

## Today's Readings

**H**ere I am! (Genesis 22:1)  
Abraham must have felt trapped. He had already given up so much to follow the Lord, and God had blessed him richly. So logic would tell him that he would be blessed if he obeyed the Lord this time. But this was the hardest thing God could possibly ask of him: to kill his son with a knife and burn his corpse in ritual sacrifice. Could God really want that? But Abraham had already told God, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1). He had committed himself, and there was no backing out.

Try to imagine that three-day journey to the place of sacrifice. The silence, the awkward answers to Isaac's questions, the agonizing over what he was about to do. How many times did Abraham almost turn around and head back home? But somehow, Abraham trusted that God would still fulfill his promises. So when he arrived at the place, Abraham told his servants, "We will . . . come back to you" (Genesis 22:4). Even then, he trusted that both he and Isaac would return.

Notice, when the angel intervenes, Abraham again repeats the only thing he had said to God so far: "Here I am" (Genesis 22:11). These words must have sounded much different now, three harrowing days later, as he was on the verge of doing the unthinkable to his son. Imagine the fear, the exhaustion, even the anger, in his voice. Yet even now, as his grip on his faith was fragile at best, he held on and trusted.

We all have times when God seems to be asking the impossible of us: to accept a terminal illness or permanent disability; to resolve a bitter, long-standing conflict; to give up on a treasured dream. Abraham's response, "Here I am," may feel like the hardest thing to say. But this story tells us that God still loves us and is still offering us his grace.

So if it feels like you're barely hanging onto your faith, remember Abraham. Remember that God is still with you. And even if the unthinkable occurs, repeat what Abraham said to God: "Here I am" (Genesis 22:1, 11).

*"Here I am, Father. I trust that you will never abandon me."*

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## This Week's Readings

**Sunday 25** Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mk 9:2-10

**Monday 26** Dn 9:4-10 / Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday 27** Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday 28** Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday 1** Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

**Friday 2** Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday 3** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

*St. Katherine Drexel*

**Sunday 4** Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

## News and Notes



### Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family – On Sunday, March 4 at 11:30am,

**Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral with families representing all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington. At this Mass, He will

introduce his Pastoral Plan to Implement ' *Amoris Laetitia*. This compassionate accompaniment of families, with the Good News of the Gospel of marriage and family, is the framework for implementing Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation. Read *Amoris Laetitia* and the Cardinal's pastoral plan at [adw.org/amorislaetitia/](http://adw.org/amorislaetitia/).

**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 17** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **Cardinal Wuerl** will preside. Call 202-587-5143 to register from St. Matthew's by Monday, **April 16**.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions** – All are invited to our monthly [Eucharistic Holy Hour](#) on Monday, **February 26** from 6 to 7pm. Franciscan Friar Emanuel (Manny) Vasconcelos will preside. Fr. Agustin López will hear Confessions in English and Spanish during the hour.

**First Friday and First Saturday** – All are welcome to [First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#) on **March 2** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**2017 Contribution Statements** – Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared upon request. To receive a summary of your 2017 contributions, contact Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 ext. 517 or [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Prayers for Ordination** – Let us keep in our prayers Br. Antoninus Maria Samy, O.P., a Dominican friar currently assigned to St. Matthew's who will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, **March 11**. Check next week's bulletin for a profile of Br. Antoninus.

## LIVING LENT



[View and share the English Lenten brochure.](#)

**CRS Rice Bowl Reflection** – Catholic Relief Services invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, as we are reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God. Let us pray that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people. Paper coin boxes or “Rice Bowls” are available in the Cathedral and rectory office, and will be collected at the end of Lent. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information, or contact Norma Canedo at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – Ash Wednesday (**February 14**) and Good Friday (**March 30**) are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years old are bound to observe the fast, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday must observe days of abstinence, during which no meat may be eaten. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**Wednesday Evening Confessions** – This Lent all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington offer confessions every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. [Confessions at St. Matthew’s in English and Spanish](#) are heard from 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesdays, including **February 28**, in addition to our regular confession times (weekdays, 11am-Noon, Saturdays, 4-5pm, and Sundays (except Palm Sunday) after the 1pm Spanish Mass).

**Stations of the Cross** – During Lent the [Stations of the Cross](#) in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II are prayed in English on Fridays, including **March 2**, at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal, and in Spanish on Sundays, including **March 4**, at 2:15pm. Join us for this beautiful devotion, so fitting for Lent.



