

TODAY'S READINGS

Love is patient, love is kind. (1 Corinthians 13:4)
Homilists sometimes suggest beginning these descriptive sentences with your own name, as a form of examination of conscience. "John is patient, John is kind." But this can lead to discouragement. What immediately leaps to mind is the many situations that called for patience, kindness, or endurance—but we came up short. "John never fails"? Not me!

Maybe a better approach would be to plug in the name of Jesus instead your name.

Jesus is patient. Picture him pausing and waiting until the man slowed down by blindness makes his way forward to ask for healing.

Jesus is kind. Imagine him taking the hand of the man who can neither hear nor speak and leading him away from the crowd to heal him in a more intimate setting.

Jesus never fails. See him, wearied from ministering all day, still tending to the multitudes who come asking for help.

Now, realize one more thing. Jesus Christ lives in you through your baptism. You have been given a share of his risen life—and his unconditional love. This means that you can draw on his stores of patience and kindness whenever you need to.

Pope Francis often reminds us that every command in Scripture is accompanied by a promise. Yes, God calls us to be loving, and this passage spells out what that love looks like. It's a high standard. But we are also gifted in Christ with the power to love as he loves, to be patient as he is patient, and to share his kindness with everyone around us.

It's one of the most encouraging paradoxes of the Christian life: the more inadequate you feel, the more effective you can be. It doesn't take much to plunge your hands and heart into Jesus' storehouse of love and find everything you need.

"Jesus, thank you for making your home in me. Help me today to extend your kind and patient love to everyone I encounter today."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 31	Jer 1:4-5,17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 4:21-30
Monday 1	2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday 2	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Wednesday 3	2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6
	<i>St. Blaise & St. Ansgar</i>
Thursday 4	1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 / Mk 6:7-13
Friday 5	Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29
	<i>St. Agatha</i>
Saturday 6	1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34
	<i>St. Paul Miki and Companions</i>
Sunday 7	Is 6:1-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 5:1-11

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are. 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!

PARISH CALENDAR

January 31 – February 7

Sunday 31—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.

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

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

Monday 1—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 2—**The Presentation of the Lord**

Candles are blessed at the 7am Mass.

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 Oeste.

Wednesday 3—A blessing of throats takes place after Masses on this Feast of St. Blaise.

Registration for ESL & SSL is held from 6 to 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center.

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

Sacred Page, Sunday Scripture Reflections meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Friday 5—**First Friday Exposition and**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 6—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Sunday 7—Pancakes are served in the North Conference Room after Masses beginning at 9am.

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NEWS AND NOTES

2015 Cardinal's Appeal – St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish has exceeded its goal of \$339,104 for the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal! In a letter to Msgr. Jameson, Cardinal Wuerl writes, "To you, your staff and the entire parish community ... I offer my sincere appreciation for your generous response ... [A]s of December 31, 2015, 572 pledges in the amount of \$351,316 have been received. ... Your parishioners' commitment and sacrificial giving are truly a blessing for so many who are searching for Jesus' presence as they face physical, moral or spiritual needs." Msgr. Jameson, also, is very grateful for your support of the Cardinal's Appeal!

The Presentation of the Lord –

On Tuesday, **February 2**, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, a joyful event told in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. "Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy." On this feast celebrating Christ, the light to the nations, enough candles are blessed to last the whole year. Msgr. Jameson will bless our candles at the **7am Mass** this year.

"Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants."

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

Mardis Gras Pancake Party – The Young Adults invite all to a Pancake Party next Sunday, **February 7** after Masses beginning at 9am. Join us 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.

Bring Your Old Palms – Please bring your old palms to the Sacristy and give them to the Sacristan. They will be used to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. If the Sacristan is unavailable or the Sacristy is closed, please place the palms in the basket outside the Sacristy door.

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.

Annual Jubilarian Mass – This year's Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, **June 19** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Call 202-587-5143 to **register by Friday, April 1**.

