

## TODAY'S READINGS

**H**e commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.  
(Mark 1:27)

So many people—especially those living in the West—have dismissed the existence of evil spirits. But that's a big mistake. Evil spirits are real, and they are always at work, trying to destroy our faith and the Church as a whole.

Now, few people are actually possessed by evil spirits, but most of us experience what we may call spiritual harassment from them. Think of how Peter tried to convince Jesus not to go to the cross, only to hear him reply, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23). Clearly, Peter wasn't possessed. Still, the devil had gotten into his mind and suggested thoughts that were contrary to God's plan.

Satan wants to confuse and mislead us, just as he did to Peter. So how do we guard our minds? By trying our best to agree with Jesus. Of course, we should always feel free to ask questions, just as Mary did when she asked the angel, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34). That's a lot different from fighting Jesus or going against what he clearly tells us. When we think we know better than Jesus, we are opening ourselves up to the devil's harassment.

Peter learned how to overcome this harassment, and so can we. The first thing we need to do is acknowledge that it is going on and take action. So when you wake up each morning, ask the Lord to protect you and your loved ones. Call on the name of Jesus, pray to St. Michael the Archangel, or simply mark yourself with the sign of the cross.

Second, keep building your faith. Soak yourself in the Scriptures. Read upbuilding spiritual books. Focus on Jesus during Mass. Nothing helps us stay clear-minded more than faith.

Finally, believe that Jesus rules the universe. He wants to help you be alert to the divisive whispers of the devil. Trust that Jesus, who lives in you, is far stronger than "the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

*"Lord, help me to stand firm and resist the devil's temptations today."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 1** Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

**Monday 2** Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40

*The Presentation of the Lord*

**Tuesday 3** Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

*St. Blaise and St. Ansgar*

**Wednesday 4** Heb 12:4-7,11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday 5** Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

*St. Agatha*

**Friday 6** Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

**Saturday 7** Heb 13:15-17,20-21 / Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday 8** Jb 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

*Why go out into the cold when coffee, tea and hot chocolate await you downstairs? Join us in the North Conference Room after the 8:30, 10, and 11:30am, and 1pm Masses for snacks, warm beverages, and smiling volunteers to welcome you, and answer questions about getting involved at St. Matthew's. Information on our 175th anniversary events also is available. Interested in helping us with future events? Contact [stmattshospitality@gmail.com](mailto:stmattshospitality@gmail.com).*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**February 1 – February 8**

**Sunday 1**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room (see above).

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.

**Monday 2—The Presentation of the Lord.**

Candles are blessed at the 12:10pm Mass.

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

**Tuesday 3—Feast of St. Blaise.** A blessing of throats takes place after all Masses.

Legión de María se reúnen a las 6 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 4**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Rm.

**Friday 6—First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

**Saturday 7**—Fr. Hurley's Bible Study begins at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

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

**Sunday 8**—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

Faith Sharing Group facilitators meet at 3pm in the North Conference Room.

## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



***That All May Be One in Christ*** – Last Sunday, Msgr. Jameson and the Cathedral clergy, staff and hospitality volunteers welcomed many parishioners and friends for Choral Vespers, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, with Msgr. Jameson presiding, music by our Schola Cantorum, a Gospel reflection by Rev. Cheryl Sanders, Pastor of the Third Street Church of God, and a musical reflection by Evelyn Curenton. For more photos of the service and dessert reception following, visit our website and Facebook page.

Rev. Msgr. W, Ronald Jameson, Cathedral Rector (center), with Rev. Luis Leon, Rev. Cheryl Sanders, Rev. Karen Brau, and Rev. William H. Lamar (l to r)



Rev. Cheryl Sanders, Guest Preacher

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bible Study** – Celebrate our parish anniversary by taking a deeper look into our Patron Saint's Gospel. See the full-page announcement in today's bulletin.

**Memories Wanted!** – Your help is needed to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Check the website front page (or scan the code at right) to read the first set of featured stories!**

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto: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

**1838** – September 21: Ground is broken for new church and cornerstone laid at 15<sup>th</sup> and H Streets, NW on the Feast of St. Matthew and a parade from St. Patrick's is led by the Marine band. A news article in the *Catholic Herald* of Philadelphia declared: "Seldom have we witnessed a more interesting spectacle than that which in company with congregated thousands we beheld on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, at the laying of the Corner stone of a new Catholic Church in this City. It was indeed a proud day for the Catholics of Washington, and one which will be long remembered by them with feelings of gratitude and exultation."

