

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 9:13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 32:7-11-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32



Today's Gospel defines the demands of discipleship. Notice first the CONTEXT of discipleship. The text says that large crowds were following Jesus and so he turned to address them. Now just about any time you find a mention of a large crowd fasten your seatbelts and prepare for a hard teaching. Jesus didn't trust the big crowds who were often out for the goodies. Sure enough Jesus does give some hard sayings. Notice next the CENTRALITY of discipleship. Jesus indicates that we can prefer or love no one more than him if we are going to be his disciples. This extends even to our family relationships. Next, notice the CROSS of discipleship. Jesus says if we want to be a disciple we must be willing to carry the cross. Now the cross comes in many forms, but in the end to be a disciple does not mean we are in any way exempt from the troubles and trials of this world or of being his disciples. Finally, note the COST of discipleship. Jesus asks us to count the cost of what he is teaching here. To be his disciple means ultimately to forsake everything that hinders us from following him. Nothing is more precious than what he offers. Have you counted the cost of this? So today Jesus is looking at a big crowd and teaches in a way that is meant to distinguish true disciples from "lip service" disciples. We are asked to ponder in which category we most truthfully belong.



Sunday, September 8

8:00pm (Sat) Betty Hamer (birthday)
 8:00am Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
 11:00am Robert Middleton (birthday) †

Monday, September 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

7:00am Phillip Whitlock, Jr. (30th anniversary) †

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, September 11

7:00am Reba L. Neal (14th anniversary) †

Thursday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

7:00am Florence G. Queenan †

Friday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Charles & Loraine Adams (65th anniversary)

Saturday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00am Francis J. Campbell †
 4:30pm Joseph Nelson Campbell (birthday) †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Colossians 1:24—2:3 Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: Numbers 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Music Schedule

Proclamation

* "Praise Him, Praise Him!" LMGM #441
 ** "God Is A Good God" LMGM #408

Responsorial Psalm

"In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge."

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" LMGM #439
 ** "Jesus Christ is the Way" W. Hawkins

Communion

"Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763

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

Mass Attendance for September 1, 2013

4:30pm	56
8:00am	121
11:00am	250
Total:	427

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for September 1, 2013	\$15,290
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CARDINALS APPEAL PROCESS—Thank you to all who have participated in the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, \$52,136. has been pledged. This is 99.56% — just within a whisper of our goal of \$52,368. If you have not made a donation yet please consider doing so soon to help us meet our goal. Remember, Cardinal's Appeal relies on our support to help care for the needy and the poor. If you have not made a contribution, please pick up an envelope in the rear of the church.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/8) 8:00pm AA	Thursday (9/12) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (9/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (9/13) 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (9/11) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Evangelization training	Saturday (9/14) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

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

YOUTH SUNDAY RESUMES THIS SUNDAY—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all youth to come and sit together at Mass.



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION—There will be **ONLY ONE MASS** next **Sunday, September 15th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family member or friend to celebrate Mass with us. We will still have the vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—to help prepare for our Annual Saint Cyprian Feast Day, **Sun., Sept. 15th**. We need help to serve and host. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION FAIR—held on **Sun., Sept. 15th** on the plaza following 10am Mass celebrating the Feast of Saint Cyprian. See flyer for information.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (canned meats, stews, tuna, fruit, peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please consider donating to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Registration forms available in the church, rectory, or www.hscchurch.org. The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org for information.



PICNIC PLANNING MEETINGS—are **Sun., Sept. 22nd & 29th at 9:30am** in the rectory. Our Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., Oct. 12th** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. **Volunteers are needed.** Please consider donating some time to help organize this fun fellowship. Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) to volunteer or drop by the meeting.



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes will begin **Sunday, October 6th** for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit. Call Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 for details.

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED—We have two candidates preparing to enter into our parish this year and they need good, effective men or women to serve as sponsors during their journey. Please pray and consider if you are able to provide spiritual guidance and support. Call Deacon Kevin Butler at 301-352-7194 or 301-437-9434 if you are interested and would like more information.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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WELCOME BACK to all our youth if you were away during the summer. As the new school year begins let your learning be rewarding and enter with a spirit of joy and confidence. At the same time let your growth in knowledge be tempered by wisdom and humility.

HCSC's SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS—Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2014 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2013-2014? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from HCSC's Bonnie Singletary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This one-time award will be issued to the institution you enroll at next Fall. Stay tuned for more details.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH OUR YOUTH? Please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry or the rectory office (202-546-1885).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

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.



41th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT is on **Sunday, October, 27th, at 4pm**. The theme this year is **"Thanks Be To Thee"**. Tickets are \$20 and will be available beginning September 15th from any Choir member or in the rectory office. Information for ads for the programs will be available on flyer.

TRAINING FOR WORK IN GREEN CONSTRUCTION—Catholic Charities offers a 12-week program to begin a career in sustainable and environmentally-friendly construction. The certified curriculum includes the basics of carpentry, electricity, solar panel installation and job site skills. Program is free and open to all DC and MD residents 18 years and older. Session begins **Mon., Sept. 9th** at 1618 Monroe St. NW. Call 202-939-2400, ext. 932 or www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/GreenConstruction.

"Catholicism and Our Challenging World Today" at the Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, on **Tues., Sept. 10th 6:30pm**. Come hear Cardinal Wuerl and Bret Baier (Fox News Anchor) speak on this timely topic. **Admission is free**, but seating is limited. Doors open at 6pm. For info: visit www.johncarrollssociety.org or call 301-654-4399.