

TODAY'S READINGS

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)
Fishing seems relatively easy, doesn't it? You throw a line into the water and hope a fish will bite the hook. But that simple notion undermines the skill necessary to be a true fisherman. When people pay thousands of dollars to enter national fishing contests, they aren't depending on simple luck. They're counting on the skills they have learned over a long period of time.

Similarly, when Jesus told Simon and Andrew and the others, "I will make you fishers of men," he meant that he wanted to teach them the art of evangelization (Mark 1:17). And that's what he wants to do with us as well. He wants to teach us how to reach people with the good news.

If you want to be a fisherman for Christ, you first have to know your "fish." You have to know that many of them have a hard time seeing the beauty of the gospel because they are distracted by so many other things. You have to know that sin may have hardened the hearts of some. But you also have to know that God's grace can penetrate the veil over any person's heart—as long as you, the fisherman, remain humble and open to his grace.

So here are three suggestions that will help make you into a vessel of grace: First, ask God to give you a desire to share his good news. Second, find the courage to ask people, even strangers, "Can I pray with you about anything?" You'd be surprised at how many people are open to a quiet, nonthreatening invitation. Third, invite people to join you at Mass. Offer to come and get them if they can't make it on their own. Take them out to breakfast afterward. Become a friend, and your love for Christ will rub off on them.

Three simple steps. Three simple ways to let the grace of the Holy Spirit work through you. So it isn't too hard to be a fisherman after all!

"Lord Jesus, make me a vessel of your grace."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 25	Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20
Monday 26	Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 3:22-30
<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i>	
Tuesday 27	Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35
<i>St. Angela Merici</i>	
Wednesday 28	Heb 10:11-18 / Mk 4:1-20
<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	
Thursday 29	Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25
Friday 30	Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34
Saturday 31	Heb 11:1-2,8-19 / Mk 4:35-41
<i>St. John Bosco</i>	
Sunday 1	Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

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 Washington 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!

Catch the **175th Anniversary** spirit with a gift book of our beautiful Cathedral church vividly portrayed through photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree. The book and note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral can be purchased at the Rector's Office or by contacting us at gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x517. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

PARISH CALENDAR

January 25 – February 1

- Sunday 25**—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
Choral Vespers, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, is held at 3pm in the Cathedral.
- Monday 26**—The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.
Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.
- Tuesday 27**—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.
- Wednesday 28**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- Thursday 29**—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.
- Saturday 31**—Catechesis 101 is held at 10am in the North Conference Room.
- Sunday 1**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.
Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Rm. after all Masses except 7am.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

175th ANNIVERSARY



Choral Vespers, an Ecumenical Prayer Service – “Jesus said to her, ‘Give me to drink.’” (John 4:7) is the theme for this year’s 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).

Join us today, Sunday, **January 25** at 3pm for Choral Vespers, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, the opening event of our 175th Anniversary celebration, with guest preacher **Rev. Cheryl Sanders**, Senior Pastor of Third Street Church of God. See the flyer in this bulletin. All are welcome!

175th Anniversary Bible Study – Celebrate our parish anniversary by taking a deeper look into our Patron Saint’s Gospel! Fr. Jack Hurley will lead a 6-session journey through the Gospel of St. Matthew. Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45am:

- Feb 7 – Introduction
- Feb 14 – Proclamation of the Gospel
- Feb 21 – Passion Prophecies
- Feb 28 – On To the Passion
- March 7 – Passion and Death
- March 14 – Resurrection and Departure

For more information, contact Theresa Prymuszewski at Tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5139.

Memories Wanted! – Your help is needed to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, now the Cathedral Parish, and since 1939, the seat of the Archdiocese. **You are invited now and throughout 2015 to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family.**

Maybe you have a story of how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future. Maybe there is a moment when you drew closer to your faith because of your involvement with the Cathedral. Maybe you have a story about how you saw the face of God in others through your volunteer efforts, or how Catholic Charities or a Cathedral program or ministry offered you help, hope, or the chance to serve others when you needed it. Share your favorite memories of parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith. Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew’s had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. Stories will be selected for posting on the parish website weekly. All submissions will be added to the Cathedral Archives.

