

TODAY'S READINGS

Who can forget the “bargain” that Abraham tried to make with God when he intercede on behalf of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? That was pretty bold of him, wasn't it? Think, too, about how David, Job, Isaiah, and Paul all communicated with the Lord. And we all know about Mary's conversation with the angel Gabriel. In fact, the more you look at the Bible, the more stories you find about ordinary human beings actually speaking with—and hearing from—Almighty God. It's on almost every page of Scripture!

All of these divine encounters are summed up and capped off by the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. If none of the other stories in the Bible convinces us, perhaps this amazing event can help us believe that communication with heaven really is possible.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration prompts us to ask a key question: Does my experience at Mass, in prayer, or while reading Scripture, include being influenced by Jesus? Does it include the promise that I can hear from heaven and be changed by what I hear? We may not know exactly what it feels like when Jesus is speaking to us, but there are a few signs we can be on the lookout for.

Perhaps you feel a desire in your heart to praise Jesus and thank him for his love. Perhaps you experience a growing hatred of sin and the way it separates you from the peace of Christ. You may feel a great sense of happiness, peace, or joy—especially after receiving the Eucharist. Or possibly you will find yourself moved to show greater love for your family. Or maybe you will experience a growing desire to serve the Lord, whether in your parish or in your community. Don't discount these feelings! Jesus works in many ways, and the more we respond to him, the more confident we will be in his love.

“Jesus, I trust that you hear my prayers, and so I will keep coming to you. Lord, I trust you to give me the wisdom and grace to live a life pleasing to you.”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday 1st Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday 2nd Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 3rd Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28
St. Katharine Drexel
Thursday 4th Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31
St. Casimir
Friday 5th Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday 6th Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday 7th Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

SECOND WEEK OF LENT –
THE TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus' Transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

¡Qué fácil es dejarse llevar por los ajetreos del quehacer diario! Cuando estamos trabajando, atendiendo a la familia, estudiando o incluso disfrutando de la jubilación, siempre tendemos a pensar en los sucesos del día, los problemas de hoy, las necesidades presentes. Solemos pensar nada más que en el aquí y ahora, y rara vez pensamos en algo diferente. ¿Qué hay respecto a la vida en el cielo? ¿Qué pasa con la promesa de una vida gloriosa con Jesús para siempre? ¿Pensamos alguna vez en la realidad de lo que nos espera? Si lo hiciéramos, nuestro concepto de la vida cambiaría, porque viviríamos la realidad de que un día estaremos con Cristo para toda la eternidad.

Cuando los apóstoles Pedro, Santiago y Juan subieron al monte con Jesús, vieron al Señor en toda su gloria. “El aspecto de su cara cambió y su ropa se volvió muy blanca y brillante” (Lucas 9, 29). Por un momento los tres discípulos vieron a Jesús tal como sería después de su muerte y su resurrección, o sea como es ahora; lo vieron revestido de la gloria que el Padre le dio por su victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte.

Después de su resurrección, Jesús ascendió al cielo para reinar en gloria con Dios Padre para siempre. Pero no nos abandonó, porque se quedó entre nosotros de diversas formas y especialmente en la Sagrada Eucaristía; además, siempre está intercediendo por sus fieles ante el trono del Padre (Hebreos 7,25; 9,12). Por el Bautismo y el don de la fe, estamos unidos a Cristo en su muerte y su resurrección, y unidos a Él podemos llegar a ser como Él, ya que “vamos transformándonos en su imagen misma, porque cada vez tenemos más de su gloria” (2 Corintios 3, 18), hasta que un día lleguemos a ser perfectos en el cielo.

San Pablo dijo que “nosotros somos ciudadanos del cielo” donde se encuentra Jesús en su gloria (Filipenses 3,20). Si bien es cierto que vivimos día a día aquí en la tierra, es importante recordar que el Señor ha abierto el camino para que vayamos a vivir con Él en su gloria para siempre. Él nos ha dado Tololo que necesitamos y “cambiará nuestro cuerpo miserable para que sea como su propio cuerpo glorioso” (Filipenses 3,21).

