

## TODAY'S READINGS

**B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (MK 11:9)  
When artists talk about contrast, they're referring to the arrangement of opposite elements—light versus dark, small versus large, rough versus smooth. It's a technique they use to add a dramatic effect to their work. If we thought of God as an artist, we would definitely say that Palm Sunday is a study in contrasts. God created the universe out of nothing, fashioned the stars and planets, sustains every living thing, and knows every hair on our heads. Yet this same awesome, all-powerful God chose to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey. You can't have a more dramatic contrast than that. Or can you?

That Jesus, our King, came to his people riding a lowly pack animal is a huge contrast. But even more dramatic is the fact that he was crowned with thorns and not with gold, and beaten rather than worshipped. Or that he, who would judge heaven and earth, was judged and condemned the very people he created.

Jesus went through all the pain and humiliation of the cross so that we could be reconciled with God. He who is Life itself embraced death so that we could receive eternal life.

Keep this in mind during Mass today. During the Holy, Holy, remember the citizens of Jerusalem who spread out their cloaks and waved palm branches at Jesus. Like you, they called out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." But just a few days later, they joined the Sanhedrin in calling out, "Crucify him!" (Mark 15:14). And through it all, through all the contrasts and ups and downs that he faced, Jesus continued to love. He continued to forgive. He never forgot his mission to save us all.

So when you say these words, do it with all the conviction you can muster. Praise the Lord for coming so humbly. And tell him you don't want any more contrasts in your life!

*"Lord, thank you for coming to us so humbly! Teach me to follow your example of self-sacrifice and compassion."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 29** Mk11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

**Monday 30** Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11  
*Monday of Holy Week*

**Tuesday 31** Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*

**Wednesday 1** Is 50:4-9 / Mt 26:14-25  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*

**Thursday 2** Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 3:1-15  
*Holy Thursday*

**Friday 3** Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42  
*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

**Saturday 4** Gn 1:1—2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Ex 14:15—15:1 / Is 54:5-14 /  
*Holy Saturday* Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9 -15,32—4:4 / Ez 36:16-28 /  
Rom 6:3-11 / Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday 5** Act 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9  
*Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord*

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**A**quellos que Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles, "Tengo el alma llena de una tristeza mortal. Quédense aquí, velando", hoy nos lo dice también a nosotros. En esta semana, la más sagrada del cristianismo, Jesús nos invita a entrar en su corazón, y permanecer allí orando con fervor y reflexionando sobre los maravillosos acontecimientos que presenciaremos en estos próximos días. De esta forma podremos regocijarnos en la victoria pascual de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte, y experimentar el gozo de la reconciliación con el Padre.

Al crearnos, Dios quiso que tuviéramos una íntima comunión con él, pero en el Jardín del Edén, el cumplimiento del deseo divino quedó frustrado porque el hombre decidió desobedecerle. Más tarde, en el huerto de Getsemaní, Jesús pidió que si era posible cumplir la voluntad de Dios sin beber la copa del sufrimiento, que así fuera, pero siendo perfectamente obediente, sumiso y unido al Padre, añadió: "Padre... que no se haga lo que yo quiero, sino lo que tú quieres." Cristo aceptó la decisión del Padre, aun cuando su humanidad ansiaba otra solución. Por nuestra parte, si permanecemos en Cristo y deseamos de todo corazón cumplir la voluntad del Padre, también recibiremos respuesta a todas nuestras oraciones. Jesús dijo "no se haga lo que yo quiero", y por eso nos puede decir "Si permanecen en mí... pidan lo que quieran y se les concederá" (Juan 15, 7).

La condición para recibir respuestas a la oración es permanecer unidos a Cristo y nutrirse de sus palabras, su Cuerpo y su Sangre. Así descubrimos que abrazar la voluntad de Dios es abrazar a Dios mismo.

Hoy y todos los días de esta Semana Santa, empéñese por mantenerse unido a Cristo Jesús, para que pueda apreciar mejor el misterio de la salvación. Sea uno con Cristo y conozca la bendición de obedecer la voluntad de Dios. Entonces, en toda circunstancia, podrá decir: "Padre, no se haga lo que yo quiero, sino lo que tú quieres."

*"Cristo amado, queremos permanecer siempre unidos a ti para hacer tu voluntad y recibir la paz y el amor que ganaste para nosotros en la cruz."*

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## HOLY WEEK

We invite you to join us at our Holy Week liturgies and services. Find the schedule in the flier in today's bulletin, or in the brochures in the pew racks, in baskets at the Cathedral doors or at [www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org).

