

TODAY'S READINGS

Z*ea*l for your house will consume me. (John 2:17)
If you remember just one thing from today's Gospel, remember this: you are God's temple. Just as Jesus cleared the Temple of all corrupting influences, he wants to cleanse us. Just as he was zealous for his Father's house, he is zealous for each of us—for we are all temples of his Holy Spirit.

But let's put this story in perspective. Remember how encouraging and supportive Jesus is throughout the Gospels. Remember how much he loves you. Remember, also, that he intercedes for you day after day. Jesus is zealous for us in his passionate love, and there are times when his passion is directed against the sin in us. That's where we get the phrase the "wrath of God."

We mar this beautiful temple of our lives when we allow sin to overtake us. Whenever sin rules us in this way, our temple gets a little more darkened, and that upsets the Lord. Of course, his anger is directed against our behavior, not against our hearts. But it is a passionate anger nonetheless.

So let's choose never to cause the Lord to be angry with us. Let's make sure that Jesus is first in our lives. Let's make sure that we do not let any sin enter our lives and defile the temple of our hearts or our bodies. And if we should fall, let's have the courage and the humility to confess our sins and be reconciled with the Lord. In short, let's do everything we can to make the temple of our hearts as pure and holy as possible.

Let's also pray for the courage to evangelize. There are many people in the world who are corrupting their temples. It's up to us to reach out to them, beginning with our families and friends. We can help them to get right with God so that they can experience the passion of his love and not his wrath.

"Lord, let zeal for your house consume me. Send me into the world with the message of your passionate, all-encompassing love."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 8 Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25
Monday 9 2 Kgs 5:1-15 / Lk 4:24-30
St. Frances of Rome
Tuesday 10 Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday 11 Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Thursday 12 Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Friday 13 Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
Saturday 14 Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
Sunday 15 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

LECTURAS DE HOY

Cuando Jesús purificó el templo de Jerusalén, él se estaba presentando como el nuevo "templo" que reemplazaba al antiguo y al mismo tiempo demostraba el celo consumidor que Jesús sentía por la casa de su Padre, porque sabía que el templo debía ser el lugar sagrado, para que el pueblo lo viera a él como el nuevo templo de Dios.

Los romanos destruyeron el templo de Herodes en el año 70 d.C. y eso fue una tragedia espantosa para Israel. Pero los cristianos se consolaban sabiendo que el templo, como centro de la presencia de Dios, había sido sustituido por Cristo resucitado y glorificado, porque en Cristo, Dios estaba presente en su pueblo y el sacrificio de Jesús reemplazaba definitivamente la necesidad de los sacrificios constantes. Todo lo que Dios había hecho para preparar al pueblo había llegado a la consumación en su Hijo Jesucristo.

En efecto, Cristo Jesús es el nuevo comienzo de lo que Dios realiza entre su pueblo. Por eso San Pablo insistía en predicar a Cristo crucificado, aun cuando ello fuera piedra de tropiezo para los que buscaban señales milagrosas o alguna nueva filosofía. Para el apóstol era imprescindible que los creyentes reconocieran en Cristo el poder de Dios para actuar y la sabiduría de Dios para entender (1 Corintios 1, 22-25).

Ahora bien, ¿reconocemos nosotros la singularidad de Jesús? ¿Podemos apreciar que todo el plan de Dios está lleno de la persona de Cristo? ¿Lo consideramos como la nueva obra de Dios y el cumplimiento de todo lo que el Señor ha hecho en el pasado? ¿O es una roca de tropiezo, que tratamos de hacer aceptable para nuestra forma de pensar del siglo XXI? Ojalá aceptemos esta nueva obra de Dios, que es el único camino, la única verdad, la única vida: nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el nuevo templo de Dios.

"Jesús, Señor y Salvador mío, enséñame a vivir para ti, de modo que tú seas lo más importante en mi vida y en la de mis seres queridos. Lo único que quiero saber es que tú eres mi Dios y mi Señor y servirte todos los días de mi vida."

