

TODAY'S READINGS

They have no wine. (John 2:3)
This is one of those stories that appears only in the Gospel of John. No one is sure why John included it, but one thing is certain. It tells us about the faith of a very special woman, the Virgin Mary.

We can't assume that Mary had first received Jesus' permission before she told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). If anything, you might expect Mary to have been intimidated by her son's stern response: "How does your concern affect me?" (2:4). Jesus told her that it was not the right time for him to get involved.

But John makes it clear that Mary is special. She could actually get Jesus to change his mind. John also shows us how much Jesus loved his mother and wanted to please her. He cared about the things that were important to her, even if it meant rescuing a party before the time had come for him to manifest himself.

Mary's close relationship with Jesus is the primary reason why she is such a powerful intercessor. It's why the Church invites us to go to her with all of our needs and ask her to "pray for us sinners." You can just imagine the scene in heaven described by a popular legend: if Mary is talking to Jesus about the different prayer requests that people have entrusted to her, all the other saints have to wait until she is done before they bring their prayers to him. Mary always gets Jesus' undivided attention!

Like the ascending and descending ladder in Jacob's dream, Mary is a link between heaven and earth. She loves to take our intercessions and our petitions to Jesus. At the same time, she delights in receiving grace and blessings from heaven and planting them in our hearts.

So bring your needs to the one who is full of grace. And try your best to listen when she says, "Do whatever Jesus tells you."

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 17	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11
Monday 18	1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 19	1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday 20	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Mk 3:1-6
<i>St. Fabian, St. Sebastian</i>	
Thursday 21	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12
<i>St. Agnes</i>	
Friday 22	1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19
<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>	
Saturday 23	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 / Mk 3:20-21
<i>St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope</i>	
Sunday 24	Neh 8:2-6,8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PARISH CALENDAR

January 17 - 24

Sunday 17—A second collection for Church Missions within the U.S. is taken at all Masses. Children's Faith Formation classes do **not** meet. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

RCIA dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

Monday 18—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes after the 12:10pm Mass. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there are no Confessions. The Rectory offices are closed.

Eucharistic Adoration is not held.

Tuesday 19—The Stewardship Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Wednesday 20—RCIA meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room (newcomers welcome!).

Thursday 21—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Friday 22—A Rally for Life is held in the Cathedral beginning at 9am. **Bishop Mario Dorsonville** celebrates a Mass for Life at 10am. **There are no Confessions.**

The **Blessed Sacrament** is exposed on the main altar for **Adoration** from 2 to 5pm.

Saturday 23—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 8:30am in the Cathedral.

Sunday 24—Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

RCIA dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –

"Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord." (cf. 1 Peter 2:9) is the theme for the 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (**January 18-25**). These days are set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21)

NEWS AND NOTES



Prayers for Jesuit Father Gerry Stockhausen – *Requiescat in pace.* Please pray for the repose of the soul of a beloved Jesuit priest who regularly celebrated Mass and heard Confessions here, a dear and faithful friend of St. Matthew's, Fr.

Gerry Stockhausen. Fr. Gerry passed away last week after suffering with leukemia since last spring. We take comfort that Fr. Gerry recognized it was time to "fully place himself in the care and kindness of the Lord." Please remember him in praying the "[Suspice](#)," written by St. Ignatius Loyola.

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

Federal Holiday – Monday, **January 18** is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions. The Rectory offices will be closed. **Our Eucharistic Holy Hour, normally held on the third Monday of the month, is rescheduled to Monday, January 25.**

No Confessions January 22 – Due to the Rally and Mass for Life on Friday, **January 22**, confessions are cancelled that day.

2015 Contribution Statements – In an effort to go "green," Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared upon request. To receive a summary of your 2015 contributions, please contact Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 x 517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org.

175th Anniversary Book about St. Matthew's Parish! – Are you curious about the origins and history of St. Matthew's as a parish? A new book featuring historical narrative, stories, and images from the past 175 years is now available. Purchase a copy at the Rectory, or pick up an order form at the Cathedral main entrance.

RESPECT LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration for Life – On Friday, **January 22** the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Cathedral main altar at **2pm** until Benediction at 5pm. All are invited to stop in to adore our Eucharistic Lord.

