

TODAY'S READINGS

Your light must shine before others. (*Matthew 5:16*) Mahatma Gandhi once told a Christian friend, "I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." In a similar vein, the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said that if he saw more redeemed people he might be more inclined to believe in their Redeemer.

What a sobering reflection of the witness of the Church in their day! Neither Gandhi nor Nietzsche saw enough believers' lights shining to convince them that the gospel message really does have the power to change people's lives. That's the challenge of today's Gospel reading: to show the joy, the love, and the peace of Jesus to people like Gandhi and Nietzsche. It's the challenge for each of us to live like "our Christ" and to show the world just how distinctive and fulfilling a redeemed life can be. In a very real way, our credibility—as well as the credibility of Jesus' message—is on the line every single day. And a credibility gap hinders our ability to help other people come to embrace Jesus in their hearts.

Here's a true story: Jim, a devout Catholic, moved into a home next door to a wealthy Muslim family. They enjoyed a friendly and cordial relationship. Over the course of the next year, the Muslim family's business imploded, and they had to declare bankruptcy. They lost everything. They were living in the house, waiting to be evicted, with little food or money. What's worse, all of their friends had abandoned them.

But Jim and his wife acted differently. They emptied their refrigerator and pantry and gave as much as they could to their struggling neighbors. They also loaned them money. They continued doing this for nearly a year, until things turned around, and the family gradually dug their way out of bankruptcy.

As moving as this story is, here is the best part: the family became Christians—all because of the love of Jim and his wife. "*Lord, help me to shine your light everywhere I go.*"

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Tuesday 7	Gn 1:20—2:4a/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 8	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 / Mk 7:14-23
St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita	
Thursday 9	Gn 2:18-25 / Mk 7:24-30
Friday 10	Gn 3:1-8 / Mk 7:31-37
St. Scholastica	
Saturday 11	Gn 3:9-24 / Mk 8:1-10
Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 12	Sir 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country or the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you 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!

MARRIAGE

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us **at least nine (9) months in advance** of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at 202-347-3215. Parents should contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor.

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the Cathedral rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

SEEK
FIRST
THE
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OF
GOD
Matthew 6:33

A Time for Reflection – This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid in this bulletin. 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 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, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those who did not receive it or have not yet responded, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

NEWS AND NOTES



Photos from January 27, the day of the March for Life. Top left, Bishop Dorsonville and Msgr. Jameson pose with organizers of the ADW Rally & Mass for Life at the Cathedral. Top right, our Respect Life group gathered with parishioners and friends for the March.

2016 Contribution Statements – In an effort to go "green," Year-End- Contribution Statements will be prepared upon request. To receive a summary of your 2016 contributions, call the rectory at 202-347-3215 or send an email to atriaureau@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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 12** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

PARISH CALENDAR

February 5 - 12

Sunday 5—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses. Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, and 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room. 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 de la mañana. RCIA Dismissal is held at the 11:30am Mass.

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

A talk on "Where Do We Come From?" is given by Br. Thomas Davenport, OP in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Tuesday 7—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. The Married Couples Group meets in the North Conference Room at 6:30pm.

Wednesday 8—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm. The Wednesday Night Bible Study meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Sunday 12—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 de la mañana.

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Landings meets at 1pm in the East Conference Room.

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OUTREACH

English as a Second Language Classes for Adults

When? January 31 to May 4 (13 weeks)
 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30pm
Where? St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW
How much? \$40
 Students may register in person on class evenings between 6 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center. Language instruction is provided at Levels 1 (Beginner) through 5 (Advanced). Contact: Molly Egilsrud at stmatthesl@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

Returning and Inactive Catholics - Welcome! If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. **LANDINGS** is an eight-week series that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith as an adult. If you or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P. at swilsonsmith@paulist.org for more information. The next Landings series begins on Sunday, **February 5** with a meeting from 1 to 2:30pm in the East Conference Room.



Married Couples Small Group - Married couples of all ages are welcome on Tuesday, **February 7** at 6:30pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in the North Conference Room. This spring, we will watch and discuss the acclaimed *Humanum* series that explores

critical issues regarding marriage and family. Please join us for fun and fellowship with other couples in our St. Matthew's community.

Contact:
stmattemarriedcouples@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Join other parishioners for a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday's readings, led by our Cathedral Seminarians on Wednesdays, including **February 8**, at 7pm in the West Conference Room. It's a great way to spiritually prepare for Sunday Mass!

