

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5 Luke 20:27-38



Today's Gospel features the rather familiar story of Zacchaeus who climbs a tree to see Jesus. We can look at this Gospel in three stages. First, there is the **Shortsighted Sinner**. And this is Zacchaeus (and us). To call Zacchaeus short is not simply a reference to his physical stature it is a reference to his moral state. He is deficient in righteousness. He does not measure up. He cannot see the Lord until he climbs a tree (the tree is the cross). Next, notice the **Searching Savior**. This is Jesus. It is true that Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus but an even more joyful fact is that Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus. He saw him in that tree and asked him to come down. He sought his company and a meal with him. Jesus has done this for us today as well for he has called us to receive of his body and blood in this sacred and sacrificial meal of the Mass. Finally, notice the **Saving Surrender**. Zacchaeus is moved by the Lord's love and invitation. He repents of his sin and promises to restore what he has stolen and to give half of everything else to the poor. It is true that ultimately Zacchaeus must surrender all to Jesus (not just half), but we have a start here and the Lord will get him (and us) to the full surrender in due time. But, to make a long story short, Zacchaeus has come to Jesus and Jesus will draw him to the full stature of Christ (cf Eph 4:13) in due time.

FUNERALS—Mildred Gray (11/1);
Charles Kittrell (11/4); and
Gladys Lancaster (11/5)



Sunday, November 3

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am Deceased Members of the Sodality
11:00am Moore, Jackson and Pye Families †
7:00pm For the People

Monday, November 4

7:00am All Souls

Tuesday, November 5

7:00am Ernestine Jackson †

Wednesday, November 6

7:00am All Souls

Thursday, November 7

7:00am Gaetano Ciccone †

Friday, November 8

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 9

8:00am Ray Simpson †
4:30pm Sophie Huc †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16 Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33
Thursday: Romans 14:7-12 Luke 15:1-10
Friday: Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22

Music Schedule

Processional
"Standing in the Need of Prayer" LMGM #516
Responsorial Psalm
"I will praise your name forever, my King and my God"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "The Lord is my Light" LMGM #572
* * Choral Praise
Communion
"O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
* * 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for October 27, 2013

4:30pm	65
8:00am	103
11:00am	267
Total:	435

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (10/20)	\$10,571
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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 (11/3) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Friday (11/8) 7:00pm Catechist meeting 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (11/5) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (11/9) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 12:00pm Evangelization Walk 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (11/6) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program	

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

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—

Every second Sunday 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY—Every second Sunday at the 11am Mass we celebrate our parish youth. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass next week. You are welcome to bring a friend!

FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN—

Sat., Nov. 9th is the final day. If you want to experience the joy of telling others about Christ then come and join us! Please call the rectory and let us know if you want to walk, pray or cook. We begin at 12:30 noon and end around 1:45pm with lunch. We welcome anyone who is interested!

LAST MASS ON CAPITOL HILL begins Sun., Nov. 3rd, at 7pm. HCSC will begin celebrating an evening Mass for those who can't make it to a Sunday morning Mass for various reasons. Help spread the word.

VETERANS DAY—In celebration and recognition of our



veterans, we invite all veterans to **attend any Mass the weekend of Nov. 9-10** to receive a special blessing. Please continue to keep in prayer those who served and all those who are still serving.

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 an All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for an envelope) and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.

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. Contact Seminarian Jamie Hickman (202-756-5529) or Deacon Kevin Butler (301-437-9434) for questions. Come and See!

AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP—the Friendly Seniors Annual Fun Day is **Wed., Nov. 20th from 11am—2pm** at the school. Please **RSVP** to the rectory no later than **Mon., Nov. 18th**. All Seniors are welcome for food, games and fellowship.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE—will be held **Sun., Dec. 22nd**. Prizes include a 50-inch flat screen TV; a Samsung Galaxy Tablet; and \$100 cash. Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5 are available from any HNS member or the rectory office.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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YOUTH MASS—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 TEENS!!! The Office of Youth Ministry/CYO hosts a workshop for teens entitled **"Empowering Youth for Parish Leadership"** on **Wed., Nov. 13th at 7:30pm** at Jesus the Good Shepherd in Owings, MD. For details contact Nicki Gebrehiwot or Laura E. Irwin, Coordinator of Programs & Resources, at 202-683-1722 or email: irwinl@adw.org

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   HCSCYoungAdults!

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!*

CALLING ALL ST. CECILIA'S ACADEMY GRADUATES—The St. Cecilia's Academy Alumnae Association will hold its Fall 2013 Reunion/Luncheon on **Sat., Nov. 23rd** in Rockville, MD. Cost: \$32. Call Kim Peaks (*an SCA alumnae*) at 202-546-1885 for more information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING—Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please note that all submissions for the **Dec. 1st bulletin are due** to the rectory office no later than **Wed., Nov. 20th**.

REASSURANCE IN ALZHEIMER'S SHADOW—Don Fletcher, author of *Martha and I: Life, Love and Loss in Alzheimer's Shadow*, will discuss his book **Sun., Nov. 10th, 3–5pm** at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, at 4th and Independence, SE. A retired Presbyterian minister and a delightful speaker, Mr. Fletcher will tell some of the adventures and challenges he and his family have faced—and are still facing—as Martha's illness progresses. He welcomes questions and discussion. Copies of his book will be on sale. Light refreshments served. Direct questions to DianeLaVoy@gmail.com.