

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Readings This Weekend:

Is 35:4-7a                      Jas 2:1-5                      Mk 7: 31-37

### Readings Next Weekend:

Is 50:5-9a                      Jas 2:14-18                      Mk 8:27-35



PASTORAL SHARINGS

The Gospel today begins with reference to a **PLACE**. Jesus goes north into pagan territory to the city of Tyre in modern day Lebanon. Note his missionary spirit. These are people who need to be evangelized. Where do we live? Increasingly we live in pagan territory. We need to be able to go north to realize that we live in Tyre and many around us need to hear a word from God. But next notice the **PROBLEM**: a man is brought to Jesus who is deaf and unable to speak. I'm afraid this is many of us. We are in a world that desperately needs to hear from God but increasingly we too are deaf to the voice of God and unable (or unwilling) to speak. Jesus needs to reach these people so he reaches out and heals this man. Then, maybe he'll have a prophet in this land to speak for him after he leaves. Next notice the **PROCESS** of the healing: The healing is *personal* for Jesus takes him apart by himself to be healed. It is *picturesque* for Jesus touches his ears and tongue. It is also *pure* for afterward the man begins to speak well and to hear. The Greek says the man spoke "orthos" which means "straight" and it is from this word that we get the word orthodoxy. Finally notice the **PROCLAMATION**. Jesus, probably tongue in cheek, says to the man, "Not a word to anyone now!" Well of course the man tells EVERYONE about Jesus and so should we.

**FUNERALS:** Edna Kave (9/4/09); Philomena Matthews (9/8/09)



### Sunday, Sept 6

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

### Monday, Sept 7 Labor Day

7:00 am Steve McPherson (†) (birthday)

### Tuesday, Sept 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Betty Hamer

### Wednesday, Sept 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 am Glendora Thomas (†) & Sons

### Thursday, Sept 10

7:00 am Deceased members: Cole, Greene & Hill Families (†)

### Friday, Sept 11

7:00 am Reba L. Neale (†) (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Saturday, Sept 12 Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Florence G. Queenan (†)  
4:30 pm For the People

**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:** Col 1:24—2:3                      Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30                      Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11                      Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17                      Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14                      Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17                      Lk 6:43-49

### Music Schedule

Processional  
"Lift Him Up"                      In the Pews  
Responsorial Psalm  
"Praise the Lord my soul"  
Gospel Acclamation  
"Alleluia!"  
Offertory  
\* "Be Not Afraid"                      LMGM #123  
\*\* "Behold Your God"                      K. Louis  
Communion  
"The Lord is my Light"                      LMGM #132

### Music Ministry

\* 8:00 AM Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* 11AM Mass – Church Choir – Damion Lynch, Cantor

### Mass Attendance for August 30, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	51
8:00 am	157
11:00 am	315
<b>Total:</b>	<b>523</b>

### Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o August 30)	\$154,038
Actual Tithes (a/o August 30)	\$148,383
Difference	(\$5,656)

**FREEBIES**—While supplies last, check out the free sweatshirts located in the vestibule of the church. We kindly ask that if you take a shirt to please make a donation to the poor box so that the St. Vincent DePaul Society can help our parishioners and neighbors who are in need. If you want to donate by check, make it payable to St. Vincent DePaul Society. **One shirt per person, please.**

**FEEL CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?** The archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interested in speaking with men who have an interest in becoming a permanent deacon. Learn more about the diaconate online at [www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp](http://www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp). The site includes contact information, current admissions criteria for the Archdiocese of Washington's permanent deacon formation program and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

**HISTORY OF MURALS ON WALLS**— Now that the cleaning of the church walls are coming to a close, each month we will begin to feature the history of each of the Saints so that we can learn and be inspired by the holy lives that they lived. Stay tuned!

### 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**



**LABOR DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mass will be celebrated at 7:00AM in the chapel. **The rectory office will be closed.**  
 Novena will not be held on this day.

**MASS FOR BLESSING OF HUMAN LABOR**—Join Archbishop Wuerl for the annual Mass for Blessing of Human Labor, Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, WDC. This special liturgical celebration will recognize the role of work as it expresses the essential dignity of every man and woman in society and will seek blessings on all workers and those who strive to foster a fair and just workplace.

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**—Over the next few weekends, we'll hold registration for Sunday School classes for youth in pre-K through high school (this includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation). Representatives with registration forms will be available after 8AM and 11AM Mass. Additional forms are available in the rectory office and on our website.



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**—will be held on **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM** in the rectory basement. **All members are required to be in attendance.** Parishioners are invited to attend.

**Baptismal Classes for Families of Infants and Children**—will begin **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM** in the rectory basement. If you have an infant or child under the age of 7 who needs to receive the sacrament of baptism, contact Fr. Pope at 202-546-1885 to make arrangements prior to attending the class.



**FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN**—We will celebrate our patron feast day on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that **only one Mass will be celebrated that day at 10AM.** We need parishioners to help plan this event. If you're interested in coordinating or just to volunteer, call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or email: pam@hscchurch.org with your name and number or email.

**FREE "LIFE ISSUES" NEWSLETTERS**—Interested in learning more about the Church's teachings on the great gift of life and human sexuality? Want to get information on important issues which impact the dignity of life? Interested in becoming more involved in pro-life activities? Then sign up for the newly launched e-mail newsletter from the Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Life Issues. Send an email to Michelle Carper at mcarper@adw.org. Put "Life Issues" in subject line.

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**—at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 11-12, 2009. The theme is *Sacrifice of Enduring Love*. Liturgies, talks and events will focus on three vocations: priesthood, religious life and marriage. Speakers will include Archbishop Wuerl, Cardinals Seán O'Malley, Justin Rigali and Marc Ouellet, and dozens of others. A piece of the actual tilma of St. Juan Diego also will be exhibited. Learn more online at [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org).

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS**

Danita L. Colbert, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
 202-546-1885 extension # 25 (voicemail)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – **Jammin' 4 Jesus 2009** (see flyer in bulletin for details)
- Sun., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>—**Youth Sunday Fellowship** (following the 11AM Mass)
- Sat., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>—**Community Service Project**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**—It's that time of year again! We want to wish all of our youth a safe and exciting return to school. We pray that you will have a successful and rewarding academic year. Continue to put God first in all that you do, and continue to let your light shine.

**THANK YOU** to *Annette Brooks, Jean Darlington, Monique Davis, Theresa Fields, Daphne Giles, Tiffany Shaw, Debbie Vanzego, Jimmy Claire Walker, Anissa and Reggie Wills* for answering the call to work with our Youth. Your dedication and commitment is very much appreciated. Call Danita if you are interested in working with our youth ministry.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

September 6 - 12, 2009

<p><b>Sunday (9/6)</b>                  9:30 am Sodality General mtg                  1:00 pm Women's Min. mtg                  2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal                  8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>Thursday (9/10)</b>                  7:00 pm Knights of Columbus                  7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp</p>
<p><b>Monday (9/7) Labor Day</b>  <b>Rectory Closed</b>  <b>No Novena</b></p>	<p><b>Friday (9/11)</b>                  8:00 pm NA</p>
<p><b>Tuesday (9/8)</b>                  6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal                  6:30 pm Dance Rehearsal                  7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Saturday (9/12)</b>                  10:00 am Dance Rehearsal                  10:00 am Parish Council mtg                  10:00 am St. Vincent DePaul                  12:00 am Jr. Usher's mtg                  1:00 pm Baptismal Prep. Class                  4:30 pm Mass</p>



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **The next planning committee meeting is Sun., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in the rectory**

**basement.** We need volunteers for the following: 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)