Penn Parking Garage next to the Cathedral offers extended hours for the Chrism Mass, Tenebræ and the Easter Vigil.



**Chrism Mass** – The Chrism Mass for the Archdiocese of Washington will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Monday, **March 30** at 7pm. **Donald Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate

this special Mass during which priests of the Archdiocese renew their ordination promises and the sacramental oils for the year will be blessed. The Cathedral will close after the 12:10pm Mass and reopen at 6pm. Come and pray for our priests!

**Confessions** – The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during Holy Week as follows:

At our **12:10pm** Lenten Communal Penance Service, *Come Home for Easter*, on Tuesday of Holy Week;  
**11am - Noon**—Monday of Holy Week, Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (no Confessions at regularly scheduled Saturday time of 4-5pm on Holy Saturday); and  
**6:15 - 7:15pm**—Wednesday of Holy Week (Confessions before the 7:30pm Tenebræ service).

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – Ash Wednesday, which we celebrated on **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.

**Good Friday Collection** – Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the special Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

**CRS Rice Bowl Reflection** – CRS Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*, and to

remember that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray that we all work with joy for God's greater glory. To contribute to this Lenten collection, pick up a Rice Bowl at the Cathedral main entrance. Rice Bowls will be collected after Masses on **April 12-13**. Find more information at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Decorators Needed!** – On Holy Saturday, **April 4** we will gather to decorate the Cathedral for Easter. We need volunteers from 9:30am until 11am to prepare flowers and other decorations. There is no need to sign up in advance—just come!

**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.

**Holiday Schedule** – On Easter Monday, **April 6** and on Thursday, **April 16**, DC Emancipation Day, the Rectory offices will be closed. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm, Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there will be no Confessions.

**Blessing of Engaged Couples** – On Sunday, **April 19**, Msgr. Jameson and other parish clergy will confer a blessing of engaged couples at the 11:30am Mass. Couples who are being married at the Cathedral or are receiving marriage preparation at St. Matthew's are invited to receive the blessing. To participate, please email us at [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:reply@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Having Unresolved Feelings after Abortion?** – The Archdiocese of Washington's Project Rachel Ministry is forming "An Experience of Hope" support groups on Thursday evenings (7-9pm) and Wednesday mornings (9-11am). Locations are disclosed to women who register. Contact Alma Maltez at 301-853-4565 or visit [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). All contacts are confidential.

**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.

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



### Address by Cardinal Seán O'Malley

– An address in celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Matthew's Parish will be given by **His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley on Sunday, April 26 at 3pm** at the Cathedral (Sign Language Interpreted). All are invited to attend this free event and the reception following the

address. Contact Theresa at [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-587-5139 or for more information.

**Memories Wanted!** – Your help is needed to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, now the Cathedral Parish, and since 1939, the seat of the Archdiocese. **You are invited now and throughout 2015 to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family. Check the website front page to read the featured and archived stories!**

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:reply@stmatthewscathedral.org), or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at the Rectory. Thank you!

**Help St. Matthew's Discover its History!** – The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication Committee is looking for volunteer researchers, writers, and editors to assist with compiling and publishing a new history of St. Matthew's. Researchers are needed to visit libraries and archives in the DC area for research in April and May 2015, to supplement existing resources in the Cathedral Archives and help fill in the gaps in St. Matthew's parish history. Writers and editors are needed to help write and edit text in June and July 2015. Volunteers with access to library research databases are particularly needed as are those with extensive writing and editing experience. Training will be given to all volunteers. Please contact Dan Evans at [175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org) to volunteer.

**Call for Cathedral Parish Life Photos** – Do you have photos of your parents' or grandparents' wedding at St. Matthews? Photos of baptisms? Or of your family standing in front of the altar at Easter? The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication Committee seeks historic photos of events at St. Matthew's for potential use in



our anniversary documents. Please submit photos with the date and description of the event to Dan Evans at [175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org) or contact Dan at 202-587-5138. We can assist with scanning and copying your originals. All submissions will become part of the Cathedral Archives.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Events 2015** – We hope you will mark your calendars and join us at these special events celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew's Parish!

### **Sunday, April 26, 3pm**

Address by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, followed by a reception

### **Sunday, October 11, after all Masses**

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

### **Saturday, October 17, 6pm**

175<sup>th</sup> 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**

175<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## 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.

