

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrew 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrew 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

The images of the widows in two of today's readings speak powerfully to the need to trust God. Frankly, the very fact of destitution might make us NOT want to trust God. If we are struggling with a lack of resources we may also be angry with God. We see that others have more and grow frustrated that God has allowed this to happen to us. The widow in today's first reading is, at first, taken aback by Elijah's boldness in asking to share what little she had. But notice something very important. It is the very fact of her poverty that ultimately helps her trust God and share. Elijah promises her that if she does share that God will take care of her. Examining her poverty she probably figured she had little to lose in trying. Do you see the paradox? Her poverty makes her free. Often when we have much we also have "too much to lose." Our many possessions create a kind of bondage and to renounce them is just too costly. A number of years ago I was speaking with a very wealthy man about tithing. He was startled that I would suggest that ten percent of his income should come to Church. He scoffed and said, "Father, do you know what ten percent of my income is?!" He would never part with that amount of money it was just too much to lose. Besides, how would he make his boat payments and be able to afford the second mortgage on the beach house? There can be a kind of freedom in poverty, but our riches frequently ensnare us and make it difficult for us to trust God. Therefore in the gospel today Jesus warns of wealth but salutes the freedom of the widow who freely gives.

FUNERALS: Jabari Outtz (11/7); Austina Jones (11/9)



Sunday, Nov. 8

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People
8:00 am Deceased Members of Holy Name Society (†)
11:00 am William B. Simmons (†)

Monday, Nov. 9 Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Tuesday, Nov. 10 St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor

7:00 am William T. Washington (anniv. 11/9) (†)

Wednesday, Nov. 11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Thursday, Nov. 12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr

7:00 am Clarence Campbell (birthday 11/11) (†)

Friday, Nov. 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Saturday, Nov. 14

8:00 am Mable C. Campbell (36th anniv.) (†)
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 of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Ez 47:1-12	John 2:13-22
Tuesday	Wisdom 2:23—3:9	Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6:1-11	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7:22b—8:1	Luke 17:20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13:1-9	Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Luke 18:1-8

Music Schedule

Processional

"Jesus Is All the World to Me" LMGM #266

Responsorial Psalm

"Praise the Lord, my soul"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" LMGM #197

** "If You Want to See A Miracle" Bradley

Communion

* "Because of Who You Are"

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 November 1st, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	50
8:00 am	148
10:00 am	330
Total:	528

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o November 1)	\$308,077
Actual Tithes (a/o November 1)	\$292,865
Difference	-\$15,212

*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

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. AUSTINA JONES

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church
on Monday, November 9th at 12Noon.
Viewing will begin at 10:00AM.

A Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 9:30AM
(prior to the viewing).

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Part of the new evangelization is to be Internet savvy. Let the Web catch you and others. Visit our Parish related Websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.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

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



TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY—We invite our youth to sit in the first few pews in the front of the church at the 11AM Mass. **PARENTS:** Please encourage your child to sit with the other youth at Mass so that they may receive a special blessing as they worship together. We celebrate Youth Sunday every second Sunday of the month at the 11AM Mass unless otherwise noted.



CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—Ushers will come through the aisles at offertory

to collect your **canned or non-perishable** food items for our food pantry. If you forgot your donation this week, monetary donations to the *Poor Box* are also appreciated. All funds go to support the food pantry.

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

The rectory office will be closed in observance of **Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th**. Let us continue to keep in prayer those who served and are still serving.



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.



THANKSGIVING MASS—Please note that we will celebrate the Mass for Thanksgiving on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving (November 25th at 7:00PM).

It is hoped that this will allow more parishioners to attend and give thanks as one family. Please come and invite your family members to give thanks for our many blessings!

IMPORTANT—From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. Please turn off cell phones and pagers during mass. Chewing gum or eating in church is also not acceptable. Adults are requested to remind children (and each other) of this discipline before entering the church. Please do not leave trash in pews.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Danita L. Colbert, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
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HELP THE HOMELESS WALKATHON—The Youth Ministry will participate in the **Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon** on Sat., Nov. 21st, 2009. We are committed to helping eliminate homelessness, and we need your support in this effort. Please consider supporting this most worthy cause. The top three fundraisers among the youth will be awarded a \$75, \$50 and \$25 VISA gift card, respectively. All parishioners are encouraged to walk with us, or come out to pray with us and cheer for us. All walkers should complete a registration form, which is available in the Rectory. For questions, contact Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 or Danita L. Colbert on 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT—We are looking for youth ages 6 and up to participate in our Christmas Youth Pageant on December 24th at the 6PM Mass. *Adults are also needed to help with costumes and props.* See youth newsletter for more details.

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

November 8th - 14th, 2009

Sunday (11/8)

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm AA

Thursday (11/12)

- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus
- 7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp

Monday (11/9)

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry
- 7:00 pm Novena

Friday (11/13)

- 7:00 pm Youth Group
- 8:00 pm NA

Tuesday (11/10)

- 6:30 pm Dance Ministry
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers

Saturday (11/14)

- 9:30 am Holy Name Society
- 10:00 am Dance Ministry
- 10:00 am St. Vincent De Paul
- 10:30 am Oratory (convent)
- 11:00 am Baptism

Wednesday (11/11) *Veteran's Day*
Rectory Office Closed

4:30 pm Mass

CHURCH MURALS SERIES—We continue our series on the murals painted on the walls of this church. Each month, we will feature one or two of the Saints (in chronological order) along with commentary written by Deacon 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. This series will change from month to month.

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

www.hscchurch.org