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**Simple Lenten Meal for L’Arche** – The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in

this year’s [Simple Lenten Meals](#) program on Fridays of Lent in the North Conference Room after the 6pm Stations of the Cross. On Friday, **March 2** the **Parish Pastoral Council** will prepare and serve soup, while members of the **L’Arche Community** will speak on their community of adults with and without intellectual disabilities. All donations collected that evening will benefit L’Arche.

**Hospitality Sunday** – Lent is a great time to reflect on our spiritual journey as Catholics. Join us in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am or 1pm Masses next Sunday, **March 4** for “[Continuing the Journey](#)”—a time of sharing with our RCIA community past and present as we celebrate last weekend’s Rite of Election. For questions or to volunteer for a one-hour shift, email [StMatthewsHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:StMatthewsHospitality@gmail.com).

Look for the Franciscan Monastery’s pop-up Holy Land Gift Shop at Hospitality, with products certified as made by Christian artisans in the Holy Land. Your purchases support Christians in the Holy Land ([www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org)).

**Lenten Lecture Series** – Join us for the second session of our Lenten series, [Exploring Ways of Gospel Living](#) on Tuesday, **March 6** when parishioners Margaret and David Willis share experiences of the married life at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

**Saturday Bible Study** – All are welcome to Fr. Jack Hurley’s Lenten [study of the Gospel of Mark](#) on Saturday, **March 10** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room, focusing on the first days of Holy Week.

**Choral Highlights** – The Office of Music Ministries resumes the [Choral Highlights](#) website feature that gives you a taste of the upcoming Sunday’s choral works by the Schola Cantorum. Enjoy these special Lenten inspirations!



**Laetare Vespers** – The Schola Cantorum of St. Matthew’s Cathedral will present

the Office of [Vespers for Laetare Sunday](#), the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **March 11** at 4pm. Vespers will be sung entirely in Latin, in Gregorian chant and polyphony, and will include motets by Padilla, Dominguez and Palestrina. Join us and deepen your Lenten experience with the timeless beauty of Gregorian chant!

## Parish Calendar

### February 25 – March 4

#### Sunday 25—Second Sunday of Lent

A second collection for the Church in the Developing World is taken at all Masses.

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.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde. RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

#### Monday 26—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions in English and Spanish.

The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

#### Tuesday 27—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

#### Wednesday 28—Confessions are heard from 6:30 to 8pm in English and Spanish.

RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

#### Thursday 1—Exploring the Creed meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

#### Friday 2—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

#### Saturday 3—First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

#### Sunday 4—Third Sunday of Lent

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 with gifts from the Holy Land available for purchase 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.

**Cardinal Donald Wuerl** celebrates a Family Day Mass at 11:30am.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde. RCIA First Scrutiny is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

## Faith Formation

### Congratulations to our RCIA Elect and

**Candidates!** – Last Sunday our RCIA catechumens and candidates were presented to Cardinal Wuerl



RITE OF ELECTION

for the RCIA Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please pray for our Elect and Candidates in their RCIA journey of faith during this time.

**Cathedral Book Club** – All are welcome on Monday, **March 12** when the Book Club meets from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room to discuss [The Ninth Hour](#) by local Catholic writer, Alice McDermott. Set in Brooklyn, the story is described as “testing the limits and the demands of love and sacrifice, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, even across multiple generations.” The title recalls the Scriptural timing of the death of Christ on the Cross.

**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 8-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. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5143 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for more information on our current series (Sundays from 1 to 2:30pm through **March 25**).

**Adult Confirmation** – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. [Registration forms](#) for 2018 are available in the rectory office and on the parish website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)). Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above)

## Young Adults

**Cathedral Coffeehouse** – Join the Cathedral Young Adults for [Cathedral Coffeehouse](#) Sunday, **March 4** immediately following the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room. This semester's series theme is "Practice Makes Perfect." Come on down for a cup of Starbucks and learn a bit about our faith. We promise a few laughs, too!



## Lecturas de Hoy

**E**n el Evangelio de hoy, los apóstoles tuvieron el privilegio de ver al Señor con la apariencia que él tendría por toda la eternidad.

La luz que transformó a Jesús y que encegueció a los apóstoles, no lo iluminaba desde el exterior, sino que venía desde dentro, como una gracia de Dios que transfiguraba el cuerpo humano de Jesús.