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, will meet Sunday, **February 8** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**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](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x 517.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade religious education class. Contact Tricia Schmitt (contact info above) to register for the February 8 session.

*New Parish Pastoral Council members were installed at last Sunday's 11:30am and 1pm (below) Masses.*



**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.

## VOCATIONS

**Men's Discernment Retreat** – Cardinal 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, **February 6** through Sunday, **February 8**. Register at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org) or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

## LENT

**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.

### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

*"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Heb 13:2)*

**February 18** is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. We need your help to warmly welcome and assist the many people who come through our doors that day. Please consider volunteering as a Minister of Hospitality at one of the following Ash Wednesday Masses (with distribution of ashes): 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm (Cardinal Wuerl, celebrant), 1:15pm & 5:30pm.

What do Hospitality Ministers do?

- **greet & welcome all!**
- hand out programs and Lenten brochures
- collect the Offertory
- guide lines for distribution of ashes
- guide lines for Holy Communion

If you can help, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 or send an email to [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:reply@stmatthewscathedral.org). Thank you.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**¡Cállate y deja a este hombre!** (Marcos 1, 25)  
 Jesús inaugura su misión pública en la sinagoga de Cafarnaúm, donde el pueblo judío se reúne cada sábado para su asamblea religiosa, y lo hace con palabras sabias y obras prodigiosas. Enseña a la gente sencilla y cura a un poseído por un espíritu inmundo. Todos pueden ver y oír que está enseñando con una autoridad diferente y demostrando una doctrina nueva, clara evidencia de la fuerza del Espíritu Santo.

La reacción de la gente es favorable, pues reconocen en él la autoridad de un profeta; pero ello naturalmente significa el desprestigio de la enseñanza habitual de los rabinos de la época.

S.S. el Papa Francisco decía: "Jesús predica 'como quien tiene autoridad', cura, llama a sus discípulos a seguirle, perdona... cosas todas que en el Antiguo Testamento, son de Dios y sólo de Dios. La pregunta que más retorna en el Evangelio de Marcos es: '¿Quién es éste...?' y tiene que ver con la identidad de Jesús, una pregunta que nace de la constatación de una autoridad diferente a la del mundo, una autoridad que no tiene la intención de ejercer el poder sobre los demás, sino servir, para darles la libertad y la plenitud de la vida." (Carta al diario La República, 11 de septiembre de 2013).

Jesús siempre sorprende. Su lenguaje y sus gestos son únicos. La gente se admira de su enseñanza, que no es repetitiva, no es "de siempre", hay novedad en su palabra, una novedad que se advierte al escucharlo hablar de Dios y al presentar la Ley y los profetas. Pero allí hay alguien que se siente amenazado: el "espíritu inmundo" que se ha apoderado de un hombre. Pero la poderosa palabra de Jesús libera al hombre de la oscuridad en que lo ha sumido el pecado y la rebeldía. Cristo sigue interpellando al hombre de todos los tiempos, para que se pronuncie por él o contra él. Y todos tenemos que decidirnos. ¿Te decides tú por Cristo?

*"Amado Jesucristo, líbrame, Señor, de la mala influencia de los 'espíritus inmundos' que tratan de hacernos caer, y concédeme fortaleza para afirmar decididamente mi fe en ti."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| <b>Domingo 1</b>                   | Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mc 1:21-28         |
| <b>Lunes 2</b>                     | Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lc 2:22-40             |
| <i>La Presentación del Señor</i>   |  |
| <b>Martes 3</b>                    | Heb 12:1-4 / Mc 5:21-43                          |
| <i>San Blas o San Óscar</i>        |  |
| <b>Miércoles 4</b>                 | Heb 12:4-7,11-15 / Mc 6:1-6                      |
| <b>Jueves 5</b>                    | Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mc 6:7-13                   |
| <i>Santa Águeda</i>                |  |
| <b>Viernes 6</b>                   | Heb 13:1-8 / Mc 6:14-29                          |
| <i>San Pablo Miki y compañeros</i> |  |
| <b>Sábado 7</b>                    | Heb 13:15-17,20-21 / Mc 6:30-34                  |
| <b>Domingo 8</b>                   | Job 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mc 1:29-39 |

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**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.

**Traigan sus Ramos** – Por favor traigan sus ramos del previo Domingo de Ramos a la Sacristía y entréguelos 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.

