

## TODAY'S READINGS

**W**orthy is the Lamb that was slain. (Revelation 5:12)  
In Scripture, the number seven often has a special significance. For example, the first chapter of Genesis describes the creation of the world as taking place over seven days. In the story of Noah, seven pairs of each clean animal were allowed to enter into the ark. Sacrificial animals had to be at least seven days old before they could be deemed acceptable. Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, afflicted with leprosy, was told by the prophet Elisha to bathe in the Jordan River seven times if he wanted to be healed. And, in the Battle of Jericho, Joshua told the Israelites to march around the city walls for seven days.

In Jewish mythology, the number seven connoted completion, fullness, and fulfillment. And in Scripture, it is used to signal divine perfection. For instance, Isaiah listed seven qualities that the Messiah would demonstrate: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, godliness, and fear of the Lord.

So it's no surprise that today's second reading would use seven words to describe the kind of praise and devotion Jesus deserves: "power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12). In other words, Jesus is worthy of all the worship, devotion, and obedience we can offer him.

Every time we celebrate Mass, we are saying the same thing. We are celebrating who Jesus is and what he has done for us by dying and rising. We are telling him, "Jesus, we ascribe to you all power, riches, wisdom, and strength. We proclaim that you are worthy to receive all of our glory, honor, and praise."

So when you are at Mass today, think about the number seven. Then do what the angels and saints do. Join them by falling on your knees in worship.

*"Jesus, you are the perfect image of the Father's love. I praise you with my whole heart, and I surrender my life to you."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 10</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19
<b>Monday 11</b>	Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
<i>St. Stanislaus</i>	
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1 / Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	Acts 8:1-8 / Jn 6:35-40
<i>St. Martin I</i>	
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday 15</b>	Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday 16</b>	Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69
<b>Sunday 17</b>	Acts 13:14,43-52 / Rv 7:9,14-17 / Jn 10:27-30

## WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

## PARISH CALENDAR

April 10 - 17

*The 7am weekday Mass resumes Monday, April 11.*

**Sunday 10**—Children's Faith Formation meets at 9:45am at the Education Center.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

**El Obispo Mario Dorsonville** celebrará la misa de 1:00 de la tarde, tercer domingo de Pascua y por la paz en Colombia.

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

**Tuesday 12**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the North Conference Room.

The Liturgy Committee 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 13**—RCIA meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

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

**Saturday 16**—Fr. Hurley's Bible study, "Palms to Psalms," meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**Sunday 17**—Children's Faith Formation meets at 9:45am at the Education Center.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Catholic University of America Orchestra gives a concert at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** – “St. Augustine, one of the great writers on God’s mercy, said: ‘God does not extend his mercy to people, because they know him, but that they may know him, nor because they are upright of heart but so they might become so.’

Augustine talks about our hearts so we can understand who we are, where we come from, where we’re going to, where we meet our God. Human beings are looking for the light to penetrate the darkness of our own mystery, and when we do that, we discover that God is the key to the secret of the human heart and that God has made his dwelling in our hearts. He’s there for us. He’s as close to us as our next drawn breath, and yes, all this is the work of mercy.” *Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**Did you know?** St. Matthew’s Cathedral is one of the pilgrimage sites designated for visitors to receive the plenary (total) indulgence for this Holy Year of Mercy! For more information please pick up the [Pilgrimage to the Holy Door brochure](#) available at the Cathedral entrances.

## 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 202-347-3215 x555 or [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org). 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Adult Confirmation Preparation Starts

**Thursday, April 14** – Each spring during the Easter Season, St. Matthew’s offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who have already received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (April 14, 21, 28 & May 5) and one Saturday (May 7). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2016 will be at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 15**. Registration forms are available on the parish website or by emailing [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org). Register by Monday, **April 11**.

**Bible Study – “Palms to Psalms”** – This study, focusing on the Psalms from Holy Week and the Easter Season, will meet on Saturday, **April 16, 23 and 30** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. Fr. Jack Hurley is the Instructor. All are welcome.

**Cathedral Book Club** – The next featured book is *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, who is considered to be Japan’s foremost novelist. Discussion will take place Monday evening, **May 9** from 6:45 to 8pm, in the West Conference Room. This book is a presentation of enduring faith, as it tells the story of a 17<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese missionary at the height of the fearful persecution of the small Christian community in Nagasaki. “How can God remain silent?” is the challenging theme. *Silence* is soon to be major film, directed by Martin Scorsese. Discussion will be led by Fr. Jack Hurley.

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew’s provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** – RCIA is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! RCIA meets on Wednesdays, 7–9pm, in the North Conference Room.

**RCIA Sponsors Needed** – We are blessed with a growing number of Inquirers who need sponsors to accompany them. Please call Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above) for more information.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

All are invited to the parish's monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **April 18** from 6 to 7pm. Dominican Brother Thomas Davenport, recently ordained as a deacon, will preside and give a reflection. Fr. Rafael Barbieri will hear confessions in English and Spanish.

## OUTREACH

**Thank you! - CRS Rice Bowl Program** – Thank you to all who participated in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program as a form of Lenten almsgiving for those facing hunger and poverty. Our participation is part of the larger Archdiocesan effort: 75% of donations will benefit global needs, while 25% will remain in the diocese to address local needs. For the past two years, St. Matthew's has received Rice Bowl Grants for our emergency bill-assistance program.