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EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

**Monday,
March 16
6 to 7pm
Bro. Patrick
Briscoe, O.P.,
Presider**
Confessions in
English and
Spanish during
the Hour

ORDINATION



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 Cathedral's 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 14, and will preside at our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, March 16 from 6 to 7pm.** All are welcome! Please keep Bro. Patrick and all our seminarians in your prayers.

LIVING LENT ✕

Multilingual Stations: Participants Invited – On Friday, **March 27** at 6pm, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed with a different language for each of the 14 Stations, to highlight the universality of this devotion. Languages traditionally represented include German, Italian, Irish, French, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, and Arabic. If you would you like to participate and pray one of the stations in your native language, please contact Ngoc Le at Ngoc.Le9@gmail.com by March 20.

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Philadelphia

September 22 – 27, 2015

All are welcome! Visit www.WorldMeeting2015.org to sign up for updates on how you can participate.

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 of Lent 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.

Simple Lenten Meal – The Social Justice Committee invites all to a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room this Friday, **March 13** after the 6pm Stations of the Cross. The Cathedral Young Adults will prepare and serve the meal, and members of the L'Arche Community will speak on their mission of serving adults with intellectual disabilities and the importance of living in community. All donations will benefit L'Arche.



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.

Lenten Food Drive – Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington will sponsor a Lenten Food Drive next weekend, **March 14-15**. Bags and lists of needed food items will be available this weekend after Masses and in the rectory. Donations will benefit the food pantry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in SE, DC, and our own Homeless Ministry.

175TH ANNIVERSARY



175th Anniversary Bible Study – *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel* – Fr. Jack Hurley completes his journey through the Gospel of St. Matthew this Saturday, **March 14, 10:30 to**

11:45am, with a focus on *Resurrection and Departure*.

Memories Wanted! – Your help is needed to mark the 175th 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, or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at the Rectory. Thank you!

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1858 – A group of free men and women of color, including former slaves, leaves St. Matthews to begin St. Augustine Parish, the mother church for African-American Catholics in the nation's capital, which is today located at 15th & V Streets, NW.

NEWS AND NOTES

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 on Sunday, **March 8** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION

Catholic Charities Legal Services & Immigration Reform – Catholic Charities offers 2-hour information sessions on the President's executive action and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The workshops (details below) include individual consultations to determine eligibility.

- **March 8, 5pm:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Waldorf, MD), 301-645-7112
- **March 15, 2pm:** Immaculate Heart of Mary (Lexington Park, MD), 301-863-8144
- **March 21, 10am:** St. Camillus (Silver Spring, MD), 301-434-8400
- **April 12, 1:30pm:** Sacred Heart (Washington, DC), 202-234-8000

PARISH CALENDAR

March 8 – March 15

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.

Monday 9—The Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

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

Tuesday 10—Midday Lenten prayer is prayed in St. Anthony's Chapel following the 12:10pm Mass.

Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

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

Wednesday 11—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 13—**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room.

Saturday 14—Fr. Hurley's study of St. Matthew's Gospel meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Sunday 15—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.

Laetare Vespers are held at 4pm in the Cathedral.

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

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.

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.

Cena simple de Cuaresma – ¡Únase a nosotros! – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de Cenas Simples de Cuaresma, que se lleva a cabo cada viernes en el salón del Norte, después del Vía Crucis (en inglés) de las 6 de la tarde. Esta semana, el ministerio de jóvenes adultos de la catedral preparará y servirá una cena simple, también tendremos como invitados a la comunidad de L'Arche quienes hablarán sobre su misión de servicio a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales y sobre la importancia de vivir en comunidad. Todas las donaciones que se recogerán esa tarde beneficiarán a L'Arche. ¡Todos están invitados a participar!

