

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 John 6:41-51

Readings Next Weekend:

Proverbs 9:1-6 Eph. 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Great gifts often come in strange packages, don't they? In today's Gospel, the people are murmuring against Jesus because he said that he is the bread that came down from heaven. How can this be? Isn't he a man just like them? Well, how does Jesus respond to this criticism? Does he back down? No way! He pushes their belief even further. He says that this bread is his flesh, and if anyone eats this flesh, he will have eternal life! Jesus is demanding a lot from the crowds. He is asking them to trust his words. He is asking them to look beyond his humanity and to see the incredible gift that God is giving them. At every Mass, Jesus is asking us to do the same. He is asking us to see the incredible gift that God is giving us in the Eucharist. What looks like a wafer of bread is really the flesh of Jesus Christ. And when we eat this "bread of life" regularly, we have life within us, a life that will not end with the death of our bodies. This is the Good News! This should inspire us to want to tell our family, friends, and neighbors. Church, the Lord is demanding a lot from us in going out to spread the Good News. We will be criticized and questioned. But we must not back down. We have to trust that Jesus means what he says, and remember that the Good News often comes in strange packages.



Sunday, Aug 9

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People
8:00 am Deceased Member of the Holy Name Society †
11:00 am Rita G. Holland †

Monday, Aug 10 Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr

7:00 am William B. Simmons, Sr. (birthday) †

Tuesday, Aug 11 Saint Clare, virgin

7:00 am Florence G. Queenan †

Wednesday, Aug 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

7:00 am Ann Elaine Wilson (birthday) †

Thursday, Aug 13 Saints Pontian, pope, martyr; Hippolytus, priest

7:00 am Denver K. Cannedy †

Friday, Aug 14 Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

7:00 am Ray Simpson †

Saturday, Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am For the People
4:30 pm Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, call the rectory at 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per mass intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 John 12:24-26
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Matt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matt 18:15-20
Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11,13-17 Matt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Joshua 24:1-13 Matt 19:3-12
Saturday: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Luke 1:39-56

Music Schedule

Proclamation
"Have A Little Talk with Jesus" LMGM #211
Responsorial Psalm
"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "I Am the Bread of Life" LMGM #133
** "Safety" O. Williams
Communion
* "Taste and See" LMGM #129
** "Taste and See" K. Louis
Post Communion Music
** "Make Them Hear You" L. Ahrens & S. Flaherty

Music Ministry

* 8:00 AM Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11AM Mass – The Solo Vocal Ministry of Kathy Olatunde–
L'Tanya Holley, Cantor

Mass Attendance for August 2, 2009

*I will praise you Lord with all my heart
In the assembly of the faithful.*
Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	59
8:00 am	148
11:00 am	300
Total:	507

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budgeted Tithes (a/o Aug 2)	\$85,577
Actual Tithes (a/o Aug 2)	\$84,777
Difference	(\$800)

*Be generous when you worship the Lord,
and do not stint the first fruits of your hands.
With every gift show a cheerful face, and
dedicate your tithe with gladness.*

Sirach 35:10-11

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Part of the new evangelization is to be Internet savvy. Let the Web catch you and others. Visit our Parish related 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>

MOVING IN, OUT OR WITHIN THE PARISH? RECENTLY MARRIED OR HAD A CHILD? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by calling the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or sending your new information to hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. It is important that you are registered in the parish since weddings, baptisms and other parish services require registration. Thank you

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY—Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) has begun and over 100 parishioners have registered. You can still register for the remaining 3 sessions. **VBS** meets every Wednesday at 6:30PM during the month of August. Sessions are planned for every age group. The theme is “*Preparing the Path for the Prophets*” which is the first phase of our evangelization campaign that was kicked-off on Pentecost. **Registration forms** are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory office or at www.hscchurch.org. **PLEASE REGISTER SO WE CAN PLAN OUR CATERING NEEDS!!**

THANK YOU to the many parishioners who came to view “**Fireproof**” the movie last Friday. We had an outstanding number of parishioners along with some delicious hot fresh popcorn and good discussion. Anyone who has viewed this movie can attest to the power and inspiration that comes across the screen. We would like to have another showing of this inspirational film for those who were unable to attend, but I need to know how many are interested. Please call or send an email to Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you are interested. In the meantime, please visit www.Fireproofthemovie.com for information.



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10th, 2009. **We need the help of many parishioners to make this a successful event.** Our first planning meeting is Sunday, Aug. 9th at 1:00PM in the rectory parlor. We need volunteers for the following committees: Advertisement, Food, Youth Activities, Adult Activities, Logistics & Transportation. For more info, contact Annette Brooks, Picnic Chair, at 202 361-4699 or come to the planning meeting.

JOB OPENING—ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER—Part-time position with flexible hours at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church. This position is responsible for the general bookkeeping functions of the parish. Applicant must have accounting or bookkeeping experience. Contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org for job description and qualifications.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Beginning August 23rd, we will hold registration for Sunday School classes for youth in pre-K through high school (this also includes classes for youth receiving the sacraments such as First Communion and Confirmation). **Classes begin on Sunday, September 27th from 9:30AM to 10:45AM** at the school. Stay tuned!!



FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN—We will celebrate our patron feast day on **Sunday, September 20th**. We need parishioners to help plan this event. If you're interested in coordinating or just to volunteer for the day of the event, call Kim Peaks at the rectory at 202-544-1885 or email: pam@hscchurch.org with your name and number or email and we will be in contact.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Paula Lancaster, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
202-546-1885 extension # 25 (voicemail)

COLLEGE REACH OUT—We want to reach out and keep in touch with our college-bound students who will be away at school this fall/winter. Contact Paula Lancaster or the rectory office at hscstaff@hscchurch.org with your name, school address, phone number and birthday.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!—Why not resolve to become active in our Youth & Young Adult Ministry. We have ministries for Altar Servers, Junior Lectors, Junior Ushers, Liturgical Dance, Youth Ensemble/Choir and Youth Group. And, we are always in need of adults to assist with planning events for our youth and young adults. Call Paula at 202-546-1885 x25.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH
August 9 - 15, 2009

Sunday (8/9) 1:00 Parish Picnic Comm Mtg 8:00 pm AA	Wednesday (8/12) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (8/10) 4:00 PM Pastoral Staff Mtg 7:00 pm Novena	Thursday (8/13) 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp
Tuesday (8/11) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Friday (8/14) 8:00 pm NA
	Saturday (8/15) 4:30 pm Mass

DESERVING DESIGNS “SEWING” CLASS—We have begun our “sewing” classes and the participants are having a great time learning to sew. We meet at least once a month on a Thursday evening in the youth room at the school. The youth who are participating (along with their parents) are learning to sew while creating projects for the needy in our parish community. **Please call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you need more information and to find out the next meeting date.** If you have a portable sewing machine please bring it. But, we also have additional machines available due to the gracious donations of sewing machines from our parishioners.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—SAT., AUG. 29th—sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council #10008. Buses depart at 9AM at 15th & E. Capitol Sts., SE. (return – 10PM). **Cost:** \$40 per person (rebate - \$30). **Money due no later than Aug. 27th.** For information and tickets, call Lawrence Sanders at 301-967-0641.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM—Grieving over the loss of a loved one is often long and hard. Providence Hospital’s Palliative Care Service can provide information and education about grief. We can also provide a forum for sharing your concerns and feelings through our Grief Recovery Program. There is no cost to participate in the program, but an interview is required prior to the next session. The next program begins on Sept. 9th. Call 202-269-7051 to schedule an interview or for more information.

View past bulletins, daily readings and find out what is happening at our church by visiting our website at

www.hscchurch.org