

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13



Today's Gospel contains one of the most memorable parables of all, the Prodigal Son. Since it is so familiar we can sometimes tune out as it is read. But notice how it begins: "A man had two sons...." In other words, God has many children of a different sort. Some of us are outwardly rebellious like the younger son. Some of us are outwardly obedient but inwardly distant from the Father and can have many secret resentments. And there are any number or other combinations. But the fact is that we all have our "issues." Notice how the father loves them both. One of the most shocking aspects of this parable is the way the father lowers himself to care for his sons. Both these sons treat their father with contempt and speak to him in a way that no ancient father need ever tolerate. But the father runs to embrace his rebellious son. Ancient noblemen never ran since it was a sign of being on an errand for someone or of being in flight. Further, to run meant a man had to bare his legs. This was considered a disgraceful thing for a nobleman. But this father throws aside all "dignity" and runs to his returning son. To the older son who denounces him, the father pleads with him to come into the banquet and greet his brother. No ancient father would ever plead with a son, he simply commanded. But the father (Jesus' Father) lowers himself and pleads with his son. An amazing detail of the Father's patience and love. The story is left unfinished. We do not know if the older son entered the feast or not. You and I are that son, and we have to finish the story for ourselves. Will we enter the feast of heaven on its own terms, or will we stand outside, resentful that the Father doesn't think like we do? You decide.



Sunday, September 15

4:30pm (Sat) Joseph Nelson Campbell (birthday) †

10:00am Josefa Evangelista (birthday) †

Monday, September 16 *Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

7:00am John A. Warren (20th anniversary) †

Tuesday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doc. of the Church*

7:00am James A. Hill (birthday) †

Wednesday, September 18

7:00am Glendora Thomas & sons †

Thursday, September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

Friday, September 20 *Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, Martyrs*

7:00am Clarice M. Williams †

Saturday, September 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Jane & Paul Pfeiffer †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

Music Schedule

Processional
"Praise Him, Praise Him!" LMGM #441

Responsorial Psalm
"I will rise and go to my Father"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LMGM #492
** "O for A Faith" arr. by N. Carter

Communion
"Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763

Post Communion Music
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" arr. by R. Carter

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

Mass Attendance for September 8, 2013

4:30pm	53
8:00am	129
11:00am	242
Total:	424

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for September 8, 2013	\$15,830
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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 (9/15) 10:00am Feast of Saint Cyprian 8:00pm AA
Friday (9/20) 8:00pm NA

Tuesday (9/17) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir
Saturday (9/21) 9:30am Women's Ministry 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

Wednesday (9/18) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance

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.

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

HCSC ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY FAIR—Sunday, September 15th following the 10am Mass on the plaza. We invite our parishioners to come and learn about the various ministries and organizations at our parish. This is a great opportunity for you to discern how you will use your time, talent and treasure at our parish.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Registration forms available in the church, rectory, or www.hcscchurch.org. The **first day of school** for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., 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@hcscchurch.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. Please consider donating some time to help organize this fun fellowship. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) 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.

FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN—We are preparing for the Fall season of our Evangelization Outreach Campaign. Sign-up forms will be available soon. If you are interested in becoming a part of this uplifting and spiritual experience be sure to register as a Walker, Prayer, or Cooker. You do not have to commit for the entire time but maybe for 1 or 2 days. Stay tuned for details!!!

PARISH CENSUS FORMS—We're updating our parish membership data. If you are a parishioner and have not completed a parish census form this year, please pick one up in the rear of the church or the rectory. Give your completed form to an usher or drop it off at the rectory.

SANCTUARY FLOOR CLEANING—Please excuse our temporary appearance while the floors are stripped of years of wax. If your familiar pew is effected by this process please enjoy Mass in a different pew temporarily. Thank you for your patience.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org


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. Visit the ministry table today at the fair.

ATTENTION TEENS! The Office of Youth Ministry/CYO is sponsoring "Youth Evangelization Night" **Friday, Sept. 20th** from 5:30-9:30pm at St. Martin of Tours. \$10 per person. To RSVP and more information contact youth@stmartinsweb.com or Laura Irwin at 202-683-1722.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

"THE GRACE CARD"—Join us for a Fall Movie Day and lunch in the rectory basement on **Sunday, Sept. 29th following the 11am Mass**. RSVP if childcare is needed at YAM@hcscchurch.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. 



STILL AVAILABLE—HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD "WE OFFER PRAISE"—If you didn't get a copy of the latest HCSC Music Ministry CD, it's not too late! The 40th Anniversary CD is available in the Candlelight Store or the rectory for \$10!

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITE? The HCSC website has been updated and reflects all our ministry news and scheduled events, as well as Archdiocese information. Go to: www.hcscchurch.org and check it out.

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Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—2:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments call the rectory office.