

## Today's Readings

**N**ot to all the people, but to us. (Acts 10:41)  
Happy Easter! On behalf of everyone at *The Word Among Us*, we want to wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of the risen Lord.

We want to focus on just one verse today. Speaking to a centurion and his family, St. Peter says that the risen Jesus chose to appear, "not to all the people," but only to himself and the other disciples, "the witnesses chosen by God in advance" (Acts 10:41). He didn't appear to everyone—not the Pharisees, not the people in Athens or Alexandria, not even to all the people he had healed and delivered. It was just a few people.

Peter then goes on to say something even more surprising: God had commissioned him and the others "to preach to the people and testify" (Acts 10:42). Rather than making a proclamation from heaven for all to hear, God chose ordinary, everyday people to share his good news. In other words, he chose people just like us.

Why would God choose such a humble, risky strategy? We may never know the full answer, but here are two possibilities:

First, Jesus wants us to experience his love through each other. He wants us to feel his presence through the generosity, the affection, and the humility of his followers. That's why he has called us to be a Church—so that he can work through us to change the world. It's why he calls us to gather around the altar as brothers and sisters.

Second, Jesus trusts us. He was confident that, with the help of his Spirit, Peter and Mary Magdalene and the rest could accomplish something grand and beautiful for him. In the same way, he trusts you. He knows you won't always get it right, but neither did the apostles. Still, he knows that if you set your heart on loving people as he loves them, you will make a difference.

Christ is risen! May we all proclaim it through our love!

*"Jesus, I am in awe that you have chosen me to share your gospel!"*

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## This Week's Readings

**Sunday 1** Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 /  
*The Resurrection of the Lord* Jn 20:1-9  
**Monday 2** Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday 3** Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday 4** Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday 5** Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday 6** Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday 7** Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15  
**Sunday 8** Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31  
*Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday*

## Parish Calendar

April 1 – 8

### Sunday 1—Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

Children's Faith Formation classes do not meet.

The regular Sunday schedule of Masses is observed, and the rectory office is closed.

**Donald Cardinal Wuerl** celebrates the 10am Mass in English.

**Monday 2**—The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes after the 12:10pm Mass. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there are no Confessions.

**The rectory office is closed.**

**Tuesday 3**—The rectory office closes early—at 4:30pm.

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

**Wednesday 4**—The rectory office closes early—at 4:30pm.

RCIA Mystagogy meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

**Thursday 5**—The rectory office closes early—at 4:30pm.

**Friday 6—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**Saturday 7**—A Bible study on "Wisdom in the Old Testament" meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass.

### Sunday 8—Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

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

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

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

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration following the 1pm Mass, and the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed in English and Spanish at 2:30pm.

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

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



Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is truly risen! Alleluia!  
Wishing you a joyful Easter! Rejoice



**Welcome Neophytes!** – During the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, six persons were baptized, confirmed and received their First Eucharist; six baptized Christians made their profession of faith and were confirmed and received their First Eucharist, and three baptized Catholics were confirmed and received their First Eucharist! Please welcome them in your hearts, and keep them in your prayers

## News and Notes

**Register Now for “Easter Stories” Women’s Retreat –** Women parishioners and friends are invited to St. Matthew’s annual [Women’s Retreat, April 13 - 15](#) at the Washington Retreat House (see registration form in this bulletin). Accept the invitation; come away with the Lord!

**Holiday Schedule –** On Easter Monday, **April 2** the rectory office will be closed. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, with no Confessions.

**First Friday and First Saturday –** All are welcome to [First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#) on **April 6** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Saturday, **April 7** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass.

**Hospitality Sunday & Environmental Stewardship –** Interested to learn more about [Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment](#)? Want to reduce your carbon footprint? Thinking about how to put your faith into action? Take a first step by bringing your favorite coffee cup from home and joining us on **April 8** after the 8:30am, 10am, or 11:30am Masses for coffee and donuts in the North Conference Room. Contact: [StMattsHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:StMattsHospitality@gmail.com)

**Cathedral Coffeehouse –** Cathedral Coffeehouse resumes Sunday, **April 8**. Join the Young Adults and Friar Manny Vasconcelos for “Catholic Cranium” game night after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room!