### Última Semana para Inscribirse a las 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 se podrán inscribir hasta el **5 de febrero**. Los estudiantes tendrán que matricularse en persona en el *Centro de Educación* 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 serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado) Para más información sobre la inscripción, visite: <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outr each/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

*"In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the LORD is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold. (Sirach 35:7-12)*

## FAITH IN ACTION

### Last week to register for 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

Student registrations will be accepted until **February 5**. Students will need to register in person at the Education Center during the evenings that class is offered. At registration, each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level in which he/she will be placed. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). For more information on registration, visit: <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Dan Horning at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

## YOUNG ADULTS



**C†YA for a Discussion – Save the Date! – Beginning Thursday, February 5** the Young Adults will resume a discussion group using the papal encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi (On Evangelization in the Modern World)* by Pope Paul VI. Contact Mike at [m.owens810@gmail.com](mailto:m.owens810@gmail.com) with questions.

**C†YA at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, February 10 – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights) –**

The Northwest Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and care for healthy babies. The Young Adults get together each month to sort donations or do odd jobs around the Center. Contact Natalie at [natalie.committe@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committe@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up.



**\*Save the Date! Cathedral Coffeehouse\* – Series begins Sunday, February 22 – following 5:30pm Sunday Mass – Cathedral** – Looking for a quick and easy way to deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith during Lent? Join Br. Gabriel and Br. Patrick and other young adults after

the 5:30pm Sunday Mass for Cathedral Coffeehouse, an exciting new series. **In 30 minutes or less** we promise you'll learn something new and have a few good laughs. The first topic will be: **How to Lose Your Faith in 10 Easy Steps**. Email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com) with questions.

## MASS INTENTIONS

February 1 – 8

### Sunday, February 1

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

### Monday, February 2

7am – Isabelle Fitzpatrick  
8am – Thanksgiving  
12:10pm – Benjamin Burdick  
5:30pm – Carl Schmidt

### Tuesday, February 3

7am – Donna Meeker  
8am – Joanne Sharkey  
12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
5:30pm – Jessica Chambers

### Wednesday, February 4

7am – Donna Meeker  
8am – Ruth Vera  
12:10pm – Madelyn Taylor (living)  
5:30pm – Scott McMillan

### Thursday, February 5

8am – Thanksgiving  
12:10pm – Pedro de Jesus  
5:30pm – Ruth Vera

### Friday, February 6

7am – Marta Soc  
12:10pm – Estanislao Alinea  
5:30pm – Thadeus M. Pilewicz

### Saturday, February 7

8am – Marta Soc  
12:10pm – Estela Cordova (living)  
5:30pm – All Parishioners

### Sunday, February 8

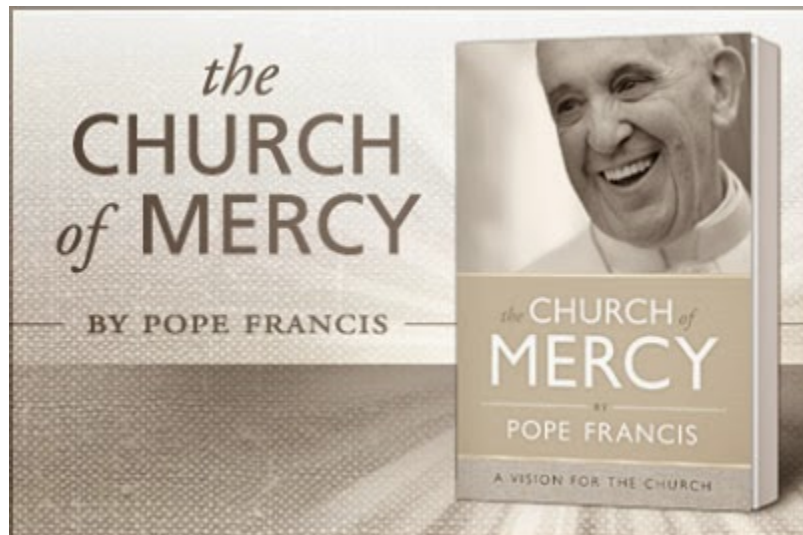
7am – Bridie Doherty  
8:30am – Deacon Ulysses Rice  
10am – Herminio Roque  
11:30am – María Eugenia de Zavala  
1pm – Ruth Vera  
5:30pm – Luis Eduardo Prieto

**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 la Rectoría. Gracias por su contribución.



# St. Matthew's Cathedral

## Small Faith-Sharing Groups



- 🌸 Have you wanted to learn more about Pope Francis' vision for the Church?
- 🌸 Are you looking to explore your faith in a new or different way?
- 🌸 Would you like to discuss the Pope's message with other Catholics?

