

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 35:12-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 11:22—12:2 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Luke 19:1-10



Today's Gospel gives an important reminder that to compare ourselves to others is to completely miss the point of our spiritual journey, which is to become more like Christ in the way he intends for us personally. Notice first the **Presentation of the Problem**. The text says, Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. The text makes it clear that the problem is two-fold. First of all, we cannot have our own righteousness, and even if we could it would never be adequate. We need to have Jesus' righteousness. Secondly, the problem is that some look down on everyone else because they don't understand their own poverty and need for mercy. Next, notice the **Portrayal of the Problem**. The arrogant man compares himself favorably to a man he considers worse than him. But the problem with this is that other people are not the standard that I have to meet. Jesus is. I will not get to heaven by being better than some poor sinner. I will only get there by becoming Christ. Get it? Now we know why we need mercy! Finally, note the **Prescription for the Problem**. The sinful man reflected only on his need for mercy and humbled himself before God. This man went away with the righteousness of Jesus, for he was smart enough to ask for it.

FUNERALS: Thomas Foley (10/25) and Charles Kittrell (11/4)



Sunday, October 27

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am John Ghebray
11:00am Pattie & Peter Anzenberger (35th wedding anniv.)

Monday, October 28 *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

7:00am Rita Ciccone †

Tuesday, October 29

7:00am Clarice Williams †

Wednesday, October 30

7:00am Speaker Thomas Foley †

Thursday, October 31

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz †

Friday, November 1 *All Saints*

7:00am All Souls
10:00am Miriam & Richard Edelen (10th wedding anniv.)
7:00pm Charles Kittrell †

Saturday, November 2 *All Souls*

8:00am Foster Doleman, Sr. (2nd anniversary) †
4:30pm For the People

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16
Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30 Luke 13:22-30
Thursday: Romans 8:31-39 Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
Saturday: Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

Music Schedule

Processional
"How Firm a Foundation!" LMGM #555
Responsorial Psalm
"The Lord hears the cry of the poor"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Give Me A Clean Heart" LMGM #625
** "For Every Mountain" K. Carr
Communion
"Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #374
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for October 20, 2013

4:30pm	58
8:00am	114
11:00am	276
Total:	448

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (10/20)	\$14,860
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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 (10/27) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64 4:00pm Choir Concert 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/30) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program
Tuesday (10/29) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble	Friday (11/1) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (11/2) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 12:30pm Evangelization Walk 4:30pm Mass

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

Congratulations! **HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY** will celebrate their 41st Anniversary in concert **Sun., Oct. 27th at 4pm.** Remember, tickets **NOT** sold at the door.



REMINDER—**Sunday, November 3rd** Daylight Saving Time will end. So, remember to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed next Saturday.

The **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor their Fall Barbecue on **Sun., Oct. 27th**, at **Saint Benedict the Moor, 320 - 21st St., NE, 8am—until.** Delicious ribs, chicken and sides will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence. See bulletin flyer for menu!

FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN—We still need walkers, prayers and cooks for **Sat., Nov. 2nd and 9th.** Please consider donating an hour or two to come out and **Spread the Good News** or maybe help serve a meal. Forms are available in the rear of the Church or call the rectory to volunteer.

LAST MASS ON CAPITOL HILL—Beginning next **Sunday, November 3rd**, at **7pm** HCSC will start holding an evening Mass for those who can't make it to a Sunday morning Mass for various reasons. Help spread the word.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD—One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. During the month of November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased friends and family. A mass will be celebrated every other day during November for the Poor Souls. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for an envelope) and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



All Saints Day **November 1st** is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which Catholics should attend Mass. While the Church acknowledges many saints by name, there are countless others known to God who are with him in glory and make up the Cloud of Witnesses who surround us (*cf* Heb 12:1). It is these saints in particular who are celebrated on All Saints Day. **Masses will be celebrated at 7am in the chapel, and 10am and 7pm in the Church.**

ALL SOULS DAY—**November 2nd** is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. These spiritual offerings are up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the sacred ground of the Archdiocese's Catholic Cemeteries on **Sat., Nov. 2nd**, to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls awaiting the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Mass will be held at 9am in cemetery chapels of Gate of Heaven; Mt. Olivet; and Resurrection. For further information, contact the Cemetery Manager or visit the Catholic cemeteries new website at www.ccaw.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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SAVE THE DATE! A Youth Celebration Mass, **Sat., Nov. 9th at St. Joseph's Church**, 2020 St. Joseph's Dr., Largo MD, at **5pm.** This celebration Mass is for all youth.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!! We have much to offer our youth at HCSC—*youth ushers, liturgical dancers, altar servers, youth cantors/readers and youth choir.* Come and join us. Contact Mrs. Gebrehiwot if you are interested.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We need your help and assistance with planning and organizing this year's production of the Christmas Pageant. We welcome back all those who helped in prior years. Contact Mrs. Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

COAT DRIVE—Help those in need by donating a warm winter coat. Larger sized parkas with hoods especially appreciated, but all size coats for children, women, and men accepted! **Coats only please!** Collection bins will be located in rear of the church **Sun., Nov. 3rd thru Dec. 21st.**

"I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25

We would like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish}!) Tell us what activities and events interest you. Check out the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and let us know your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at  [HCSYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSYoungAdults) 

NEW ALPHA PROGRAM—The *Alpha Program* is a new approach to getting to know the Lord Jesus. We meet Wednesday nights at 7pm in the rectory basement. The focus is less on individual scripture and more on getting to know who the Lord is as a person and how He is acting in our actual lives. All are welcome to this program. See flyer or contact Seminarian Jamie Hickman (202-756-5529) or Deacon Kevin Butler (301-437-9434).

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE—Interested in Catholic high schools for your 8th grade student? Visit the **Elizabeth Seton High School** Fall Open House **Sun., Nov. 3rd, 11am—2pm** at 5715 Emerson St., Bladensburg, MD. Questions? Contact: Diane Zellers Billingsley, Dir. of Marketing 301-864-4532, ext. 7016 or dbillingsley@setonhs.org.

THE WORD AMONG US—November issue in the Candlelight Store for \$2. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

SANCTUARY FLOOR CLEANING IS COMPLETE—Thank you for your patience while the floors were stripped of years of dulling wax. This polishing process will maintain the brilliance of the floors for years to come. Again, thank you patience.