

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Readings This Weekend:

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

### Readings Next Weekend:

Wis 2:12, 17-20                      Jas 3:16—4:3:                      Mk 9:30-37



The fundamental message of today's Gospel: No Cross, No Crown. Note first the **CONFUSED CLIMATE** of this Gospel. Jesus asks who people say he is and a cacophony of answers flows forth. We too see many portraits of Christ today, some better than others, some completely wrong and unbiblical. Next Notice the **CURSORY CONFESSION** of Peter. He calls Jesus the Christ and he is right but he doesn't really know what he is saying. He doesn't understand the true role of the Messiah is not worldly conquest, but to save sinners. Next notice the **CLARIFYING of CHRIST**. Jesus goes on to teach that the Son of Man must suffer and die before He rises. Uh Oh , looks like we're in for a bumpy ride and Peter and the the others are none too happy. Jesus grows downright hostile and and then issues the **COMMAND to CARRY the CROSS**. Anyone who rejects the cross is on Satan's team. Jesus is clear to insist on the cross. There is no other way. The sign of Christianity is not a pillow. It is the Cross. Why so hard Jesus? Because it is the only way. The only way to truly live is to die to this world. To be crucified to the world and its pomp. To be willing to forsake everything for the Kingdom of Christ. The old song is clear too: "If you think you should always be up and never down, I've come to remind you: no cross, no crown."



### Sunday, Sept 13

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People  
8:00 am Deceased members: Holy Name Society (†)  
11:00 am Richard Ignatius Wade (†) (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### Monday, Sept 14 Exaltation of the Cross

7:00 am Reba Marie Ogletree (†)

### Tuesday, Sept 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am Joseph Nelson Campbell (†) (birthday on 9/14)

### Wed. Sept 16 Sts. Cyprian (Bishop & Martyr) & Cornelius (Pope & Martyr)

7:00 am John A. Warren, Jr. (†) (16<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### Thursday, Sept 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

7:00 am Eva D. Greene (†)(1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

### Friday, Sept 18

7:00 am William E. Brown, Jr. (†) (birthday on 9/17)

### Saturday, Sept 19 St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am Mary E. Shepherd (†)

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:** Nm 21:4b-9                      Jn 3: 13-17  
**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13                      Lk 2: 33-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16                      Lk 7: 31-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16                      Lk 7: 36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12                      Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16                      Lk 8: 4-15

### Music Schedule

Processional  
"Lift Him Up"                      In the pews  
Responsorial Psalm  
"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the of the living"  
Gospel Acclamation  
"Alleluia!"  
Offertory  
\* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"                      LMGM #119  
\*\*\*"Precious Jesus"                      T. Whitfield  
Communion  
"Jesus in the Morning"                      LMGM #131  
Post Communion

### Music Ministry

\* **8:00 AM** Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* **11AM** Mass – Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator

### Mass Attendance for September 6, 2009

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

4:30 pm	58
8:00 am	197
11:00 am	245
<b>Total:</b>	<b>500</b>

### Stewardship Report 2007-2008

Budgeted Tithes (a/o Sept 6)	\$171,154
Actual Tithes (a/o Sept 6)	\$167,899
Difference	(\$3,255)

*Honor the Lord with your substance and with the  
first fruits of all your produce; then your barns  
will be filled with plenty, and your vats  
bursting with wine"*

Proverbs 3:9-10



**MASS INTENTIONS BOOK**—Please remember the intentions book located in the vestibule. The mass intentions book will be updated/changed at the beginning of each month. We would like to continue keeping everyone in our prayers.

**Marriage Matters® but do you know why?**—Find out what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and why it's important, including articles addressing marriage, scriptural passages and reflections on marriage and family life, marriage preparation information, resources for enriching your marriage and more. The Archdiocese of Washington's educational initiative called Marriage Matters® is online at [www.MarriageMattersDC.org](http://www.MarriageMattersDC.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**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**—Today is Youth Sunday and we invite all youth to sit in the front pews at the 11AM Mass. Following Mass we will hold an Ice Cream Social fellowship out on the plaza so you can have the opportunity to meet our youth ministers, find out about what the youth are doing in our parish and how you can be a part.