“Amado Jesús, queremos empezar a transformarnos ahora mismo, viviendo por la fe, fijando la mirada en tu Persona y poniendo oído a tu palabra. Así crecerán en nosotros la fe, la esperanza y el amor, junto con el gozo que nos has prometido. Nos ponemos en tus manos con plena confianza.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 1 Dn 9:4-10 / Lc 6:36-38
Martes 2 Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles 3 Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28
Santa Catalina Drexel
Jueves 4 Jer 17:5-10 / Lc 16:19-31
San Casimiro
Viernes 5 Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sábado 6 Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lc 15:1-3,11-32
Domingo 7 Ex 3:1-8,13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 / Lc 13:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY EVENING

CONFESSIONS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Lent, St. Matthew's will offer Confessions in English and Spanish on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8pm in addition to our regular Confessions (Monday-Friday, 11am-Noon, and Saturdays, 4-5pm). On these evenings, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beginning at 6pm, after the 5:30pm Mass, until Benediction at 8pm. Come for quiet prayer and experience forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father through the Son!

COMMUNITY ISSUES MEETING WITH WIN

Today, Sunday, **February 28**, at 3pm in the North Conference Room, St. Matthew's Hispanic Community will join with members of other faith communities, partnered with Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), to discuss issues of interest to our local community and to initiate action on these issues (e.g. affordable public housing, public safety, youth programs, immigration reform, etc). The meeting will be conducted in Spanish but all are welcome.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Join us this Wednesday, **March 3**, from 12:45pm to 1:45pm or this Thursday, **March 4**, from 7pm to 8pm for the second lecture of our series on "The Lenten Liturgies and Our Lives." Fr. Raymond Kemp, Senior Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center, will speak on "The Catechumenate," exploring the rites and rituals of the RCIA and the ways in which they involve and speak to the experience of the worshipping community. Both lectures will be held in the North Conference Room.

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS

During Lent, St. Matthew's Cathedral serves Simple Lenten Meals in the North Conference Room on Friday evenings, following the 6pm Stations of the Cross. Please join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship! Each Friday, donations are collected to benefit a different community-based organization in Washington, DC. Contact Teresa Volante at 202-347-3215 x552 or tvolante@stmatthewscathedral.org for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS)

The Via Crucis is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, that divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (cf Lk 1: 49-50) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross, in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II, will be prayed in English on Fridays at 6pm and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15pm throughout Lent and on Good Friday, **April 2**. Please join us for this beautiful devotion, which is particularly fitting for Lent.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!

Msgr. Jameson and the staff and clergy of the Cathedral sincerely appreciate the time and effort of our Cathedral volunteers and ministers at the Ash Wednesday liturgies.

WELCOME!

If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with ours. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate the Cathedral's liturgies here in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people living in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

SEGUNDA SEMANA DE CUARESMA: LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN

La Transfiguración de Jesús fue un momento de esperanza para los discípulos, que les dio la fortaleza para soportar los sacrificios que tendrían que hacer por la Iglesia. Al continuar nuestra jornada con la Operación Plato de Arroz, seamos conscientes de que nuestros sacrificios de Cuaresma llevan esperanza a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados.

CONVOCACIÓN COMUNITARIA

Hoy domingo **28 de febrero**, a las 3 de la tarde, en el salón de conferencias del Norte, la comunidad hispana de la catedral de San Mateo se unirá con miembros de otras iglesias aglutinadas en la Red Interreligiosa de Washington (WIN) para discutir diferentes temas de interés comunitario y para desarrollar un plan de acción sobre estos temas (eje. Vivienda pública de bajo costo, seguridad pública, programas para jóvenes, reforma migratoria, etc.) La reunión será conducida en español. Todos están invitados. Para más información, por favor, llamar al Fr. Evelio Menjivar a 202- 347-3215 x536 o a Teresa Volante a 202 347-3215 x552.

VIA CRUCIS

El Vía Crucis, revisado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en Inglés los viernes a las 6 de la tarde y en español los domingos a las 2:15 de la tarde durante la Cuaresma. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en esta devoción cuaresmal.

