

## LECTIO DIVINA

**A**t each church, you are invited to choose a passage from the Scriptures (you may also consider reading, chapter by chapter, the whole Gospel according to John, which is “written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (John 20:31), or the entire Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, given “for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). Slowly and prayerfully read the passage. Wait in silence for the Word to fill your mind and find a home in your heart. Take up the question in conversation with Our Lord. Following are some recommendations:

**1. Genesis 15:1-6:** Abraham put his faith in the LORD, who attributed it to him as an act of righteousness.

**2. Exodus 14:10-31:** When Israel ... saw the great power that the LORD had shown against Egypt, the people feared the LORD. They believed in the LORD and in Moses his servant.

**3. Numbers 14:1-25:** And the LORD said to Moses: How long will this people spurn me? How long will they not trust me, despite all the signs I have performed among them?

**4. Luke 1:5-20:** And the angel said to him in reply, “I am Gabriel ... you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time.”

**5. Luke 1:39-45:** Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “...Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

**6. Mark 1:9-20:** After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**7. Matthew 8:5-13:** When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith....” And Jesus said to the centurion, “You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.” And at that very hour [his] servant was healed.

**8. Mark 9:14-29:** Jesus said to him, “...Everything is possible to one who has faith.” Then the boy’s father cried out, “I do believe, help my unbelief!”

**9. Mark 11:20-25:** Jesus said to them in reply, “Have faith in God ... all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.”

**10. John 1:1-18:** But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name....

**11. John 3:1-21:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.



**12. John 6:22-71:** Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent. ...I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**13. John 11:1-44:** Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**14. John 20:24-29:** Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

**15. Acts 2:42-47:** All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need.

**16. Romans 5:1-21:** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**17. James 2:1-26:** See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ...For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

**18. Hebrews 11:1-40:** Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. ...But without faith it is impossible to please [God], for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

**19. 1 John 5:1-12:** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God ... for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

**20. Jude 1:1-25:** Beloved, although I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I now feel a need to write to encourage you to contend for the faith that was once for all handed down to the holy ones.



## YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES

**P**ope Benedict XI has declared 2012-2013 a Year of Faith to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

In honor of this special year, the Archdiocese of Washington has identified 9 churches in our local area as pilgrimage sites. Enclosed you will find a list of these sites.

We invite you to visit them during the Year of Faith and while there, to make an Act of Faith, to pray the Nicene Creed, and to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and for your own needs.

We also invite you to visit our website, [site.adw.org/year-of-faith](http://site.adw.org/year-of-faith), for resources for the Year of Faith and detailed parish information.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

## PILGRIMAGE SITES



### WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

• **Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle**  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
(Metro accessible)  
202-347-3215 • established 1840

• **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
400 Michigan Avenue, NE  
(Metro accessible)  
202-526-8300 • established 1920

• **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land**  
1400 Quincy Street, NE  
(Metro accessible)  
202-526-6800 • established 1898

• **Blessed John Paul II Shrine**  
3900 Harewood Road, NE  
(Metro accessible)  
202-635-5400 • established 2011



### CALVERT COUNTY

• **Saint John Vianney Catholic Church**  
105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick  
410-535-0223 • established 1965

### CHARLES COUNTY

• **Saint Peter Catholic Church**  
3320 Saint Peter's Drive, Waldorf  
301-843-8916 • established 1700

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

• **Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
520 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville  
(Metro accessible)  
301-424-5550 • established 1813

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

• **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
16501 Annapolis Road, Bowie  
301-262-0704 • established 1965

### SAINT MARY'S COUNTY

• **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**  
22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown  
301-475-8064 • established 1710



## SELECTED PRAYERS

### Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

### Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.



### Act of Love

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

### Prayer for the Pope

*We pray for our parish priests, for our bishops, and in a special way for the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, who called for this Year of Faith.*

Father of providence, look with love on Benedict XVI, our Pope, your appointed successor to St. Peter on whom you built your Church. May he be the visible center and foundation of our unity in faith and love. Amen.