**Blessing of Engaged Couples –** On Sunday, **April 15**, couples who are being married at the Cathedral or are receiving marriage preparation at St. Matthew’s

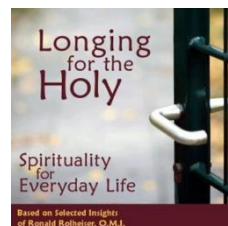
are invited to receive a blessing at the 11:30am Mass. To participate, email [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:reply@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## Faith Formation

**Returning and Inactive Catholics – Welcome!** – If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. Landings is an 8-week series that offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5143

**“Wisdom in the Old Testament”** – Join our next Saturday Bible Study, a two-part presentation on “Wisdom in the Old Testament.” On **April 7**, Fr. Jack Hurley reviews the books comprising the unique Wisdom Literature. On Saturday, **April 14**, the focus is the “Book of Wisdom,” one of the most learned books of Scripture, originating in the Jewish community living in cosmopolitan Alexandria. We meet at 10:30am in the East Conference Room. Please bring your Bible.

**“Just Call Me Jerzy” Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, Priest and Martyr (1947-1984)** – All are welcome on Sunday, **April 22** as Judith Kelly introduces us to the life and witness of this humble priest, Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, the subject of her recent book. The 1pm talk and book signing will be held after the 11:30am Mass in the East Conference Room.



**New Small Faith Sharing Groups Forming!** – A new small group series will begin after Easter, using the RENEW International series, “Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life” with **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**. Four groups will meet—one on Sundays before the 5:30pm Mass, one on Monday evenings, one on Wednesday evenings, and one on a weekday following the 12:10pm Mass. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5143 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for more information or to register for a group.

## Outreach

**CRS Rice Bowl Program** – Our parish has been participating in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program during Lent. Volunteers will collect Rice Bowl donations after Masses next weekend, **April 7 - 8**. For more information, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). If you have questions, contact Norma Canedo at [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention** – Please pray for Pope Francis' **April** intention, that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## Archdiocesan News



**Unite to End Racism** – All are invited as the Archdiocese of Washington joins with other Catholic organizations on Wednesday,

**April 4**, a National Day to Unite to End Racism, for a rally on the National Mall from 7am to 3pm. Visit the National Council of Churches' website on the 3-day "A.C.T. to End Racism" event at [www.rally2endracism.org](http://www.rally2endracism.org). For information on volunteering, contact Sandra Coles-Bell at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**Jubilarian Mass** – This year's Jubilarian celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, **June 17** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **Cardinal Wuerl** will preside. Call 202-587-5143 to register from St. Matthew's by Monday, **April 16**.

## New Parishioner Registration ~ Welcome!

If you attend Mass at the Cathedral, we invite you to register as a parishioner so we can welcome you properly, learn about any special needs and interests, and keep you informed of our worship opportunities and activities. We invite you to consider becoming involved in our various organizations, committees and other aspects of parish life. Register by clicking [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or visiting the parish website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)) and clicking the *Join Us* tab (choose *Register as a Parishioner*). You also may register at the rectory office.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

For our Mass and Confessions schedule, see the bulletin front cover or click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org).

### Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org). Parents should contact us at least six (6) months in advance of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest or deacon of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor. For more information, click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Baptism*).

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

### Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Marriage*, then choose *Weddings*) to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us at least nine (9) months in advance of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For more information on classes, click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Children's Sacramental Preparation/Religious Education*). Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2018 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org).

### Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2018 Confirmation group are available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org).

### Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, see the flier in this bulletin, click [here](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for more information.



## Lecturas de Hoy

**N**o moriré, continuaré viviendo, para contar lo que el Señor ha hecho (Salmo 118(117), 17)  
¡Aleluya, Señor Jesús, porque hoy has resucitado y toda la creación entona jubilosa tus alabanzas! Oigo que hasta las piedras exultan de gozo, justo como tú lo dijiste: “¡Bendito el rey que viene en nombre del Señor!” Incluso la piedra que cerró tu sepulcro ha sido quitada y ahora proclama un maravilloso misterio. En lugar de ser un testamento inmóvil de tu muerte, ha venido a ser un indiscutible testimonio de tu gloriosa resurrección.