FAITH IN ACTION

English as a Second Language Classes for Adults

When? **February 3 to April 29** (12 weeks)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Where? St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 N Street, NW

How much? \$40

Students may register until February 18, in person on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). For more information, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outrreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Spring Semester of Spanish as a Second Language for Adults – The 12-week spring semester runs from **February 3 to April 29, 2016**. Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Instruction will be provided at Levels 1 to 3. Students registering for Level 2 and Level 3 instruction must have the prior approval of the Level 2 lead instructor and priority registration. **Priority registration takes place during the first week and will be given to St. Matthew's parishioners who are currently involved in a ministry.** Students may register in person on class nights between 6 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost is \$80. For more information, contact Dan Horning at stmattsssl@gmail.com.

Housing Those in Need – Friendship Place and Catholic Charities are committed to ending homelessness in DC by creating housing for individuals. They are looking for landlords and property owners who are willing to rent rooms or apartments to their participants. If you can help, please call Sal Corbin of the Home Now program at Friendship Place at 202-997-1666.

FAITH FORMATION

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 Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45am: February 20 (Intro); 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 (February 27 in the North Conference Room).

Sacred Page - Read, Reflect, Pray – Our Cathedral seminarians lead this weekly study of Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday beginning Wednesday, **February 3**, 7 - 8pm in the West Conference Room.

Black and Catholic: Faith-Filled Citizens – Deacon Al Turner, Director of the Office of Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington, will give a talk in celebration of Black History Month on Tuesday, **February 16**, from 7 to 9pm in the North Conference Room.

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.

Sharing Area Events – St. Augustine Catholic Church (1421 V St, NW) screening of *Slavery By Another Name*, 2:45pm on Sunday, **February 14**; discussion of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in an Age of Colorblindness* at 6:15pm on Monday, **February 15**. For more information, email maceda@aol.com or call 202-361-0501.

Live Jesus! 2016 - A morning of Salesian reflection, fellowship and prayer on **March 5**, sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, at Our Lady of Good Counsel (Virginia, VA)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – “With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him. Let us consider the prodigal son who, when he decided to return to his father, considers making a speech, but the father doesn't let him speak. He embraces him (cf. Lk 15:17-24). This is

the way Jesus is with us. ‘Father, I have so many sins....’ — But He will be glad if you go: He will embrace you with such love! Don't be afraid.” (*Pope Francis, March 13, 2015*)

Reflect on God's love and mercy in your life. Visit www.mercy.adw.org for more information and resources for this Year of Mercy.

A Call to Serve in the Year of Mercy – Our Parish Social Justice Committee – “Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.” (*Pope Francis, Easter Urbi et Orbi message, March 31, 2013*)

All are invited to learn more about the many service opportunities found through St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Service Ministries. Join us on the last Monday of each month at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room (next meeting: **February 29**). To learn more, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach>. Questions? Email Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org, or call the rectory.

VOCATIONS

Men's Discernment Retreat – Cardinal Wuerl invites men in their 20's – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood to a discernment retreat at St. John Paul II Seminary (145 Taylor St., NE) from Friday, **February 5** through Sunday, **February 7**. Register at www.dcpriest.org, or email vocations@adw.org.

Day of Recollection – *Bearing Witness to Hope Living in the Light of Eternity* is the theme of The Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society's day of recollection led by Fr. Carter Griffin on Saturday, **February 13**, 9:30am to 2pm, at the Church of Annunciation (3810 Massachusetts Ave. NW.) RSVP to Maris Moriarty at moriarty@adw.org, or call 202-632-9020.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Posiblemente nos sentimos un poco molestos al leer que los habitantes de Nazaret quisieron impedir que Jesús siguiera difundiendo su mensaje. ¿Acaso no se daban cuenta de quién era? Pero acaso en algunas ocasiones ¿no tratamos nosotros mismos de silenciar a Jesús? ¿Tenemos aspectos de pecado que dudamos que el Señor quiera perdonarnos? Si no le entregamos estas áreas a Jesús, también estamos negando su persona, su poder y su deseo de sanarnos y renovarnos. El Señor está esperando a que abramos el corazón y confiemos en que él nos puede transformar y librar de las debilidades que tengamos.

¿Hay hábitos de pecado en su vida que usted aún no ha reconocido o confesado? Si los hay, esos son los aspectos en los que usted está negando a Jesús, porque no le permite que sea verdaderamente su Señor y Salvador.

