

## TODAY'S READINGS

**I** continue my pursuit. (Philippians 3:12)  
It's all over Christian radio and television: I came to Jesus, I found my Savior, and I got religion. But St. Paul tells us a different story: Jesus found us! "I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus," he says (Philippians 3:12).

Jesus came to you too. He found you. He took possession of your life. In fact, he died for you while you were still far from him. Now he asks you to follow Paul's example and pursue the goal of experiencing more and more of his life in you.

That "more" of Jesus' life includes a constant outpouring of grace and mercy, lavished on you by the same God who freely forgave the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. The woman was guilty, but Jesus didn't condemn her. "Go," he said, "and . . . do not sin any more" (John 8:11). He says the same to you: go, and keep pursuing my life in you. Receive my mercy, and move forward in my grace.

Today's psalm recounts the Israelites' response when they returned home from exile: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed" (Psalm 126:3). This, too, is your heritage. Redeemed by Christ, you have the promise of eternal life. You have the Holy Spirit, convincing you of God's love. You have the saints and angels praying for you. You have so many reasons to rejoice! They're all available to you as you sit with the Lord every day and ask him to show you where he is leading you.

The "more" of Christ's life in you also includes his power and his protection. The same God who opened a path through the Red Sea will open paths for you (Isaiah 43:16-21). He can call forth water in the deserts of your life and rivers of healing in the places where you hurt.

Jesus has taken hold of you, and he won't let go. Continue, as St. Paul did, your pursuit toward the ultimate goal, all of Christ's life in you.

*"Jesus, hold me fast today as I pursue a fuller measure of your life in me."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 13** Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11  
**Monday 14** Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday 15** Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday 16** Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday 17** Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59  
*St. Patrick*  
**Friday 18** Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42  
*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*  
**Saturday 19** 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /  
*Solemnity of St. Joseph* Mt 1:16,18-21,24  
**Sunday 20** Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 /  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* Lk 22:14-23:56

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** – "For whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God, that is a grace. But what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong? But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps" (1 Peter 2:19-21). The spiritual work of mercy of bearing wrongs patiently is an opportunity for each of us to give to others the patience and mercy we have received from God. *Learn more about this work of mercy at [www.mercy.adw.org](http://www.mercy.adw.org).*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **March 13** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – All are invited to the parish's monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **March 14** from 6 to 7pm. Bro. Thomas Davenport, OP will preside and give a reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in English and Spanish.

**Decorators Needed!** – On Holy Saturday, **March 26** we will decorate the Cathedral for Easter. We need volunteers from 9:30am until 11am to prepare flowers and other decorations. No need to sign up in advance—just come!

**Easter Vigil Reception Sign Up** – We need help setting up, serving and cleaning up for the Holy Saturday Vigil reception on **March 26**. If you can help, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski at [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Tour Guides Needed** – The Cathedral's status as a pilgrimage site during this Year of Mercy is attracting many visitors seeking guided tours. Our tour guide corps needs reinforcements! To inquire about training as a Cathedral Tour Guide, please contact Gloria Harrington at [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org) or Dan Evans at [devans@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:devans@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Scrutinies for the Elect** – The season of Lent coincides with the Purification and Enlightenment phase of the RCIA process. During this phase, our members of the Elect and our Candidates are called to intensify their prayer lives and discern more deeply their desire to join the Church. As the larger parish community, we are called to help them develop their relationship with God and the Church and to pray for them. The celebration of the Scrutinies, which on the fifth Sunday of Lent will be at the 5:30pm Mass, is an important part of the Purification and Enlightenment phase. During the Scrutinies with our Elect, we look within ourselves to find anything that keeps us from Christ and then look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and to strengthen us as we face further temptations. Please keep our nine members of the Elect in your prayers.

**Adult Confirmation Preparation** – Each spring during the Easter Season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who have already received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (April 14, 21, 28 & May 5) and one Saturday (May 7). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2016 will be at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 15**. Registration forms are available on the parish website. Register by **April 11**.

**Bible Study on Romans** – Explore St. Paul's Letter to the Romans during this Year of Mercy. Fr. Jack Hurley will lead the concluding session of this study in the East Conference Room on Saturday, **March 19** from 10:30 to 11:45am. The topic will be "Israel in God's Plan."