Monthly Rosary for Life – Join us for a rosary for life, prayed facing the Cathedral main altar, on Saturday, **January 23** at 8:30am, after the 8am Mass. For more information on Respect Life Ministry service opportunities, contact Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

WELCOME!

Visitors 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 us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

CARDINAL'S APPEAL



Many parishioners received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl this week asking them to pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal. The Appeal funds not only the operations of the archdiocese, but services that are of great help to St. Matthew's Cathedral parish. For example, Appeal funds provide financial support for the seminarians from our parish and educational seminars and conferences for our priests. The Appeal theme is "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first God's kingdom, we have the capability of helping to make it present in the world around us through our works of charity, love and compassion. Contributing to the Appeal offers an opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULTS

Mardis Gras Pancake Party – **February 7** – The YAs invite all to a Pancake Party on Sunday, **February 7** after Masses beginning at 9am. Join your parish family for pancakes, sausage and more in the North Conference Room. Admission is \$10. Proceeds benefit C†YA and the Social Justice & Community Services Committee. To volunteer, email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life – The Jesuit Center for Spirituality will offer a week-long retreat in daily life based at St. Matthew's **January 24 - 30**. The retreat is designed for those who are new to praying with Scripture in an Ignatian way. Each weekday retreatants spend ½ hour of reflection with a scripture passage and a ½ hour in private meeting with a trained spiritual director who will be available at St. Matthew's between 11:30am and 1:30pm. The retreat opens with a group meeting Sunday, January 24, 3 – 5pm and closes with another on Saturday, January 30, 8:30 – 10:30am at Holy Trinity Church (3513 N St. NW). Register at www.trinity.org/spirituality or pick up a form at the Cathedral main entrance. Contact: Martina O'Shea at 202-903-2810 or moshea@trinity.org.

Adult Confirmation

Preparation – Each spring during the Easter Season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who have already received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (April 14, 21, 28 & May 5) and one Saturday (May 7). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2016 is at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 15**. Registration forms are available on the parish website. Register by **April 11**.



Bible Study on Letter to the Romans – Explore St. Paul's Letter to the Romans during this Year of Mercy. Fr. Jack Hurley will lead this study on the following Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45am: (topics as indicated): February 20 (Introduction); February 27 (Justification by Faith); March 5 (God's Love); March 12 (New Life in the Spirit); March 19 (Israel in God's Plan). Class will meet in the East Conference Room, except on February 27 when the location will be the North Conference Room.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – Resources are available at www.mercy.adw.org.

For more information or to follow up on the following ongoing items, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org

RCIA Call for Sponsors – We are blessed with a growing number of Inquirers who need sponsors. Would you like to explore being a sponsor?

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Archdiocese of Washington

Prayer for the Year of Mercy –

Please consider praying this prayer in communion with the whole Church of Washington at home, with your families and friends.

Almighty God and Father, You have created all things and know the desire of every heart. In this Year of Mercy, we reflect on your great love for us, and acknowledge our sinfulness and need for your healing mercy. Trusting that you never tire of forgiving us, we open our hearts to receive your forgiveness and love. Having encountered You, Mercy itself, and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we witness to the love we have received by sharing it with those most in need: the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted, and the oppressed. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Did You Know? – St. Matthew's Cathedral is a pilgrimage site for receiving the plenary (total) indulgence for this Holy Year of Mercy! How can one do this? Here is some guidance:

1. Enter the Cathedral by the Holy Door of Mercy – near the Baptistry.
2. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) within 20 days before or after entering the Holy Door.
3. Participate in Mass and receive Holy Eucharist within 20 days before or after entering the Holy Door.
4. Pray for the Intentions of Pope Francis (we do this at every Mass).
5. Make a Profession of Faith by praying the Apostles Creed (prayed at every Rosary) or Nicene Creed (prayed every Sunday Mass and Holy Day).
6. You can also offer this indulgence for someone who has died.

For more information please pick up the Holy Door brochure available at the Cathedral entrances.

Light the City at St. Matthew's Cathedral – Join us on Saturday, **March 5** for this Archdiocese of Washington-sponsored event. Following a prayer service, teams of volunteers will head out to the streets and invite passers-by into the Cathedral to light a candle and pray. Arrive by 7pm for volunteer training, followed by street evangelization and prayer from 8 to 11pm.