El Todopoderoso era la fuente divina de la transfiguración que presenciaron los apóstoles y él quiere “transfigurarnos” a nosotros también mediante la gracia poderosa del Espíritu Santo. Pero casi siempre somos nosotros los que tratamos de forjar nuestra propia transformación buscando en el mundo los medios que consideramos necesarios para la vida espiritual. Pero no los encontraremos allí; solo provienen del Espíritu Santo, que produce la presencia de Jesús glorificado en nosotros.

Ahora bien, la transformación que Dios quiere hacer en nosotros no es solamente para nuestro bienestar; es para que todos los miembros de la Iglesia reflejen su gloria, y de esa forma lleguen a cambiar el mundo. Sí, estamos llamados a buscar la santidad personal, pero también a ser miembros activos del cuerpo de Cristo, de manera que anunciemos la buena nueva de la salvación a todo el mundo, que tanto necesita la gracia del Señor. En la misma medida en que seamos transformados por el Espíritu Santo y recibamos su poder, seremos buenos testigos, para que el mundo se convenza de la verdad de que Jesús es la respuesta a todos los problemas de la humanidad.

El objetivo de la Transfiguración fue preparar a los apóstoles para recibir la salvación que Jesús ganaría para todo el género humano. Nuestra propia transformación, y por consiguiente la de la Iglesia, también puede preparar al mundo de hoy para recibir y aceptar la salvación que Jesús ofrece a todo el que quiera creer. Todos podemos cambiar, si dejamos que el Espíritu Santo se manifieste en nosotros y por nuestro intermedio.

*“Señor, permite que cada vez yo me vaya revistiendo más de tu semejanza para que así la Iglesia refleje la gloria de Dios y el mundo entero reciba la bendición.”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo 25</b>	Gén 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mc 9:2-10
<b>Lunes 26</b>	Dn 9:4-10 / Lc 6:36-38
<b>Martes 27</b>	Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
<b>Miércoles 28</b>	Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28
<b>Jueves 1</b>	Jer 17:5-10 / Lc 16:19-31
<b>Viernes 2</b>	Gén 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46
<b>Sábado 3</b>	Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lc 15:1-3,11-32
<i>Santa Catalina Drexel</i>	
<b>Domingo 4</b>	Éx 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

February 25 – March 4

#### Sunday, February 25

5:30pm Vigil (February 24) – Colm Coyne  
7am – Tom Stehle (living)  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – James T. Wierzbowski  
11:30am – Garner Girthoffer  
1pm – Jorge Ernesto Ramos  
5:30pm – Rev. Michael Guglielmelli

#### Monday, February 26

7am – Norma Gutierrez (living)  
8am – Amy Bryant  
12:10pm – Basilio Rodrigues  
5:30pm – Adonis Wilfredo Gardiola

#### Tuesday, February 27

7am – Diane Zitzman (living)  
8am – Paz Pejoro  
12:10pm – Susan Eid  
5:30pm – Betty Zuberbueler

#### Wednesday, February 28

7am – Walter Melnick  
8am – Debra Anne Wescott  
12:10pm – Teresita Bernabe  
5:30pm – Dr. Eduardo Brito-Mieles

#### Thursday, March 1

7am – Francisco Estrella (living)  
8am – Julie B. Scerri  
12:10pm – Ann Nawn  
5:30pm – Walter Melnick

#### Friday, March 2

7am – Thomas Dooley  
8am – Gloria Harrington (living)  
12:10pm – Kuwik & Salwa Family  
5:30pm – Jim Anthony

#### Saturday, March 3

8am – Special Intention  
12:10pm – Moisés, Esteban & Adelina Lopez  
5:30pm – William & Therese Wilson

#### Sunday, March 4

7am – Nestor & Teofila Palomino  
8:30am – Dr. Lisa Grandinetti  
10am – All Parishioners  
11:30am – John Betts  
1pm – Elda Molina  
5:30pm – Ruth Engel

**Intenciones de Oración del Papa Francisco para febrero 2018** – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco este mes: para que, aquellos que tienen un poder material, político o espiritual no se dejen dominar por la corrupción.