**Cathedral Book Club** – Fr. Jack Hurley will lead a discussion of chapters 13-25 of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by Fr. James Martin, S.J. on Monday, **March 14** at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## PARISH CALENDAR

March 13- 20

### Sunday 13—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at the Education Center.

Children's First Reconciliation is celebrated at 10am in the Cathedral.

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

The 1pm Mass honors Archbishop Oscar Romero.

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.

RCIA dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

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

### Monday 14—The Cathedral Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

### Tuesday 15—Midday prayer with the Sant'Egidio community is prayed in St. Anthony's Chapel at 12:45pm.

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

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

### Wednesday 16—Confessions are heard from 6:30 to 8pm in English and Spanish.

RCIA meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

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

### Thursday 17—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

### Friday 18—Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

### Saturday 19—Fr. Hurley's Bible study on Romans meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

### Sunday 20—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Palms are distributed at all Masses. Donald Cardinal Wuerl gives the solemn blessing of palms at 9:45am, followed by Mass at 10am in English.

Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:15am on the Cathedral steps to participate in the Palm Sunday procession.

No hay clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar hasta el domingo **3 de abril**.

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

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

## LIVING LENT

**Wednesday Evening Confessions – 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.

**Final Tuesday Midday Lenten Prayer –** The Community of Sant’Egidio in Washington, DC invites you to share in their common prayer this Tuesday at 12:45pm in Saint Anthony’s Chapel. The Communities of Sant’Egidio all over the world gather in various places of prayer and lay before the Lord the hopes and the sufferings of the tired, exhausted crowds of which the Gospel speaks. Prayer is never in vain; it rises ceaselessly to the Lord so that anguish is turned into hope, tears into joy, despair into happiness, and solitude into communion.



Above, Dominican Brother (and now Deacon) Thomas Davenport led the Stations of the Cross on February 26. This Friday, March 18 our Paulist seminarian Stuart Wilson-Smith will lead the Multilingual Stations of the Cross. Come, pray and experience this beautiful devotion!

**Multilingual Stations of the Cross & Final Simple Lenten Meal –** The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in our final Simple Lenten Meal this Friday in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass and the 6pm multilingual

Stations of the Cross. **Servers from the Liturgical Ministry** will prepare and serve soup, while a religious sister of the **Little Sisters of the Poor** will speak on their ministry of caring for the elderly poor. All donations collected that evening will benefit the work of the sisters.

**Multilingual Stations of the Cross Volunteers –** On Friday **March 18** at 6pm, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in a multilingual format. We need volunteers who are conversant in a language other than English to read the narrative for one of the 14 stations. To volunteer to read for one of the stations, contact Ngoc Le at 301-625-2862 or [Ngoc.Le9@gmail.com](mailto:Ngoc.Le9@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 202-347-3215.

**13th Annual 7 Church Walk for Young Adults –** DCCatholic invites young adults from across the Archdiocese to DC for the 13th Annual 7 Church Walk on Saturday **March 19**. Join young adults (20s and 30s) as well as religious brothers and sisters on pilgrimage in the heart of the city, walking and praying at seven downtown DC churches. This event is free but registration is required. Register at [DCCatholic.org](http://DCCatholic.org). Questions? Contact Jonathan at [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org).

**Holy Week Confessions –** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at our [Lenten Communal Penance Service, Come Home for Easter](#) on Tuesday of Holy Week and as follows:  
11am - Noon—Monday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (no Confessions at regular Saturday time of 4-5pm).  
6:15 - 7:15pm—Wednesday of Holy Week (Confessions before the 7:30pm Tenebræ service).

**Way of the Cross along the National Mall –** On Good Friday, **March 25**, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross along the National Mall. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. Peter’s Church on Capitol Hill at 9:30am, where they will be joined by Cardinal Wuerl. After a station near the Capitol, the procession will follow the cross to stations along the National Mall, ending at the Washington Monument at 12:30pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, email [wayofthecrossdc@gmail.com](mailto:wayofthecrossdc@gmail.com).