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to reply@stmatthewscathedral.org, or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-3001. Please include the words “Anniversary Story” in the email heading or on the envelope.

MILESTONES

IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1837 – Fr. William Matthews, pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, announced plans for a new parish in the city of Washington. The number of Catholics in the city had swelled due to the large waves of Irish immigrants. Only two Catholic churches existed then: St. Patrick’s in the northern section, and St. Peter’s in the southeastern part of Washington. Holy Trinity served the residents of Georgetown, but this vicinity was not then included in the city.

NEWS AND NOTES

Join the Dialogue – As a follow up to the listening sessions leading up to the Synod on the Family, October 2014, this year we are given the request and privilege to assist the Synod of Bishops in preparing for the topic: **“The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World.”** In preparation for the Synod, our Archdiocese of Washington asks for the input of our parishes. You are invited to participate in an online survey at <https://s.zommerang.com/s/synodonthefamily2015> by February 15, 2015. Thank you for your timely participation in this important moment in the history of our Church. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 for more information or if you have questions.

First Friday & First Saturday – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **February 6** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to adore Our Lord. On Saturday, **February 7** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Confirmation Preparation 2015 – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (**April 23, 30, May 7 and 14**) and one Saturday Retreat (**May 16**). Registration forms are available through Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Lenten Faith Sharing Group Leaders Needed NOW – Please consider facilitating or co-facilitating a Faith Sharing Group this Lent (February 18 - March 30). Your help is needed now as groups are forming. We will arrange a few meetings with facilitators (including the February 8 group meeting announced below) to help you feel comfortable facilitating a group. No experience is needed! Please contact Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a small group leader this Lent. Thank you so much!

Gathering for All Lenten Faith Sharing Facilitators – An informational gathering for facilitators, including *prospective* facilitators, will be held on Sunday, **February 8** from 3 to 4:30pm in the North Conference Room. Paul Gallagher, an Educational Consultant for Loyola Press, will lead this session, which will include an introduction to our Lenten book selection: *Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis and the companion *Discussion Guide*, and tips for facilitating groups useful for new or seasoned faith sharing facilitators.

Prior to joining Loyola Press, Paul spent many years as a Director of Religious Education at a large suburban parish in the Baltimore Archdiocese. His love of Ignatian Spirituality led him to begin doctoral studies in this subject at Catholic University. He leads several adult faith formation programs at his parish, including RCIA and a weekly Men's Group. A highlight of his week is teaching an 8th grade religious education class. Contact Tricia Schmitt (contact info above) to register for the February 8 session.



Join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group! – Pope Francis will be in the U.S. in 2015! In honor of the Papal visit, please consider signing up to join a Faith Sharing Group this Lent (**February 18 – March 30**) that will focus on our Holy Father's recent book, *Church of Mercy*, and the companion *Discussion Guide*. Contact Tricia Schmitt (contact info above) to join a group.

MUSIC

Schola Cantorum Openings – The Schola Cantorum is now on winter hiatus. Rehearsals for the Spring season will begin Wednesday, **February 11**. There are a limited number of openings for the Spring in the Schola Cantorum in all voice parts for experienced choral singers. Prospective singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 6:45-8:45pm in weeks when the choir is singing. If you have the appropriate experience and a desire to serve our Cathedral Parish community in this very special way, please contact, Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 25 – February 1

Sunday, January 25

8:30am – Robert Miller
10am – Roslyn Gizzi
11:30am – Ms. Lisa Fischor (living)
1pm – Janet Torres
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Monday, January 26

7am – Gregorio Coello
8am – Scott McMillan
12:10pm – Maurice J. Burt
5:30pm – Helena Taboada de Lozano

Tuesday, January 27

7am – Con Grogan
8am – Mr. & Mrs. David Muncin (living)
12:10pm – Albert Mogzecz
5:30pm – Mr. Argeris (living)

Wednesday, January 28

8am – Mr. Gregory Kramlich
12:10pm – Tom Mullen
5:30pm – Cesar M. Ona

Thursday, January 29

8am – J.P. Morrissey
12:10pm – Rodolfo Karaan
5:30pm – Fr. Berard Marthaler

Friday, January 30

7am – Msgr. John Kuhn
8am – Gregorio Coello
12:10pm – Elyse Gray Austin

Saturday, January 31

8am – Teresa & Antonio Valera
12:10pm – Michael Coffey
5:30pm – Rev. Jerome Hall, S.J.

