.