CICLO DE CONFERENCIAS DE CUARESMA 2010

Las charlas de Cuaresma continúan este martes **2 de Marzo**. La Cuaresma es una época en la cual la Iglesia nos pide que reflexionemos sobre nuestra vida y tener una "**Buena Relación**" con Dios y los demás. Es también tiempo de reconciliación. Por eso, esta Cuaresma, la Catedral ofrecerá un ciclo de conferencias en español. Estas charlas serán en el salón de conferencias del Oeste los martes a las 7:00 de la noche, durante el grupo de Oración. Estas charlas son gratuitas y abiertas al público.

SEMANA 2: TRANSFIGURADOS POR LA CRUZ DE CRISTO

Martes **2 de Marzo** a las 7:00 de la noche

SEMANA 3: CRISTO AGUA VIVA

Martes **9 de Marzo** a las 7:00 de la noche



CATHEDRAL BULLETIN CALENDAR
CALENDARIO DE LA CATEDRAL

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 7



SUNDAY—A second collection for the Church in Eastern Europe is taken at all Masses.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar se reúnen a las 11:00 de la mañana.

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15pm.

A meeting on community issues with Washington Interfaith Network is held at 3pm in the North Conference Room.

MONDAY—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY—Las Charlas de Cuaresma continúan hoy a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY—A Lenten Lecture is given at 12:45pm in the North Conference Room.

Confessions are held in the Cathedral in English and Spanish from 6:30pm to 8pm. Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 6pm to 8pm.

Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY—Wednesday's Lenten Lecture is repeated at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room.

FRIDAY—**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm, followed by Simple Lenten Meals served in the North Conference Room.

SATURDAY—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Baptism preparation class for parents and godparents is held at 3pm in the East Conference Room.

SUNDAY—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room after all Masses except the 7am Mass and the 1pm Mass.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar se reúnen a las 11:00 de la mañana.

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15pm.

FAITH IN ACTION AT
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry provides for the material and spiritual needs of 55-70 homeless adults in our community. The program operates from 7:30am to 11am on Mondays. Most volunteers serve every other Monday. We always need new volunteers to make bag lunches once a month, bring breakfast foods, or serve on Monday mornings. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Teresa Volante at tvolante@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x552.

Clothing donations. If you have new or gently used men's or women's casual clothing (jeans, shorts, belts, t-shirts, sweaters, sneakers, etc.) to donate or want to purchase items that are most needed, contact Teresa (contact info above) to make arrangements. Donations will not be accepted at the door without prior approval, nor can we accept dress clothes, household items, dirty or damaged items, or small-sized women's clothing. Thank you for your understanding.

SHARE IN HOPE FOOD DRIVE

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Share in Hope Food Drive this Lent. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of **March 13-14**. Bags for your donations will be passed out the weekend of March 6-7. When you come to Mass on March 13-14, please leave your donation at the front doors. Our collection will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. Please be generous with your contribution. If you wish, you may make a contribution to "Catholic Charities" with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This spring cities across the nation are uniting for a unique pro-life campaign called 40 Days for Life. From **February 17 through March 28**, we will participate in 40 days of around-the-clock, peaceful prayer outside local abortion clinics. There are two opportunities in the DC area. We will be praying outside the Planned Parenthood in northwest DC and the Metropolitan Family Planning clinic in Berwyn Heights, MD. You can participate in two ways: sign up to participate in the prayer vigil outside of one of the clinics and/or join in prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/washington or www.40daysforlife.com/berwynheights. All are welcome!

GRUPO DE APOYO

El Proyecto Raquel, un ministerio patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis de Washington, ha organizado este grupo de apoyo para las mujeres que sienten vergüenza, culpabilidad, tristeza y otras emociones difíciles que llegan después de un aborto. Las reuniones del grupo de apoyo son los martes y aun hay espacio disponible. Para información, incluyendo el lugar donde se llevara a cabo puede llamar o enviar un correo a Luz Menjívar 301-853-4565 ProyectoRaquel@adw.org. Todos los contactos son confidenciales.