Sunday, February 1

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Robert Henry Keys
10am – Thei Trines (living)
11:30am – Roselyn Gizzi
1pm – Alfonso & Mercedes de Araque
5:30pm – Virginia Hayden

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hoy leemos en el Evangelio que Jesús comenzó su ministerio anunciando la buena noticia y diciendo: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Conviértanse y crean en el Evangelio" (Marcos 1, 15). Hemos escuchado tantas veces estas palabras que fácilmente podemos entenderlas en forma superficial, sin realmente detenernos a meditar en su significado profundo. Pero si nos disponemos a comprender, Dios nos revelará los maravillosos misterios de su Reino.

¿Qué significa el que haya llegado el tiempo y que el Reino de Dios esté cerca? Jesús anunció que el Reino de Dios había comenzado con su venida al mundo, porque él mismo es la buena noticia de Dios en persona. La buena nueva consiste en que Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, se hizo hombre para rescatarnos del poder de las tinieblas, del pecado y de la muerte. Él pagó personalmente el precio de nuestro rescate muriendo en la cruz y resucitando a la vida nueva.

Jesús les dijo a varios de sus discípulos: "Síguenme, y yo haré que ustedes sean pescadores de hombres" (Marcos 1, 17). Esta invitación al discipulado debe haber sido muy emocionante, pero a la vez motivo de preocupación, porque Jesús les pedía que dejaran todo lo conocido: sus trabajos, su vecindario y hasta sus familiares y amigos para seguirlo a él. Y hay que reconocer que la respuesta de estos discípulos fue inmediata y sin reservas. Lo dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús, y ciertamente llegaron a ser pescadores de hombres.

Hoy el Señor nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a ser discípulos suyos. Quizás esto nos cause inquietud también, porque no sabemos a qué tendremos que renunciar, pero Jesús nos ha prometido estar siempre con nosotros (Mateo 28, 20). Todo lo que nos pide es que le digamos "sí" cada día. Así, con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, también podremos llegar a ser pescadores de hombres.

"Señor Jesús, nos entregamos a ti de todo corazón para que nos sanes. Te recibimos en nuestro corazón y damos el 'sí' a tu llamada a seguirte y traer a otros para que te conozcan, te amen y te sirvan."

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

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. Más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x543.

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 2014, por favor llame a Gloria Harrington al 202-347-3215 x517 o envíe un correo electrónico a gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Gracias por su contribución.

Clases de Inglés para Adultos

¿Cuándo? 13 de enero al 9 de abril, del 2015, los martes, miércoles y jueves
6:30 a 8:30 de la noche

¿Dónde? St. Matthew's Education Center
Centro de Educación de San Mateo
1726 N St. NW, Washington, DC

¿Cuánto? \$40

Los estudiantes tendrán que matricularse en persona en el *St. Matthew's Education Center* durante las horas que hayan clases. Durante las matriculas, cada estudiante recibirá un breve examen para determinar cuál es el nivel de clases más apropiado para el/ella. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes se podrán inscribir hasta el 5 de febrero. Para más información sobre la inscripción y oportunidades de voluntariado, visite: <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clase-s-de-ingles-english-language-classes> o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes de exposición y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde este viernes **6 de febrero** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado **7 de febrero** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Unción de los Enfermos – Se celebrará una misa de Unción de los Enfermos en la Catedral el **28 de febrero** a las 12:10 del mediodía. La inscripción previa es requerida para nosotros asistirle mejor. Vea los próximos boletines donde encontrará el formulario para inscribirse.

