

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrew 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrew 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45



The Gospel today goes in three stages. First there is **Diligent Desire**. The young man who

approached Jesus seems a sincere and pious man who wants heaven and wants to do what is right. However he has a kind of mechanistic notion of getting saved. He wants to know what he must do to save himself. So the Lord engages him and tells him to keep the commandments. The young man answers with delight that has kept them! But deep down he knows it isn't enough. So he says, "What else must I do?"

This leads to the second stage of **Difficult Demand**. Jesus' instruction to sell all he has overwhelms him. Jesus had looked at him with love as he said it but he missed it and thus went away sad. This leads us to the third stage of **Dependence on the Divine**. The Lord begins by noting how difficult it is for the rich to enter heaven. Why? Among other things they are best able to maintain the illusion of control and power, They think they can buy what they need. They cannot afford heaven however. The apostles then say, "Who can (possibly) be saved?" Jesus then gives the fundamental truth: "With man it is impossible but for God all things are possible." Here then is the solution. Radical trust and dependence on God. We must entrust our case to God and allow him to take over our life. Otherwise we don't stand a chance. The doctor is in!

FUNERAL: Charles Queen (10/9/09)

HOSPITALIZED: Crystal Ross



Sunday, Oct 11

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People

8:00 am Deceased Members of Holy Name Society (†)

11:00 am Deceased Members of the Holland Family (†)

Monday, Oct 12

7:00 am Florence G. Queenan (†)

Tuesday, Oct 12

7:00 am Robert Gordon (†)

Wednesday, Oct 14 St. Callistus, pope & martyr

7:00 am Margaret Gordon (†)

Thursday, Oct 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & martyr

7:00 am Sylvester Campbell (30th Anniv.) (†)

Friday, Oct 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

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

Saturday, Oct 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

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: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12

Music Schedule

Proclamation

"Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee" LMGM #223

Responsorial Psalm

"Fill Us with Your Love O Lord"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "How Great Thou Art"

LMGM #181

** "Praise the Lord"

arr. by K. Louis

Communion

"Because of Who You Are"

M. Munizzi

Music Ministry

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor - Gwen Myles, Music Associate

** Youth Ensemble - L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator

* 8:00AM Mass - ** 11:00AM Mass

Mass Attendance for October 4th, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	57
8:00 am	179
10:00 am	<u>320</u>
Total:	556

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o October 4)	\$239,615
Actual Tithes (a/o October 4)	\$228,158
Difference	- \$11,458

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

OCTOBER IS TITHING COMMITMENT MONTH—This October we will turn our attention to the Biblical teaching on Tithing. We are including in this weekend's bulletin some materials to help you prepare for Tithing Commitment **Sunday which is October 18th**. As you may note, the collection is a little down at this time. Hence it will be good for all of us to review the Lord's teaching about our commitment and his blessings. Msgr. Pope will preach all Masses that weekend and remind us of the Biblical teaching on tithing.

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



The rectory office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Novena will not be held.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!—If you have a youth in grade pre-K thru high school, you can still enroll in our Sunday School classes held every Sunday at 9:30AM-10:30AM in the school. Contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885 ext. 26 or mre@hscchurch.org or visit www.hscchurch.org for a registration form.

YOUTH SUNDAY—TODAY—We invite our youth to sit together in the front pews at the 11AM Mass. Following Mass, the **Youth Ministry will host a Membership Fair** out on the plaza with information on the youth ministries that are offered at our parish. Come and see!



CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND—The Saint Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your

gift to our food pantry. Ushers will come through the aisles to pick-up your donation. If you were unable to donate food today, please consider a donation to the poor box (on the wall next to all the doors). **NOTE:** Canned food collections are held every second Sunday of each month.

SINGLE PARENTS MINISTRY—HCSC Single Parents' Ministry is a ministry that provides spiritual and physical support to single parents throughout the parish. The ministry offers monthly support groups, parenting classes, bible study and fellowship. For more information, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 and leave your contact information or join us at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hcsc_singleparents.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY—Each year, October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated in October. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. During October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Rosaries are available for sale in our Candlelight Store.

FLU SEASON—Due to the prevalence of the flu, some parishes have suspended reception of the Precious Blood but we have no plans to do this at HCSC. You are encouraged if you have a cold or cough to abstain from receiving the Precious Blood. Also, if you are prone to catching the flu you are encouraged to exercise your own judgment in this matter. Please note that Catholics are not required to receive from the cup. When we receive the host, we receive the living Lord Jesus, whole and entire, and this already includes his blood.

"...And They Sang a Hymn"—The **HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN CHURCH CHOIR** celebrates its 37th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00PM in the church. **Donation:** \$10 per person. Tickets are available from any choir member or rectory office.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Danita L. Colbert, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
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BUDDING JOURNALIST NEEDED!—We are looking for young people interested in putting together the monthly Youth Ministry newsletter. We need writers, reporters, editors, photographers, etc. Contact Celeste Campbell at cilcamp@netzero.com.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

October 11th - 17th, 2009

<p>Sunday (10/11) 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Holy Name Society mtg 1:30 pm NOSPAA mtg 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>Wednesday (10/14) 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>
<p>Monday (10/12) <i>Columbus Day</i> Rectory Closed No Novena</p>	<p>Friday (10/16) 8:00 pm NA</p>
<p>Tuesday (10/13) 6:30 pm Credit Union mtg 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers</p>	<p>Saturday (10/17) 10:30 am Altar Servers Trng 10:30 am Oratory (convent) 2:00 pm Ladies Aux #73 mtg 4:30 pm Mass</p>

THE HCSC MARRIAGE TEAM—will begin the process of coordinating and updating our marriage preparation program for this parish. Currently, our program consists of three vital parts: (1) Communication skills techniques and training (2) Five catechetical topics taught over a five week process and; (3) Couples sharing empowered by the Holy Spirit. If you are a married couple (with or without children) and are interested in **servng** in this ministry, contact Kim Peaks in the rectory office at 202-546-1885. The next planning meeting for the Marriage Team is Thursday, October 15th. Evangelization takes many forms and your work may be through the lay ministry of the Sacrament of Marriage. Think about it and give us a call!

CHURCH MURALS—Last week, we began our series on the murals painted on the walls of this church. Each month (or possibly twice a month), we will feature one or two of the Saints (in chronological order) along with commentary written by seminarian Anthony Lickteig. As you know, Holy Comforter is the title of the Holy Spirit and this church was built to honor the Holy Spirit. At the center of the church over the altar is a tongue of fire and the words *The Spirit of the Lord fills the Whole Earth* (translated from the Latin text). But how will God accomplish this? It is not through magic fairy dust but through the lives of Holy men and women. You will notice over each Saint a tongue of fire which represents the Holy Spirit. And, each mural indicates the place and time where they ministered. This is how God fills the earth with his Spirit. Copies of the series can be found in the rear of the church and on the website. Contact the rectory for additional copies. Please note that the series will change from week to week.

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

www.hscchurch.org