

TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.
(Matthew 27:50)

Saints like Ignatius Loyola and Teresa of Ávila have taught that using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in our faith. So let's take their advice today as we read the passion of our Lord.

First, picture yourself with Jesus as he is arrested and brought before the chief priests. Listen as they level false charges against him. See him mourn over the way these men are bound in anger and hatred toward him.

Next, picture Jesus being humiliated by the soldiers. Watch as they spit upon him, mock him, and beat him. The challenge to hold his peace is overwhelming, but Jesus remains resolute and focused on his mission.

Now picture him at Calvary. He is exhausted. His body is wracked with pain and weariness. Nails have pierced his hands and feet. The pain sears through his body as the soldiers raise the cross. The suffering is enormous as the crowd continues to jeer and hurl accusations against him. Nonetheless, Jesus looks at us with compassion, understanding, and mercy. He will not accuse! He will not condemn! All he wants is our salvation.

Watching Jesus as he nears the end, you hear him speak to one of the thieves crucified with him. You think to yourself, "Even now he is still leading people to his Father!" Finally, you hear him cry out in a loud voice as he hands over his spirit—for you.

These are only a few of the events that encompass Jesus' passion. Try to read and reflect on these scenes, or choose some other scenes from today's Gospel: the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, or Peter's denial. Contemplate the passion story today. Let it move you to treasure Jesus above all others. This is the greatest story ever told.

"Jesus, I am overwhelmed by the love you poured out for me in your passion and death. Thank you, Lord."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 9 Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 /
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday 10 Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday 11 Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 12 Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday 13 Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15
Holy Thursday

Friday 14 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 15, Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil
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 36:16-17a,18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mk 28:1-10

Sunday 16 Act 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9
The Resurrection of the Lord

HOLY WEEK

We invite you to join us at our Holy Week liturgies and services. Find the schedule in today's bulletin, or in the brochures in the pew racks, in baskets at the Cathedral doors or at 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, **April 10** 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 are blessed. The Cathedral will close after the 12:10pm Mass and reopen at 6pm. Come and pray for our priests!

Holy Week Confessions – We invite you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Lenten Communal Penance Service – Come Home for Easter on **Tuesday, April 11, at 12:10**. (See the insert in today's bulletin.)

Confessions will also be available on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 11am-12 noon**, and on **Wednesday, April 12, at 6-7:15pm**. (Confessions before the 7:30pm Tenebræ service). (No confessions on Saturday at 4-5pm)



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!

MORE OF HOLY WEEK

Decorators Needed! – On Holy Saturday, **April 15**, we will decorate the Cathedral for Easter. We need volunteers from 9:30am until 11am to prepare flowers and other decorations. No need to sign up in advance—just come!

Hospitality Ministers Needed – Please consider serving as a Hospitality Minister (also known as usher) during Holy Week, at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday. The schedule of liturgies is in today's bulletin, in the Lenten brochure and on the parish website. To volunteer, contact Pam at 202-347-3215 or Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Easter Drive – Thank you! – We are thankful to all who donated gift cards and other monetary donations to the Easter Drive. \$50 Safeway gift cards were distributed to each of the 62 families of our Adopt-a-Family program, to be used for a delicious Easter feast. Thank you for your generosity! To learn more about the Adopt-a-Family program, email Norma Canedo at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **April 9** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Mass for Healing for All Survivors of Sex Abuse – On Tuesday, **April 11**, to mark National Child Abuse Protection Month and to raise awareness, **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** will offer a special Mass for Healing for all survivors of sex abuse and their families. Please join us for the 5:30pm Mass as we continue to pray for healing and peace. To learn all that the Archdiocese of Washington does to protect children, visit: <http://adw.org/childprotection/>

Holiday Schedule – On Easter Monday, **April 17** 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. **Note that our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, normally held on the third Monday of the month, is rescheduled to Monday, April 24.**

Ordination of Our New Auxiliary Bishop – Bishop-elect Roy Campbell will be ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on Friday, **April 21** at a Mass of Ordination beginning at 2pm.

On April 21, the Cathedral will close after the 8am Mass and will reopen at 12pm. There will be no confessions or 12:10pm Mass. Seating for the Ordination Mass will be very limited due to the large number of reserved seats for the clergy, family and friends of Bishop-elect Campbell. Please pray for our newly-appointed bishop as he undertakes this important pastoral responsibility in our Church.