**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.

**Rice Bowl Reflection –** Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*. We are reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people. Pick up a “Rice Bowl” at the Cathedral main entrance. Rice Bowl donations will be collected on **April 2 & 3**. For more information, visit [www.csricebowl.org/](http://www.csricebowl.org/). For questions, contact Fr. Rafael or Norma at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## LECTURAS DE HOY

¿Qué sentido de vergüenza y angustia debe haber embargado a la mujer adúltera cuando la arrastraron hasta los pies de Jesucristo! ¿Qué iba pasar ahora? ¿La apedrearían! Pero ¡qué alivio y alegría cuando descubrió con gran asombro la tierna compasión de Dios! Qué maravilloso debe haber sido recibir un perdón completamente inmerecido; una increíble oleada de felicidad invadió todo su ser cuando Jesús la perdonó.

A los judíos desterrados en Babilonia, que se consideraban lejos de Dios, el Señor les ordenó: “No recuerden lo pasado ni piensen en lo antiguo” (Isaías 43, 18). Dios se disponía a hacer una obra nueva y en Jesús cumplió esa promesa, cuando el Señor derramó su sangre, como un río que cruza el desierto, para limpiarnos y purificarnos de todo pecado. A la mujer adúltera, y a todos nosotros, el Señor nos dice: “Tampoco yo te condeno. Vete y no vuelvas a pecar.”

¿Y qué pasó con el sentido de culpa de la mujer? ¿Acaso no nos cuesta a veces aceptar el perdón de Dios? ¡Nuestra propia imagen se nos cruza por el camino y empezamos a condenarnos a nosotros mismos, porque pensamos que no debíamos haber caído! Pero el cambio se produce sólo por acción de la gracia y el poder de Cristo, que vive en nuestro corazón, no porque nos esforcemos tratando de ser mejores por nuestro propio esfuerzo.

Es interesante el razonamiento de San Pablo, que nos dice: “Olvido lo que he dejado atrás, y me lanzo hacia adelante, en busca de la meta” (Filipenses 3, 13-14). El apóstol logró destronar la arrogante imagen que tenía de sí mismo cuando se dio cuenta de que, tratando de parecer justo y recto, había estado luchando contra Dios mismo. Sólo el perdón que descubrió en Cristo pudo levantarlo, y así es como Dios actúa siempre con todos sus hijos.

*“Dios todopoderoso, concédeme un corazón sumiso y obediente para recibir tu bondadosa misericordia. Gracias, Padre, por perdonarme y enséñame a ser testigo de que tú quieres perdonar y salvar a todo el que te acepte como Señor y Salvador.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 13</b>	Is 43:16-21 / Fil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11
<b>Lunes 14</b>	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / Jn 8:12-20
<b>Martes 15</b>	Nún 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
<b>Miércoles 16</b>	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42
	<i>San Juan de Brebeuf, San Isaac Jogues y compañeros</i>
<b>Jueves 17</b>	Gé 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
	<i>San Patricio</i>
<b>Viernes 18</b>	Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
	<i>San Cirilo de Jerusalem</i>
<b>Sábado 19</b>	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / San José, esposo de la Virgen María Mt 1:16,18-21,24
<b>Domingo 20</b>	Lc 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Fil 2:6-11 / Domingo de Ramos la Pasión del Señor Lc 22:14-23,56

INTENCIONES DE MISAS  
MASS INTENTIONS  
March 13 -20**Sunday, March 13**

5:30pm Vigil (March 12) – Francis De Vello  
7am – Rosalie P. Gerber  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Guido Adelfio (living)  
11:30am – L. George Robertson  
1pm – Dora y Vilma Aguirre  
5:30pm – Leon Bramlett

**Monday, March 14**

7am – Tom O'Hagan  
8am – Special Intention JA & V (living)  
12:10pm – Rosalinda Lagera  
5:30pm – Dorothy Klenert (living)

**Tuesday, March 15**

7am – Luz Sitiriche (living)  
8am – James Scott  
12:10pm – Conrad Sabelino, Jr.  
5:30pm – Edward Carvajal (living)

**Wednesday, March 16**

7am – Brooksie, Betsie & Myrtle Banks  
8am – Paul McGuinness, Jr.  
12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen  
5:30pm – Thomas F. Keane

**Thursday, March 17**

7am – Paul Nee  
8am – Andres G. Agcaoili  
12:10pm – Jim W. Finegan  
5:30pm – Patrick Fallon

