

## TODAY'S READINGS

**H**e had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)  
At the first miracle, the wedding at Cana, Jesus turned water into wine. John said the miracle "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). The miracle revealed Jesus' glory, and that revelation inspired belief.

This basic pattern of a sign revealing glory, and the glory inspiring belief occurs again and again in John's Gospel. For instance, the healing of the official's son was "the second sign that Jesus did," and it led the official's entire family to believe (John 4:54). When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, those who saw the sign said, "This is truly the Prophet" (6:14). When he healed the blind man, the man said, "I do believe, Lord" (9:38). When he raised Lazarus from the dead, "the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign" (12:18).

The greatest of all these signs is Jesus' resurrection. Easter Sunday is the most important day in all of history. It's the culmination of God's magnificent plan of salvation and the foundation of our whole faith as Catholics. Yet as vital a sign as this is, how much do we really know it? How much do we let this sign bring us to deeper and more joyful faith?

Don't be content with what you know! Even if you know a lot, seek out more insight and revelation. Today is the perfect day to set aside some time to read at least one account of Jesus' resurrection. Read all four if you can! Be like Mary Magdalene, and run to the tomb. Stay there until you hear Jesus calling you by name. Honor this day. Celebrate it. Remember that it isn't just about Jesus; it's also about the new life he has given to you. To everyone! All of us who were baptized into his death are also baptized into his glorious resurrection!

*"Jesus, thank you for the great sign of your resurrection! Lord, I believe; help me believe and trust and love even more."*

Taken from *The Word Among Us*, Easter 2015, Vol. 34, Number 4: Used with permission.



## LECTURAS DE HOY

**¡A**leluya! ¡Jesucristo ha resucitado! Gracias a la gloriosa Resurrección de Cristo Jesús, todo cambió en la vida humana: El pecado fue derrotado; Satanás fue vencido; la muerte fue absorbida por la vida. Pero la Resurrección no es sólo historia pasada. ¡Es una realidad presente y dinámica!

Hoy amanece una nueva creación. Cristo es el nuevo Adán; el primogénito entre muchos hijos e hijas que se van incorporando a la familia de Dios y transformando en su imagen. Y tú también eres uno de ellos.

Hoy se proclama una era de gracia. Jesucristo reina victorioso desde lo más alto del cielo y nos encomienda la misión de hacer

bajar las gracias celestiales sobre nuestras familias, vecinos, amigos y desconocidos e incluso sobre nuestros enemigos.

Hoy fluye hacia el mundo un caudaloso torrente de vida, porque Jesús derrama el Espíritu Santo sobre el mundo entero. Desde este poderoso manantial de energía puesto en acción por la Resurrección emana una poderosa cascada de gracia, que consiste en los millones y millones de personas que han experimentado la fuerza de Dios en su conversión personal. Y ahí en esa poderosa corriente vas tú también.

¿Cómo podemos al menos comenzar a rendir honor y gloria a Dios hoy por todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros? Antes que nada, podemos dedicarnos a entrar en la presencia de Cristo, ver el sepulcro vacío y saber que Jesús ya no está muerto. Ver y comprobar que ¡Jesús ha resucitado! ¡Jesús está vivo! El Señor ha estado actuando en tu vida todos estos años, haciendo que tú seas una nueva creación.

Piensa en la gloriosa celebración que hay en el cielo hoy. Jesús está allí entronizado en medio de las jubilosas alabanzas de los santos y ángeles. Ahora, ve que también él está entronizado en tu corazón y medita en lo que el Domingo de Resurrección ha significado para ti.

*"¡Gracias, Señor Jesucristo, porque has resucitado y ahora estás vivo por los siglos de los siglos! Y gracias, Señor, porque me has invitado a participar en la vida de tu Resurrección."*

Escogida con el permiso de *La Palabra Entre Nosotros*, Vol. 34, Número 3: Cuaresma 2015.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 5** Act 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

*The Resurrection of the Lord*

**Monday 6** Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday 7** Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday 8** Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday 9** Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

**Friday 10** Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday 11** Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday 12** Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday*



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



**Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic family!**

At the Easter Vigil, we welcomed 21 new members into the Church. As a parish community, we are called to help them to deepen their relationship with God and with the Church. Please welcome them, and keep them in your prayers. **Those who received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:** Edward Carlson, Mari Chin, Ted Johnson, Jr., Michael Lopz Martel, Young Oh. **Those who were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church:** Darron Brooks, Michael Colonna, Richard Evens, Amanda June Gargus, Molly McPherson Hollowell, Timothy David Loucks, Julie Ann Malveaux, Reshawn Mayberry, Mowele Mohlala, Barbara Ann Schauer, Timothy Chad Stover, Matthew Anthony Tapie, Travis Wells, John Will. **Baptized Catholics who completed the Sacraments of Initiation:** Jennifer Stansall, Carolina Wassmer.