Hoy, Señor, las vendas cobran vida para declarar tu victoria, porque sobre ti, la muerte no tenía fuerza alguna; más bien, en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, tú, Señor te liberaste de toda atadura en una magnífica y poderosa explosión de luz, tan fuerte que hasta la piedra de la entrada huyó presa del miedo. Allí en la tumba vacía, con Pedro y el discípulo amado, la Iglesia fija su mirada en los lienzos descartados con asombro y sorpresa, lienzos que me hacen convencerme de que mi Redentor vive hoy y para siempre; y me impulsan a arriesgarlo todo por tu misericordia y por tu promesa de la vida eterna.

Amado Salvador, por cuenta tuya, el cruel instrumento de muerte me habla ahora de la vida verdadera. Por tu Cruz, Señor, tú has destruido al enemigo y has abierto de par en par las puertas de la salvación. Tu luz resplandece en nuestras iglesias y nuestras casas, en habitaciones de hospital, en medio de las ruinas dejadas por la guerra, y en cada lugar oscuro y lúgubre proclamando la vida a cualquier persona que ponga en ti su fe.

¡Son tantas las vidas transformadas y tantos los signos de tu victoria! Cada uno, a su manera, me habla de ti, Señor. Ayúdame a mirar, escuchar y creer para que yo también, a mi manera, llegue a ser una señal que hable de ti a todo el mundo.

*“¡Señor mío Jesucristo, tú has vencido a la muerte y estás vivo para siempre! Permite, Señor, que esta verdad penetre hasta el fondo de mi ser, impregne toda mi vida y haga allí su morada.”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo 1** He 10:34.37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9  
*Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor*  
**Lunes 2** He 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15  
**Martes 3** He 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18  
**Miércoles 4** He 3:1-10 / Lc 24:13-35  
**Jueves 5** He 3:11-26 / Lc 24:35-48  
**Viernes 6** He 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14  
**Sábado 7** He 4:13-21 / Mc 16:9-15  
**Domingo 8** He 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31  
*Domingo de la Divina Misericordia*

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

April 1 – 8

#### Sunday, April 1

7am – Kathryn Cunningham  
8:30am – Benji Le  
10am – Joseph & Carolyn Prucnal  
11:30am – Irene & Martin Osten  
1pm – Miguel A. Giancarlo  
5:30pm – All Parishioners

#### Monday, April 2

8am – Servillano Batac, Jr.  
12:10pm – Emira Rodriguez (living)

#### Tuesday, April 3

7am – Marianne Cook  
8am – Conchita Bautista  
12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
5:30pm – Lauren H. O'Neill (living)

#### Wednesday, April 4

7am – David Heath  
8am – Alex Bautista  
12:10pm – John Tracy & Robert Lee  
5:30pm – Olga Aspillaga Gheresi

#### Thursday, April 5

7am – Ethan Grey (living)  
8am – Maureen Roberts  
12:10pm – Joseph Gallagher  
5:30pm – Linda Opont (living)

#### Friday, April 6

7am – James Connors  
8am – Mary F. Kelly  
12:10pm – Kuwik & Salwa Families  
5:30pm – Bridget O'Connell

#### Saturday, April 7

8am – Grafelde Rios (living)  
12:10pm – Therese Bermopohl (living)  
5:30pm – Rita T. Zelonis

#### Sunday, April 8

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – John F. Kenna  
10am – Alex Arshinkoff  
11:30am – Dr. Eduardo Brito-Mieles  
1pm – Anaie Garcia  
5:30pm – Isabel Fisher

*Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.*

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

## Noticias de la Parroquia

### ¡BIENVENIDOS

*Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!*

### Sacramentos Recibidos en la

**Pascua** – Durante la Vigilia Pascual, seis personas fueron bautizadas, confirmadas y recibieron su primera comunión; seis cristianos bautizados hicieron su Profesión de Fe y tres Católicos bautizados fueron confirmados y recibieron su primera comunión. Sigamos orando por ellos.

**Próximamente** – El lunes de Pascua **2 de abril** 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.

### Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado –

Todos son bienvenidos al primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **6 de abril** en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, y el primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía el sábado **7 de abril**.