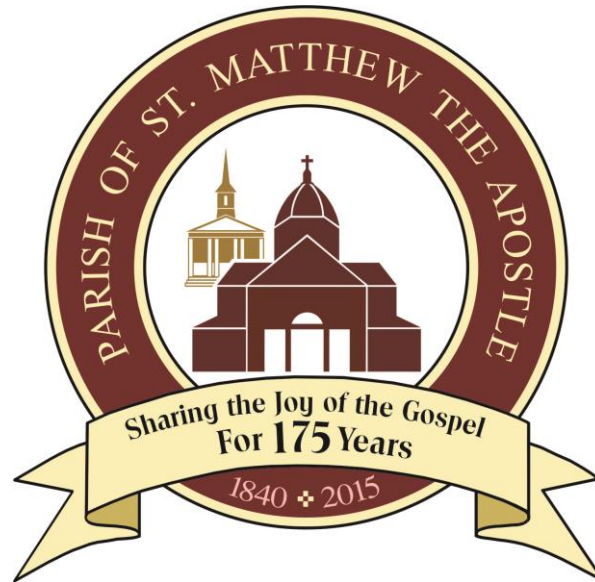
**If so, then join one of our upcoming small faith-sharing groups!**

We will read and reflect on The Church of Mercy over six weeks starting the last week in February. These peer-led, small group discussions will allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life.

Please contact Tricia Schmitt at [faithformationdc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationdc@gmail.com) for more information.

**Please sign up after Mass on February 7 and 8 or RSVP by email by February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

# BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW



*Time:* 10:30 to 11:45am

(Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.)

*Dates:* Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14

*Place* – East Conference Room

*Presenter:* Father Jack Hurley

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| February 7  | Introduction               |
| February 14 | Proclaim the Kingdom       |
| February 21 | Passion Prophecies         |
| February 28 | On to the Passion          |
| March 7     | Passion and Death          |
| March 14    | Resurrection and Departure |

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.  
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

**NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski  
Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation  
202.587.5139 direct line  
tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org*



## Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

*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.

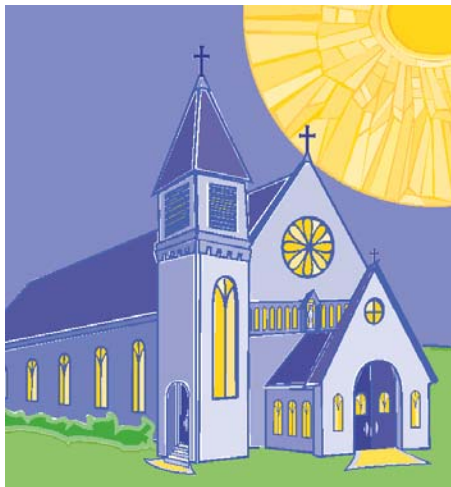
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



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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.

**Organ Completion Fund:**  Weekly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Monthly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  One-Time: Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

| COLLECTION   | AMOUNT   | MONTH       | COLLECTION  | AMOUNT   | MONTH     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance                                 | \$ _____ | Monthly     | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father                                    | \$ _____ | June      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry  | \$ _____ | Monthly     | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications &<br>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/<br>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<br>(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: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net).

## **CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015**

### **A Time of Reflection and response**

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.



**A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** As you review the tabloid and see the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we are conducting our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

## **CAMPAÑA DEL CARDENAL 2015**

### **Tiempo de Reflexión y Respuesta**

Este fin semana le pedimos que revise el folleto de la Petición del Cardenal y la hoja de información que encontrara en el boletín de esta semana. El lema de la campaña es el siguiente: “Busquen primero el reino de Dios” (Mateo 6, 33).

La *Campaña del Cardenal* es muy diferente a una colecta especial realizada una sola vez. Es una campaña donde usted puede hacer una donación pagadera a lo largo de diez meses.