¡La Luz está Encendida para ti! – Tú sabes cómo se siente cuando la vida te golpea aun cuando estás caído. Dios nunca es así. De hecho, es de lo que se trata la Confesión 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! 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. Habrá voluntarios recogiendo donaciones de comida el próximo fin de semana del **14-15 de marzo**. Se distribuirán bolsas y lista de alimentos necesitados este fin de semana después de cada misa y también estarán disponibles en la rectoría. 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.

Servicios Legales de Caridades Católicas y la Reforma Inmigratoria – Caridades Católicas ofrecerá talleres de información de 2 horas en duración sobre la acción ejecutiva del Presidente y sobre la Acción Diferida para Padres de Ciudadanos Estadounidenses y Residentes Permanentes Legales (DAPA) y sobre la Acción Diferida para los llegados en la Infancia (DACA). Los talleres incluirán consultas individuales para determinar elegibilidad.

Fechas, Parroquias, e información de contacto:

- **8 de marzo**, 5 de la tarde: Nuestra Señora Maria Auxiliadora (Waldorf, MD), 301-645-7112
- **15 de marzo**, 2 de la tarde: Inmaculado Corazón de Maria (Lexington Park, MD), 301-863-8144
- **21 de marzo**, 10 de la mañana: San Camilo (Silver Spring, MD), 301-434-8400
- **12 de abril**, 1:30 de la tarde: Sagrado Corazón (Washington, DC), 202-234-8000

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 les 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.

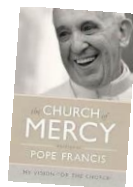
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 8	Éx 20:1-17 / 1 Col 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25
Lunes 9	2 Re 5:1-15 / Lc 4:24-30
	<i>Santa Francesca Romana</i>
Martes 10	Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles 11	Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Jueves 12	Jer 7:23-28 / Lc 11:14-23
Viernes 13	Os 14:2-10 / Mc 12:28-34
Sábado 14	Os 6:1-6 / Lc 18:9-14
Domingo 15	2 Crón 36:14-16,19-23 / Ef 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

"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 FORMATION

You May Still Join! – Lenten Faith Sharing Groups are reading *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis and meeting weekly for reflection. For more information, contact Tricia at faithformationdc@gmail.com.



Spiritual Direction – Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God? St. Matthew's will provide and refer interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. For more information, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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 (contact info above).

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Cathedral Coffeehouse – Sunday Series continues Sunday, March 8 – 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. The topic this week will be: "**God: No Vacancy.**" Questions? Email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

C+YA at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, March 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 come together each month to sort donations or do odd jobs around the Center. Contact: Natalie Committee at natalie.committee@gmail.com for more information and sign up.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 8 – March 15

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

Monday, March 9

7am – Daniel Kopetsky
8am – Catalin Gabriel
12:10pm – Tony & Theda Abbott
5:30pm – Raymond W. Noonan

Tuesday, March 10

7am – John Riggan
8am – Michael Mann
12:10pm – Glenn Geraty
5:30pm – Rafael Santayana, Sr.

Wednesday, March 11

7am – Maria de Jesus Sanchez (living)
8am – Alejandro Roque (living)
12:10pm – Philemene Senami Adoho
5:30pm – Maximo Roque, Sr.

Thursday, March 12

7am – Olga Rodriguez (living)
8am – Francisca Espinosa Alvarez
12:10pm – Glenn Geraty
5:30pm – Gregory Neil Friberg

Friday, March 13

7am – Rosalie P. Gerber
12:10pm – Henrietta Martinez

Saturday, March 14

8am – Leonard J. Zelonis
12:10pm – Rev. Paul D. Scalia (living)
5:30pm – Elyse Gray Austin (living)

Sunday, March 15

7am – Theresa Higgins
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Jack Gardiner
11:30am – Thadeus M. Pilewicz
1pm – Adiel Castaño (living)
5:30pm – Dorothy H. Weisedel

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectorry. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.



