

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Joshua 24:1-18      Ephesians 5:21-32      John 6:60-69

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8      Jas 1:17-18, 21-27      Mk 7:1-8, 14-23



**PASTORAL SHARINGS**

You and I do something at Mass that seems rather simple. As we approach the altar for Holy Communion we have declared to us, "The Body of Christ" and we say, "Amen." It seems so simple. But today's Gospel reminds us of the tremendous faith that is required to say this "Amen." Jesus has been teaching that he wants to give us his flesh to eat and blood to drink. Just as God had fed the people in the wilderness with bread (manna) from heaven to sustain them for the journey to the Promised Land, so now Jesus wants to be our bread as we journey to the Promised Land of Heaven. But the people were revolted and rejected the possibility that they could or would each the flesh and blood of any one. In effect, Jesus summons them to faith by asking, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" In other words, "What if you were to know that I am God and from heaven. What if you were to believe that it is God saying this to you?" Only God can make it possible for us to accept that billions can eat and drink the Flesh of the Son of Man. But most left him. Then He asks the question: "Will you also leave me?" Peter says that they have come to believe that Jesus is the Holy One from God. So too we answer Jesus today at Mass with our "Amen." We are told "The Body of Christ." And we say "Amen – Yes I believe what God teaches me."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Aug 23**

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People  
8:00 am Joyce Riggio †  
11:00 am Sarah Brooks †

**Monday, Aug 24** *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00 am Glendora Thomas † & Sons

**Tuesday, Aug 25** *St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

7:00 am Charles & Nancy Pope †

**Wednesday, Aug 26**

7:00 am Deceased Members of Cole, Greene & Hill Families †

**Thursday, Aug 27** *Saint Monica*

7:00 am Catherine Zegowitz †

**Friday, Aug 28** *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor*

7:00 am Deceased Members of Fenwick & Hughes Families †

**Saturday, Aug 29** *Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist*

8:00 am Ann Geiman †

4:30 pm Catherine E. Miles (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) †

**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:** Rev 21:9b-14      John 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8      Matt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13      Matt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13      Matt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8      Matt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11      Mark 6:17-29

**Music Schedule**

Processional  
"Just A Little Talk with Jesus"      LMGM #211  
Responsorial Psalm  
"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"  
Gospel Acclamation  
"Alleluia!"  
Offertory  
\* "Lead Me, Guide Me"      LMGM #168  
\*\* "Now Is the Time"      N. Williams  
Communion  
\*\* "Spirit Song"      LMGM #271  
\*\* "Just For Me"      K. Louis

**Music Ministry**

\* **8:00 AM** Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* **11AM** Mass – Men's Ensemble – Damion Lynch, Cantor

**Mass Attendance for August 16, 2009**

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	72
8:00 am	148
11:00 am	285
<b>Total:</b>	<b>505</b>

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Budgeted Tithes (a/o Aug 16)	\$119,808
Actual Tithes (a/o Aug 16)	<b>\$123,681</b>
Difference	<b>+\$3,874</b>

*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

**ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL** – Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Parish has just met our goal for the 2009 Archbishop's appeal. Our goal was \$48,077 and we have pledged thus far \$48,764. This puts us at 101% of goal. Thank you to all who have pledged and made donations. Remember that all of the money you have pledged and donated goes to help the needy and the poor and enables the Archdiocese to provide important services.

**PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.  
DO NOT DOUBLE PARK OR PARK ILLEGALLY DURING  
MASS OR OTHER CHURCH EVENTS.**

*Parking is available down at the school in the lot*

**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**



**ATTENTION!!!** The final session of our **Family Vacation Bible School** will be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is served at 6:30PM and bible study begins at 7PM. 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](http://www.hscchurch.org). If you missed a session, check out the audio presentations on our website at [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org).

**WHY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?**—To prepare for the sacraments, youth attending public schools need to go to Sunday school to learn about their faith. Our religious education program begins September 27<sup>th</sup> and is held each Sunday down at the school from 9:30—10:45AM. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education at 202 546-1885 ext. 26.



**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**—Over the next several weekends, 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). Representatives with registration forms will be available after the 8AM and 11AM Mass today. Additional forms are also available in the rectory office and on our website.



**FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN**—We will celebrate our patron feast day on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 202-546-1885 or email: [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) with your name and number or email and we will be in contact.

**VIRTUS TRAINING**—For all adults who will have regular contact with youth, there is a 3-step child protection process that the Archdiocese has instituted. The three-steps are: completion of a volunteer application; having your fingerprints taken; and attending a two-hour training session. The training session will be held at HCSC (at the school) on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. In order to take the training, on-line registration is required. Please go to [adw.org](http://adw.org) to register for the course. Once you arrive at [adw.org](http://adw.org), select **Youth**; select **Child Protection**; select **Child Protection Training: Schedule and Sign-up**. At that point, the system will take you through a several screens of questions to get you registered. Please try to sign up as soon as possible. There is a 25 student limit for the class.

**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 [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org). It is important that you are registered in the parish since weddings, baptisms and other parish services require registration. Thank you.

**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 the rectory office at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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 23 - 29, 2009

<p><b>Sunday (8/23)</b> 2:00 Dance Ministry Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p> <p><b>Monday (8/24)</b> 4:00 PM Pastoral Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Sr. Exec.Usher Bd Mtg 7:00 pm Novena</p> <p><b>Tuesday (8/25)</b> 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday (8/26)</b> 6:30pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p><b>Thursday (8/27)</b> 7:00 pm Catechist Mtg 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp</p> <p><b>Friday (8/28)</b> 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00 pm NA</p> <p><b>Saturday (8/29)</b> <i>Knights of Columbus Trip</i> 11:00 am VIRTUS Training 11:00 am Wedding 4:30 pm Mass</p>
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Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The next meeting of the planning committee is Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in the rectory.

**We need the help of many parishioners to make this a successful event.** We need volunteers for the following committees: Advertisement, Food, Youth Activities, Adult Activities, Logistics & Transportation. For info, contact Annette Brooks, Picnic Chair, at 202 361-4699.

*"...And They Sang a Hymn"* – The **HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN CHURCH CHOIR** celebrates its **37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00PM in the church. **Donation:** \$10 per person. Save the date and stay tuned for information on tickets and placing an ad in the program.



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

**[www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)**