

## TODAY'S READINGS

**H**e was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)  
Have you ever wondered why Jesus was transfigured? He never announced it. His apostles never suspected it. The event was never repeated. So why did he do it? Let's look at a bigger picture to try to get some answers.

From the day he first called them, Jesus showed his disciples that he had come from God. He performed many miracles. He taught with authority. He revealed God's mercy. Then when he asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29).

This was a breakthrough moment. The disciples were beginning to believe in Jesus, but their faith still needed to grow. They still didn't understand what kind of Messiah Jesus was. They didn't understand that he had to die—or that they had to take up the cross as well (Mark 8:31-35).

So the Transfiguration proved that Jesus wasn't just another prophet of God; he was God's Son! It also showed that even though Jesus had to die, he would also rise to a glory beyond their imagining.

God transfigured Jesus as a way of strengthening the disciples—and all of us as well. It was a moment of encouragement before they started their journey to Jerusalem, the place of the cross. But more than this, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the glory that Jesus had before coming to earth, the same glory that he now enjoys as he sits on his heavenly throne. And even more than this, the Transfiguration is a promise for us. It reveals the glory that awaits each of us at the end of our lives—if we remain faithful to the Lord.

We are all works in progress. We all have our flaws. But we are also being "transfigured" day after day. So accept Jesus' invitation. Follow him, and you'll be changed "from glory to glory" as your faith continues to grow (2 Corinthians 3:18).

*"Here I am, Lord, ready to do your will. Fill me with your grace. Let me know your transforming power."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

**Monday 2** Dn 9:4-10 / Lk 6:36-38

*St. Katharine Drexel*

**Tuesday 3** Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

*St. Casimir*

**Wednesday 4** Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

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

**Friday 6** Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46

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

*St. Perpetua and St. Felicity*

**Sunday 8** Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**E**l Señor se mostró a Pedro, Santiago y Juan en el esplendor de la Transfiguración. ¿Para qué? Para estimularlos a soportar las tribulaciones que pronto tendrían que afrontar. Sin duda los confundidos discípulos guardaron en su memoria este misterioso acontecimiento — preludio de la gloriosa resurrección de Jesús— y lo recordaron al tratar de interpretar la crucifixión de su Maestro.

Pero, ¡cuánto más claramente deben haber captado el significado de la transfiguración de Jesús después de verlo resucitado y de que el Espíritu Santo los iluminara interiormente en Pentecostés!

El Señor quiere darles a todos sus fieles una visión de la vida que ahora tienen, pero la forma en que el Señor se comunica con nosotros es a veces misteriosa. En ocasiones no sabemos bien cómo reaccionar frente a un pasaje de la Escritura que ha cobrado vida en nosotros o cómo interpretar las impresiones y discernimientos que recibimos del Señor. Pero el hecho de no poder desentrañar estos misterios de inmediato no quiere decir que debamos descartarlos; por el contrario, guardémoslos como tesoros en el corazón. Por ejemplo, tú, hermano, puedes escribir en un diario de oración lo que el Señor te muestre o enseñe; recuérdalo a menudo, y observa cómo da fruto poco a poco.

Cuando niño, San Juan Bosco tuvo un sueño en el que vio animales salvajes convertidos en mansos corderos y niños rebeldes, en niños educados. Ese sueño le reveló que Dios quería que cuidara a los niños necesitados y para eso debía hacerse sacerdote y maestro. Pero hacer realidad su sueño le costó muchos años y algunas contrariedades. En muchas ocasiones se sintió desanimado, pero se mantuvo firme, confiando en la fidelidad de Dios. Nosotros también debemos mantenernos firmes en que Dios nos guiará, nos protegerá y nos fortalecerá. Dios tiene un plan bueno y perfecto para cada uno de sus hijos, que se revelará a medida que confiemos en él.

*"Señor mío Jesucristo, abre mis ojos para ver tu gloria en lo ordinario de mi vida. Concédeme sabiduría y entendimiento para comprender los designios que has dispuesto para mí."*

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## PARISH CALENDAR

March 1 – March 8

**Sunday 1**—Second Sunday of Lent.

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room after the 8am, 10am and 11:30am Masses.

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

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

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

**Monday 2**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.**Tuesday 3**—Midday Lenten prayer is prayed in St. Anthony's Chapel following the 12:10pm Mass.