LAETARE VESPERS

SUNDAY
MARCH 15, 2015
4:00 PM

LITURGIA HORARUM
LITURGY OF THE HOURS IN LATIN CHANT

SCHOLA CANTORUM
THOMAS STEHLE, DIRECTOR
PAUL HARDY, ORGANIST

THE VESPERS SERVICE WILL ALSO INCLUDE MOTETS BY

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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.

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202.587.5139 for more information.

Origin of the Stations of the Cross

Like many of our Catholic devotions, the Stations of the Cross that we know and practice as a form of worship, particularly during Lent, has a long history of development. Many legends exist about the origins of this devotion including one that asserts Mary used to visit daily the scenes of Christ's passion. Stories from the early Church also exist about pilgrims making trips to Jerusalem to visit the sites, but nothing about which sites, how many or in what particular order. Later, there were some attempts to stress the importance of the sites in Jerusalem by granting indulgences to those who visited them, but when is unknown. The earliest resemblance to a defined "Via Crucis" was the 5th century construction in Bologna, Italy of connected chapels representing some of the important shrines in Jerusalem.

Beginning in the 1400's, church writings refer to specific groupings in various European locations to represent the geographical sites of the Passion. In some cases, these routes were designed to measure the exact distance between each of the holy sites in Jerusalem. An English pilgrim, William Wey, was the first to use the word "station" when he visited Jerusalem in 1458 and 1462. The first evidence of a particular demarcation of stations was in 1520 when Pope Leo X granted indulgences to a set of sculptures in Antwerp that represented the seven sorrows of Mary. If seven was the number marked by Pope Leo for the stations in the Antwerp cemetery, how did the number 14 come to be? William Wey referred to 14 stations during his journey in Jerusalem; but for at least 200 hundred years, the number varied from 19 to as high as 37.

The determination of the precise number of stations and their identities developed during the 16th century when church officials began to include image representations of the outdoor stations inside parish churches and cathedrals. It was not until 1731, when Clement XII assigned indulgences to stations was the number set at 14. The inclusion of stations in every church became essentially a mandate from Benedict XIV in 1742. It should also be noted that the special indulgence assigned to the Stations was later extended by Clement XIV to separate crucifixes for the benefit of the sick, imprisoned and those at sea who could not visit the stations in a church.

Because this is a form of private devotion, the Church does not prescribe a specific format for praying or meditating on the Stations. Consequently, different booklets have been published to assist one in praying or meditating on the Stations in a particular way. Frequently, this private devotion is prayed in a public way, especially during Lent. A recent and increasingly popular form of praying the Stations is that composed by Pope John Paul II known for its focus on scriptural texts.

During this period of Lent when we are mindful of the sacrifice of Jesus, all are encouraged to pray or meditate on the Stations of the Cross, whether privately or publicly when scheduled. **At the cathedral, the Stations are prayed publicly each Friday during Lent after the 5:30pm Mass (approximately 6:00pm) and on Good Friday at 7pm.**

- Deacon Merella

Orígenes del Vía Crucis o (Estaciones de la Cruz)

Como muchas de nuestras devociones católicas, el Vía Crucis que sabemos y practicamos como una forma de culto particularmente durante la Cuaresma, tiene una larga historia de desarrollo. Existen muchas leyendas acerca de los orígenes de esta devoción incluyendo una en la cual dicen que María visitó diariamente las escenas de la Pasión de Cristo. Historias de los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia existen sobre como peregrinos hacían viajes a Jerusalén para visitar los lugares, pero nada en concreto cuantos visitaban o en cual orden. Más adelante hubo varios intentos de conceder indulgencias a aquellos que los visitaban, pero no se sabe cuándo. Lo más temprano de un definido “Vía Crucis” fue en el siglo quinto en Bolonia, Italia, con la construcción de capillas que se conectaban y representaban algunos de los lugares sagrados en Jerusalén.