**Friday, March 18**

7am – Msgr. W. Louis Quinn  
8am – George Bork  
12:10pm – Ralph Graper  
5:30pm – Andrew Stanar Johnson

**Saturday, March 19**

8am – Anthony V. Savinski  
12:10pm – Edward Carvajal (living)  
5:30pm – Thomas Marum

**Sunday, March 20**

7am – Nery Barrientos  
8:30am – Beulah Charles  
10am – John F. Whelan  
11:30am – Candido Menjivar  
1pm – Todos los Feligreses  
5:30pm – Susan Harden

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma** – “Porque es digno de alabanza soportar por amor a Dios las penas sufridas injustamente. Si tuvieran que sufrir castigo por haber faltado, ¿qué merito tendrían? Pero si hacen el bien y por eso sufren pacientemente, eso sí agrada a Dios. Han sido llamados a comportarse así, pues también Cristo sufrió por ustedes, dejándoles un ejemplo para que sigan sus huellas (1 Pedro 2, 19-21).” La obra de misericordia espiritual de perdonar al que nos ofende es una oportunidad para que cada uno de nosotros transmita la paciencia y misericordia que hemos recibido de Dios. *Aprende más de esta obra de misericordia en [misericordia.adw.org](http://misericordia.adw.org).*

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **14 de marzo** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7 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. El Tema es: **“La Profesión de la Fe.”** La próxima charla: Semana Santa, será el **15 de marzo**, en el salón de conferencias del Norte y Carmen Briceño será la invitada especial.

**Vía Crucis multilingüe y última cena simple de Cuaresma** – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en nuestra última Cena Simple de Cuaresma este viernes **18 de marzo**, después de la Misa de las 5:30 (en inglés) y el multilingüe Vía Crucis de las 6 de la tarde en el salón del Norte.

**Servidores del Ministerio Litúrgico** prepararán y servirán una sopa, también tendremos como invitada a una hermana religiosa de las **Little Sisters of the Poor** quien hablará sobre su ministerio de cuidado a los ancianos pobres. Todas las donaciones que se recogerán esa tarde beneficiarán el trabajo de las hermanas.

**Domingo de Ramos** – El **20 de marzo** es Domingo de Ramos, el Obispo Mario Dorsonville será el celebrante de nuestra Misa en español a la 1:00 de la tarde. Se distribuirán Palmas antes de la misa.

**El Vía Crucis en el Monumento National** – El Viernes Santo, **25 de marzo**, el movimiento de Comunión y Liberación organiza el Vía Crucis en el "Monumento National" en el centro de Washington. Nos reuniremos

en la parroquia de San Pedro en Capitol Hill a las 9:30 de la mañana para empezar la procesión a la cual se unirá el Cardenal Wuerl. El recorrido será por el frente del Capitolio y otras paradas hasta llegar al Monumento de Washington a las 12:30 de la tarde. En cada parada se conmemora solemnemente los eventos de Viernes Santo con textos, himnos, y música. Todos están invitados a participar. Para más información, favor de contactar [wayofthecrossdc@gmail.com](mailto:wayofthecrossdc@gmail.com).

**Confesiones los Miercoles 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, además del horario regular (lunes-viernes, 11-12; sábados 4-5 de la tarde y todos los domingos de Cuaresma después de la Misa de 1:00 de la tarde en español).

**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.

**Plato de Arroz** – El programa de Plato de Arroz de *Catholic Relief Services* nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica social, *Derechos y responsabilidades*. Se nos recuerda que siendo cristianos, somos llamados para mantener y proteger los derechos básicos del prójimo. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos de todo el mundo para que podamos reconocer y proteger los derechos de todos. Recoja una caja de cartón, o “Plato de Arroz” que se encuentran en la entrada de la Catedral. Donaciones se recogerán el **2 y 3 de abril**. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con el padre Rafael o Norma al [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Clases de Confirmación para Adultos** – Se ofrecerán clases de preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación para adultos los domingos **10, 17, 24 de abril y 1 de mayo** de 11 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía. Las personas interesadas deben traer el certificado de bautizo vigente y es requerido asistir a la conferencia del **Opispo Mario Dorsonville** el martes **5 de abril**. Para más información e inscripción dejar un mensaje a Fátima al 202-347-3215 ext 543.