- **April 12**, 1:30pm: Sacred Heart (Washington, DC), 202-234-8000
- **April 19**, 5pm: St. John the Evangelist (Clinton, MD), 301-868-1070
- **April 26**, 3pm: St. Martin of Tours (Gaithersburg, MD), 301-990-3203

**Volunteers Needed:** Both attorneys and non-attorneys are needed. To volunteer, send an email to [Jacqueline.rishty@catholiccharitiesdc.org](mailto:Jacqueline.rishty@catholiccharitiesdc.org).



## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Confesiones en Semana Santa** – Aquí en San Mateo, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes – viernes, 11-12 y sábados 4-5 de la tarde) y el Servicio Comunal de Penitencia el martes 31, a las 12 del mediodía con múltiples confesores, **tendremos también confesiones en ambos idiomas: inglés y español, este Miércoles Santo de 6:15 a 7:15 de la tarde seguida por el servicio de Tenebrae.**

**Clases de Confirmación para Adultos** – Se ofrecerán clases de preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación para adultos. Las inscripciones están disponibles en la rectoría o venir el **12 de abril** de 11:30 de la mañana a 12:15 del mediodía. Las clases serán los domingos **12, 19 de abril y 3 de mayo** de 2:45 a 4:00 de la tarde. Las personas interesadas deben traer el certificado de bautizo vigente y es requerido asistir a la charla del **Cardenal Seán O'Malley el 26 de abril**. Para más información pueden dejar un mensaje a Fátima al 202-347-3215 ext 543.

**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.

**Reflexión para plato de arroz de CRS** – El programa de CRS Plato de Arroz nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica-social, *La Dignidad del Trabajo y los Derechos de los Trabajadores*, y se nos recuerda que, como el trabajo en crear el universo, Dios santifica y nos llama al trabajo. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo, para que podamos laborar con alegría para gloria de Dios. Para contribuir a esta colecta, por favor recoja un "Plato de Arroz" que se encuentran en la entrada central de la Catedral y en la rectoría. Más información: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). Se recogerán los Platos de Arroz el fin de semana del **12 de abril**.

**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.

**Próximamente** – El lunes de Pascua **6 de abril** y el jueves **16 de abril**, fiesta de la Emancipación del Distrito de Columbia; las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas.

**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:**

- **12 de abril**, 1:30 de la tarde: Sagrado Corazón (Washington, DC), 202-234-8000
- **19 de abril**, 5 de la tarde: San Juan el Evangelista (Clinton, MD), 301-868-1070
- **26 de abril, 3 de la tarde: San Martin de Tours (Gaithersburg, MD), 301-990-3203**

**Se buscan voluntarios:** Se necesita la ayuda de abogados y personas que deseen colaborar. Contacte a [Jacqueline.rishty@catholiccharitiesdc.org](mailto:Jacqueline.rishty@catholiccharitiesdc.org).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 29</b> <i>Domingo de Ramos</i> <i>la Pasión del Señor</i>	Mc 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Fil 2:6-11 Mc 14:1—15:47
<b>Lunes 30</b> <i>Lunes Santo</i>	Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
<b>Martes 31</b> <i>Martes Santo</i>	Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38
<b>Miércoles 1</b> <i>Miércoles Santo</i>	Is 50:4-9 / Mt 26:14-25
<b>Jueves 2</b> <i>Jueves Santo</i>	Éx 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15
<b>Viernes 3</b> <i>Viernes Santo</i>	Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42
<b>Sábado 4</b> <i>Sábado Santo</i>	Gn 1:1—2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Ex 14:15—15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4 / Ez 36:16-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mc 16:1-7
<b>Domingo 5</b> <i>Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor</i>	He 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

## 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](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew's will provide and refer interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above) for more information.

**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

**Cathedral Coffeehouse - March 28** – following 5:30pm Mass – Cathedral – Join Br. Gabriel, Br. Patrick, and other young adults after the 5:30 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 laughs. The topic is *Mary and the Valley of Death*. Email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com) for more information.

**C+YA for Supper (Holy Thursday Edition)** – Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7 PM – Ping Pong Dim Sum (1 Dupont Circle NW) – All young

adults and fellow foodies are encouraged to join us for our monthly suppers. We will gather at Ping Pong Dim Sum after the 5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance and we will walk over together. RSVP [here](#) (<http://goo.gl/forms/CO34U6kbel>). Contact: [Rachel](mailto:racheljanepatterson@gmail.com) at [racheljanepatterson@gmail.com](mailto:racheljanepatterson@gmail.com)