Cathedral Book Club - The Cathedral Book Club will meet on Monday, **March 13** in the West Conference Room from 6:45 to 8pm to discuss "Strange Gods: A Novel about Faith, Murder, Sin, and Redemption." Co-authored by two priests of the Archdiocese, Fr. Peter Daly and Msgr. John Myslinski, it is described by a former intelligence official as "a gripping and realistic mystery that pulls the reader into a dark and frightening world within the Vatican," while at the same time presenting "an eye on the holiness and grace of ordinary people who keep the Church alive..."

Adult Confirmation Preparation - Each spring, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. [Registration forms](#) are available in the rectory and on the parish website. The registration deadline is **April 24**. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5139.

RCIA - Do you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith.

Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at left).

Pope Francis' February 2017 Prayer Intentions

- Please pray for Pope Francis' **February intentions: Comfort for the Afflicted:** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Cardinal Wuerl on the Executive Order - Cardinal Wuerl shared some reflections on the recent Executive Order that suspended entry into the country of foreign nationals from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen. To read the Cardinal's letter, [click here](#) or see the front page of the parish website for a link.

Men's Retreat: Discover a Courageous Spiritual Life - A men's retreat, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom," will be held **February 10-12**, directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV, a short drive from the Washington, DC area. To register, visit www.adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com.

Catholic Date Night - This monthly night out for engaged and married couples will be held Saturdays, **February 25, March 25, April 22 and May 8** beginning at 6pm with free wine and cheese, followed at 6:30pm by a talk and discussion, and ending at 7pm when couples continue their date on their own. The location is Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda, MD. RSVP at DCCatholic.eventbrite.com.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús dijo que los creyentes debemos ser la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. ¿Por qué? Porque el mundo sin Cristo es árido, tenebroso y peligroso. Necesita la sal y la luz de la vida que Cristo trae consigo.

En efecto, con la presencia de Jesús, el mundo tiene un "sabor" dinámico y saludable. Innumerables expresiones de amor y gratitud ascienden al Señor de los cielos a medida que día a día los cristianos ponen su vida al servicio de Dios. Grupos de creyentes se unen en verdadera comunión fraterna; los misioneros asumen grandes riesgos para llevar el Evangelio a tierras remotas. De todas estas formas, y en muchas otras, los que viven unidos a Cristo llevan al mundo la luz y la sal que éste necesita (Mateo 5, 14).

Ahora bien, para ser luces en el mundo, tenemos que ser primero "sal" del Evangelio en nuestra propia vida. Por ejemplo, al reflexionar en que Cristo murió por toda la humanidad, dejemos de preocuparnos tanto de nosotros mismos y pensemos en qué podemos hacer nosotros para la salvación de otros. Es posible que al perseverar en la oración comencemos a entender la voluntad de Dios y nos sintamos movidos a modificar nuestras prioridades. Tal vez la lectura del texto bíblico despierte nuestra conciencia sobre algún pecado que hayamos estado guardando sin arrepentirnos ni confesarlo y nos sintamos movidos a pedirle al Espíritu que nos limpie de toda oscuridad.

Así es como la sal de Cristo purifica el alma, dando espacio para el resplandor de su luz. Es posible que esto duela un poco —como duele la sal en una herida abierta— pero el fruto de este proceso es sabroso y nutritivo. Recibamos, pues, con agrado la sal del Espíritu y dejemos que él escudriñe nuestra conciencia y nos purifique para que la luz de Cristo brille en nosotros. De esta forma, nuestro apostolado para servir en la Iglesia contribuirá a dar más esperanza al mundo.

"Oh, Señor, no permitas que mi sal pierda su sabor. Continúa acercándome a ti, Señor, para que tu luz brille a través mío y disipe la oscuridad del mundo a mi alrededor."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 5	Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16
Lunes 6	Gén 1:1-19 / Mc 6:53-56
	<i>San Pablo Miki y Compañeros</i>
Martes 7	Gén 1:20—2:4 / Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles 8	Gén 2:4-9,15-17 / Mc 7:14-23
	<i>San Jerónimo Emiliano y Santa Josefina Bakhita</i>
Jueves 9	Gén 2:18-25 / Mc 7:24-30
Viernes 10	Gén 3:1-8 / Mc 7:31-37
	<i>Santa Escolástica</i>
Sábado 11	Gén 3:9-24 / Mc 8:1-10
	<i>Nuestra Señora de Lourdes</i>
Domingo 12	Ec 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

INTENCIÓNES DE MISAS

MASS INTENTIONS

February 5 - 12

Sunday, February 5

5:30pm Vigil (February 4) – Somarsingh
Family (living)
7am – Crisanta & Petronio Abella
10am – Billie Ford
11:30am – Helen McKeon
1pm – Ellma Rios
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Monday, February 6