2014 Contribution Statements – In an effort to go "green", Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared only upon request. To receive a summary of your 2014 contributions, please contact Gloria Harrington at gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x 517.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 25	Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mc 1:14-20
Lunes 26	2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mc 3:22-30 <i>San Timoteo y San Tito</i>
Martes 27	Heb 10:1-10 / Mc 3:31-35 <i>Santa Ángela de Méreci</i>
Miércoles 28	Heb 10:11-18 / Mc 4:1-20 <i>Santo Tomás de Aquino</i>
Jueves 29	Heb 10:19-25 / Mc 4:21-25
Viernes 30	Heb 10:32-39 / Mc 4:26-34
Sábado 31	Heb 11:1-2,8-19 / Mc 4:35-41 <i>San Juan Bosco</i>
Domingo 1	Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mc 1:121-28

Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C.

(CBN-D.C.) – Please join CBN-D.C. for a breakfast networking reception Thursday, **January 29**, 8-9:30am in the Great Hall of St. Matthew's Rectory. The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) is an independent nonprofit organization bringing together businesses and individual professionals to create valuable networking opportunities through monthly receptions and an annual gala. All monies from CBN-D.C.'s events and sponsorship go to support students in need at Catholic schools in Washington D.C. For more information or to register, please visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

FAITH IN ACTION

Adult English Classes

When? **January 13 to April 9, 2015** (13 weeks)
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Where? St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 N St. NW Washington, DC 20036

How much? \$40

Students must register in person at the Education Center during class evenings. At registration, each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level in which he/she will be placed. Instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Student registrations will be accepted until February 5. For more information on registration and volunteer opportunities, visit:

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/classes-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS

Men's Discernment Retreat – Cardinal Donald Wuerl invites men in their 20's – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat at Blessed John Paul II Seminary led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington from Friday, **January 31** through Sunday, **February 2**. Register at www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Wine and Wisdom – **Monday, January 26 – 7 to 8:30pm** – **Cathedral East Conference Room** – Wine and Wisdom is a discussion and faith-sharing group for young adult women aimed at helping to form, encourage, strengthen, and prepare them to be the women that God has designed them to be. The theme for this session is "Faith through Transition." Contact wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

C+YA at the Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program – **Saturday, February 7–10am to 12:30pm** – **801 East Men's Shelter (2700 MLK Blvd. SE / Anacostia)** – Join us at this residential rehab program for young men ages 18-24, for a rewarding morning of fun activities and facilitated interaction designed to help the guys develop valuable social and professional skills. You can take the Metro and/or buses to the Shelter. We will do our best to coordinate carpools to depart from the Cathedral at 9:30am. Contact Carolyn at cawait.10@gmail.com with questions or information about carpooling. Click [here](#) to register with Catholic Charities.

Pancake Party! – **Sunday, February 15 – beginning at 9am & following all Masses** – **Cathedral North Conference Room** – The Young Adults will host a Pancake Brunch for the entire parish! All are invited to share in a pre-Lenten celebration of community, fellowship, and good food! All proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's Young Adults and Social Justice & Community Services ministries. Purchase tickets in advance after Masses this weekend and next, or at the door. We hope to see you there! Email stmattsya@gmail.com with questions.

C+YA Spring Retreat! – Planning has begun for the Spring 2015 Cathedral Young Adults retreat, which was immensely popular last year. Whether you have planned, led, or participated in retreats in the past, any input or new ideas are welcome. Contact Hannah at hannahrdell@gmail.com to get involved.

That All May Be One in Christ

Choral Vespers

An Ecumenical Prayer Service

Celebrating 175 years in the Nation's Capital



Sunday January 25, 2015

3:00pm

Guest Preacher, Rev. Cheryl Sanders

Senior Pastor, Third Street Church of God

Assisting Clergy include Rev. Luis Leon, St John's Church, Lafayette Square

Rev. Karen Brau, Luther Place Memorial Church

Rev. William H. Lamar, IV, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church

Invited Neighborhood Christian Faith Communities include:

St. John's Church, Lafayette Square

Church of the Pilgrims, P St.