ARCHDIOCESAN
SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

Parishioners involved or interested in social ministry are invited to a spring gathering to help you meet volunteers from other parishes, share information, learn what other parishes are doing, and grow in ministry. The gathering will be held on Saturday, **March 20**, from 1pm to 3pm at St. Martin's Catholic Church, 1900 North Capitol Street, NW, in the Pioneer Room in the lower level of church. Enter by T Street using the second set of steps. All are welcome. For more information, call Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Did you know that St. Matthew's offers a five-week preparation program for adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite all baptized adult Catholics who have received First Eucharist but not Confirmation to take advantage of this great opportunity! Sessions will be held on Thursdays, **April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13** from 7pm to 8:30pm with a retreat on Saturday, **May 15**. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. For more information or to register, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x530. *(This preparation is only for those baptized Catholics who celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist as children. For others, contact Heather Kinney to discuss participation in the RCIA process.)*

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The next Inquiry session for those interested in learning more about the process of becoming Catholic and/or the basics of the Catholic faith will be Wednesday, **March 10**, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Heather Kinney (contact info above) if you have questions.

BAPTISMS AT THE CATHEDRAL

St. Matthew's welcomes into the Church our newest members who were baptized at the Cathedral:

Alexis Kagan ♦ Olivia DuRoss ♦ William Corbett, III ♦ Ella Kane ♦ Samaria Nolasco ♦ Joshua Nolasco ♦ Brigit Hogan ♦ Kathleen Hogan ♦ Constantine Andreas ♦ Elena Thornton ♦ Natalie Sherry ♦ Graeme Cumming ♦ Thomas Dressel ♦ Sydney Shepherd ♦ Malena Torres ♦ Anna Berton ♦ Christine Berton ♦ Aelwen Seaver ♦ Daniel Anglin, III ♦ Alberto Sayarath.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 6

SUNDAY: 5:30pm (Vigil) Brigitte Kekeh; 7am All Parishioners; 8:30am Dorothy Conocchioli; 10am Vieto J. Arcuri; 11:30am Helen Bie; 1pm Emiliano Rosero; 5:30pm Nancy Muller.

MONDAY: 7am Josephine Klug Kuhn; 8am Mark B. Swann; 12:10pm Frank McCarthy; 5:30pm Charlotte Spadafora.

TUESDAY: 7am Victims of Earthquake in Haiti; 8am Felicidad Torres; 12:10pm Dory Morao; 5:30pm William Miller-Jones.

WEDNESDAY: 7am Victims of Earthquake in Haiti; 8am Dorothy Conocchioli; 12:10pm Moise, Adelina & Esteban Lopez; 5:30pm John Crosby.

THURSDAY: 7am Teofila & Nestor Palomino; 8am Kathryn Hamilton; 12:10pm Patrick & Anne McEvoy; 5:30pm Fotios & Fairouz Abdelnour.

FRIDAY: 7am Josephine Klug Kuhn; 8am Stephen Prestegard; 12:10pm Alphonse & Mary Di Battista; 5:30pm Thanksgiving Francisco Ramos (living).

SATURDAY: 8am Victims of Earthquake in Haiti; 12:10pm Joe Di Battista; 5:30pm Adoracion Morao.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, **April 2**, are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years of age are bound to observe the fast, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday must observe days of abstinence, during which no meat may be eaten. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

As we plan for our Easter flower decoration of the Cathedral, I ask for your help once again. If you are able to make a donation for flowers, please take an Easter Flower Offering envelope from the pew racks (*these were inadvertently left out of my February parishioners' letter mailing*). Envelopes with your donation can be dropped in the Offertory collection basket or mailed or brought to the Rectory. Many thanks for your generosity!

—Msgr. Jameson

ENGAGED? DID YOU KNOW....?

The Cathedral is booked through the end of the year for Saturday afternoon wedding celebrations. Morning and evening weddings are possible, but those times are being reserved as well. If you are interested in having your wedding at St. Matthew's, we suggest that you call the rectory and speak to one of our clergy as soon as possible upon your engagement.

¡La Luz está ENCENDIDA  para ti!

Celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación

CONFESIONES LOS MIERCOLES DE CUARESMA Y ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Catedral de San Mateo tendrá confesiones disponibles todos los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8 de la noche comenzando el **24 de Febrero**, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes–viernes, 11-12 y sábados 4-5 de la tarde) tendremos confesiones en Inglés y Español, exceptuando el Miércoles de Ceniza. Durante estas noches habrá exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla, después de la Misa de 5:30 de la tarde. ¡Venga a pasar un rato de oración y reflexión y experimente el perdón del Padre a través del Hijo!

