

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Malachi 3:19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43



In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus describes the "Perilous Passage to the Promised Land." He begins with a **Portrait of Passing Things**. Many were admiring the beauty of the Temple buildings. The Lord uses the opportunity to remind them that every one of the beautiful things they were admiring were soon to pass away. And sure enough, within forty years, the temple and all its surrounding buildings were destroyed in a war that killed 1.2 million Jewish people. We have here no lasting city. The Lord then indicates certain **Points of Passage** to expect on the journey to the promised land of heaven. He speaks of "**False Messiahs**" who promise us everything but also demand our loyalty. He speaks of "**Fierce Militarism**" as this world tends to erupt in violence and hatred around us. He speaks of "**Far-flung Marvels**" as people fear the things that shake this world's foundations: everything from natural disasters to political upheaval to financial crisis. Finally, he speaks of "**Fearful Malice**" as we experience hostility and hatred from the world. All of these things are described as an expected part of the perilous passage to the Promised Land. The Lord says, "By your perseverance you will save your souls." The journey is not always easy, but if we stand firm we will one day see total victory. Faith makes things possible, not easy.



Sunday, November 17

4:30pm (Sat) Alice Rickard & Bill O'Connor (birthday)
 8:00am Roy Toodle (birthday—11/15) †
 11:00am Sophia Paquete (birthday) †
 7:00pm Gladys Lancaster †

Monday, November 18 *Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul*

7:00am All Souls

Tuesday, November 19

7:00am Clarence Campbell (birthday—11/11) †

Wednesday, November 20

7:00am All Souls

Thursday, November 21 *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Florence Queenan †

Friday, November 22 *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am All Souls

Saturday, November 23 *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00am Mabel C. Campbell (40th anniversary) †
 4:30pm For the People

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Lead Me, Guide Me" LMGM #538
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "How Great Thou Art" LMGM #405
 ** "How Majestic Is Thy Name" arr. by K. Louis
Communion
 "Thank You, Lord" LMGM #489
 * 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for Nov. 10, 2013

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| 4:30pm | 51 |
| 8:00am | 146 |
| 11:00am | 225 |
| 7:00pm | 22 |
| Total: | 444 |

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

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| Actual Tithes (11/10) | \$22,579 |
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DEAR PARISHIONERS—Thank you for your continuing support of our parish and your faithfulness to tithe which enabled us to finish last year with a modest surplus. So far this year we are a bit behind (about \$1,300 per week) where we need to be in terms of the offertory. I am hopeful that each of us this month might spend time, as we should every year, to review our commitment to the tithe. Our shortfall is well within range of correcting if each regular contributor would be able to add two or three dollars to their weekly offering. Please consider this as you reflect this month with the Lord in terms of your tithes and offerings.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (11/17) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (11/20) 11:00am Friendly Seniors Fun Day 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program |
| Monday (11/18) 6:30pm Finance Council Mtg | Friday (11/22) 8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (11/19) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (11/23) 10:00pm Liturgical Dance 10:00am S.O.M.E. 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



SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed—HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 “O” St., NW, on **Sat., Nov. 23rd**.

Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken should be delivered to the rectory before close of business on Fri., Nov. 22nd. Questions? Call Earlene Capers at 301-910-1763.

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 by **Wed., Nov. 20th**.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN (MCP)—This weekend Sister Serzatrix will speak at HCSC to share her experiences as a missionary in Tanzania. MCP helps share with the faithful of the Archdiocese the worldwide evangelistic mission of the Church and how we can support the missions. Donations to MCP directly assist missionaries in their efforts to evangelize, form holy vocations, congregations and propagate the faith around the world. Please support this missionary effort by placing a donation in the envelope in your pew and help MCP continue to spread God’s word around the world.



LECTOR WORKBOOKS—for the next liturgical year are labeled with each lector’s name and ready to be picked up in the sacristy.

LAST MASS ON CAPITOL HILL— **Sundays at 7pm.** A brief evening Mass for those who can’t make it to a Sunday morning Mass for various reasons. Help spread the word.



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY MASS OF THANKSGIVING—You are invited to bring your family and friends to Mass on **Wed., Nov. 27st at 7pm** to give God thanks for the great things he has done.

SAVE THE DATE—Our Annual Anointing Mass/Salute-to-Seniors is **Sat., Dec. 14th**. Stay tuned for more details.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—celebrate National Black Catholic Month with a **Power of Prayer** fundraiser **Sat., Nov. 30th, at 7pm at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Baltimore**. Special guest gospel singer Shirley Murdock. Donation: \$20 (\$25 at the door.) Tickets available in rectory office. See flyer on bulletin board for information.

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.



Youth Ministry News

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

SOME, INC.—The Youth Ministry will perform monthly community service at SOME, Inc. on **Sat., Nov. 23rd**, from 10am until 1pm at 71 “O” Street, NW. Any youth age 13 or older interested in volunteering, please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

ACTORS and ACTRESSES NEEDED—for the Youth Ministry’s Christmas pageant. Rehearsals will be on Sundays (1pm) and Thursdays (6:30pm). The performance will occur during the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6pm. Questions? Contact Nicki. Adult volunteers needed also!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with our quarterly newsletter to be issued January 2014. Contact Nicki 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 are located in rear of the church.

“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!

GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE PHOTOS ON WEBSITE—Monsignor Pope has posted pictures from the parishes pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico, on the church website. Go to: www.hscchurch.org and click on “Parish News.”



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).



HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME—The Holy Name Society is collecting your gently used cell phones and donating them to an organization that recycles the parts and uses the money to purchase phone cards for troops overseas. You can help by bringing in your old cell phones and dropping them in the boxes in the vestibule or rectory. **Phones can be donated through Dec. 30th**.