## PARISH CALENDAR

April 5– 12

### Sunday 5—The Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

**Monday 6**—The Rectory offices are closed. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no confessions.

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

The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

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

**Wednesday 8**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**Saturday 11**—Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

### Sunday 12—Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 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 3pm.

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

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

**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.

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, will meet next Sunday, **April 12** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**CRS Rice Bowl** – Rice Bowls will be collected after every Mass on the weekend of **April 12**. You also may drop off your Rice Bowl donations at the rectory.

**Rectory Hours** – From Saturday, **April 18** through **May 13**, the rectory hours will be as follows:

Saturday and Sunday – Closed

Monday thru Thursday – 9am to 4:30pm

Friday – 9am to 4pm

**Thank you!** – Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Charities Food Drive. More than 600 items were collected and given to the food pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Anacostia, SE. Thanks also to all who made gift card or monetary donations to our Easter Drive. \$50 in Safeway gift cards were given to each of the 53 families of our Adopt-a-Family program, to be used for a delectable Easter feast.

**Blessing of Engaged Couples** – On Sunday, **April 19**, 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).

**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.

## 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

**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 at [cewait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cewait.10@gmail.com)



**Cathedral Coffeehouse - Sunday, April 12 – following 5:30pm Mass – West Conference Room** – Join Br. Gabriel, Br. Patrick, and other young adults after the 5:30pm Mass for Cathedral

Coffeehouse. **In 20 minutes or less** we promise you'll learn something new and have a few laughs. The topic is

**Catholics Who Brunch: How to Spend a Sunday.** Email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com).

**C†YA at the Northwest Center** - Tuesday, April 14 – **6 to 8pm** – **Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights)** – The Northwest Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and care for healthy babies. The Cathedral Young Adults get together each month to sort donations or do odd jobs around the Center. Contact Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up.

**C†YA for a Discussion \*Date Change for April\* - Thursday, April 23 - 7 to 8:30pm - Scion Restaurant (2100 P St NW/Dupont Circle)** – This month we will discuss the papal encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi (On Evangelization in the Modern World)* by Pope Paul VI. The topic will be "**Conversion and Violence: Punching! Kicking! Believing in God!**" No prior knowledge of the encyclical is required, we look forward to seeing you for a lively discussion! Contact Mike at [m.owens810@gmail.com](mailto:m.owens810@gmail.com) with questions.

## MARRIAGE

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory 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.

## 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) or 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest 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.

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 Cathedral rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**¡Felicitaciones!** – Por favor, den la bienvenida a los nuevos feligreses de San Mateo. Durante la Vigilia Pascual, se recibieron 21 personas en la Iglesia Católica. Como comunidad parroquial, estamos llamados a ayudarles a desarrollar sus relaciones con Dios y la Iglesia, por favor, hagan que se sientan bienvenidos y manténgalos en sus oraciones.

**Feligreses que recibieron el Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación:** Edward Carlson, Mari Chin, Ted Johnson, Jr., Michael Lopz Martel, Young Oh.

**Feligreses que entraron en comunión total con la Iglesia Católica:** Darron Brooks, Michael Colonna, Richard Evens, Amanda June Gargus, Molly McPherson Hollowell, Timothy David Loucks, Julie Ann Malveaux, Reshawn Mayberry, Mowele Mohlala, Barbara Ann Schauer, Timothy Chad Stover, Matthew Anthony Tapie, Travis Wells, John Will. **Feligreses bautizados católicos, que completaron los Sacramentos de Iniciación:** Jennifer Stansall, Carolina Wassmer.

**Próximamente** – El lunes **6 de abril**, día de Pascua y el jueves **16 de abril**, día de Emancipación del Distrito de Columbia; las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. En estas dos fechas la Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8:00 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones.