AYUNAR

Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo (**2 de Abril**) son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los católicos que ya llegaron a los 18 años de edad, pero que son menores de 60 años, están obligados al ayuno, que consiste en una sola comida completa durante el día. Todos los católicos que han cumplido 14 años están obligados a los días de abstinencia en los cuales no se debe de comer carne. Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

VOCATIONS CORNER

FEEL CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE? The Archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interested in speaking with men who have an interest in serving the local church by becoming a permanent deacon. Learn more about the diaconate at www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp. The site includes contact information, admissions criteria and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL— The Daughters of Charity offer a "Come and See" retreat on the weekend of **March 5-7**. Single women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held in Emmitsburg, MD. Contact Sr. Nancy Murphy, DC at 410-646-2074 or dcvoc@doc.org or visit www.thedaughtersofcharity.org.

CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA—*Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* is the newest exhibit at The Ripley Center of the Smithsonian National Gallery, open **now through April 25**. Rare artifacts and photographs from more than 400 communities highlight the role of Catholic sisters in American life. The S. Dillon Ripley Center is located on Jefferson Drive between the Smithsonian "Castle" and the Freer Gallery of Art.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF

ST. ANN'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME

On Sunday, **March 21**, at 10am, Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home's 150th Anniversary in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited. RSVP to events@stanns.org or 301-559-5500 by March 15.

LIVE JESUS 2010

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to attend the seventh annual "Live Jesus," a morning of Lenten reflection and renewal through the lens of Salesian spirituality, on Saturday, **March 13**, from 8:30am to 1pm at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA. The theme is "Jesus, Beauty, and Me: Looking for God Beneath the Surface" and will include Morning Prayer and Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS, Oblate Provincial. Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted for the support of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and their ministries. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Register at www.oblates.org.

PREVIEW OF OPERATIC TABLEAU

BASED ON THE PASSION TO BENEFIT HAITI

Oh My Son, an operatic tableau based on the Passion, will be previewed at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 4835 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, on Sunday, **March 21**, at 5:30pm. Proceeds will benefit St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Come and be uplifted. For more information, call 202-277-7787 or visit www.seeohmyson.com. A flyer with ticket info is available in the back of the cathedral. (The World Premiere of *Oh My Son* will be April 10 at Carnegie Hall.)

BOOK CLUB: SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY

Please join the St. Matthew's Book Club on Monday, **March 8**, when we discuss *Spirit of the Liturgy* written by John Cardinal Ratzinger. Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) explains the importance of the liturgy and why it is the center of our spiritual life. It is a clear and concise work that explores both the historical developments and theological meaning of our liturgy. The meeting will begin at 6:50pm in the West Conference Room, which is located in the alleyway next to the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact Paul Zummo at pzummo@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

EXHIBIT AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY

As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The consecrated host and wine are the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, Our Lord. Throughout history, God has gifted us with miracles witnessed by many and authenticated by the Church to help our understanding and deepen our faith and knowledge of this wondrous mystery. This Lent learn more about these miracles at a special exhibit in the vestibule of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 4835 MacArthur Boulevard, NW on Wednesday evenings of Lent, 6:30-8pm, during Confessions and Adoration. Part of the exhibit will remain in the vestibule continuously throughout Lent, so drop in anytime. Parking is free in the church lot. From MacArthur Blvd. heading towards Maryland, turn right at U Street and go ½ block to the lot on the right.

2010 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 6**, at 2:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the Mass. To register, call 202-587-5143 before April 30.

SUPPORT GROUP—PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel Ministry is hosting a support group for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions relating to their abortion experience. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and space is still available. For additional information, including location, contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565 or ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

NATIONAL GALLERY EXHIBIT OF THE SACRED MADE REAL

Arrestingly real sculptures and paintings of the saints, the Immaculate Conception, and the Passion of Christ are among some 20 Spanish masterpieces of the 17th century on view in a landmark exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, East Building. *The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture, 1600–1700*, which is open now **through May 31**, will showcase major paintings by Diego Velázquez, Francisco de Zurbarán, and Francisco Pacheco, with painted and gilded sculptures carved by Gregorio Fernández, Juan Martínez Montañés, and Pedro de Mena, among others.