Foundry United Methodist Church

Luther Place Memorial Church

Metropolitan A.M.E. Church

First Baptist Church, 16th St.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Grace Reformed Church, 15th St.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 15th St.

National City Christian Church

Christ Reformed Church, 15th St.

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Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

*Mass with Anointing of the Sick – Saturday, **February 28**, 12:10pm*

Look for the pre-registration form in February bulletins.

Of the seven sacraments, the Church classifies two of them as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (often known as Confession) and Anointing the Sick. Each of them involves healing the human person; one for our spiritual health and the other for our physical well-being. How these sacraments have been practiced in the life of the Church has differed over time. This brief summary is about the anointing of the sick. Historically, oil was widely used in the ancient world for a variety of life purposes: lighting, cooking, athletic preparation, special marking and especially healing wounds. So, it is not surprising that the New Testament includes reference to the use of oil, once in Mark's gospel and another in a letter of the apostle, James.

In the life of the early church, the common use of oil for healing was given a special blessing by the bishop to call upon God's power for the benefit of the sick. During the early centuries, the application of the blessed oil could be done by any of the baptized faithful, since it was primarily for the healing of physical defects. In later centuries, it began to be associated with the dying to heal the soul before death, especially as it was done concurrent with one's last confession. During these later centuries, this concurrent use of both sacraments led to limiting the sacramental anointing to those who were ordained, in particular, the priest.

All sacraments are for the benefit of the individual, but we are all members of the Body of Christ. So, when one member of the body is afflicted, so is the whole body. And as the physical body makes an effort to assist healing the afflicted part, so also the spiritual body is involved in healing the injured member. To reflect this theology, the Church encourages this sacrament to be administered as much as possible in a public way, even if administered in a hospital or nursing home. So, the sacramental ritual provides for celebrating the anointing as part of a community liturgy, such as Mass, much as we do for baptisms, first communions, and the other sacraments.

Moreover, the renewed rite now is more inclusive of who can be anointed regardless of age. The anointing can be administered to those preparing for serious surgery, the seriously ill, those suffering serious mental illness, those weakened by old age and others as judged prudent by the pastor (or chaplain).

This sacrament recognizes that the anointing is one aspect of pastoral care for the sick. Beyond the sacramental anointing, other visits to the sick are encouraged where scripture and holy communion can be provided to the sick and impaired. The communal connection is symbolized by the pastoral minister being dismissed from the Sunday or other Mass, taking the scripture of the day and a consecrated host from the Mass to those sick or otherwise unable to be at Mass.

At St. Matthew's, our communal celebration of the sacrament of anointing is normally scheduled for October and February; proximate to the feasts of St. Luke and Our Lady of Lourdes who are particularly associated with the sick. It is celebrated in bi-lingual form to enable our Hispanic parishioners to participate in this special semi-annual sacramental celebration. **See next month's bulletins for details about the anointing liturgy on Saturday, February 28 at 12:10pm.**

"If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him." (James 5: 14)

Deacon Bart Merella



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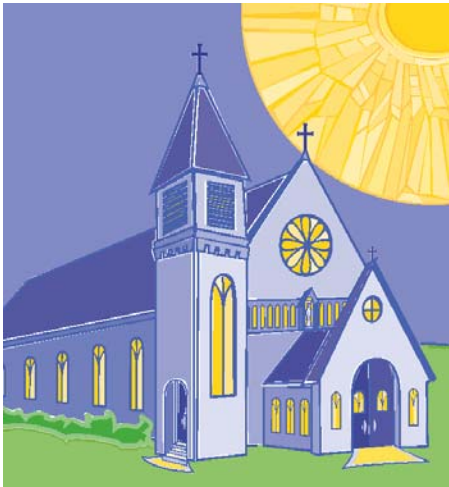
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When do transactions take place?



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The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to info@faithdirect.net, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

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COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

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