LECTURAS DE HOY

El hecho de que Juan puso la “señal milagrosa” de la boda en Caná al comienzo de su evangelio es significativo, pues la boda es una señal mesiánica, que indica que ya ha llegado Aquel que tenía que venir.

En este relato, la Virgen María, que fue quien lo trajo al mundo, les dice a los meseros: “Hagan lo que él les diga.” Más tarde en la vida pública de Jesús, en el momento de la Transfiguración (Lucas 9, 35), el Padre les recuerda a los tres apóstoles y a la humanidad entera: “Este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo.” Ambos nos dan el mismo mensaje: Sigán al maestro, escuchen lo que les enseña, imiten sus obras.

Con esta señal milagrosa, San Juan nos quiere indicar que con Cristo ha llegado al mundo la abundancia de la salvación, que no está basada en objetos ni ritos, sino en su propia Persona, y así manifiesta su gloria, algo que motiva a sus discípulos a creer en él. Por el contrario, los jefes religiosos y los políticos lo rechazan, incluso los que han visto las señales que el mismo Señor hizo, hace y seguirá haciendo.

Contemplando esta acción evangélica cabe la posibilidad de hacernos algunas preguntas. Si la Virgen María y Jesús mismo se presentaran de una forma visible en nuestra vida, en nuestra sociedad, en nuestras iglesias, en nuestras familias: ¿Qué cosas nos diría la Santísima Virgen que nos faltan? ¿Qué le diría a Jesús? Tal vez le diría: “Hijo les falta... solidaridad con los que sufren... amor en las familia... perdón entre los hermanos... entendimiento entre las naciones... comida, agua potable y medicinas en el tercer mundo... trabajo decente para vivir una vida normal... compasión por los pecadores... asistencia médica a los sin seguro... comprensión de los que no son como nosotros... ¿Qué le pediría María a su Hijo para nosotros? Piénsalo.

“Amado Cristo Jesús, te ruego por todos los matrimonios, especialmente los que se encuentran en dificultades, para que junto a sus hijos oren y trabajen para forjar una verdadera cultura familiar.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 17	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11
Lunes 18	1 Sam 15:16-23 / Mc 2:18-22
Martes 19	1 Sam 16:1-13 / Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles 20	1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Mc 3:1-6
	<i>San Fabián, San Sebastián</i>
Jueves 21	1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mc 3:7-12
	<i>Santa Inés</i>
Viernes 22	1 Sam 24:3-21 / Mc 3:13-19
	<i>Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños no Nacidos</i>
Sábado 23	2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 / Mc 3:20-21
	<i>Santa Mariana Cope y San Vicente</i>
Domingo 24	Ne 8:2-6,8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Semana de Oración por la Unidad – “*Llamados a Proclamar las Grandes Maravillas del Señor*” (cf. 1 Pedro 2:9) es el tema de la semana de oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos (**18-25 de enero**). Estos días se reservan cada año para que los cristianos de todo el mundo puedan compartir la oración de Jesús: “que todos sean uno... que el mundo crea” (Jn 17:21).

Fiesta Federal – El lunes, **18 de enero** es Martín Luther King, Jr. fiesta federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se celebra el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el siguiente lunes, **25 de enero**.

Concentración y Misa por la Vida – La Arquidiócesis de Washington y Asociación de los Movimientos Eclesiales y Nuevas Comunidades, patrocinará la Concentración y Misa por la Vida en la mañana de la Marcha Nacional por la Vida, el viernes, **22 de enero** aquí en la Catedral. Jóvenes y familias de la Arquidiócesis de Washington están invitados a asistir a este evento. La concentración dará inicio a las 9:00 de la mañana. Mark Pickup será el presentador. La misa empieza a las 10:00 de la mañana aquí en la Catedral y será celebrada por el Obispo Mario Dorsonville y el padre Dan Leary será el predicador. Los asistentes parten para la Marcha Nacional por la Vida a las 11:30 de la mañana. Para más información a este evento visite www.adw.org/jan22.