7am – John Coppola (living)
8am – Michael Zetwick
12:10pm – Zeny Francisco
5:30pm – Vecenta Manuel

Tuesday, February 7

7am – Ricardina Rios
8am – Sheila M. Curtin
12:10pm – Lawrence Mulé
5:30pm – Elinita Manuel

Wednesday, February 8

7am – Jim Newton
8am – Miguel Coppola
12:10pm – Joseph Schmitt
5:30pm – Emmanuel Gurcy Dufresne

Thursday, February 9

12:10pm – Jose Miguel Quintana
5:30pm – Pat Wrenall

Friday, February 10

7am – Members of the DiSalle Family
8am – Vittorio Seminario
5:30pm – Erlinda Miranda

Saturday, February 11

12:10pm – Richard River (living)
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Sunday, February 12

8:30am – Victor Hugo Barahona (living)
10am – Ed Reinecke
11:30am – Solomon A. Solomon
1pm – Jose Saad
5:30pm – Milton Metz

To arrange a Mass intention, speak 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

**BUSQUEN
PRIMERO
EL
REINO
DE
DIOS**

Mateo 6, 33

de una vez. En esta campaña, ustedes pueden hacer una donación pagadera a lo largo de diez meses.

Una donación importante para la Campaña del Cardenal tocará la vida de muchos de un modo muy positivo. Mientras revisan las obras que fueron posible gracias a su contribución, por favor, reflexionen sobre los dones que Dios les concedió. Él les ha dado todo lo que tienen. Las donaciones a nuestra parroquia, a la arquidiócesis y a las obras de la Iglesia en todo el mundo deben ser una muestra de gratitud por los continuos dones que Dios nos concede.

Algunas veces es difícil imaginar cómo puede ayudar un compromiso de donación a una organización del tamaño de la arquidiócesis, cómo puede hacer una gran diferencia. Sin embargo, cada donación hace realmente una diferencia porque todas las parroquias participan en la campaña y las donaciones de muchos hacen posible que nuestra arquidiócesis pueda brindar los ministerios y servicios que se necesitan.

Nuestras donaciones, todas ellas combinadas, no solo significan gratitud hacia Dios; también lo glorifican, posibilitando la obra de nuestra arquidiócesis, y le muestran nuestro agradecimiento por todo lo que Él nos ha concedido. Quienes hayan recibido un formulario de donación por correo este mes, sírvanse completarlo y devolverlo por correo o llevarlo a misa el próximo fin de semana.

Para quienes no recibieron ningún correo o, en caso de haberlo recibido, y no tuvieron tiempo de responder, pondremos en marcha nuestro proceso de llamado a donación desde el púlpito en todas las misas el próximo fin de semana y el que le sigue.

Gracias por considerar con devoción este pedido y por su generosa respuesta.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. Las charlas están basadas en la encíclica del Papa Francisco [Amoris Laetitia \(La Alegría del Amor\)](#). La próxima charla: **Realidad y Desafío de la Familias**

Un tiempo para Reflexión – Esta semana se les pide revisar el folleto de la Campaña del Cardenal y el periódico pequeño, que recibirán en el boletín de hoy. El tema de la campaña es: "Busquen Primero el Reino de Dios" (Mateo 6, 33). La Campaña del Cardenal es muy distinta a una colecta especial

será el martes **21 de febrero**. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

Intenciones del Papa Francisco para febrero de 2017 – Por favor, únase en oración por las intenciones del Papa Francisco en este mes de febrero: consuelo para los afligidos. Para que todos los que están afligidos, especialmente los pobres, los refugiados y marginados, puedan encontrar consuelo y servicios en nuestras comunidades.

Clases de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos
¿Cuándo?