Women—Need to Re-Juvenate? Come to the Re-Fresh Retreat Day! Connecting with God through Mind, Body and Spirit –

Re-New your MIND to the truth of God's Word with author, speaker Melissa Overmyer
Re-Set your BODY with stress management, personal excellence educator Lauren E. Miller
Re-Store your SPIRIT with Spiritual Exercises Retreat Master, Fr. John Paul Duran
 Come enjoy a day designed just for you ~ music, prayer, inspiring teaching, break-through information that leads to transformation and connecting to God through the Sacraments as well as great food and fun, on Saturday, **April 29** from 9:30am to 1:30pm in the North Conference Room. Students and Young Professionals: \$10; all others \$35. To register, visit www.somethinggreater.net.

OUTREACH



CRS Rice Bowl Program – Our parish has been participating in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice

Bowl program as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in the world. As we enter into Holy Week, consider offering your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to help CRS continue to provide assistance countries all over the world. Donations for the Rice Bowl Program will be collected on **April 23**. For more information, visit: www.crsricebowl.org. If you have any questions, contact Norma Canedo at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Cathedral Coffeehouse Series on "Jesus" – Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass – Looking for a quick and easy way to learn more about your faith and meet other young adults at the Cathedral? Join us in the West Conference Room after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass for Cathedral Coffeehouse! For more information, email stmattsyam@gmail.com. Upcoming topics are *Ever Ancient, Ever New: Why Follow Jesus?* (April 9).

FAITH FORMATION

Married Couples Small Group – Married couples of all ages are welcome on Tuesday, **April 18** at 6:30pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in the North Conference Room. We will watch and discuss the acclaimed *Humanum* series that explores critical issues regarding marriage and family. Join us for fun and fellowship with other parish couples. Contact: stmattsmarriedcouples@gmail.com

The Faith Formation Committee – Continues to study "*Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's The Joy of Love Faith Formation Guide*" during its monthly gathering on Tuesday, **April 18** at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

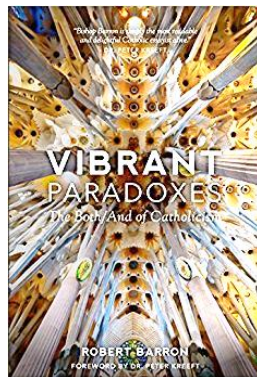
Wednesday Night Bible Study – Join parishioners and friends for a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday's readings led by our Cathedral Seminarians each Wednesday, including **April 19** at 7pm in the West Conference Room. It's a great way to spiritually prepare for Sunday Mass!

Adult Confirmation Preparation – Each spring, St. Matthew's offers

adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. [Registration forms](#) are available in the Rectory and on the parish website. The registration deadline is **April 24**. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org for more information.

RCIA – Do you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski (see information above).

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 eight-week series, that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and being heard, for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith as an adult. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P. at swilsonsmith@paulist.org for more information.



"Vibrant Paradoxes: the Both/And of Catholicism," by Bishop Robert Barron, described as "simply the

most readable and delightful Catholic essayist alive" by critic Peter Kreeft. Cardinal Wuerl describes this engaging collection of short essays on "seemingly opposite realities" as "a must read for anyone looking for a new presentation of our ancient faith." All are welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN AND AREA NEWS

Catholic Standard News Paper – St. Matthew's parishioners and guests are invited to pick up a copy of the **April 6** Catholic Standard newspaper as they leave church. This edition includes a profile of the Cathedral parish and sidebar article about its outreach to the homeless, as part of a new print, online, social media and video series, #ADWparish Encounters. The Catholic Standard invites you to subscribe to the paper or check out its website at www.cathstan.org to read about our family of faith in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Annual 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 25** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Call 202-587-5143 to register by Monday, **April 24**.

Catholic Date Night – This monthly night out for engaged and married couples will be held Saturdays, **April 22 and May 13** beginning at 6pm with free wine and cheese, followed by a talk and discussion, and ending at 7pm when couples continue their date on their own. The location is Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda, MD. RSVP at DCCatholic.eventbrite.com

Cathedral Book Club – The Cathedral Book Club will meet on Monday evening, **May 8**, from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hoy comienza la Semana Santa, siete días en los que se renueva la gracia de la creación, pero no en el ámbito natural y físico, aunque ciertamente los acontecimientos que sucedieron en esos días fueron trágicamente “físicos”. Ahora se prepara la realidad humana para presenciar el inicio de la nueva creación, de la que Jesucristo, el nuevo Adán, es el primogénito.

Desde los primeros años de la Iglesia cristiana, los creyentes reconocieron que con la Pasión, la Muerte y la Resurrección de Cristo se cumplieron todas las profecías mesiánicas y se confirmó su identidad divina. El relato de Mateo que leemos hoy comienza sugiriendo que la traición de Judas se debió a la avaricia y que así se cumplió la profecía de Zacarías 11, 12.