Únase con Nosotros para la Marcha por la Vida – El Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida los invita a nuestros feligreses y amigos a reunirse con nosotros el viernes, **22 de enero** para la Marcha por la Vida en el Mall Nacional. Nos encontraremos en la Capilla de San Antonio de la Catedral después de la Concentración y Misa por la Vida a las 10:00 de la mañana. Por favor póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers si planea ir con nosotros al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. También puede llamar al padre Rafael o Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

No hay confesiones el 22 de Enero – Debido a la Misa y Marcha por la Vida las confesiones se han cancelado.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento por la Vida – El viernes, **22 de enero**, se expondrá el Santísimo Sacramento para la adoración en el altar principal de la Catedral, de 2:00 de la tarde a 5:00 de la tarde concluyendo con la Bendición. Puede venir unos minutos de oración en silencio ante nuestro Señor Sacramentado.

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La Petición del Cardenal 2016 – Esta semana, muchos de nuestros feligreses recibieron un envío por correo de parte del Cardenal Wuerl. Él les pide asumir un compromiso de contribución para la Petición del Cardenal de 2016. La Petición del Cardenal no solo apoya las operaciones de la Arquidiócesis, sino también apoya a los servicios de gran necesidad aquí en la Catedral de San Mateo. Por ejemplo,

proporcionan apoyo financiero a los seminaristas de nuestra parroquia y seminarios de formación y conferencias para nuestros sacerdotes. Este año, el tema de la Campaña es: "Busquen Primero el Reino de Dios". (Mateo 6, 33) Mientras buscamos primero el reino de Dios, tenemos la capacidad de contribuir a hacerlo presente en nuestra vida y en la de aquellos que nos rodean. ¿Cómo sucede esto? A través de nuestras obras de caridad, de amor y compasión. Las contribuciones a la Campaña del Cardenal nos ofrecen, a cada uno de nosotros, la oportunidad de responder a las necesidades de otros a través de ministerios y servicios que tocan miles de vidas. Le regamos que considere con devoción un compromiso de contribución generoso para la Petición del Cardenal 2016. Gracias.

Declaración de Contribución de Fin de Año – En un esfuerzo por ir "verde", las declaraciones de contribución de fin de año estarán disponibles a petición. Si desea un resumen de contribución del año 2015, por favor llame a Gloria Harrington al 202-347-3215 x517 o envíe un correo electrónico a gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Gracias por su contribución.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. El Tema es: **"La Profesión de la Fe."** La próxima charla: Creo en Dios (198-231) será el martes **26 de enero** y Mirta Hunter será la invitada especial.

Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISAS January 17 - 24

Sunday, January 17

5:30pm Vigil (January 16) – Janet Alvarado
7am – Sylvia Gross
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Patricia Valley
11:30am – Howard Coble
1pm – Julio Luna
5:30pm – Alfred Barese

Monday, January 18

8am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
12:10pm – Ghulam Sawal

Tuesday, January 19

7am – Esther Anglo
8am – Aidan Gray (living)
12:10pm – Rafael Yap
5:30pm – Dr. Richard A. Bartlett

Wednesday, January 20

7am – Isabel Rozo
8am – Anna Le
12:10pm – Carlos Montes
5:30pm – Ms. Kathleen McLaughlin

Thursday, January 21

7am – Thanksgiving
8am – Agnes Engels
12:10pm – Erlinda Dancer
5:30pm – Nicholas Danh Dang

Friday, January 22

7am – Michael Cole
8am – Raymundo Cancio (living)
12:10pm – Jenny Thompson O'Connor
5:30pm – Ruth Vera

Saturday, January 23

8am – Liliana Ramirez (living)
12:10pm – Richard & Marie C. Bartlett
5:30pm – Rudolph A. Fournier, Sr.

Sunday, January 24

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Edward Lee Hasselman
10am – Liliana Ramirez (living)
11:30am – George Schmitt
1pm – Janet Torres
5:30pm – Rev. John Schlege, SJ

You may arrange a Mass intention by speaking to our receptionist in the Rectory. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

English as a Second Language Program

Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma



The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program forms part of the Cathedral's Social Justice & Community Services Ministries.

This all-volunteer program provides English language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring and Summer. Language instruction is provided at Level I (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced) and classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center at 1726 N Street, NW.

Spring Semester of English as a Second Language Classes

The 12-week Spring Semester will extend from **February 3 to April 29, 2016**. During this period, classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with optional tutoring from 6:00 to 6:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level I (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced).