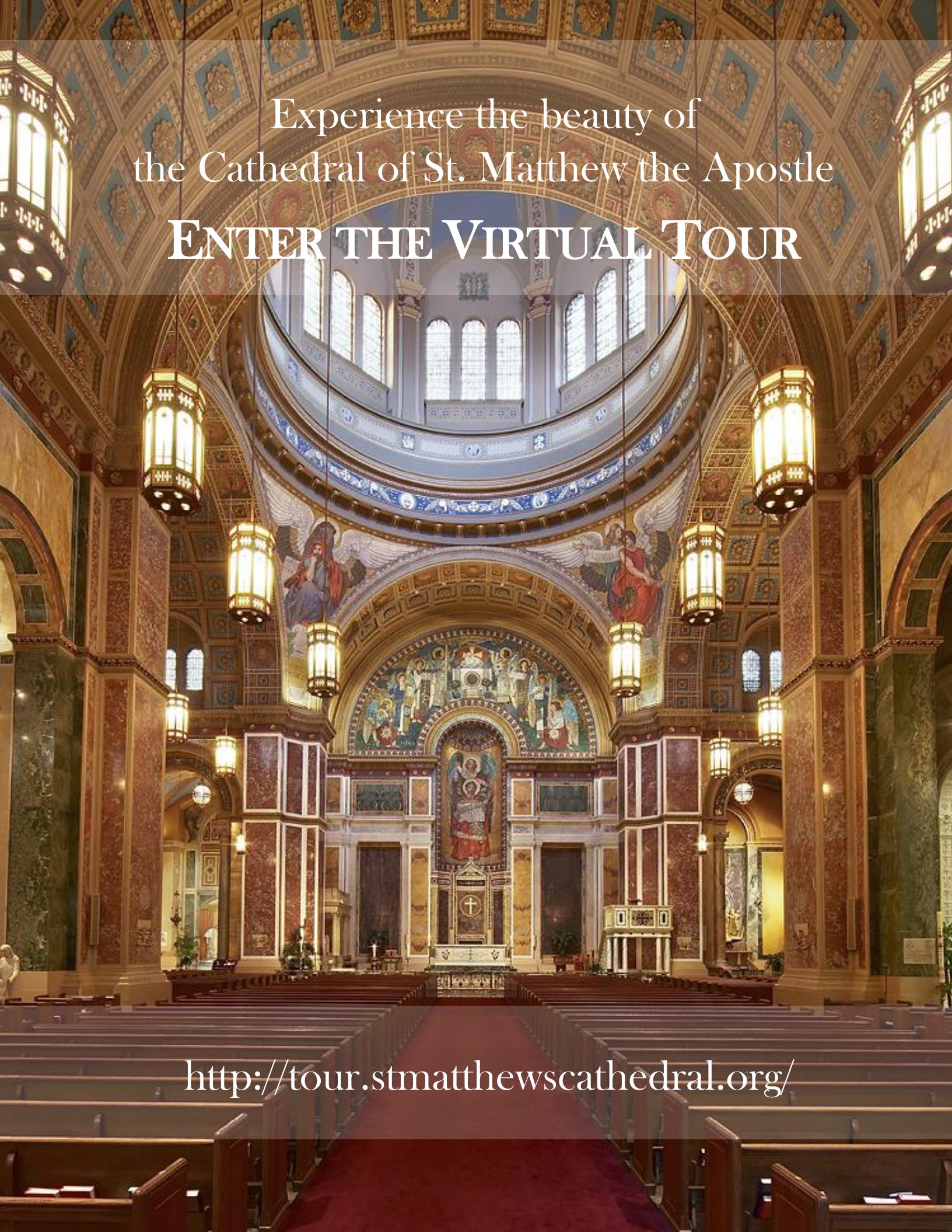
31 de enero a 5 de mayo (13 semanas)
Los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche

¿Dónde?
St. Matthew's Education Center
(Centro de Educación de San Mateo):
1726 de la calle N.

¿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 Centro de Educación. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Para más información, póngase en contacto con Molly Egilsrud al stmattsels@gmail.com.

Evento de la Herencia afroamericana "Santos en formación" – El comité de Justicia Social les invita a aprender sobre las vidas de cuatro hombres y mujeres que están en camino a ser canonizados santos en la Iglesia católica: Madre Mary Lange, Pierre Toussaint, padre Augustus Tolton y Madre Henriette Delille. Se les invita a celebrar la herencia afroamericana en el evento "Buscamos la Paz: Santos en Formación," el **19 de febrero** de 3:00 a 4:30 de la tarde en la Catedral. La presentación la dará Monseñor East y habrá música del coro Say Yes Acapella. Después todos están invitados al salón del Norte para refrescos y comida. Si tiene preguntas, por favor póngase en contacto con Patricia Boehme a patricia.boehme@yahoo.com o llame a Norma Canedo en la rectoría 202-347-3215.