Divina Misericordia en la Catedral, el próximo domingo **8 de abril** a las 2:30 de la tarde. Venga a la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y la recitación de la coronilla (alternando en español e inglés), concluyendo con la Bendición.

**Se recogerán las donaciones de los platos de arroz** – Nuestra parroquia ha estado participando en el programa de Plato de Arroz de *Catholic Relief Services* (CRS) durante la Cuaresma. Habrá voluntarios en cada Misa recogiendo las donaciones para el programa de Plato de Arroz el **7 y 8 de abril**. Para más información, visite: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo por [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Clases de Confirmación para Adultos** – Se ofrecerán clases de preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación para adultos activos, bautizados católicos que ya han recibido su primera comunión. Las clases serán los domingos **abril 15, 22, 29 y mayo 6**. Las clases serán de 10:50 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía en el salón del Norte, excepto mayo 6 salón Quinn entrar por la rectoría. Registros **Abril 8** de 9:00 de la mañana a 10:30 de la mañana salón del Este, o haciendo una cita de

**Domingo de la Divina Misericordia** – *Jesucristo es la misericordia divina en persona.* (Papa Benedicto XVI) Únase a su familia parroquial para la devoción de la

lunes a jueves después de la semana Santa. Las personas interesadas deben llamar a Fatima Aybar al 202-347-2315 x54. Deben tener el certificado de bautizo vigente.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Para más información pueden llamar a Fatima al 202-347-3215 X541.

**Intenciones de Oración** – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que los economistas tengan el coraje de rechazar cualquier economía de exclusión y saber cómo abrir nuevos caminos.

**Misa de Jubileo Matrimonial** – El **Cardenal Wuerl** estará presidiendo la misa anual de Jubileo Matrimonial para conmemorar a las parejas que están celebrando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **17 de junio** en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción a las 2:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215, a más tardar el lunes **16 de abril**.

**Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial** – El Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es una experiencia enriquecedora que todo matrimonio merece dársele. La fecha de los próximos Fines de Semana son **14 y 15 de abril; 2 y 3 de junio**. El cupo es limitado por favor inscribáanse con tiempo. Para inscribirse, llamar a Baltazar y Gloria Ortiz al 301-879-4411, o a Cipriano y Mayra Vera al 301-335-7798.

## A WARM THANK YOU AND EASTER BLESSINGS!

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, dear St. Matthew's parishioners, dear friends,

Easter Blessings - the Lord is risen. This Easter Season is a time of new beginnings. The Diocese of Tucson has extended me an offer, a rare opportunity, that allows me to combine the graces of my diaconal vocation to accompany, invite and bring others to the Joy of the Gospel with my trade. This news fills me with gratitude for the past and anticipation for the future.

Therefore, this Easter will bring my seven years of Diaconal Service at St. Matthew's Cathedral to a close. During this time, I have ministered to the sick and the homebound, at Thomas House and elsewhere. I prepared beautiful brides and handsome grooms for the Sacrament of Matrimony. I prepared the new parents, and godparents for baptism. I baptized the best-behaved babies. I have honored the blessed memory of those at funerals or memorial masses. We spent hours in Eucharistic adoration together. We heard the Gospel and had Eucharist together.

What a true treasure St. Matthew's is. The beauties of the interior, the richness of the liturgies and the exquisite music draw us to the Lord from all over the greater metropolitan DC area and beyond.

St. Matthew's, the mother church of the Archdiocese, is truly a mother and an example to us. As our mother, she is a sacred place, a unique community. She provides the space, the rock upon which our shared faith can grow and mature. My Brothers and Sisters, you are what makes St. Matthew's so special. To be called to serve the mother church as a deacon and to journey in our universal call to holiness together is a true blessing. Thank you.

We are called to be saints. We are called to become holy, each of us, in the place where God places us. We are here to be His hands, to be His love for others, to be generous. Here at St. Matthew's, I have found a spirituality that heals, a spirituality that liberates and fills with life and peace. Here is a spirituality that challenges each of us to a communion of solidarity and fruitfulness of mission on the peripheries.