Students may register, in person, starting **Thursday, January 28**, between 6:00 and 8:00pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. At registration, each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level in which he/she will be placed. Student registrations will be accepted until February 5. **The cost of the 12-week semester is \$40.** There will be no classes the week of March 22 in observance of Holy Week.

For more information, please visit the Cathedral website and click on "English Language Classes" under the "Social Justice" tab, or contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

El Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (ESL, por sus siglas en inglés) forma parte de los Ministerios de Justicia Social & Servicios Comunitarios de la Catedral. Es un programa de voluntariado que proporciona enseñanza del idioma inglés para adultos (de 18 años de edad en adelante) durante tres semestres al año: Otoño, Primavera y Verano. Las clases de inglés se imparten desde el Nivel I (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado) en el Centro de Educación de San Mateo (St. Matthew's Education Center), que está ubicado en 1726 N Street, NW.

Semestre de Primavera de las Clases de Inglés como Segundo Idioma

El Semestre de Primavera, con una duración de 12 semanas, será del **3 de febrero a 29 de abril de 2016**. Durante este periodo las clases se llevarán a cabo los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde, con la opción de tutoría de 6:00 a 6:30 de la tarde. Las clases serán impartidas desde el Nivel I (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado).

Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en persona a partir del **jueves 28 de enero**, de las 6:00 a las 8:00 de la tarde en el St. Matthew's Education Center (Centro de Educación de San Mateo), 1726 N St., NW. Durante la inscripción a cada estudiante se le hará un examen para determinar cuál es su nivel de clase más apropiado. Se aceptará la inscripción de estudiantes hasta el 5 de febrero. **El costo del semestre, con duración de 12 semanas, es de \$40.** No habrá clase la semana del 22 de marzo por ser Semana Santa.

Para más información, por favor visite a la página de web de la Catedral y haga clic a la frase "Clases de Inglés" bajo la ficha de "Social Justice", o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for ESL Program: Teachers, Tutors & Persons of Hospitality

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Spring Semester of the ESL Program. Please see above for more details.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect their native language to be English. Classes for the Spring Semester will be taught only in English. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle Spanish as a Second Language Program



The Social Justice & Community Services Ministry provides the Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) Program, an all-volunteer program that offers Spanish language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring and Summer. Language instruction is provided from Level 1 to Level 3, classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW.

Priority will be given to those who are members of the parish and to those who are engaged in serving their brothers and sisters in other Hispanic communities of the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The program also accepts students who are interested in learning Spanish solely for their personal enrichment.

Spring Semester of Spanish Classes

The 12-week Spring semester will extend from **February 3 to April 29, 2016**. During this period, classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Language instruction will be provided from Level 1 to Level 3. Students registering for Level 2 instruction must have the prior approval of the Level 2 lead instructor and priority registration which takes place during the first week will be given to those students who are parishioners of St. Matthew's and currently involved in a ministry. Students for both levels may register, in person, starting Thursday, January 28, between 6:00 and 8:00pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. **The cost of the 12-week semester is \$80.**

There will be no classes the week of March 22 in observance of Holy Week.

For more information, please contact Dan Horning at stmattssl@gmail.com.

Volunteer Teachers Needed for SSL Program

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) in the Spring Semester of the SSL Program.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching Spanish as a second language, we expect their native language to be Spanish. Also, volunteers are expected to have at least one university degree. Classes will be taught only in Spanish. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Horning at stmattssl@gmail.com.

Se Solicita Maestros Voluntarios Para el Programa SSL

Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros **una noche por semana** (martes, miércoles o jueves) durante el Semestre de Primavera del Programa SSL.

No es un requisito que los voluntarios tengan una capacitación formal como maestros de español como segundo idioma, sin embargo esperamos que la lengua materna de los voluntarios sea el español. Además, se espera que los voluntarios tengan por mínimo un título universitario. Las clases serán impartidas sólo en español. Si usted no se siente a gusto dando la clase por sí solo podemos acomodarlo junto con otro maestro con más experiencia.

Si usted está interesado en participar como voluntario por favor póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattssl@gmail.com.

Respect Life Ministry

March for Life 2016

Friday, January 22

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee would like to invite all parishioners to take part in a prayerful & peaceful witness to the dignity of all human life by participating in the activities taking place on the 43rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade - the legalization of abortion in all 50 states.



The Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and the New Communities will sponsor the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life on the morning of the National March for Life.

St. Matthew's Cathedral

Rally: 9am – 10am • Mass: 10:00am – 11:30 am

Celebrant: Bishop Mario Dorsonville

Homilist: Fr. Dan Leary, Pastor, St. Andrew Apostle Parish

Speakers: Mark and LaRee Pickup

Please visit www.adw.org/jan22 to register for this event or for more information.



Join Us! - St. Matthew's at the March for Life

The Respect Life Ministry invites parishioners and friends to join us at the Rally for Life on the National Mall on Friday, January 22. We will gather in the St. Anthony Chapel, following the Rally & Mass for Life at the Cathedral.

Please contact Justin Silvers if you plan to attend at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

You may also call Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo at the rectory, 202-347-3215.

St. Matthew's Advocacy & Education Ministry

Good Faith Communities Coalition (GFCC)

An alliance of faith communities in the District of Columbia serving persons who are homeless and marginalized.

Good Faith Communities Coalition, firmly rooted in the shared tenets of our faith communities, provides an opportunity for individual congregations to join together so that their voices are heard loudly and clearly in the District of Columbia government as local priorities are discussed and the budget allocated.

Working together we make a difference!



Approach...

Summoned by faith. Working together we discern how best to live out our faith's moral imperative to stand with the poor and marginalized.

Called to educate. We seek to foster dialogue within and among congregations on a shared vision on building and sustaining an advocacy structure that addresses the needs of the most vulnerable.

Committed to action. Aligned through our shared vision, but speaking with many voices, we work to achieve substantive results for the poor and marginalized in need of affordable housing.

An invitation to our parish to support our brothers and sisters in need...

Members of the Social Justice Committee and Advocacy & Education Ministry invite you to attend an informational meeting on the mission of GFCC.

The evening will also include a conversation on how the Mayor and City Government will implement a plan to end chronic homelessness in our city within the next 2-3 years.

Take action and stand with the Mayor's plan by welcoming and supporting the thousands of families, youth, veterans and other unhoused brothers and sisters.

January 21 at 6:45pm

Where: East Conference Room (right side of the Cathedral, through the garage entry)

Contact: Jim Nash at manitowoc77@gmail.com or Patricia Boehme at patriciab Boehme@yahoo.com

Website: <http://goodfaithdc.org/>



Faith Foundations—Sacred Scripture

“The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith.”

Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium)

We are all called to evangelize and to do so enthusiastically, let us be enriched by scripture!

St. Matthew's Cathedral

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Thursdays

7:00pm – 9:00pm

February 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10 & 17

Instructor: Theresa Prymuszewski

To register: Theresa Prymuszewski

at 202-587-5139 Due: 2/1/2016

tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org



General Cost: \$29.00 (\$20 for catechists)

For more information please visit:

www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw

Lenten Morning of Reflection

A JESUIT INSIGHT INTO POPE FRANCIS' IMAGE OF MERCY

WHEN:

Saturday, February 13 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE:

St. Matthew's Cathedral
North Conference Room
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
www.stmatthewscathedral.org

*Two blocks north of the Farragut North Metro station,
four blocks north of the Farragut West Metro station.*

DIRECTED BY:

Rev. Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J.



Father Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J. is the President of the Jesuit Conference of the United States. In this position, Fr. Kesicki coordinates the national work of the Society of Jesus, the largest order of priests in the Roman Catholic Church. Prior to leading the Jesuit Conference, he served as the Provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Kesicki first met the Jesuits when he was an undergraduate at John Carroll University in Ohio, where he studied political science. During his Jesuit formation, he studied at Loyola University, Chicago, and at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA. After his ordination in 1994, his first mission was with Jesuit Refugee Services in Adjumani, Uganda. Most of his apostolic ministry has been in secondary education. A native of Erie, PA, he enjoys skiing, cycling and playing the piano. For the past year, Fr. Kesicki has been a visiting presider at St. Matthew's for daily and Sunday Masses, and also led the Meditations for the Seven Last Words for the Cathedral's Good Friday Services in 2015.



Sponsored by the Cathedral's Faith Formation Committee. All are invited to this event, free of charge.

For more information, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or at 202-587-5139.