

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelations 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

Most people who read this gospel from today's Mass presume Jesus is speaking about the end of the world. However a closer examination of Mark Chapter 13 reveals that he is actually speaking about the destruction of Jerusalem and of the temple. That destruction took place forty years after Jesus' prophecy. The world as the Jewish people knew it centered around Jerusalem and the temple. But that world was shortly coming to an end. Many of the phrases Jesus uses about the sun being darkened, the moon not giving its light and stars falling from the heavens are prophetic language that largely correspond to expressions we have that are similar. If I tell you that the world is upside down you do not understand me to speak literally, I am using an expression that means my world has been rocked somehow, changed dramatically. If I say that I feel the earth move under my feet, you do not necessarily conclude that I am literally describing an earthquake but rather that I have been "shaken" by some startling event. And so it is that Jesus uses similar expressions. We lack sophistication if we read all these things literally. But the message of Jesus is clear enough, the world as we know it is passing away. We have here no lasting city. Our parish has surely experienced this in many ways in the past month. Sudden and tragic deaths have been too frequent. But this vale of tears in which we live frequently strikes us with reminders that this is not our home. We are here but for a brief time and then it is over. This message is painful but also liberating for nothing that this world can do to us will last. If we trust God and hold to God's unchanging hand we go to that place where joys last and glory never fades away.



Sunday, Nov. 15

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People

8:00 am Mabel C. Campbell (birthday) †

11:00 am Grace K. Stewart †

Monday, Nov. 16 St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude, virgins

7:00 am For All Souls †

Tuesday, Nov. 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

7:00 am Glendora Thomas & Sons †

Wednesday, Nov. 18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

7:00 am For All Souls †

Thursday, Nov. 19

7:00 am Florence G. Queenan †

Friday, Nov. 20

7:00 am For All Souls †

Saturday, Nov. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Roy F. Toodle (birthday-11/15) †

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	1 Mc 1-63	Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31	Luke 19:11-28,
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29	Luke 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59	Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13	Luke 20:27-40

Music Schedule

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

Responsorial Psalm
"You are my inheritance O Lord"

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Spirit Song" LMGM #271
** "Choral Praise"

Communion
"Blessed Assurance" LMGM #199

Music Ministry

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

Mass Attendance for November 8th, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	64
8:00 am	144
10:00 am	<u>315</u>
Total:	523

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o November 8)	\$352,192
Actual Tithes (a/o November 8)	\$310,327
Difference	-\$41,865

*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

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP—The life of a Christian models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for the good of those who love God." After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and Church? Central to our human and Christian vocation, as well as to the unique vocation each of us receives from God, is that we must be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours. The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey.

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

WELCOME BACK! To our Pilgrims who recently traveled to the Holy Land with Msgr. Pope. We thank God for their safe return.

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.



On Sunday, November 22nd at 4PM, the Capitol Hill Group Ministry (CHGM) will honor community volunteers at its 6th annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church. A central element of our service will be the recognition of men and women from local congregations whose gifts exemplify commitment to the Capitol Hill community. All are welcome.

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!



*Do you have any gently worn shoes that you can donate to the needy? Consider donating to **Soles4Souls** which is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of shoe companies and from donations from people like you. Please bring your shoes to Mass or the rectory from now until Sunday, Nov. 25th. Deposit your shoes in the boxes located in the rear of the church. If you can't donate shoes, we accept monetary donations to help defray the shipping cost to Nashville. See the flyer for more details.*

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS
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HELP THE HOMELESS WALKATHON—In 2008, the Youth Ministry played a part in raising the overall \$5.6 million received for this program which benefits 164 Washington metropolitan area homeless providers, who last year helped decrease street homelessness by 15% and chronic homelessness by 12%. This year, we are helping to raise even more money. Registration forms are available in the Rectory for all youth and parishioners who want to participate in this very worthy cause. **The Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon is Sat., Nov. 21, 2009. We meet at 7AM at the Stadium-Armory metro station to travel together to the National Mall.** The youth will be out on the plaza after all Masses this weekend to receive donations. The top three youth who raise the most money will be awarded a \$75, \$50 and \$25 VISA gift card, respectively. For questions, contact Annette Brooks at 202-361-4699 or Danita L. Colbert at 202-546-1885 ext. 25. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.* For info, contact Celeste Campbell at clicamp@netzero.com or 703-867-6010. **First rehearsal: Sun., Nov. 15th at 1PM.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH
 November 15th - 21st, 2009

<p>Sunday (11/15) 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Ladies of Charity 1:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal 2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>Thursday (11/19) 6:30 pm Credit Union Bd Mtg</p>
<p>Monday (11/16) 4:00 pm Pastoral Staff mtg 7:00 pm Novena</p>	<p>Friday (11/20) 6:00 pm CAG Dance 8:00 pm NA</p>
<p>Tuesday (11/17) 6:30 pm Dance Ministry 6:30 pm Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers</p>	<p>Saturday (11/21) Help the Homeless Walkathon Women's Ministry Workshop 9:30 am SHARE pick-up 9:30 am Sodality Spiritual Llife 10:00 am Dance Ministry 10:30 am Oratory (convent) 1:00 pm Eucharistic Min. mtg 2:00 pm Ladies Aux #73 4:30 pm Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday (11/18) 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 6:30 pm Youth Pageant rehearsal 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study</p>	



The Center City Public Charter School-Capitol Hill Campus invites all parents to an information session on the **H1N1 flu virus**. *How can I protect my child? What should I do if I see symptoms? When should I seek help? How can I minimize its effects?* **Guest speaker:** Jean Trotter, RNC, Public Health Nursing Faculty, Georgetown University. **Nov. 18th at 6PM** at the Center City Public Charter School (the former HCSC school building). All are welcome!

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