

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrew 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Readings Next Weekend:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a



In today's Gospel we see described some Basics for the Blind. Now allow blindness here to refer to anything in us such as sin or sorrow that blinds us to the beautiful light of God's glory. Note first the **Perception of the Problem** – there is a man by the side of the road begging. But at least he sees enough to know he has a problem. This is always the first step to healing, realizing we have a problem. Next note the **Proclamation that is Prescribed** – he hears that Jesus is passing by and he begins to shout: "Jesus Son of David, Have mercy on Me!" Next note the **Perseverance that Produces** – the crowd tries to silence him but he doesn't give up, So Jesus summons him. Next note the **Priority that is Presented**. As he goes to Jesus he throws aside his cloak, probably the only thing he owned. Nothing Between his soul and the Savior! Next note the **Permission that is procured**. Jesus asks what the man wants. Jesus knows what we need but he wants our permission to heal since healing brings new responsibilities. Finally note the **Path that is Pursued** – Jesus says to him, "Go your way, your faith has saved you." And thus is our path to walk with faith.



Sunday, Oct 25

4:30 pm (Sat) Kamille A. Jackson (†)
8:00 am Deceased Members of Wedge Family (†)
11:00 am Pauline Macon (birthday)

Monday, Oct 26

7:00 am Maurice Huc (†)

Tuesday, Oct 27

7:00 am April Tomorrow Wood (†)

Wednesday, Oct 28 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles

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

Thursday, Oct 29

7:00 am For the People

Friday, Oct 30

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

Saturday, Oct 31

8:00 am Annie E. Smith (†)
4:30 pm Curtis Brown (†)

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 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16
Thursday Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35
Friday Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:1, 7-11

Music Schedule

Processional

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

Responsorial Psalm

"The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Praise to the Lord" LMGM #196

** "My Help" Farris

Communion

* "Oh How I Love Jesus" LMGM #85

Music Ministry

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – Gwen Myles, Music Associate

** Church Choir – Damion Lynch, Cantor

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

Mass Attendance for October 18th, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	70
8:00 am	98
10:00 am	<u>260</u>
Total:	428

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o October 18)	\$273,846
Actual Tithes (a/o October 18)	\$261,982
Difference	-\$11,864

*All the tithes of the land, whether in grain from
the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to
the Lord as sacred to him.*

Leviticus 27:30

TITHING COMMITMENT SUNDAY UPDATE—Thank you to all who participated in tithing commitment Sunday last weekend. Your attendance and prayerful attention during the sermon was appreciated and your submission of a card indicating your response was also greatly appreciated. If you were not in attendance last week or have not completed and returned a tithing commitment card, please do so this weekend. You can ask an usher for a card and drop it into the collection basket or at the rectory office. Remember, tithing is a blessing, not a burden. God promises blessings to those who obey his command to tithe. God himself says this, *Prove me in this [tithing], says the Lord of Hosts and see if I do not pour you out a blessing such that you cannot contain it.* (Mal 3:10) Hence tithing is something to celebrate not merely something to suffer. God is good and he will not be outdone in generosity.

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

WE PRAY FOR TRAVELING MERCIES for our Pilgrims who are traveling to the Holy Land & Egypt for 10 days. Fr. Pope will also be traveling and will return Nov. 8th. In his absence, Rev. Raymond Kemp will celebrate 11AM Mass on Sun., Nov. 1st and Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino will celebrate 11AM Mass on Nov. 8th



CHECK REQUESTS—In preparation for Fr. Pope's travel, please submit all check requests by **Oct. 27th** for all checks needed by **Nov. 15th**. For questions, contact Danita L. Colbert at accountant@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 ext. 13.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will not be held on Nov. 4th and 11th but will resume Wed., Nov. 18th.

THE "INQUIRERS" GROUP will continue to meet every Tuesday at 7PM in the rectory during Fr. Pope's travel.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Gloria Tolentino** (Msgr. Tolentino's mother) who died last Tuesday. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Virginia Beach this coming week. At the time of printing, the exact date and time were not known. Please check with the rectory office for any details that have subsequently been received.

SHARE REGISTRATION—Thurs., Oct. 29th beginning at 9:30AM. See the flyer in the bulletin for information on how you can save money on groceries by participating and learn about the good works of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



REMINDER—Sun., Nov. 1st daylight savings time will end, so don't forget to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on **Sat., Oct. 31st**.

ATTENTION!! The next meeting of the Organization and Ministry Chairs' is **Monday, October 26th at 6:30PM** in the rectory basement. **All HCSC ministries/organizations must send one representative to this meeting.** Light refreshments will be available.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD—One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. **During the month of**



November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased friends and family members. A mass will be celebrated every other day during November for

the Poor Souls. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with your monthly tithing envelopes) or ask any usher for an envelope and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

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JOIN THE FUN—The Youth Ministry invites all youth (age 12 & under) to *Hilloween on Halloween Eve* at Eastern Market on Fri. Oct. 30th. Please gather at the Church at 5PM. **Questions?** Contact Susan Jenifer at sebjenifer@aol.com or 301-651-1398. The Youth Ministry also invites all youth (age 13 & over) to go to **Cox Farms** on Sat. Oct. 31st. Gather at the Church at 5:30PM. **Questions?** Contact Danita L. Colbert at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 ext. 25. See flyer in bulletin for details. **Permission slips are REQUIRED and are available for both events in the Rectory.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR—The Youth Ministry is in need of a parishioner to coordinate programs and activities for youth in pre-Kindergarten—5th grade. If you have questions or are interested, contact Danita L. Colbert at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- November 11 – Altar Servers Outing
- November 13 – Game Night/Real Talk
- November 21 – Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

October 25th - 31st, 2009

Sunday (10/25) 9:30 am Sunday School 2:00 pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux mtg 4:00 pm Choir Concert 8:00 pm AA	Wednesday (10/28) 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 6:30 pm Sr. Usher Board mtg 7:00 pm Bible Study
Monday (10/26) 6:30 pm Qtrly Ministry Mtg 6:30 pm Sr. Exec Usher Bd Mtg 7:00 pm Novena	Thursday (10/29) 9:30am SHARE Registration
Tuesday (10/27) 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers	Friday (10/30) 8:00 pm NA
	Saturday (10/31) 10:30 am Oratory (convent) 6:30 pm CAG Harvest Festival 4:30 pm Mass

ALL SOULS DAY VISIT TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES—All Souls Day, Nov. 2nd, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. The All Souls Day Mass will be held at 9AM at all the Catholic Cemeteries (Gate of Heaven, Resurrection and Mt. Olivet.) For more information, contact the cemetery manager or visit www.ccaaw.org.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—Join us at Ireland's Four Fields in Cleveland Park, 3412 Conn. Ave., NW for Happy Hour from 7-8PM followed by featured speakers who will present on this season's theme "*The Secret Lives of Priests.*" The events are scheduled for Oct. 27 and Nov. 3rd, 10 and 17. For more information on archdiocesan and parish young adult opportunities, email Laura Ferstl at yam@adw.org.

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

www.hscchurch.org