Más tarde, cuando Pedro promete lealtad, Jesús predijo que lo iba a negar. Podemos ver a estos discípulos como figuras históricas con cualidades y debilidades únicas, pero también como personificaciones de todos los cristianos. Al escuchar este relato podemos comparar sus reacciones y sentimientos con los nuestros en circunstancias similares. Después del juicio, algunas personas inesperadas se acercaron a Jesús para ayudarlo: el Cireneo, la Magdalena y José de Arimatea, como señales de que Dios está presente y activo en los lugares más inesperados.

La lectura de la Pasión prepara el escenario para los eventos de la Semana Santa. Por ejemplo: el Jueves Santo, en que la Iglesia celebra la institución de la Eucaristía, la lectura de ese día en el Evangelio de Juan es el lavado de los pies, no el relato de la Última Cena. La lectura de hoy termina acertadamente cuando la tumba queda sellada. Mateo es el único evangelista que incluye algunos signos que siguieron a la muerte de Jesús: el velo del Templo rasgado de arriba abajo, el terremoto, las rocas partidas, los sepulcros abiertos y la resurrección de varios muertos. Todo esto demuestra el efecto poderosísimo que tuvo la muerte de Jesús en toda la creación.

“Amado Señor Jesús, permite que en esta Semana Santa tenga yo una nueva apreciación de tu vida, tu pasión y tu muerte, para ver en ellas mi propio paso al Reino de Dios.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 9

Domingo de Ramos

Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Fil 2:6-11 /

Mt 26:14—27:66 o 27:11-54

Lunes 10

Lunes Santo

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Martes 11

Martes Santo

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Miércoles 12

Miércoles Santo

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Jueves 13

Jueves Santo

Éx 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Viernes 14

Viernes Santo

Is 52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42

Sábado 15, Sábado de Gloria

Gn 1:1-2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Éx 14:15-15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4 / Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mc 16:1-7

Domingo 16

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

He 10:34.37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

MASS INTENTIONS

April 9 - 16

Sunday, April 9

5:30pm Vigil (April 8) -

Jimmy Fernandez

7am - Stanley Simple

8:30am - David K. Owens (living)

10am - Rafaela Valdez Cortez

11:30am - Somarsing Fam. (living)

1pm - Todos los Feligreses

5:30pm - Theodore

Andronesco

Monday, April 10

7am - Motie Family

8am - Rev. Stephen E. Sheridan

12:10pm Mr. & Mrs.

Demeczky and Sons

Tuesday, April 11

7am - Dorothy Plansky

8am - Jennifer Cole

5:30pm - Barbara Harling

Wednesday, April 12

7am - Leona Dech

8am - Jose & Belinda Barahona (living)

12:10pm - Iris Ledesma

5:30pm - Jack Vaccaro

Thursday, April 13

12:10pm - Soderberg Family (living)

5:30pm - The Collins family (living)

Sunday, April 16

7am - All Parishioners

8:30am - Eileen & Ed Dempsey (living)

10am - Joseph & Carolynn Prucnal

11:30am - Noreen Kelly

1pm - Ricardina Rios

5:30pm - Ronald Steffensen

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.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Domingo de Ramos – Hoy **9 de abril** es Domingo de Ramos, el **Obispo Mario Dorsonville** será el celebrante de nuestra misa en español a la 1:00 de la tarde. Se distribuirán palmas antes de la misa.

Colecta de Pascua – ¡Gracias! – Estamos agradecidos a todos los que donaron tarjetas de regalo y donaciones monetarias a la colecta de Pascua. Se distribuyeron tarjetas de regalo de Safeway de \$50 a cada una de las 62 familias de nuestro programa de Adopte-una-Familia, para que puedan tener una deliciosa cena de Pascua. ¡Gracias por su generosidad! Si quiere aprender más sobre el programa de Adopte-una-Familia, mande un email a Norma Canedo a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Confesiones en Semana Santa – Les invitamos a vivir el Sacramento de la reconciliación en nuestro Servicio Comunitario de la Penitencia Cuaresmal el martes, **11 de abril**, 12:10 del mediodía. (Vea el inserto en el boletín). Confesiones también estarán disponibles el lunes, miércoles, jueves, viernes y sábado, de 11:00 de la mañana a 12:00 mediodía y el miércoles, **12 de abril** de 6:00 a 7:15 de la tarde **seguido por el servicio de Tenebrae**. (No hay confesiones el sábado de 4:00 a 5:00 de la tarde).

Colecta del Viernes Santo – Por favor apoyen a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Tierra Santa, en esta colecta especial del Viernes Santo. Esta colecta Pontificia permite a los franciscanos y otros, continuar el cuidado de los edificios o lugares sagrados del cristianismo y para el pueblo de Dios en Tierra Santa. ¡Por favor sean generosos!

Próximamente – El lunes de Pascua **17 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 y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. Note que la adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se celebra el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el siguiente lunes, **24 de abril** de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

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.