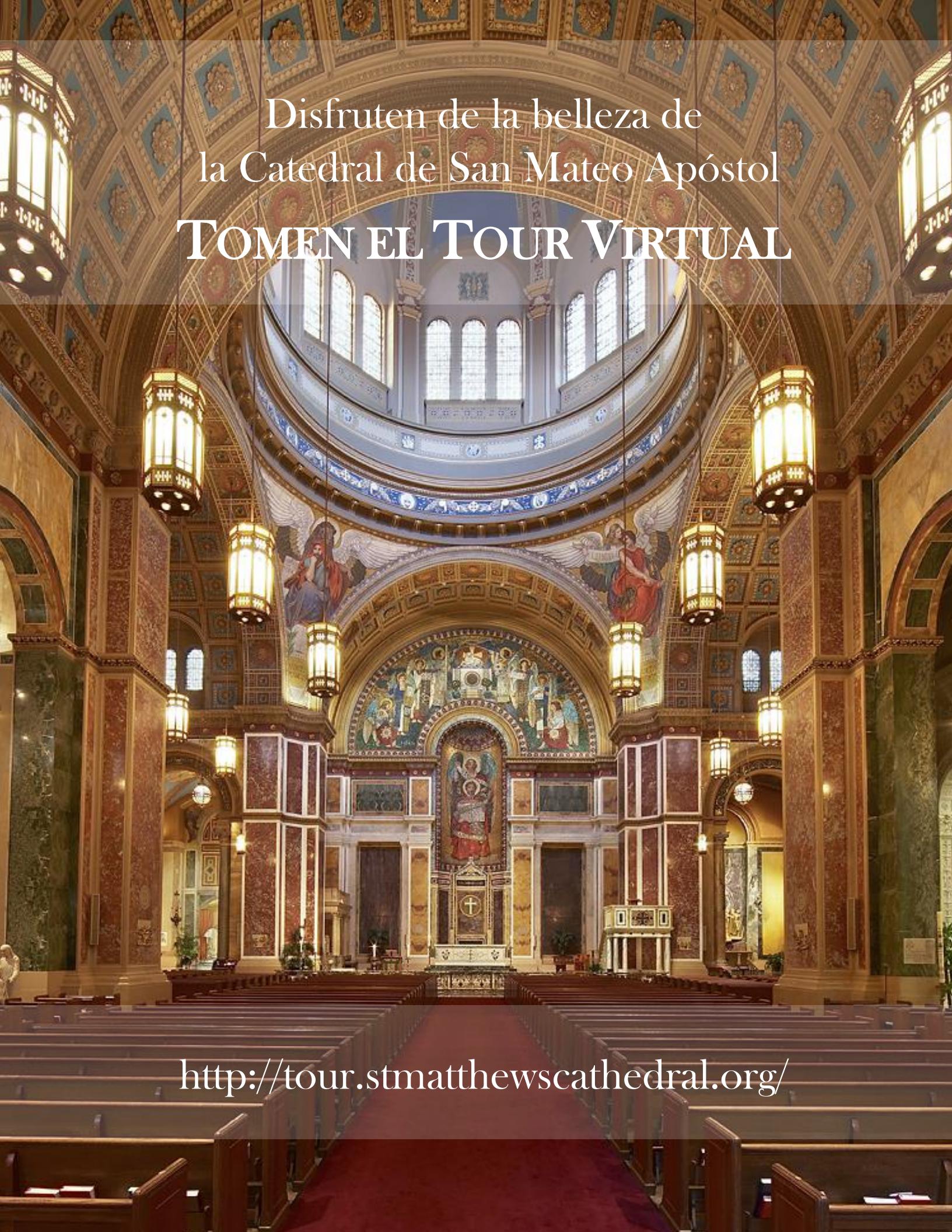
Declaración de Contribución de Fin de Año – En un esfuerzo por ir "verde," las declaraciones de contribución de fin de año estarán disponibles a petición. Si desea un resumen de contribución del año 2016, por favor llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 o envíe un correo electrónico a atriaureau@stmatthewscathedral.org.

The background image shows the interior of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The view is from the nave looking towards the altar. The ceiling is high and vaulted, decorated with gold leaf and intricate patterns. A large, ornate dome is visible at the top. The walls are covered in rich, marbled stone. The altar area is highly decorated with gold-colored mosaics and statues. Several large, illuminated lantern-style chandeliers hang from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and historical significance.

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CATHEDRAL OF ST.MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

“Let Us Have Peace”

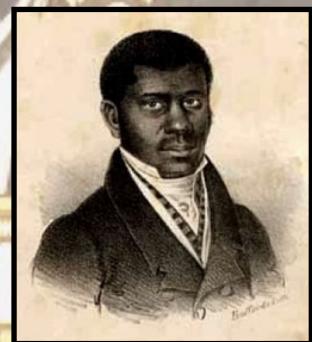
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