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## March 20

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:*

- 5:30PM** (Saturday, March 19) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)  
**7AM** REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA  
**8:30AM** REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)  
**9:45AM** Blessing of Palms, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL  
**10AM** DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
† **11:30AM** REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)  
**1PM** MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)  
**5:30PM** VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

## March 21

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM** Mass  
**8AM** Mass  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions  
**12:10PM** Mass  
**1PM to 6PM** *The Cathedral is closed & reopens at 6PM.*  
† **7PM** CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)

## March 22

### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM** Mass  
**8AM** Mass  
**11AM** *No confessions scheduled*  
† **12:10PM** [COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE.](#)  
[COME HOME FOR EASTER](#)  
**5:30PM** Mass

## March 23

### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM** Mass  
**7:30AM** Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
**8AM** Mass  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions  
**12:10PM** Mass  
**5:30PM** Mass  
**6:15PM to 7:00PM** Confessions  
**7:30PM** TENEBRÆ (choir)

## March 24

### HOLY THURSDAY

- 8AM** *The Cathedral opens.*  
**9AM** Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions  
**12:10PM** MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (contemporary choir)  
† **5:30PM** SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM*  
**9:45PM** NIGHT PRAYER  
*The Cathedral closes at 10PM.*

## March 25

### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 8AM** *The Cathedral opens.*  
**9AM** Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions  
**NOON** REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. JOHN PAVLIK, O.F.M. CAP., Executive Director, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
† **1PM** LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
**4PM** LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S. JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN, MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)  
**7:30PM** Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

## March 26

### HOLY SATURDAY

- 8AM** *The Cathedral opens.*  
**9AM** Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions  
**NOON to 7PM** *No Masses during the day. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*  
† **8PM** EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)

## March 27

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

*Schedule of Masses:*

- 7AM** REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA  
**8:30AM** REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)  
**10AM** DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
† **11:30AM** REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)  
**1PM** REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)  
**5:30PM** VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

† *Interpreted for the deaf*

# ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

## April 22-24, 2016

All Women Parishioners and Friends are Welcome



*“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” (Mk 6:31)*

### Washington Retreat House

4000 Harewood Road, NE | Washington, DC 20017-1595

### Retreat Leader – Rev. Jacob Restrick, OP

Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph  
and Chaplain to Dominican Cloistered Nuns

Check-in at Washington Retreat House is Friday, April 22 at 5:30PM (earlier or later arrival is fine also), followed by dinner at 6:30PM. The retreat ends around 12Noon on Sunday, April 24. For more information, contact Erin Cromer, St. Matthew's Retreat Promoter, at 202-580-9728 or emcromer3@gmail.com. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required, with the balance due upon arrival.

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### Women's Retreat Registration Form

**MAIL TO:**

Erin Cromer  
P O Box 21590  
Washington, DC 20009  
202-580-9728

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the Weekend Retreat to be held April 22-24, 2016 at the Washington Retreat House. The offering is \$170.00. I understand that a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit will hold my reservation.

**Checks should be made payable to: Washington Retreat House.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



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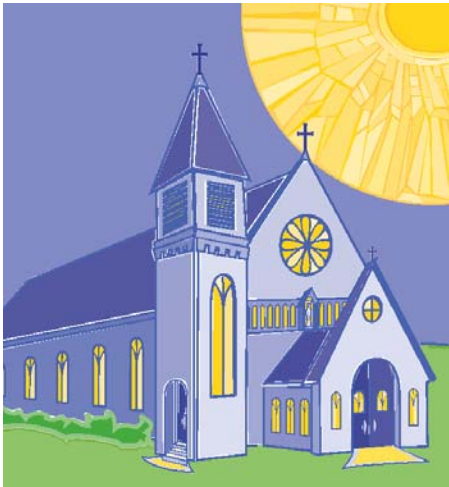
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### *When do transactions take place?*



Transactions take place once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

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### *How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?*

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**If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle  
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Washington, DC 20036

To enroll online, use code  
below or scan here: →

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

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)*

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(**Note:** The total amount will be determined by the number of  
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

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	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<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
<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday and the Paschal Triduum

