

TODAY'S READINGS

We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared. (Ephesians 2:10)
Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your own personal tailor who could create a whole wardrobe for you? There would be the right outfit for everything you need or want to do. Each one would look so good that you would feel great wearing it. You could just imagine yourself walking down the street with an air of confidence and self-assurance: you know you look good!

Well, according to St. Paul, God has fashioned not our outer appearance but our inner lives. And the clothing he provides for this tailored interior is a unique set of "good works" that are perfectly suited to the gifts and talents, the insights and personalities he has given us.

So open up your spiritual closet, and try on what's there. You'll probably feel very comfortable stepping into some of those good works that seem to match your preparation and talent. Others, however, may feel like a stretch. You may be tempted to think someone else could perform them better. But as you step into them, you'll discover abilities you never knew you had—just as a woman discovers that an A-line dress really does look good on her!

For example, perhaps you've always hoped the garment of parenthood was in your closet. But when the time comes, you discover that the good work God has designed for you is foster parenting—welcoming unwanted children into your home for a short time until they can find their forever homes. Or maybe you envisioned yourself as a catechist in your parish, but God offers you a different garment: a home-based ministry where you can spend your time caring for an ailing elderly parent.

Be of good cheer! Your Creator and Designer will patiently work with you until there's a perfect fit between you and the garment of service he lays on your shoulders.

"Creator Lord, thank you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Give me the courage to grow into your good plan."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 15 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Monday 16 Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 17 Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

St. Patrick

Wednesday 18 Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday 19 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mt 1:16,18-21,24

Friday 20 Wis 2:1,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday 21 Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday 22 Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

LECTURAS DE HOY

Tanto amó Dios al mundo... (Juan 3, 16)
¿Con qué podríamos comparar el amor de Dios? ¿Quién podría sumergirse hasta sus profundidades o encumbrarse a sus alturas? Cuando Dios se reveló a Moisés, se identificó con su atributo más sobresaliente: "¡Yo soy el Señor, el Señor Dios, compasivo y clemente, paciente, misericordioso y fiel!" (Éxodo 34, 6-7). ¿Quién podría comprender semejante bondad? ¿Hay algo en la tierra o en el cielo que se le parezca?

Tan potente es el amor de Dios que el pecado y la iniquidad no lo resisten. Así también nosotros, si negamos o rechazamos la fuerza de este amor, corremos el peligro de separarnos de él y sufrir la muerte física y espiritual. El amor de Dios es más poderoso que la muerte misma, porque "Dios es tan misericordioso y nos amó tanto, que nos dio vida juntamente con Cristo cuando todavía estábamos muertos a causa de nuestros pecados" (Efesios 2, 4-5). Gracias a Jesús, tenemos acceso al insondable amor del Padre. La muerte y la resurrección de Cristo son las revelaciones supremas del amor divino. Jesús nos ha redimido del pecado y de las tinieblas y nos ha dado una vida nueva e incorruptible en el Espíritu.

Si creemos en el inmenso amor del Padre, ¿por qué a veces Dios nos parece tan lejano? ¿Por qué nos parecen tan abstractas las verdades de nuestra fe? Dios es generoso en amor, pero nos llama a corresponderle ese amor renunciando al pecado y poniéndonos bajo el resplandor de su luz. Nuestro peor enemigo es el pecado en el mundo y también en nuestro corazón. Nadie que disfrute de la oscuridad busca la luz, pero si renunciamos al pecado y nos acercamos a Cristo, él disipa las tinieblas y nos resucita a la vida eterna. El segundo impedimento más grande para conocer la plenitud del amor de Dios es el desconocimiento de su amor y de las verdades de nuestra salvación. Preocúpate hermano de aprenderlas, especialmente estudiando el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

"Padre amado, te pedimos que tu luz y tu amor iluminen a todos tus hijos para que podamos ver y rechazar las obras de la oscuridad."

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**EUCCHARISTIC
HOLY HOUR
with Confessions
Monday, March 16
6 to 7pm**

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). This Wednesday, **March 18**, and every Wednesday 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.

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.

Simple Lenten Meal – The Social Justice Committee invites all to a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room this Friday, **March 20** after the 6pm Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve the meal, and representatives of the Northwest Pregnancy Center will speak on their mission of supporting mothers through their pregnancy center and maternity home. All donations will benefit the Northwest Pregnancy Center.

Next Saturday – Lenten Morning of Reflection – “*Are you looking for something more out of Lent?*” will be presented by Rev. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P. Saturday, **March 21**, 9am-12pm. Please see the flyer in this bulletin.

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? This Lent, St. Matthew begins providing and referring 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.

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. 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.

