

**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 2:1-5      Romans 13:11-14      Matthew 24:37-44



One of the images of the Church from Scripture is Christ crucified between two thieves. The fact is, we are all sinners and we have all used the gifts and things that belong to God in a way that is contrary to his will. To misuse things that belong to others is a form of theft and we are thus thieves. But one thief repented and strove to commit himself to Christ anew. Hopefully, we are that "good thief" and we too, though we sometimes fall and misuse the things that belong to God, we ask mercy and admittance into Christ's kingdom. On the Feast of Christ the King we do well to ask how we use the things that we call our own but which really belong to God. How do we use our time? Are we committed to pray and be at Mass every Sunday without fail? Do we use enough of our time to serve God and others or merely for selfish pursuits? What of our capacity to talk? Do we use our gift of speech to witness, to evangelize, or merely for small talk and gossip? What of our money? Are we faithful to the tithe? Are we generous enough to the poor and needy? Do we spend wisely or foolishly? Do we pay our debts in a timely way? Today is the Feast of Christ the King and we who call Christ our King must be willing to ask if he is really King and Lord of our time, talent, and treasure. In today's homily we have much to celebrate as a community as we reflect on this question. We also have need to reflect on how and where we can do a little better. May God bless us today to commit anew to the Kingship of Jesus Christ.



**Sunday, November 24** *Christ the King*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People  
8:00am Chionesu Brown  
11:00am Cornelius Whitlock, Jr.  
7:00pm Stanlie M. Barton †

**Monday, November 25** *Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am All Souls

**Tuesday, November 26**

7:00am Ray Simpson †

**Wednesday, November 27**

7:00am All Souls  
7:00pm John A. Warren, Jr. †

**Thursday, November 28**

8:00am Jackie Brown Shelton †

**Friday, November 29**

7:00am All Souls

**Saturday, November 30** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00am Mary Hudson (18<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †  
4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20      Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 2:31-45      Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28      Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Daniel 6:12-28      Luke 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Daniel 7:2-14      Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Romans 10:9-18      Matthew 4:18-22

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"      LMGM #349  
"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."      Arr. by K. Louis

**Responsorial Psalm**

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia!"

**Offertory**

\* "Praise Him, Praise Him!"      LMGM #441  
\*\* "Great Day"      R. Smallwood

**Communion**

"Your Sacrifice"      LMGM #761

**Post Communion Music**

"Ride On, King Jesus"

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

**Mass Attendance for Nov. 17, 2013**

4:30pm	101
8:00am	117
11:00am	230
7:00pm	25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>473</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes for November 17, 2013	\$9,075
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**RENEWAL OF TITHING COMMITMENT**—This weekend we ask you to pray and consider your tithing commitment to this parish community. It is through the grace of God along with your generosity that we are able to evangelize and spread the Word of God through our liturgies and ministries. We kindly ask you to complete a tithing commitment card (in your pew) for you or your family and bring it forward at the designated time. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (11/24)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Ladies of Charity 1:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux 7:00pm Evening Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (11/27)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Thanksgiving Family Mass
<b>Tuesday (11/26)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Thursday (11/28)</b> <b>Rectory Closed</b>
	<b>Friday (11/29)</b> <b>Rectory Closed</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (11/30)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://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

**PRAYERS FOR PHILIPPINE & VIETNAM TYPHOON VICTIMS**—Our parish will contribute a communal donation to the relief effort but you are also welcome to contribute. Donations go to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Make checks payable to HCSC and write *Typhoon* in the note. Cash can be submitted in a tithing envelope but write *Typhoon* on the front. Ask an usher for a blank envelope.



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

### RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** — Rectory will close early at 5:00 pm.  
**Thurs., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> thru Fri., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** — Rectory office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.

**HCSC ON EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS**—Last Sunday, EWTN filmed during our 11am Mass for a news special. Catch it on **Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm on EWTN Nightly News!

**THE WORD AMONG US—FREE** Advent issues are available in the rear of the church. 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!*

**SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2014 AVAILABLE**—in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office for \$3 per copy.



**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**—for the **2014** liturgical year are labeled with each adult and youth lector's name and are in the sacristy for pick up.



**SAVE THE DATE!**—The **257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND** featuring the **BRIGADIER BRASS** will be in concert at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This special **free** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics. Bring your family and friends!

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE**—This Sunday, our parish will begin its annual Advent food drive for the needy for Christmas baskets. Christmas ornaments listing needed food items will be placed on the tree for you to take one or more and bring the listed items back to the church. Thank you for your continued gift of treasure.

**SAVE THE DATE**—The **ANNUAL HCSC SALUTE TO SENIORS** dinner will be in the school cafeteria after the **12 noon Anointing Mass** on **Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. All seniors are invited and you do not have to be a HCSC member. Monetary donations from the HCSC organizations and ministries are requested. **Cooked, donated turkeys are desperately needed**, as well as desserts, carvers, gift-wrappers and individuals willing to contribute time and talent. We're also looking for entertainment of various types for the afternoon. For information, call Earlene Capers at 301-736-8331. **Volunteers and Cooked Turkeys needed!**

## Youth Ministry News

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

**CLOTHING DONATIONS**—The Youth Ministry is seeking to help fill the "Christmas Wish Lists" of residents of a local senior citizens facility with donations of male and female sweat socks, sweat shirts, and sweat pants in all adult sizes. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory no later than **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot for information.

**ACTORS and ACTRESSES NEEDED**—for the Youth Ministry's portrayal of "THE CRIPPLED LAMB" a beautiful story that explores the special plan God has for each of us, and teaches us how to embrace our differences. 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Youth Ministry is looking for help with our quarterly newsletter for January 2014. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry



**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

**SAVE THE DATE**—for a Young Adult Advent Luncheon with Monsignor Pope on **Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** following the 11am Mass. RSVP to yam@hscchurch.org.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**—is a young adult fellowship hosted by DCCatholic on Tuesday nights at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. Check out the audio of the discussion and other Archdiocesan events online at <http://site.adw.org/tot>.

**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'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Tell us what activities interest you. Drop us an email. Check out HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or follow us on Twitter for updates   at HCSCYoungAdults!

**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE**—celebrate National Black Catholic Month with a **Power of Prayer** fundraiser **Sat., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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. 30<sup>th</sup>**.