### **Una donación importante para la *Campaña del***

***Cardenal* toca la vida de muchas personas de una manera muy positiva.** Al revisar la hoja puede ver lo que es posible gracias a su contribución, le pedimos que reflexione sobre los dones que Dios le ha concedido. Él le ha dado todo lo que usted posee. Sus donaciones a nuestra parroquia, a la arquidiócesis y a la obra de la Iglesia en todo el mundo deben ser en gratitud por los continuos dones que Dios le concede.

Algunas veces es difícil imaginar cómo es posible que un compromiso de donación pueda ayudar a una organización de la dimensión de nuestra arquidiócesis, cómo puede marcar una verdadera diferencia. Sin embargo, cada compromiso efectivamente marca una diferencia porque todas las parroquias participan en la campaña y las donaciones de muchos le permiten a la arquidiócesis proporcionar los ministerios y los servicios que se necesitan.

Nuestras donaciones, tomadas en conjunto, no solo son muestra de nuestra gratitud a Dios, sino que además nos permiten glorificarlo, a través de la obra de nuestra arquidiócesis, y agradecerle por todos los dones que Él nos concede.

Si usted recibió un formulario de compromiso por correo el mes pasado, complételo y devuélvalo por ese medio o bien llévelo a Misa el próximo fin de semana. Si no recibió ningún envío por correo o lo recibió, pero no tuvo tiempo de responder, estamos llevando a cabo nosotros nuestro proceso en todas las Misas del próximo fin de semana y el siguiente fin de semana.

Gracias por considerar esta propuesta en oración y por su generosa respuesta.

# MARDI GRAS PANCAKE *Party*

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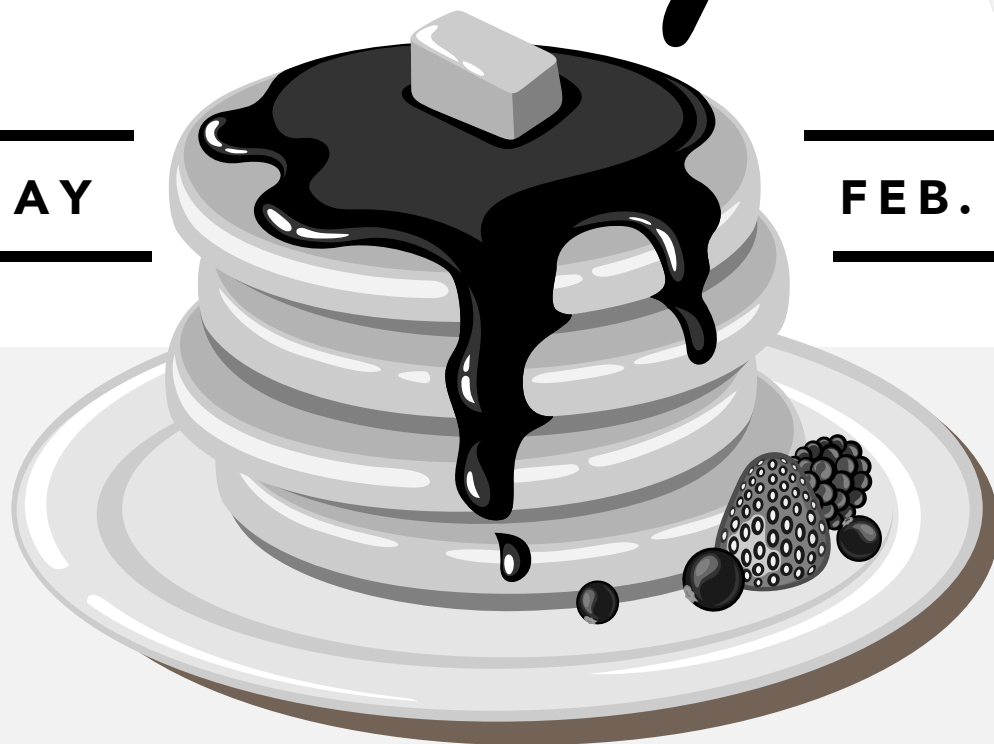
**SUNDAY**

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**FEB. 15TH**

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**STARTING AT 9AM  
FOLLOWING THE MASSES**

**CATHEDRAL  
NORTHCONFERENCE ROOM**

All are invited to this pre-lenten celebration of community, fellowship, and good food! Join your parish family after Mass for pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea & juice. We hope to see you there! Email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com) with questions.

**ADVANCED TICKETS  
ON SALE FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**



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