Legión de María se reúne 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**—Confessions are heard from 6:30 to 8pm in English and Spanish.

Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

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

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

**Saturday 7**—Fr. Hurley's study of St. Matthew's Gospel meets 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**—A second collection for the Church in the Developing World is taken at all Masses.

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.

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

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

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

**First Friday Exposition and Adoration**  
**March 6**

12:45 to 5pm

**First Saturday Devotions**  
**March 7**after the  
12:10pm Mass.

## LIVING LENT ✝

**The Light is On** – *“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” Pope Francis, (The Joy of the Gospel, 114)*

On Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm, the doors of St. Matthew's are open and the Light is On for You, with confessions in English and Spanish!

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – Ash Wednesday, **February 18**, and Good Friday, **April 3**, 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.

**Stations of the Cross** – The Via Crucis is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (cf Lk 1: 49-50) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross in the form adopted by St. John Paul II are prayed each **Friday** during Lent in English at 6pm, each **Sunday** during Lent in Spanish at 2:15pm, and on **Good Friday** at 7:30pm.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Program** – CRS' Rice Bowl program is a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable. Paper coin boxes or “Rice Bowls” for collecting change during Lent are available in the Cathedral and Rectory. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

**Midday Lenten Prayer with the Community of Sant'Egidio** – The Community of Sant'Egidio invites you to share their common prayer **every Tuesday during Lent at 12:45pm in St. Anthony's Chapel.**

**Lenten Food Drive** – Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together will sponsor a Lenten Food Drive on the weekend of **March 14-15**. Bags for donations will be available next weekend. Our donations will benefit the food pantry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in SE, DC, and our parish Homeless Ministry. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

## MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

**1857** – The St. Vincent de Paul Society begins in the archdiocese by St. Matthew's pastor, Fr. Charles White. The Society would provide material relief and medical aid for the needy and find jobs for the unemployed.

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

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**Anniversary Bible Study – Sharing the Joy of the Gospel** –

Celebrate our parish anniversary by taking a deeper look into our Patron Saint's

Gospel! Fr. Jack Hurley continues his journey through the Gospel of St. Matthew on the following Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:45am:

**March 7** – Passion and Death;

**March 14** – Resurrection and Departure.



**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. Check the website front page to read the featured and archived 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 the Rectory. Thank you!

## FAITH IN ACTION

**Catholic Charities and Immigration Reform** – If you are interested in volunteering with Catholic Charities' immigration efforts, you may register online at

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/VOLUNTEER> to attend an orientation session at the Hickey Center (924 G Street NW) on any one of the following dates: Saturday, **March 21**, 9:30-11:30am; Wednesday, **April 15**, 6-8pm; or Saturday, **May 16**, 9:30-11:30am.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** –

On Sunday, **February 22**, our parish catechumens and candidates



celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Cardinal Wuerl at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Those called to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are now known as the Elect. They are Edward Carlson, Mari Chin, Ted Johnson and Young Oh. Those whom Cardinal Wuerl recognized for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are Darron Brooks, Michael Colonna, Richard Evans, Amanda June Gargus, Molly McPherson Hollowell, Timothy Loucks, Julie Malvaux, ReSahwn Mayberry, Mowele Mohalal, Barbara Shauer, Jennifer Stansall, Timothy Chad Stover, Matthew Tapie, Carolina Wessmer, Travis Wells, and John Will. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

**You May Still Join!** – Lenten Faith Sharing Groups are reading *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis and meeting weekly for reflection. Contact Tricia at [faithformationdc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationdc@gmail.com) for more information

**Spiritual Direction** – Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God? St. Matthew's will provide and refer interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above) for more information.

**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).

**Cathedral Book Club** – The topic of the next Book Club meeting, Monday, **March 9** will be *The Seven Deadly Virtues*, edited by Jonathan Last, a collection of "hilarious, insightful, and sanctimony-free" reflections on the classical virtues. The editor, a St. Matthew's parishioner, will be present for what promises to be a unique evening, from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room. All are welcome.

## AROUND THE AREA

**Live Jesus 2015** – All are invited to “Live Jesus 2015,” a morning of reflection, fellowship, and prayer with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales on Saturday, **March 21** at St. John Neumann Catholic Community (Reston, Virginia) from 9am to 12:45pm. For more information or to register online, go to [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org) and click on the “Live Jesus” icon. Suggested contribution to the Oblate Ministries equal to at least one hour’s wage.