Being a mother, she provides a solid springboard from which a leap of faith can be made. She provides the space where one can hear the quiet whisper to let go and release the grasp on security and place one's hand in a great unseen hand and trust the magic of new beginnings. St. Matthew's is, was, and ever shall be a blessing to me and my wife Simone.

I would like to extend my particular appreciation and gratitude to our shepherd, Cardinal Donald Wuerl. I am indebted to the wisdom and support of Msgr. Jameson, Father Hurley, Father López and Father Murphy. To my brother deacons, Deacon Merella, Deacon Garcia, Deacon Cayrampoma, and Deacon Work, ad multos annos. I am particularly grateful to the blessed community at Thomas House, to Mary Coogan, Mike Duffy and Carl Schilke and the wonderful and dedicated volunteers of the sick and homebound team. To Tom Stehle, the Schola, Paul Hardy, all the music ministers, a bravo and a standing ovation. To Pam Erwin, Maureen Hurley, Dan Evans, Theresa Prymuszewski, Gloria Harrington, Fatima Aybar, and Norma Canedo, Mercedes Araque and the entire staff of the Cathedral, the sacristans Max, Bill and Willy, the servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers, and parish council members, "may the Lord who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment."

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you, and for your faith journeys.

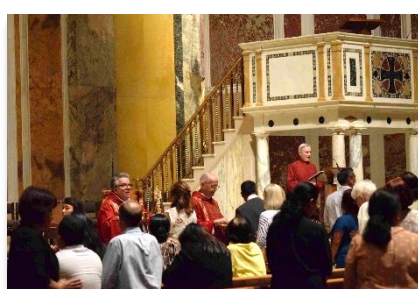
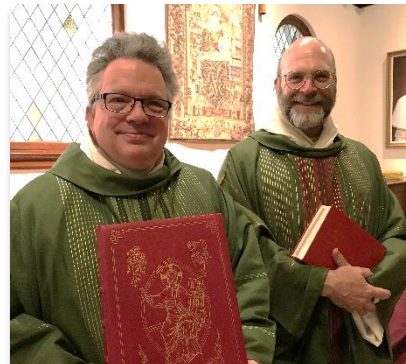
In Christ's Love,  
Deacon Clayton A Nickel





Thank you, Deacon Nick for your prayerful devotion and service to St. Matthew's these past seven years! You and Simone have enriched the life of our parish with your loving presence, friendship and service. You are always welcome at St. Matthew's!

With prayers and best wishes,  
 Msgr. Jameson, the clergy and staff, and all your friends at St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish





## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person. (Pope Benedict XVI)*

Join your parish family for Divine Mercy Devotions in the Cathedral next Sunday, **April 8**. Come for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (alternating in Spanish and English) at 2:30pm, concluding with Benediction.

The Second Sunday of

Easter is **Divine Mercy Sunday**, established by Pope John Paul II on the day that he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska in Rome (April 30, 2000). The special devotion to the divine mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina. On the day of his election as Pope, Benedict XVI spoke about the devotion of Pope John Paul II to the divine mercy, saying: "We listen with joy to the proclamation of the year of mercy... *Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person: To find Christ means to find the mercy of God...* The day of vengeance and the year of favor coincide in the paschal mystery, in Christ, dead and risen. This is the vengeance of God: He himself, in the person of the Son, suffered for us. The more we are touched by the mercy of the Lord, the more we are in solidarity with his suffering, the more disposed we are to complete in our flesh 'what is lacking in Christ's afflictions' (Colossians 1:24)."

To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday and the indulgences attached to devotions in honor of the divine mercy, visit <http://thedivinemercy.org> or <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm>.