**Introduction.** In this holiest of weeks - the summit of the liturgical year [introduced by Passion Sunday], the liturgical celebrations draw us more deeply into the mystery of salvation -- the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. In particular, the visible ritual actions (e.g. washing of the feet) are not attempts to mimic the actions of Jesus. Rather we recall and celebrate the fundamental mysteries of our Christian faith as expressed in its central stories (the passion readings), its symbols (the bread, wine, fire, water and oil) and its ritual actions (feet washing, prostrating, venerating, immersing and anointing). We do this in one unending, continuous set of liturgies (the Triduum) that begin on Thursday evening and end gloriously with the Saturday evening and Sunday celebrations. **These days are an eschatological celebration -- looking to the future that fulfills the past, the *Omega* of the *Alpha*.**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday.** This celebration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and the passion reading was first recorded in the 6<sup>th</sup> century; palms became a part of the celebration during the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries. A procession with palms became a part of the liturgy in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Even today, the ritual of palms and procession varies universally. At St. Matthew's, palms will be blessed and distributed at each liturgy. The particular commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem is celebrated at the beginning of the 10am liturgy as the assembly gathers at 9:45am for the blessing of palms, gospel proclamation and procession into the cathedral. All Masses will include the special reading of the Passion according to St. Mark.

**Holy Thursday – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.** 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem gives us the first record that this day ends season of Lent and that the evening Mass commemorates the Eucharistic institution. 7<sup>th</sup> century Rome has the first church celebration of the ritual feet washing during this evening liturgy. This celebration became the entry point into the Triduum of the paschal mystery -- "crucified, buried and risen Lord" (St. Augustine). At St. Matthew's, the tradition of the feet washing is commemorated during the evening liturgy by inviting representatives of the community (women and men) to come forward to the sanctuary and participate in the washing of the feet. The celebration is concluded by the processional transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of reservation after which those present are encouraged to spend some time reflecting on Christ's enduring in our lives.

**Good Friday – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.** 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem provides the first recorded celebration in which people traced Christ's movement to Golgotha, stopping at various locations to sing psalms and pray. Upon reaching Golgotha, the wood of the cross was presented to people for veneration. 7<sup>th</sup> century Rome has the first record of when St. John's passion was read during this celebration. Communion for the assembly has not always been a part of this celebration, but was reintroduced in the 1955 liturgical reforms of the Triduum by Pope Pius XII. This liturgy typically begins in silence with the ministers prostrating on the floor of the sanctuary and includes the proclamation of the passion according to St. John, the solemn intercessions, the special veneration of the

cross and Communion for the assembly. At the veneration, the assembly is invited forward to reverence the cross (either a solemn bow, kiss or genuflection); the ritual does suggest that people come forward with shoes removed as an additional sign of reverence. Participants are also invited to make a special offering for the Holy Land sites. These special services of prayer are listed for the benefit of parishioners:

**Holy (Great) Saturday - Liturgy of the Easter Vigil.** And so we come to "the mother of all holy vigils" (St. Augustine). The early 3<sup>rd</sup> century finds the first records of this most holy of celebrations during which all baptisms were performed [a practice that died out by the 11<sup>th</sup> century]. Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, the lighting of the Easter candle, the singing of the *Exsultet*, the blessing of new fire and procession were added to this great liturgy at different points in time. When and how this liturgy was celebrated varied over these several centuries until Pius XII, and later Vatican Council II, restored the liturgy to its current form. This night marks with great solemnity the transition from death to life of Christ -- the pivot of the mystery of salvation. We begin in darkness outside the cathedral by lighting the Easter fire and the great Paschal Candle. With tapers lit from the Paschal Candle, the assembly processes into the darkened church acclaiming "Christ our light." When the procession ends, the glorious Easter proclamation (the *Exsultet*) is sung. Following this, selected Old Testament texts are read telling the story of creation, Abraham's sacrifice, the Exodus and the coming of the Messiah. The singing of the Easter Gloria introduces the reading of the New Testament letter, followed by the magnificent Easter Gospel Alleluia that accompanies the procession of the Gospel Book for the solemn proclamation of the Easter Gospel. After the homily, the new Easter water is blessed, baptismal promises are renewed, new members are baptized or received into the church and confirmed. We continue with the Eucharistic celebration that gives praise and thanksgiving for:

**!! CHRIST IS RISEN !!**

Deacon Bartholomew Merella