**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**—The first day of class for Sunday School is September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in the school. We continue to 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.

**THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL** will be installed at the 11AM Mass today. We welcome our new and current members and pray for them as they begin another year of service for our parish community. Please see the letter in your bulletin for a list of the members.

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY** is a spiritual group of laymen dedicated to the praise and respect of the most Holy Name of God. Called to lead lives of devotion and reverence centered on the Eucharist, its members are challenged to become models of hope and to make present in each individual the unique revelation of Christ as we continue our spiritual journey towards becoming true examples of Christian Manhood. If you wish to have a deeper relationship with God, the Father and the Holy Spirit, please join us every second Sunday of each month for the reciting of the Rosary at 8am Mass and our General Assembly meeting immediately following the Mass. For information, call Mr. Cyprian Jenifer at 301-386-3177.



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **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.

**THE FRIENDLY SENIORS** will begin their weekly fellowship on Wed., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in the youth room at the school. The Friendly Seniors meet every Wednesday to fellowship, play games and study the bible. You are welcome to join us. Call Doris Edelin for more information at 301-350-2697.



**FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN**—We will celebrate our patron feast day on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** Only one Mass will be held that day at 10:00AM. Please plan accordingly. Parking will be available in the school lot. See the flyer for details. A reception will follow out on the plaza after Mass. **Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up and clean-up.** Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you can help.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS**

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**—See the September issue of the Youth Ministry Newsletter in the bulletin this weekend for news on what's happening with our youth. Check it out!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**  
September 13 - September 19, 2009

<p><b>Sunday (9/13)</b> 9:30 am Holy Name Society mtg 9:30 am Sodality Spiritual mtg 1:30 pm NOSPAA 1:30 pm Parish Picnic mtg 2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p> <p><b>Monday (9/14)</b> 6:30 pm Youth Ministry mtg 7:00 pm Novena</p> <p><b>Tuesday (9/15)</b> 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday (9/16)</b> 11:00 am Friendly Seniors</p>	<p><b>Thursday (9/17)</b> 6:30 pm HCSCFCU Mtg</p> <p><b>Friday (9/18)</b> 8:00 pm NA</p> <p><b>Saturday (9/19)</b> 10:00 am Dance Rehearsal 10:00 am Eucharistic Min. 10:30 am Altar Servers mtg 1:00 pm Baptismal Prep. class 2:00 pm Knights of St. John Aux. 4:30 pm Mass</p>
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“...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.



**THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE** celebrates 180 Years of Service on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6:30PM at St. Frances Academy Community Center, 501 E. Chase St., Baltimore, MD. Guest Speaker: Soledad O'Brian, *CNN News Anchor.* BANQUET COST: \$100 per person. *Celebrity aprons will be auctioned.* For more information call Sr. Helene Therese at 410-536-5687 or visit [www.ospdevelopment.com](http://www.ospdevelopment.com). *This is an OSP Building Fund Project.*

**SOUTHEAST DEANERY EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL** invites you to the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Revival on Mon., Oct. 5 to Thurs., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.** Theme: *Evangelize! Telling the Old, Old Story!* Revivalist: Rev. Msgr. Raymond East, Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church. Please see flyer in the bulletin board in rear of church with the various locations or stop by the rectory office. All are Welcome!

**ST. ELIZABETH PROJECT**—Will you help pregnant women and their unborn children? The Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at 713 Maryland Ave. NE, needs volunteers. It especially welcomes those who can come in one day a week to do light secretarial work (i.e. answer phones, type, and enter data). Please contact Mark Stricherz at 202/544-5741 or stricherz2@yahoo.com

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