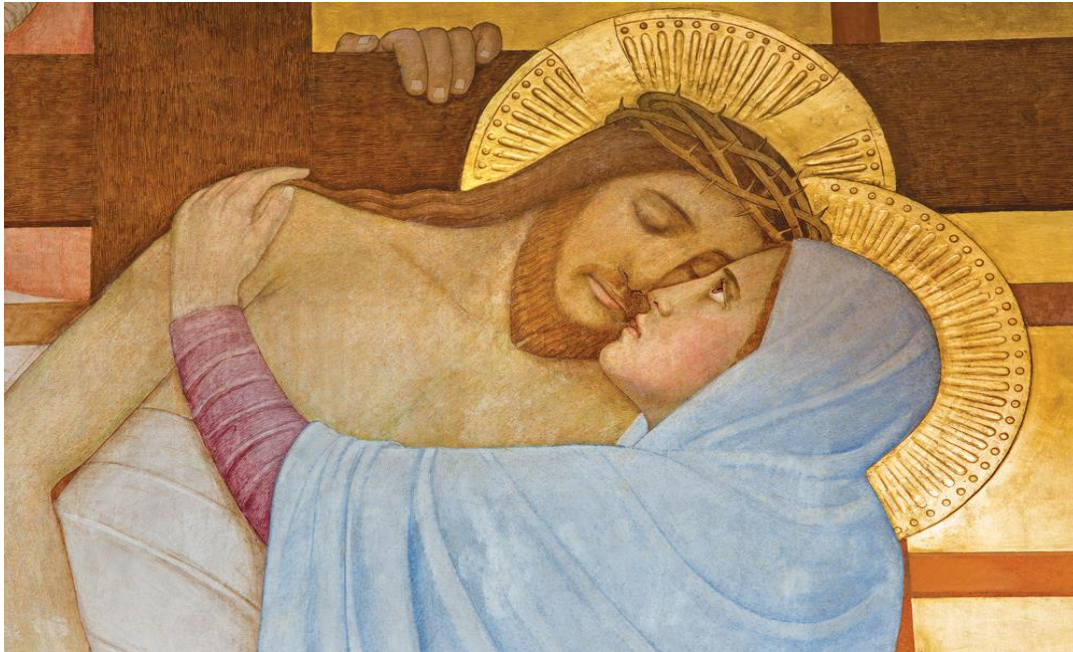
In his Encyclical on the Mercy of God, ***Dives in Misericordia*** (Latin for "Rich in Mercy"), Pope John Paul II wrote: "Although God 'dwells in unapproachable light,' He speaks to man by means of the whole of the universe: 'Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.' This indirect and imperfect knowledge, achieved by the intellect seeking God by means of creatures through the visible world, falls short of 'vision of the Father.' 'No one has ever seen God,' writes St. John, in order to stress the truth that 'the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.' This 'making known' reveals God in the most profound mystery of His being, one and three, surrounded by 'unapproachable light.' Nevertheless, through this 'making known' by Christ we know God above all in His relationship of love for man: in His 'philanthropy.' It is precisely here that 'His invisible nature' becomes in a special way 'visible,' incomparably more visible than through all the other 'things that have been made': it becomes visible in Christ and through Christ, through His actions and His words, and finally through His death on the cross and His resurrection." (Pope John Paul II, from "*Dives in Misericordia*," November 30, 1980.)



# ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*All Women Parishioners and Friends are Welcome*



## Washington Retreat House

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

## ~ *Easter Stories* ~

### Fr. Robert (Bob) Hamm, SJ | Retreat Leader

Check-in at Washington Retreat House is Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM (earlier or later arrival is fine also), followed by dinner at 6:30PM. The retreat ends around 12Noon on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Washington Retreat House. **The offering is \$185.00.** I understand that a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit will hold my reservation. **Checks should be made payable to: Washington Retreat House**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