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



**Catholic Relief Services  
Programa de Plato de Arroz** – Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Programa de Plato de Arroz como una forma de encontrar a

Jesús a través de los demás, especialmente entre los más vulnerables del mundo. Las cajas de cartón, o los Platos de Arroz, pueden utilizarse para recoger cambio o monedas durante la Cuaresma están disponibles en la Catedral y la rectoría. Sus oraciones, el ayuno y el dar limosna durante esta temporada de cuaresma ayudarán a CRS para continuar proveyendo la ayuda que se ofrece en casi 100 países. Para más información, visite: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) o póngase en contacto con padre Barbieri o Norma Canedo al [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Vía Crucis** – El Vía Crucis, revisado por San 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.

**Ayunar** – Miércoles de Ceniza (**18 de febrero**) y Viernes Santo (**3 de abril**) 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.

**Ofrenda de Flores de semana Santa** – Cada año hacemos lo posible para decorar la Catedral en una forma que refleje la simplicidad de Semana Santa. Para hacerlo de nuevo este año, se le pide que nos apoyen con su generosidad. Por favor use los sobres marcados “Flower Offering” localizados en los bancos. Queremos

que la Catedral esté bien adornada, cualquier asistencia que den para la decoración es apreciada.

**¡La Luz está Encendida para ti!** – Los miércoles de 6:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche, las puertas de la catedral de San Mateo estarán abiertas y ¡la Luz está escondida para ti! Invita a algún amigo o un familiar a que venga a la iglesia a tener un momento de oración en silencio, o a redescubrir el corazón misericordioso de nuestro Dios Padre en el Sacramento de la Confesión. También puede obtener reflexiones diarias por medio de correo electrónico o mensaje de texto enviando la palabra LUZ al 84576.

**Colecta de víveres durante la Cuaresma** – El hambre es una realidad para muchos de nuestra comunidad. Caridades Católicas y la Arquidiócesis de Washington juntos auspician durante esta cuaresma la Campaña de colecta de víveres. Recogeremos donaciones de comida el fin de semana del **14-15 de marzo**. Se distribuirán bolsas el próximo fin de semana si las necesitan. Este año, nuestra colecta apoyará a la parroquia de Our Lady of Perpetual Help localizada en SE, DC y el Ministerio para Personas sin Hogar de nuestra parroquia. Muchas gracias por todo lo que hacen para ayudar a los más necesitados entre nosotros.

**Caridades Católicas y la Reforma Inmigratoria – Se Necesitan Voluntarios** – Si está interesado en ayudar a Caridades Católicas en sus esfuerzos con la inmigración, puede registrarse mediante esta página <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/VOLUNTEER> y participar en una sesión de orientación en el Hickey Center en 924 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 en una de las siguientes fechas: sábado, **21 de marzo**, 2015; 9:30-11:30am, miércoles, **15 de abril**, 2015; 6-8pm, o sábado, **16 de mayo**, 2015; 9:30-11:30am.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Cathedral Coffeehouse – Sunday Series continues this weekend – following 5:30pm Mass** – 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 after the 5:30pm Mass for this exciting new series. **In 30 minutes or less**, you'll learn something new and have a few good laughs. First topic: ***How to Lose Your Faith in 10 Easy Steps***. Email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com) with questions.

**C†YA for a Discussion 2015 – Thursday, March 5 – 7 to 8:30pm – Scion Restaurant (2100 P St NW / Dupont Circle)** – We will resume our monthly discussion group at a new location to discuss the papal encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi (On Evangelization in the Modern World)* by Pope Paul VI. No prior knowledge of the encyclical is required. Contact: Mike at [m.owens810@gmail.com](mailto:m.owens810@gmail.com)

**C†YA at Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program – Saturday, March 7 – 10am to 12:30pm – 801 East Men's Shelter (2700 MLK Blvd. SE / Anacostia)** – Join us for a rewarding morning of fun activities and facilitated interaction designed to help the young men (ages 18-24) at this residential rehab program develop social and professional skills. You can take the Metro and/or buses to the Shelter; we also will try to coordinate carpools. Click [here](#) to register with Catholic Charities. If you would like a ride or can drive others, please complete the carpool form [here](#). Carpools will leave from the Cathedral at 9:30am. Contact: Carolyn at [cawait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cawait.10@gmail.com)

**Simple Lenten Meal – Friday, March 13 – 6:30pm (following Stations of the Cross) – Cathedral** – Every Friday of Lent, a simple Lenten meal is sponsored by a different parish group. On Friday, **March 13**, the Cathedral Young Adults will host the meal. To help, please email Sarah at [srusz17@gmail.com](mailto:srusz17@gmail.com).