## Noticias de la Parroquia

[Vea y comparta el folleto de Cuaresma en español.](#)

**Vía Crucis** – [El Vía Crucis](#), revisado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en inglés los viernes a las 6 de la tarde y en español los domingos a las 2:15 de la tarde durante la Cuaresma. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en esta devoción cuaresmal.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Acompañenos el **27 de febrero** a la reflexión: “*La Profesión de la fe Cristiana - Creo en Dios Padre*” padre Agustín dará la reflexión en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

**Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado** – Todos son bienvenidos al primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **2 de marzo** en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, y el primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía el sábado **3 de marzo**, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

**Cena Simple de Cuaresma** – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma, cada viernes en el salón del Norte, después del Vía Crucis (en inglés) de las 6:00 de la tarde. Esta semana el **Consejo Parroquial** preparará y servirá una sopa, también tendremos como invitados a los miembros de la **Comunidad de L’Arche**, quienes hablarán sobre sus comunidades que consisten de adultos con y sin discapacidades intelectuales. Todas las donaciones que se recogerán esa tarde beneficiarán a L’Arche.

**Domingo de Hospitalidad** – La Cuaresma es una época apropiada para reflexionar sobre nuestra trayectoria espiritual como católicos. Únanse a nosotros en el salón de conferencia del Norte el **4 de marzo** para celebrar la hospitalidad con el tema “Continuamos el camino”—una ocasión para compartir con la comunidad de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos), mientras celebramos el Rito de la Elección. Este evento se celebrará después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde. Si tienen preguntas, envíen un correo electrónico a:

[StMatthewsHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:StMatthewsHospitality@gmail.com).

También puede participar como voluntario en turnos de una hora de duración.

**Compartiendo la Alegría del Amor en el Matrimonio y la Familia** – El domingo **4 de marzo** a las 11:30 de la mañana, el **Cardenal Wuerl** celebrará la misa en la Catedral con familias representativas de todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Washington. En esta misa, su Eminencia presentará el Plan Pastoral para implementar *Amoris Laetitia*. El marco para la implementación pastoral de la exhortación apostólica del Papa Francisco, un acompañamiento compasivo de las familias y matrimonios con la Buena Nueva del Evangelio. Para leer *Amoris Laetitia* y el Plan Pastoral, visite [adw.org/amorislaetitia/](http://adw.org/amorislaetitia/).

**Misa de Jubileo Matrimonial** – 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 **17 de junio** del 2018 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 lunes **16 de abril**.

**Confesiones los Miércoles de Cuaresma** – En este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Catedral de San Mateo tendrá confesiones disponibles los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8 de la noche, tendremos confesiones en inglés y español, exceptuando el Miércoles de Ceniza y Miércoles Santo, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes-viernes, 11-12; sábados 4-5 de la tarde y todos los domingos después de la misa de español excepto el domingo de Ramos).

**Ayunar** – Miércoles de Ceniza (**14 de febrero**) y Viernes Santo (**30 de marzo**) son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los católicos que ya llegaron a los 18 años de edad, pero que son menores de 60 años, están obligados al ayuno, que consiste en una sola comida completa durante el día. Todos los católicos que han cumplido 14 años están obligados a los días de abstinencia en los cuales no se debe de comer carne. Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

**Reflexión para el Plato de Arroz de CRS** – *Catholic Relief Services* nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica-social, *La Santidad y Dignidad del Ser Humano*, y se nos recuerda que nuestra dignidad inherente viene del ser creados como hijos de Dios. Recemos que podamos respetar y mantener la santidad de la vida y dignidad de cada persona. Cajas de cartón, o “Platos de Arroz”, están disponibles en la Catedral y en la rectoría y serán recogidas al fin de la Cuaresma. Para más información: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) o contacten a Norma Canedo: [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).



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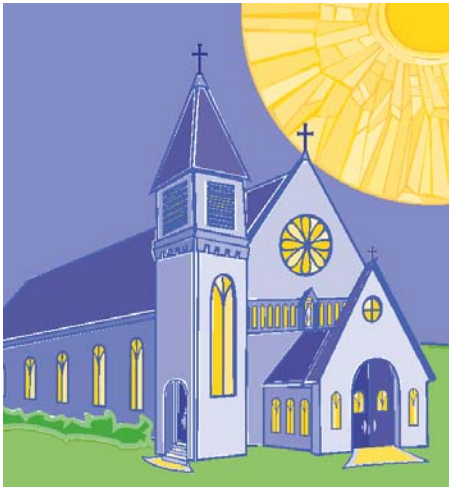
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### *Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?*

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<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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