Empezando en los años 1400, escritos de la iglesia refieren a grupos específicos en varias localidades europeas que representaban sitios geográficos de la Pasión. En algunos casos, esas rutas fueron designadas para indicar la distancia exacta entre cada uno de los lugares santos en Jerusalén. Un peregrino inglés, William Wey, fue el primero que usó la palabra “estación” cuando visitó Jerusalén en 1458 y 1462. La primera evidencia de una diferenciación de estaciones fue en 1590 cuando el Papa Leo X concedió indulgencias a un grupo de esculturas en Antwerp que representaban los siete dolores de María. Sí eran siete el número que marcó el Papa Leo para las estaciones en el cementerio de Antwerp, ¿Cómo llegaron a ser 14? William Wey se refirió a 14 estaciones durante su viaje en Jerusalén; pero por al menos 200 años, el número varió de 19 a 37.

La determinación de los números de estaciones y sus identidades se desarrolló durante el siglo 16, cuando oficiales de la iglesia empezaron a incluir representaciones de imágenes de la calle, dentro de las parroquias y catedrales. No fue hasta 1731, cuando Clemente XII, asignó indulgencias a estaciones, el número de grupo de 14. La inclusión de estaciones en cada iglesia fue mandatorio por Benedicto XIV en 1742. Se debe decir que las indulgencias especiales asignadas a las estaciones fue extendida más tarde por Clemente XIV a separar crucifijos para el beneficio de los enfermos, encarcelados y aquellos que estaban en los buques y no podían visitar las estaciones en una iglesia.

Siendo que esto es una forma de devoción privada, la Iglesia no tiene un formato especial para rezar o meditar en el Vía Crucis. Por lo tanto, se han publicado diferentes libretos para asistir a cualquiera en rezar o meditar en las Estaciones en una forma particular. Frecuentemente, esta devoción privada se reza en una forma pública especialmente durante la Cuaresma. Una forma muy popular de rezar el Vía Crucis es la que compuso el Papa Juan Pablo II, basado en textos de las Escrituras.

Durante la época de Cuaresma, cuando somos conscientes del sacrificio de Jesús, todos debemos rezar o meditar en las Estaciones de la Cruz, bien en privado o públicamente cuando hay un horario. **En la Catedral, el Vía Crucis o Estaciones de la Cruz, se rezan en público cada viernes a las 6 de la tarde (en inglés) y el Viernes Santo a las 7 de la tarde. En español, se reza cada domingo después de la misa de la 1 de la tarde.**

Diácono Bart Merella



St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program

Easter Drive 2015

St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Services Committee is collecting grocery store gift cards to distribute to our families in need this Easter season.

We are collecting **\$25 Safeway gift cards**. Please pick up a flyer with an attached envelope to use for donations found at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

You may send your donation to St. Matthew's by mail, drop it off at the rectory, or leave it with volunteers collecting donations on the weekends of **March 14 and 15, as well as March 21 and 22**. Please be as generous as possible, as there is a great need for assistance. We would like to receive the gift cards *no later than March 25*.

If you prefer, you are welcome to make a **financial donation**. Simply write a check to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Adopt-A-Family" on the note line and drop in the collection basket or mail it/turn it in to the rectory. Any donation that we receive above what is needed for the families at Easter time, will be used to assist the families with grocery gift cards and other emergency assistance during the year.

For more information and to volunteer with this drive, please contact Pedro Carroll at pedro.carroll@mac.com.

Your support will allow families in need to enjoy a hearty meal this Easter.
Thank you very much for your generosity!

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)*





Catedral de San Mateo Programa de Adopte-Una-Familia

Colecta Pascual 2015

El Comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de la catedral está recogiendo tarjetas de regalo para el uso de compras de comida, las cuales serán distribuidas a familias necesitadas durante este tiempo de Pascua. Estamos recogiendo tarjetas de regalo de **\$25 de Safeway**. En la entrada central de la catedral se podrán recoger volantes con sobres para entregar sus donaciones.