## ORDINATION NEWS



**Bro. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P.**, a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood currently assigned to St. Matthew's, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine on Saturday, **March 14** at 9:30am by the Most Rev. Roger Foys, Bishop of Covington. Raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Bro. Patrick is currently pursuing his Licentiate in theology at the Dominican House of Studies. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents (whose children are in religious education) by leading a Sunday morning seminar, with young adults, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister. Bro. Patrick graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, where he majored in philosophy and French literature. Since joining the Dominican Order, he has served in campus ministry, as an intern at the Archdiocese of Washington, and as a missionary in Kenya (alongside the Missionaries of Charity).

Bro. Patrick has *greatly* appreciated his time at the Cathedral and will continue to minister here during his final year of initial formation. **He will serve as deacon and preach for the first time at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 14.** All are welcome! Please keep Bro. Patrick and all our seminarians in your prayers.

**Easter Flower Offering** – Each year we try to decorate the Cathedral for Easter in a way that truly reflects the noble simplicity of that holy season. In order to do so again this year, we ask for your support. Please use the envelopes marked "Flower Offering" located in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 1 – March 8

### Sunday, March 1

7am – Bridie Doherty (living)  
8:30am – Celia Valero de Cardenas  
10am – All Parishioners  
11:30am – Jean Spadel  
1pm – Mario Martinez y Palacios  
5:30pm – Thadeus M. Pilewicz

### Monday, March 2

7am – Benedito Santos  
8am – Thanksgiving  
12:10pm – James Anthony  
5:30pm – Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Tuesday, March 3

7am – Gustavo  
8am – Ruth Vera  
12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
5:30pm – Adiela Castaño (living)

### Wednesday, March 4

7am – John O'Connor, Sr.  
8am – Margaret McFadden  
12:10pm – Glenn Geraty  
5:30pm – Minerva Sanchez (living)

### Thursday, March 5

7am – Adelina Alves  
8am – Dan Stevens (living)  
12:10pm – Yan Lin Go  
5:30pm – Remedios Castillo San Jose

### Friday, March 6

8am – Leonora de Zuniga  
12:10pm – Arthur Drozd

### Saturday, March 7

8am – Manus Gallagher  
12:10pm – Thanksgiving  
5:30pm – Jessica Chambers

### Sunday, March 8

7am – Dan Stevens (living)  
8:30am – A. Thomas Powers  
10am – Thadeus M. Pilewicz  
11:30am – All Parishioners  
1pm – Dora Aguirre  
5:30pm – Robert A. Cushing

# Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

## Simple Lenten Meals

SOUP \* BREAD \* WATER



Every Friday during Lent  
Following the 5:30pm Mass & the 6:00pm Stations of the Cross  
North Conference Room

### PRAYER

The Social Justice Committee invites you for fellowship and reflection during this time of Lent. Join us every Friday, following the evening Mass and Stations of the Cross.

### FASTING

Different groups from various parish ministries will prepare and serve a simple meal of meatless soup, bread, and water.

### ALMSGIVING

Charitable organizations will be invited to present on their mission and the services they provide to our neighbors in need. The donations that will be collected during every meal will be offered to that evening's presenter.