Incluso cuando los residentes de Nazaret se preparaban para despedirlo, Jesús los miraba con compasión: eran sus parientes y vecinos, ¡y los quería! Los conocía mejor de lo que ellos mismos se conocían y, pese a eso, los aceptaba. Sin duda oraba por ellos para que lo aceptaran.

Jesús nos mira a nosotros del mismo modo, con compasión y comprensión. Si nos encontramos atados por algún pecado, el Señor nos pide que abramos el corazón lo mejor que podamos, para curarnos y transformarnos. Si usted lleva un gran peso a cuestas, que le parece que es demasiado grande hasta para Dios, Cristo le pide que lo deposite a sus pies, porque desea que usted y todos confiemos en su amor y su poder.

Esta semana escoja un aspecto de su vida y propóngase escuchar más atentamente lo que le diga el Señor, sin cerrar los oídos. Persista en concentrarse en ese aspecto, sin cambiarlo, hasta que vea que Cristo empieza a intervenir. ¡Jesús lo quiere santificar!

“Señor mío, Jesucristo, te entrego nuevamente mi vida y te ruego que derribes las murallas que he construido alrededor de mi corazón. Ven, Señor, y concédeme tu libertad y tu vida. Gracias, mi Dios.” Escogida con el permiso de la Palabra Entre Nosotros. Vol 35, Numero 2; enero – febrero 2016.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 31 Je 1:4-5,17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lc 4:21-30

Lunes 1 2 Sam 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mc 5:1-20

Martes 2 Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lc 2:22-40

La presentación del Señor

Miércoles 3 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 / Mc 6:1-6

San Blas y San Óscar

Jueves 4 1 Re 2:1-4,10-12 / Mc 6:7-13

Viernes 5 Sir 47:2-11 / Mc 6:14-29

Santa Águeda

Sábado 6 1 Re 3:4-13 / Mc 6:30-34

San Pablo Miki y compañeros

Domingo 7 Is 6:1-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lc 5:1-11

**MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE MISAS**
January 31 – February 7
Sunday, January 31

5:30pm Vigil (January 30) – All Parishioners

7am – Detta Shanahan

8:30am – Jim Anthony

10am – Rev. Jerome M. Hall, SJ

11:30am – Norma Jean Veras

1pm – Liliana Ramirez (living)

5:30pm – Nerissa Johnson

Monday, February 1

8am – Feliciano Yu

12:10pm – Elinita Dizon

5:30pm – Melanie Aybar

Tuesday, February 2

8am – Rev. Gerard Stockhausen, SJ

12:10pm – Kusum Sirimayake

5:30pm – Gertrude Cabalan

Wednesday, February 3

8am – Thanksgiving from Grace Donna

12:10pm – Margaret M. Barker

5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 4

12:10pm – Moises Lopez

5:30pm – Edith Maria Campbell

Friday, February 5

12:10pm – Pedro de Jesus

Saturday, February 6

5:30pm – Sara Brady

Sunday, February 7

7am – Yoshimi Yoshida

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Rev. Gerald Stockhausen, S.J.

11:30am – Emil J. Broada

1pm – Edmundo Castillo

5:30pm – Sue Cykowski

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.

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.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

2015 Campaña del Cardenal – La Catedral de San Mateo sobrepasó su meta de ¡\$339,104 de la Campaña del Cardenal el año pasado! En su carta de agradecimiento a Monseñor Jameson, el Cardenal Wuerl dice “A usted, su personal, y a la comunidad entera de la Catedral de San Mateo, ofrezco mi más sincero agradecimiento por su respuesta tan generosa. ... A partir del 31 de diciembre del 2015, hemos recibido 572 compromisos con un monto total de \$351,316. ... El compromiso y oferta expiatoria de sus feligreses son verdaderamente una bendición para muchos quienes están buscando la presencia de Jesús mientras enfrentan necesidades físicas, morales o espirituales.” El Monseñor Jameson, también, está muy agradecido por su generosidad.

Clases de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos

¿Cuándo? 3 de febrero a 29 de abril de 2016
(12 semanas) martes, miércoles y jueves por la tarde de 6.30 a 8.30

¿Dónde? St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 calle N, NW

¿Cuánto? \$40

Los estudiantes pueden matricularse en persona, los martes, miércoles o jueves en la tarde entre las 6:00 y las 8:00 de la noche, en el St. Matthew's Education Center. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes se podrán inscribir hasta el 18 de febrero.