También puede mandar su donación por correo, dejarla en la rectoría o entregarla a los voluntarios que estarán recogiendo donaciones los fines de semana del **14 y 15 de marzo, y el 21 y 22 de marzo**. Por favor sean generosos, porque la necesidad es grande. Quisiéramos recibir las tarjetas de regalo *hasta el 25 de marzo*.

Si prefiere, puede hacer una donación financiera. Simplemente dirige un cheque a *St. Matthew's Cathedral* con "*Adopt-A-Family*" en la línea de nota, póngalo en el sobre incluido con el volante y lo entrega durante la colecta de la Misa o lo puede mandar por correo o entregarlo a la rectoría. Lo que sobre de las donaciones será usado para ayudar a las familias necesitadas en casos de emergencia durante el resto del año.

Para más información o para ayudar como voluntario, póngase en contacto con Pedro Carroll a pedro.carroll@mac.com. También puede llamar a la rectoría.

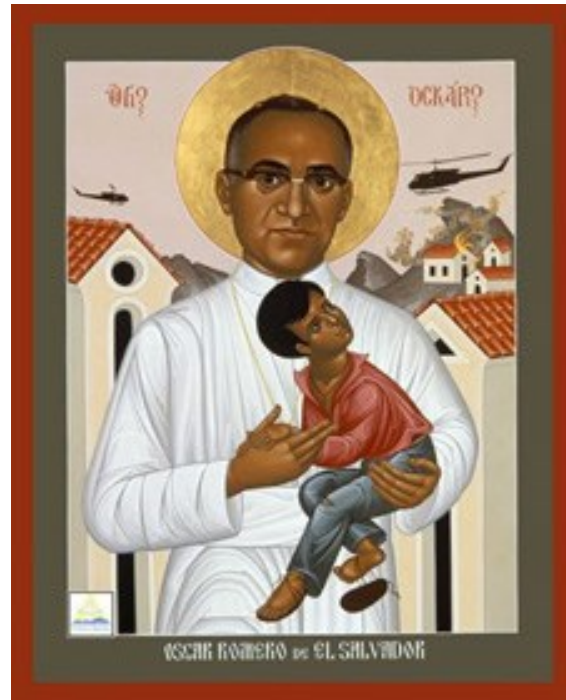
Su apoyo dará la oportunidad a que las familias en necesidad puedan disfrutar de una cena abundante durante esta Pascua.

¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

“De cierto os digo: En cuanto lo hicisteis a uno de estos mis hermanos más pequeños, a mí lo hicisteis.” (Mt. 25:40)



Movie Screening - Proyección de la película “Monseñor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero”



Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm, North Conference Room
Refreshments will be served.

Lunes, 16 de marzo a las 7 de la tarde, Salón de Conferencias del Norte. Se servirán refrescos.

As we approach March 24th, the anniversary of Monseñor Romero's death, the Social Justice Committee invites you to reflect on the life and mission of the religious leader who Pope Francis recently declared as a martyr of the Church. All are invited to learn more about this courageous man who gave a voice to the oppressed poor of 1970's El Salvador and who was killed for living out his faith.

A brief discussion will follow the showing of the film.

Al acercarnos al 24 de marzo, el aniversario del fallecimiento de Monseñor Romero, el Comité de Justicia Social le invita a reflexionar sobre la vida y la misión del líder religioso quien el Papa Francisco declaró recientemente como un mártir de la Iglesia. Todos están invitados a aprender más acerca de este hombre valiente que dio una voz a los oprimidos pobres de El Salvador de la década de 1970 y que fue asesinado por su fe. Una breve discusión seguirá la proyección de la película.

The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. *La película es en español con subtítulos en inglés.*

Questions? *¿Preguntas?*: Franz Kuo, franzkuo@gmail.com