For more information on this year's participants, please visit: [www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)

### February 20

**St. Matthew's Emergency Assistance Program**

*Helping families in need.*

Meal Provider:

Social Justice & Community Service Committee

### February 27

**Catholic Mobilization Network**

*Searching for an end to the death penalty  
and upholding restorative justice.*

Meal Provider: RCIA Catechumens

### March 6

**Christ House**

*Offering healing and hope for the homeless  
in Washington.*

Meal Provider: Hispanic Community

### March 13

**L'Arche Community**

*Offering a home for adults with  
intellectual disabilities.*

Meal Provider: Cathedral Young Adults

### March 20

**Northwest Center**

*Supporting mothers through their pregnancy center  
and maternity home.*

Meal Provider: Knights of Columbus

### March 27

**Little Sisters of the Poor**

*Religious sisters caring for the elderly poor.*

Meal Provider: Liturgy Committee

Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol  
**Cenas Simples de Cuaresma**

SOPA \* PAN \* AGUA



Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma  
Siguiendo la Misa de las 5:30 de la tarde & el Vía Crucis de las 6:00 de la tarde  
Salón de Conferencias del Norte

**ORACIÓN**

El Comité de Justicia Social los invita a compartir y reflexionar durante este tiempo de Cuaresma. Únase a nosotros cada viernes, siguiendo la Misa de la tarde y el Vía Crucis.

**AYUNO**

Diferentes grupos de varios ministerios de la parroquia prepararán y servirán una cena simple de sopa sin carne, pan y agua.

**DAR LIMOSNA**

Organizaciones caritativas serán invitadas a presentar sobre su misión y los servicios que proveen a nuestros vecinos en necesidad. Las contribuciones que se recogerán durante cada cena serán donadas a los presentadores de esa tarde.

Para más información sobre los participantes de este año, por favor visite:  
[www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)

**20 de febrero**

**Programa Parroquial de Ayuda de Emergencia**  
*Ayudando a familias en necesidad.*  
Proveedor de la Cena:  
Comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario

**27 de febrero**

**Catholic Mobilization Network**  
*Buscando el fin a la pena de muerte y apoyando a la justicia restaurativa.*  
Proveedor de la Cena: Catecumenados de RICA

**6 de marzo**

**Christ House**  
*Ofreciendo curación y esperanza a personas sin hogar en Washington.*  
Proveedor de la Cena: Comunidad Hispana

**13 de marzo**

**Comunidad de L'Arche**  
*Proporcionando un hogar para adultos con discapacidades intelectuales.*  
Proveedor de la Cena:  
Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral

**20 de marzo**

**Northwest Center**  
*Ofreciendo apoyo a madres mediante su centro de embarazo y hogar de maternidad.*  
Proveedor de la Cena: Caballeros de Colón

**27 de marzo**

**Little Sisters of the Poor**  
*Hermanas religiosas que cuidan a ancianos pobres.*  
Proveedor de la Cena: Comité de Liturgia



# St. Matthew's Cathedral

## Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: The Great Hall



### *Looking for Something More Out of Lent?*

During our Lenten Morning of Reflection, we will reflect on the spirituality that interlaces the season of Lent, the Three Great Days (Easter Triduum), and the Easter season. The forty days of Lent are about baptismal remembrance. The Three Great Days are about renewal and celebration of baptismal identity. And the fifty days of the Easter season are about our common baptismal mission to the world. Deepening your sense of their interconnectedness and sharpening your appreciation for the spirituality of Lent in particular can help you build up some steam as you approach the homestretch and enter into the Three Great Days. It's all about coming more fully to life!



**About Rev. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P.** Paulist Father Tom Ryan's ministry has been marked by dual passions for the spiritual life and for Christian unity. The author of 15 books on a wide range of spiritual themes, he leads retreats throughout North America and preaches ecumenical parish missions entitled *Gospel Call*. He directs the national Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations here in D.C.

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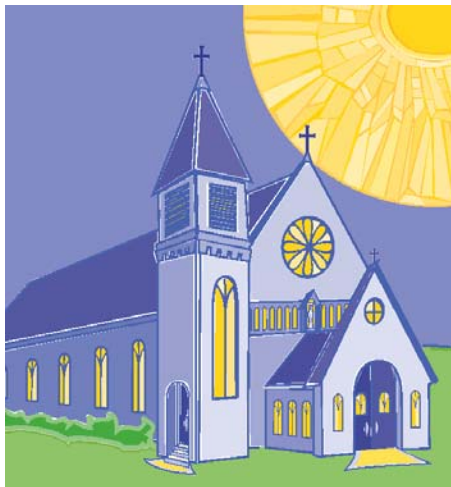
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**Process my gifts on the:**  4th *or*  15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

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

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