Reflexión semanal: Plato de Arroz de CRS – Nuestra parroquia ha estado participando en el programa de Plato de Arroz de *Catholic Relief Services* (CRS), como una forma de encontrar a Jesús mediante los demás; especialmente entre los más vulnerables del mundo. Al prepararnos para la Semana Santa considere ofrecer sus oraciones, su ayuno y sus donaciones de limosna durante esta temporada de Cuaresma para ayudar a CRS a que puedan continuar el proveer ayuda a países in todas partes del mundo. Donaciones para el Plato de Arroz, se recogerán el 23 de abril. Para más información, visite: www.crsricebowl.org. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en con Norma Canedo a socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. Las charlas están basadas en la encíclica del Papa Francisco *Amoris Laetitia (La Alegría del Amor)*. La próxima charla: # **5 – El Amor que se Vuelve Fecundo** será el martes **25 de abril**, padre Diego Ruiz, IVE, será nuestro invitado especial. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

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 **30 de abril, 7, 14 y 21 de mayo** de 11 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía. Las personas interesadas deben llamar a Fatima Aybar al 202-347-2315 x541 antes del 23 de abril. Deben tener el certificado de bautizo vigente.

Misa de Jubileo Matrimonial 2017 – 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 **25 de junio** del 2017 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 24 de abril**.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

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

April 10

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)

April 11

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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

April 12

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass
8AM Mass
11AM to NOON Confessions
12:10PM Mass
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM to 7:15PM Confessions
7:30PM TENEBRAE (choir)

April 13

HOLY THURSDAY

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

April 14

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. JAMES MARTIN, SJ, editor at large of America magazine, and author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*
† **1PM** LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S. JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN, MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)
7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

April 15

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 16

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses:

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

† *Interpreted for the deaf*

Come Home for Easter

Lenten Communal

Penance Service

Tuesday, April 11, 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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Vuelve a Casa por Pascua

Servicio Comunitario de la Penitencia

Cuaresmal

Martes 11 de Abril,

12:10 del mediodía



Están invitados a experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Jesucristo a través del sacramento de la Confesión en nuestro Servicio Comunal de Penitencia Cuaresmal.

Experimente el poder del sacramento, que nos devuelve a la gracia de Dios y nos une en una amistad íntima con Él.

Únete a los feligreses y amigos a reconocer nuestra necesidad de perdón del pecado y de la reconciliación con Dios en la preparación para la fiesta de la Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Sacerdotes de toda la archidiócesis y nuestro propio sacerdote de la rectoría de san Mateo estarán disponibles para confesiones individuales en inglés, español, portugués italiano, francés, alemán, e intérprete para sordos.

Preguntas

Llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215

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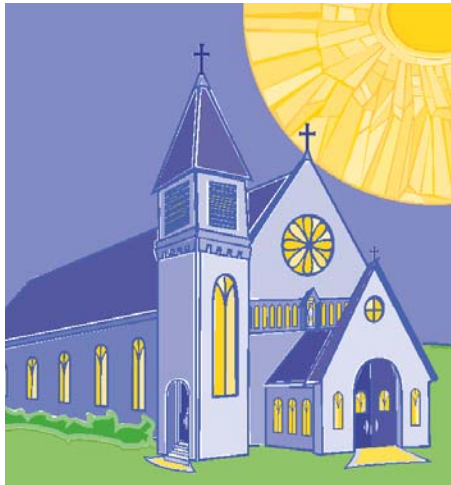
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Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Dome at National Shrine	\$ _____	May
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
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<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
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Passion (Palm) Sunday and the Paschal Triduum

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday. This celebration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and the passion reading was first recorded in the 6th century; palms became a part of the celebration during the 7th and 8th centuries. A procession with palms became a part of the liturgy in the 10th 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 the cathedral entrance for the blessing of palms, gospel proclamation and then a 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. 4th century practices in Jerusalem gives us the first record that this day ends season of Lent and that the evening Mass commemorates the Eucharistic institution. 7th 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 presence in our life.

Good Friday – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. Again 4th century ritual in 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. 7th 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 re-introduced in the 1955 liturgical reforms of the Triduum by Pope Pius XII. This liturgy typically begins in silence with the principal 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 of the Cross, 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.

Holy (Great) Saturday - Liturgy of the Easter Vigil. And so we come to "the mother of all holy vigils" (St. Augustine). The early 3rd century finds the first records of this most holy of celebrations during which all baptisms were performed [a practice that died out by the 11th century]. Between the 3rd and 12th 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 historical 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 we rejoice that:

!! CHRIST IS RISEN !!

Deacon Bartholomew Merella

(See Cathedral website, Lenten brochure or bulletin for times)