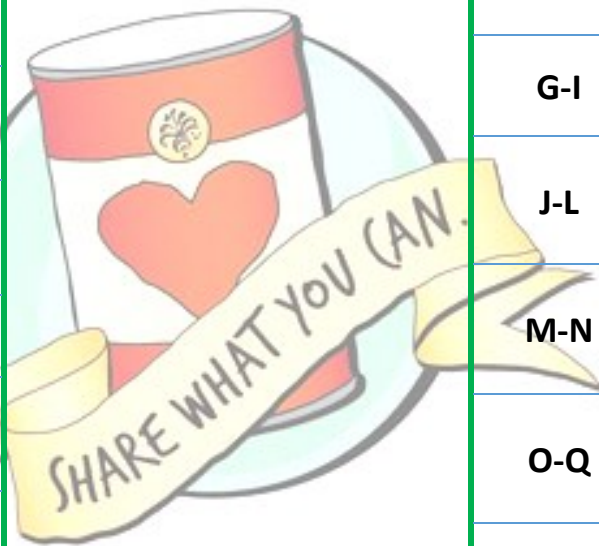
## Easter Food Drive

### *Colecta de alimentos durante el tiempo de Pascua*

The Social Justice Committee & the Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in our parish Easter Food Drive. We will collect food items for Assumption Church a parish in Southeast, DC. Our food drive will support the food pantry of their Pope Francis Outreach Center, which assists 5,000 Ward 8 residents in need annually. **Questions? Interested in volunteering with our food drive?** Email Mark Konold & Mary Budarz at [socialjusticestmatthew@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticestmatthew@gmail.com). You may also call Norma Canedo at the rectory at 202-347-3215.

My Last Name Begins With:	Food Items that I am asked to donate:
A-C	Canned Fruits— in own juice or light syrup (pineapple, peaches and pears, applesauce)
D-F	100% Fruit Juice (all sizes including juice boxes)
G-I	Pastas and Sauces (pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese)
J-L	Canned Vegetables— low sodium (mixed, green beans, corn, tomatoes)
M-N	Soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey, rice)
O-Q	Whole Grain Cereal (cheerios, cornflakes, raisin bran, plain oatmeal)
R-S	Latin American Foods (rice, dried red or black beans, corn tortilla flour)
T-V	Healthy Snacks (raisins, dried fruits, nuts)
W-Z	Canned Proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)

**Weekend of  
April  
15 & 22  
Sunday  
Masses**



**15 & 22  
de abril  
Misas  
dominicales**

Mi apellido empieza con:	Alimentos que se me pide donar:
A-C	Frutas enlatadas – en su jugo o en almíbar (piñas, duraznos y peras, salsa de manzana)
D-F	100% Jugo de frutas (de todos los tamaños, incluso cajas de jugo)
G-I	Pastas y salsas (pasta, salsa para espaguetis, macarrones y queso)
J-L	Vegetales enlatados – bajo contenido de sodio (mezclados, frijoles verdes, maíz, tomates)
M-N	Sopas (guiso o stew de carne de res, chili, pollo con fideos, pavo, arroz)
O-Q	Cereal de grano completo (cheerios, hojuelas de maíz, bran con pasas de uva, harina de avena sola)
R-S	Alimentos latinoamericanos (arroz, frijoles rojos o negros secos, harina de maíz para tortillas)
T-V	Bocados saludables (pasas de uva, frutas secas, nueces, almendras, avellanas, maní)
W-Z	Proteínas enlatadas (atún, salmón, pollo, mantequilla de maní)

El Comité de Justicia Social y los Caballeros de Colón les invita a participar en la colecta de alimentos durante este tiempo de Pascua. Estaremos recogiendo alimentos para la iglesia de Asunción, una parroquia en Suroeste de DC. Nuestra colecta de alimentos aportará a la despensa de alimentos de su centro *Pope Francis Outreach*, lo cual ayuda a 5,000 personas necesitadas cada año.

¿Preguntas? ¿Quiere ayudarnos como voluntario? Mande un correo electrónico a Norma Canedo al [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org) o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.



## 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.

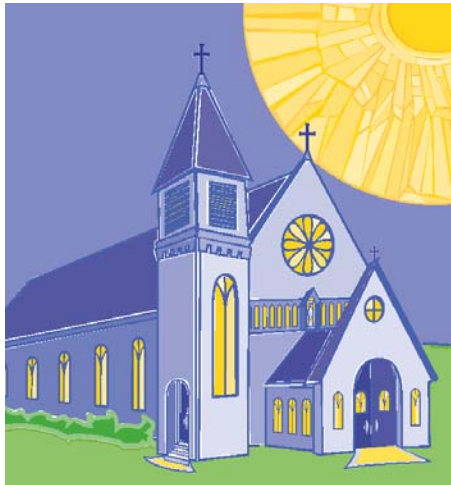
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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.

### *Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?*

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.

**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  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

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

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Faith Direct • Attention: Enrollment • P.O. Box 7101 • Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 • 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} • [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)

**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"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	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	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
(In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May			

*\* 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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