**Horario de la Rectoría** – Empezando el sábado **18 de abril** hasta el **13 de mayo**, la rectoría tendrá el próximo horario:

Sábado y domingo – Cerrado

Lunes a jueves – 9:00 de la mañana a 4:30 de la tarde

Viernes – 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde

**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.

**Colecta del plato de arroz de CRS** – Hemos orado, ayunado y dado limosna y ahora ¡celebramos! Alegrémonos de nuestro Señor resucitado y de las vidas que hemos cambiado durante esta Cuaresma y en todo

el mundo! Los platos de arroz serán recogidos después de cada misa el fin de semana del **12 de abril**. También puede entregar sus donaciones del plato de arroz en la rectoría.

**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 Divina Misericordia en la Catedral, el próximo domingo **12 de abril** a las 2 de la tarde. Venga a la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento inmediatamente después de la misa de la 1 en español (aproximadamente a la 2:15), a las 3 de la tarde recitación de la coronilla (alternando en español e inglés) concluyendo con la Bendición.

**Grupo de oración para Jóvenes Adultos – Actividades del mes de abril** – Únase al nuevo grupo de oración en español para feligreses de edades 21-35 años. Nos reuniremos una a dos veces al mes, los domingos después de la misa en español de la 1:00 de la tarde. Todos son invitados a participar en las actividades del mes de abril que incluirán: almorzar después de la misa el **12 de abril** y participar en la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia (bilingüe) a las 3 de la tarde en la Catedral; y el 19 de abril habrá una Hora Santa con confesiones que se llevará a cabo en la Catedral. Por favor de mandar un email para confirmar su participación, a Norma al [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org) o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 ext 552.

**Servicios legales de Caridades Católicas & la reforma migratoria** – 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). **Fechas y parroquias:**

- **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

**Misa Anual de Jubileo Matrimonial** – Donald Cardenal Wuerl estará presidiendo la misa anual para celebrar a las parejas que están conmemorando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **21 de junio** a las 2:00 de la tarde, en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción. Por favor llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215. Todas las parejas que desean participar tienen que estar inscritas el **13 de abril**.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 5** He 10:34,37-43 /  
*Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor*  
Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

**Lunes 6** He 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

**Martes 7** He 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

**Miércoles 8** He 3:1-10 /  
Lc 24:13-35

**Jueves 9** He 3:11-26 / Lc 24:35-48

**Viernes 10** He 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

**Sábado 11** He 4:13-21 / Mc 16:9-15

**Domingo 12** He 4:32,35 /  
*2ª Dom de Pascua, de la Divina Misericordia*  
1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

**Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra colecta cuaresmal de alimentos** – Gracias a todos los que donaron a la Colecta de alimentos de Caridades Católicas 2015. Más de 600 artículos fueron recogidos y entregados directamente a la despensa de comida de la iglesia católica de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro localizada en Anacostia, en el Suroeste de DC.

**Colecta Pascual – ¡Gracias!** – Estamos agradecidos a todos los que donaron tarjetas de regalo y otras donaciones monetarias a la Colecta Pascual. \$50 en tarjetas de regalo de Safeway fueron distribuidos a cada una de las 53 familias de nuestro programa de Adopte-une-Familia, para ser utilizado para una deliciosa cena de Pascua. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 5 – April 12

**Sunday, April 5**

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

**Monday, April 6**

8am – Everett Hutchinson  
12:10pm – Vu Nhat Thanh

**Tuesday, April 7**

7am – Lottie Mayberry  
8am – Virgen de Guadalupe  
12:10pm – John Cox  
5:30pm – Franklyn L. Bullard, Jr.

**Wednesday, April 8**

7am – Elain Stiller  
8am – Concesa A. Bongolan (living)  
12:10pm – Helen Noumas

**Thursday, April 9**

7am – William McPherson  
8am – Victims of the Plane Crash in the Alps  
12:10pm – Peter Kock & Pamela Joseph  
5:30pm – Cristina Santiago (living)

**Friday, April 10**

8am – Gil G. Coquia  
12:10pm – George F. Polster

**Saturday, April 11**

12:10pm – Andrew S. Latka  
5:30pm – Alfonso Araque

**Sunday, April 12**

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – John Ralph Scheve  
10am – David Levy  
11:30am – Joseph Thanh Le  
1pm – Victor Hugo Gonzalez  
5:30pm – Mrs. Christine C. Baldoni (living)

## 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).

## MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

**1892** – Fr. Thomas Sim Lee, pastor of St. Matthew's, purchased property on Rhode Island Avenue for a new St. Matthew's Church. In December 1892, Lee went to Europe with the architect, Christopher Grant LaFarge, to visit great churches and cathedrals and to gather designs for the new church.



**Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea** – Continuing only

through **April 12**, the National Museum of Women in the Arts (1250 New York Avenue, NW) presents an exhibition that explores images of the Virgin Mary by renowned Renaissance and Baroque artists. For information, call 202-783-5000 or visit [www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org).

## ARCHDIOCESE

**Having Unresolved Feelings after Abortion?** – The Archdiocese of Washington's Project Rachel Ministry is forming 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.



## 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 12**. Come for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass (approximately 2:15pm) and the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (alternating in Spanish and English) at 3 pm, 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 <http://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.)

# BIBLE STUDY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



*Time: 10:30 to 11:45am*

(Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.)

*Dates: Saturdays, April 11, 18 & May 2, 16*

*Place – East Conference Room*

*Presenter – Father Jack Hurley*

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| April 11 | The Coming of the Holy Spirit |
| April 18 | Peter and Persecution         |
| May 2    | Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles |
| May 16   | From Corinth to Rome          |

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.  
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

**NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski  
Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation  
202.587.5139 direct line  
tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org*

# ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

*A Franciscan View*

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE



Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, was appointed by Pope Francis in 2013 to the Council of Cardinals that serve as special advisors to the Holy Father with regard to the organization of the Curia in Rome. In March 2014, Pope Francis named Cardinal O'Malley to the newly established Vatican Commission for the Protection of Minors. A professed Capuchin Franciscan since 1965, Cardinal O'Malley will address us in the Cathedral on "A Franciscan View."

*Sign Language Interpreted*

**All are invited to attend this free event and  
to join us for a reception following the address.**

For more information,  
call 202.587.5139 or email  
[tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036  
Metro: Red Line to Farragut North (L Street Exit) or Dupont Circle (South Exit)  
voice 202.347.3215 fax 202.347.7184 web [www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)



## 175th Parish Anniversary News



**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.**

Maybe you have a story of how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future. Maybe there is a moment when you drew closer to your faith because of your involvement with the Cathedral. Maybe you have a story about how you saw the face of God in others through your volunteer efforts, or how Catholic Charities or a Cathedral program or ministry offered you help, hope, or the chance to serve others when you needed it. Share your favorite memories of parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

**The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith.** Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. **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 Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-3001. Please include the words "Anniversary Story" in the email heading or on the envelope.

**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 be become part of the Cathedral Archives.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH 175TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm**  
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, 6:00 pm**  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, with cocktails, dinner and dancing
- **Sunday, November 1, 12:00 noon (combining 11:30 am and 1:00 pm Masses)**  
Bilingual Mass celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew's Parish, with Cardinal Wuerl as Principal Celebrant, followed by a reception
- **Sunday, November 22, 7:30 pm**  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, featuring the Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers
- **Sunday, December 13, 7:30 pm**  
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.)*



## 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.

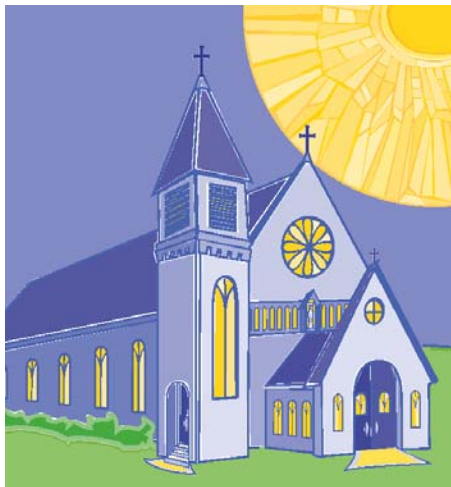
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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: →

DC284



C

Faith Direct • Attention: Enrollment • P.O. Box 7101 • Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 • 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} • 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.

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 &<br>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/<br>World Missions    | \$ _____ | October   |
| <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<br>(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.