Para más información, por favor visite

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-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 al Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **5 de febrero** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos son bienvenidos a adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado **6 de febrero** todos son bienvenidos a las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Misa de Jubileo Matrimonial 2016 – El Cardenal Wuerl estará presidiendo la misa anual de Jubileo Matrimonial para conmemorar a las parejas que están celebrando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **19 de junio** del 2016 en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción a las 2:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215, a más tardar el viernes 1 de abril.



Una llamada a servir en el Año de la Misericordia – Comité de Justicia Social – “Seamos renovados por la misericordia de Dios, seamos amados por Jesús, dejemos que nos transforme la fuerza de su amor y que también transforme nuestras vidas; y vamos a convertirnos en mensajeros de esta misericordia, fuentes a través de las cuales Dios

pueda regar la tierra, proteger a toda la creación y hacer que florezca la justicia y la paz”. (*Papa Francisco, Easter Urbi et Orbi mensaje en 31 de marzo de 2013*)

Todos están invitados a aprender más sobre las diversas oportunidades de servicio encontradas a través de los ministerios de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de nuestra parroquia. Acompañenos cada último lunes del mes a las 6:45 de la tarde en la sala de conferencias del Este. Nuestra próxima reunión se llevará a cabo el lunes, **29 de febrero**. Para aprender más, visite la página digital de la parroquia

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach>.

¿Preguntas? Mande un correo al padre Rafael Barbieri o a Norma Canedo al socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org. También puede llamar a la rectoría.

Traigan sus Ramos

– Por favor traigan sus ramos del previo Domingo de Ramos a la Sacristía y entréguenlos al sacristán. Los ramos serán usados para preparar las cenizas para el Miércoles de Ceniza. Si el sacristán no está o si la Sacristía está cerrada, los ramos se pueden dejar en la canasta que está colocada afuera de la Sacristía en la Capilla Matrimonial.



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.



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)

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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.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
A Celebration of Mercy
February 13 at 12:10pm Mass

Of the seven sacraments, the Church classifies two of them as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (often known as Confession) and Anointing of 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. The anointing can be administered to: children and adults about to undergo or are recovering from surgery; those experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness; those who are physically handicapped; and those seriously impaired by old age."

At St. Matthew's, our communal celebration is being celebrated proximate to the feasts of Our Lady of Lourdes who is 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 the reverse side of this for the form to participate in the anointing.**

"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

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
Bilingual Mass – 12:10pm – Saturday, February 13

Participation Form

“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 4: 14)

Who Can Be Anointed. Faithful who may receive this sacrament should be: children and adults about to undergo or are recovering from surgery; those experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness; those who are physically handicapped; and those seriously impaired by old age.

Those who would like to receive this sacrament or know someone who may wish to be contacted about receiving the sacrament, please enter the information below.

Print Name: _____

Print Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please leave this completed form with a hospitality minister (usher) at Mass or at the rectory office. If further information is needed, please contact Deacon Clayton Nickel (deaconnickel@me.com).

I encourage all parishioners to join in this communal celebration of this sacrament and encourage as many as possible to receive the special sacramental anointing.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector



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Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

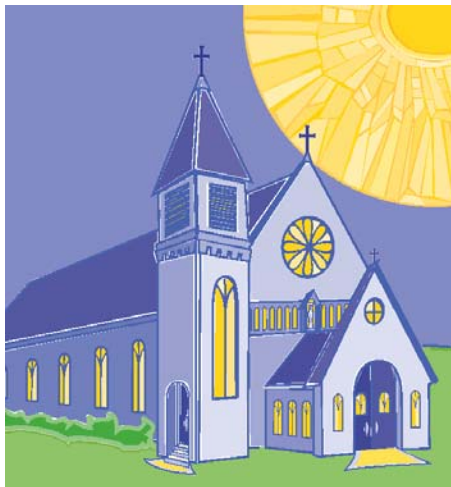
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

Faith Direct is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?

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.

E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
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To enroll online, use code
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Process my gifts on the: 4th *or* 15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

"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: \$ _____

*(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

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	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<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.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit/Debit Card: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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