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.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS 2015



His Eminence Seán Cardinal O’Malley, Archbishop of Boston and a major advisor to Pope Francis (and former weekend assistant here at St. Matthew’s), will present the premiere Keynote Address for St. Matthew’s 175th Anniversary on Sunday, **April 26** at 3pm in the Cathedral. The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome to join us for the Cardinal’s address and a reception following.



175th Anniversary Special Events 2015 – We hope you will mark your calendars and join us at these special events celebrating

the 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew’s Parish!

Sunday, April 26, 3pm

Address by Cardinal Seán O’Malley

Sunday, October 11, after all Masses

Celebration of our many cultures, with traditional food, dress, music and dance

Saturday, October 17, 6pm

175th Anniversary Gala, with cocktails, dinner and dancing

Sunday, November 1, 12:00 noon (combining 11:30am and 1pm Masses)

Bilingual Mass, with Cardinal Wuerl as Principal Celebrant, followed by a reception

Sunday, November 22, 7:30pm

175th Anniversary Concert, featuring the Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers

Sunday, December 13, 7:30pm

Lessons and Carols, a celebration of the Birth of Christ in Word and Song, featuring the Schola Cantorum

Times subject to change.

Please watch for future announcements.

NEWS AND NOTES



Congratulations! – Bro. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P., a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's, was ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, **March 14**. Bro. Patrick serves as deacon and preaches 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Come—Let Us Adore Him! – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, **March 16** from 6 to 7pm. Bro. Patrick Briscoe, O.P. will preside. Confessions will be available in English and Spanish during the hour.

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.

2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, **June 21** at 2pm at the National Shrine. Call 202-587-5143 to register by Monday, April 13.

World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia – All are welcome to this 8th annual event, to be held **September 22 – 27, 2015**. To sign up for updates on how you can participate, visit www.WorldMeeting2015.org.

FAITH IN ACTION

Romero Movie Screening – On March 24, we remember Archbishop Oscar Romero, declared martyr by Pope Francis, who served as the voice of the oppressed poor of 1970's El Salvador. All are welcome as the Social Justice Committee presents a screening of the documentary "Monseñor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero" (Spanish with English subtitles) on Monday, **March 16** at 7pm in the North Conference Room, followed by a brief discussion and refreshments.

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 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 15 – March 22

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.

Monday 16—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions available English and Spanish.

A screening of "Monseñor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero" is held at 7pm in the North Conference Room. Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 17—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 18—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 20—**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room.

Saturday 21 – A Lenten Morning of Reflection is held in the North Conference Room beginning at 9am.

Sunday 22—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. The 1pm Mass celebrates Archbishop Oscar Romero.

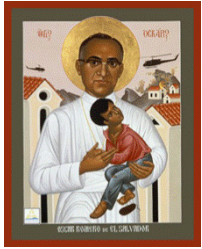
Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

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

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

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡La Luz está Encendida para ti! – ¿Tienes dificultad perdonado a alguna persona o a un ser querido? ¿Has considerado primero la reconciliación con Dios? 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 encendida para ti!



Proyección de película sobre la vida del mártir Arzobispo Oscar Romero

– El 24 de marzo, recordamos la vida del valiente líder religioso, ahora declarado mártir por el Papa Francisco, el Arzobispo Oscar Romero, quien hizo su misión al servir como la voz de los oprimidos pobres de El Salvador. El

Comité de Justicia Social presentará el documental “Monseñor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero” el lunes, **16 de marzo** a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Concluiremos la tarde con una breve discusión. Se servirán refrescos. La película es en español, con subtítulos en inglés.

Formación en la Fe – Grupo de Oración – El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **17 de marzo** será: El Tercer Mandamiento. El padre Evelio Menjivar será el invitado especial.

Vía Crucis – El Vía Crucis, revisado por San Juan Pablo II, se reza 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.

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 están llevando a cabo cada viernes en el salón del Norte, después del Vía Crucis (en inglés) de las 6 de la tarde. Esta semana, **20 de marzo**, los Caballeros de Colón prepararán y servirán una cena simple, también tendremos como invitados a representantes del Centro Northwest quienes hablarán sobre su misión de apoyo a madres de familia mediante su centro de embarazo y hogar de maternidad. Todas las donaciones que se recogerán esa tarde beneficiarán al Centro Northwest.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Programa de Plato de Arroz – 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.

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.