**C+YA at the Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program - Saturday, April 11 - 9:30am to 12:30pm - 801 East Men's Shelter (2700 MLK Blvd. SE / Anacostia)** – This is a residential rehab program for young men ages 18-24. Join us for a rewarding morning of fun activities and facilitated interaction designed to help the guys develop valuable skills. A quick [volunteer sign up](#) is required. If you're able to carpool, sign up [here](#). Contact: [Carolyn](mailto:Carolyn@cewait.10@gmail.com) at [cewait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cewait.10@gmail.com)

**C+YA Spring Retreat! - Save the Date - May 30 - 31 - Bellarmine Retreat Center (Waynesboro, PA)** – Mark your calendars for the C+YA Spring Retreat: **May 30-31** at Bellarmine Retreat Center in Waynesboro PA. The theme is "Finding God in All Things". Contact [Hannah](mailto:Hannah@hannahrtdell@gmail.com) at [hannahrtdell@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrtdell@gmail.com) to attend or get involved as a small group leader.

**Holy Week and Easter with EWTN** – Join in the celebration of Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome or at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here in Washington, DC.! Get details at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). To find a station near you, visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder).

**Acts of the Apostles on TV** – *A.D. The Bible Continues*, a new series that follows the birth of the Church, premieres on NBC Easter Sunday, **April 5** at 8pm.

## MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

**1868** - Fr. Charles I. White, pastor of St. Matthew's, invites the newly founded Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to open a school. The Academy of the Holy Cross is founded and shares facilities with St. Matthew's parish school for the first few years. Today the Academy, a Catholic girls' college preparatory high school, is located in Kensington, Maryland and is run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 29 – April 5

### Sunday, March 29

7am – Alexandra Bilotti  
8:30am – Philip Chang  
10am – Ruth Vera  
11:30am – Lolo Sarnoff  
1pm – Todos los Feligreses  
5:30pm – Julius Egoegonwa

### Monday, March 30

7am – Don Drew  
8am – Maxie D'Souza  
12:10pm – Cleta Main

### Tuesday, March 31

7am – Constance Allaro  
8am – Joseph Le  
5:30pm – David Dunne

### Wednesday, April 1

7am – Perry Frank (living)  
8am – Robert Boggs  
12:10pm – Jane Kendrick  
5:30pm – Presentacion Q. Marzan (living)

### Thursday, April 2

12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
5:30pm – Tricia Thompson

### Sunday, April 5

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – Irene & Martin Osten  
10am – Joseph & Carolyn Prucnal  
11:30am – Theda E. Abbott  
1pm – Yeny Vincente De Leòn  
5:30pm – Vu Nhat Thanh

## 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



# Come Home for Easter

## Lenten Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 31, 12:10 p.m.



We invite you to experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at our Lenten Communal Penance Service.

Experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship.

Join parishioners and friends as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness from sin and reconciliation with God in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Priests from around the Archdiocese and our own St. Matthew's Rectory priests will be available for individual confessions in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, German, Kiswahili and American Sign.

Questions?

Contact the Rectory at 202-347-3215  
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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## March 29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

*Schedule of Masses  
with the distribution of palms:*

**5:30PM** (Saturday, March 28) 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** REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)  
**5:30PM** VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

## March 30 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 31 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**7AM** Mass  
**8AM** Mass  
**11AM** *No confessions scheduled*  
† **12:10PM** COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
**5:30PM** Mass

## April 1 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)

## April 2 HOLY THURSDAY

**8AM** *The Cathedral opens.*  
**9AM** Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
**11AM to NOON** Confessions (7 confessors)  
**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.*

## April 3 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. TIMOTHY P. KESICKI, S.J., President, Jesuit Conference of the U. S.  
† **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, REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI  
**7:30PM** Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

## April 4 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)

## April 5 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)  
*The Rectory is closed today and Easter Monday, April 6.*



## Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

*Faith Direct* is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

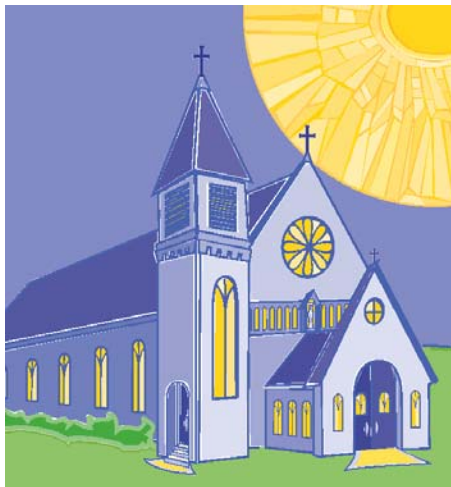
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

### *How does Faith Direct work?*

*Faith Direct* is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

### *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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Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net).

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

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

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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.

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

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
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<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

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

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