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:

- **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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Domingo 15 | 2 Crón 36:14-16,19-23 / Ef 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21 |
| Lunes 16 | Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54 |
| Martes 17 | Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16 <i>San Patricio</i> |
| Miércoles 18 | Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30 <i>San Cirilo de Jerusalén</i> |
| Jueves 19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / <i>San Jose, Esposo de la Virgen María</i> Mt 1:16,18-21,24 |
| Viernes 20 | Sab 2:1,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2.10.25-30 |
| Sábado 21 | Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53 |
| Domingo 22 | Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33 |

MILESTONES IN**CATHEDRAL HISTORY**

1860 – St. Ann's Infant Asylum, the first "asylum" for infants, located on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue & 13th Street, was founded by the pastor of St. Matthew's Church to meet the needs of Irish immigrant orphans. Known today as St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville, the center continues its 150 plus-year legacy of serving children and families in need.

FAITH FORMATION**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.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

– R.C.I.A. is an ongoing process of exploring our Catholic faith. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski for more information (contact info above).

YOUNG ADULTS

Last Sunday's Cathedral Coffeehouse

Cathedral Coffeehouse – Sunday, March 15 – following 5:30 Mass – Cathedral – Looking for a quick and easy way to deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith during Lent? Join Bro. Gabriel, Bro. Patrick, and other young adults after the 5:30pm Mass for Cathedral Coffeehouse, an exciting new weekly series. **In 20 minutes or less** we promise you'll learn something new and have a few good laughs. This week's topic will be: *Jesus Christ and the Case of the Mistaken Identity*. Questions? Email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

C+YA for a Discussion – RESCHEDULED for Thursday, Mar 19 – 7 to 8:30pm - Scion Restaurant (2100 P St NW / Dupont Circle) – The Cathedral Young Adults resume their monthly discussion group at a new location for a lively discussion of 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

Save the Date: C+YA for Supper – Thursday, March 26 – 7pm - Alero Restaurant (1724 Connecticut Avenue / Dupont Circle) – All young adults and fellow foodies are encouraged to join us for our monthly supper. Friends and coworkers welcome! This month we're headed to **Alero Mexican Restaurant** in Dupont Circle. Sign up [here](http://goo.gl/T0B7Wa) (<http://goo.gl/T0B7Wa>) by Monday, March 23. Email Sean at jsm243@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 15 – March 22

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. Weischedel

Monday, March 16

7am – Terry Bork (living)
8am – Christine Magda
12:10pm – Conrad Sabelino, Jr.
5:30pm – Ronald Steffenser

Tuesday, March 17

7am – Brooksie, Myrtle & Bessie Banks
8am – June Galsonti (living)
12:10pm – Andres G. Agcaoli
5:30pm – Elmer B. Sartin

Wednesday, March 18

7am – Msgr. W. Louis Quinn
8am – Florence Yoder
12:10pm – Terence Michael Palmer
5:30pm – Anthony V. Savinski

Thursday, March 19

7am – Alexander Quintavella
8am – Francis Stein & Family (living)
12:10pm – Andreas Dharmajaya
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Friday, March 20

7am – Cleta Main
8am – Felicisima R. Bautista
12:10pm – Christopher Stein (living)
5:30pm – Alfonso Araque

Saturday, March 21

8am – Maria Jaimes
12:10pm – Maria Antonia Prieto
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Sunday, March 22

7am – John P. Crawford
8:30am – Joseph J. Grassi, Jr.
10am – Arch Moore, Jr.
11:30am – Ruth Vera
1pm – Celmira Borjas
5:30pm – Erma M. Paliani

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



LAETARE VESPERS

SUNDAY
MARCH 15, 2015
4:00 PM

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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.



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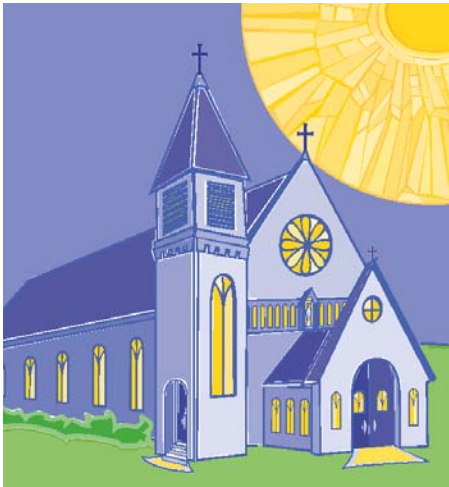
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When do transactions take place?



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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, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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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.

Organ Completion Fund: Weekly Gift: \$ _____ Monthly Gift: \$ _____ One-Time: Gift \$ _____

| COLLECTION | AMOUNT | MONTH | COLLECTION | AMOUNT | MONTH |
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| <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 |
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| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services | \$ _____ | May | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas | \$ _____ | December |

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my **total** monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

Name(s): *(please print)* _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit/Debit Card: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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



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)