**Prepare Food for the Breakfast Ministry** – Every Monday morning, St. Matthew's welcomes about 80 poor and homeless men and women for breakfast, toiletries, a bagged lunch, and a reflection on the Gospel. We need volunteers to prepare and donate homemade meals or salads and fresh vegetables that serve 10 people or more. Meal options include potato salad, pasta dishes, rice and beans, and any other appetizing dish. We ask volunteers to provide food at least once a month. Food can even be delivered on Sunday for use on Monday morning. Contact Norma Canedo for more information at [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x552.

**Volunteers Needed – Food Prep at Martha's Table** – Volunteers are

needed for Saturday, **April 30** from 10am to 1pm, to help with food preparation and food donation sorting at Martha's Table ([www.marthastable.org](http://www.marthastable.org)). The food we prepare will later be delivered by McKenna's Wagon to those in need in different locations around DC. Email Franz Kuo at [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer with our parish group.

**DCCatholic Young Adult Day of Service** – Join hundreds of young adults (college through late 30s) at one of 15+ service sites across the DC area on Saturday, **April 23** to continue to #WalkwithFrancis by serving others. Come for the morning of service, followed by lunch and fellowship at 1:30pm at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. Register at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAEAF28A1F49-dccatholic](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAEAF28A1F49-dccatholic). #EncounterMercy

## NEWS AND NOTES

**CUA Orchestra Concert at St. Matthew's** – The Catholic University of America Orchestra will present a concert at St. Matthew's Cathedral next Sunday evening, **April 17** at 7:30pm (see the flyer). Included in the program are Beethoven's "Coriolan Overture" and his 4<sup>th</sup> Piano Concerto, Samuel Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915," and the Suite from the opera "Agamemnon" by Washington-based composer Andrew Simpson. This seventy-five minute concert is free and open to the public.

**Blessing of Engaged Couples** – On Sunday, **April 24**, couples who are to be 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).

**Tour Guides Needed** – The Cathedral's status as a pilgrimage site during this Year of Mercy is attracting many visitors seeking guided tours. Our tour guide corps needs reinforcements! To inquire about training as a Cathedral Tour Guide, contact Gloria Harrington at [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org) or Dan Evans at [devans@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:devans@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## VOCATIONS

**2016 Run for Vocations** – Run for Vocations registration is coming! Marine Corps Marathon 10K registration opens on **April 27**. Time to get your running shoes out and your team together! For more information visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org) or search "Run For Vocations" on Facebook.

**Interested in Lay Contemplative Life?** – Come to an Open House with the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community of Secular Discalced Carmelite men and women at the Carmelite Monastery (2131 Lincoln Rd., NE, Washington, DC) on Sunday, **April 17**, 9am - Noon. Enjoy Morning Prayer, Mass, silent prayer, lunch, and a chance to talk to community members. Contact: Kathi Cantolupo at 703-491-5871 or [kncantolupo@hotmail.com](mailto:kncantolupo@hotmail.com).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**C†YA on Retreat** – **Saturday, April 16 - Sunday April 17 - Bellarmine Retreat Center, Waynesboro PA** – There's still time to join the Cathedral Young Adults for a Spring retreat in the peaceful Blue Ridge Mountains. Enjoy opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, fellowship, and a few outdoor adventures. For more information, email Hannah at [hannahrdell@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrdell@gmail.com).

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**A**pacienta mis corderos (Juan 21, 15)  
Hasta ese momento, Pedro se había ganado la vida como pescador. El pescador saca del agua lo que no ha cultivado. En cambio, el pastor se interesa especialmente por los corderos más pequeños y débiles. El futuro del rebaño depende del crecimiento de estos corderos, así que el pastor se preocupa de que se alimenten bien y los protege de los animales feroces.

Lo que Jesús le dijo a Pedro también puede aplicarse a la misión que recibimos todos los cristianos de ser testigos del Evangelio. Jesús sabe muy bien que hay en el mundo una inmensa cantidad de gente solitaria, enferma y marginada. Tales personas sufren de un enorme vacío y hambre espiritual, que sólo puede ser saciado por Cristo. De modo que era necesario que Pedro adoptara su nuevo oficio de “pescador de hombres” y “pastor de las ovejas” de Jesús, una nueva misión que tanto él como sus sucesores han cumplido a través de los siglos: “Apacienta mis ovejas.”

Muchos son los que buscan el sentido de la vida en un mundo lleno de angustia y frustración; son como los corderos que necesitan ser alimentados. El Buen Pastor quiere que nosotros les demos a conocer la buena nueva. No hace falta tener una gran educación, riquezas, elocuencia o influencia para compartir el Evangelio. Lo importante es ser compasivos y amar de corazón a Dios y al prójimo.

Acerquémonos, pues, a Cristo para que él nos colme de su amor. Este es el propósito de nuestra vida aquí en la tierra. Cuando Jesús nos pregunta si lo amamos, lo hace no para condenarnos, sino para hacernos ver lo imperfecto que suele ser el amor humano y para invitarnos a dejar que su amor nos transforme, y así lleguemos a amarlo más. Por el hecho de habernos amado primero, ahora nosotros podemos recibir su amor y sentirnos impulsados a corresponderlo de todo corazón.

*“Señor y Salvador mío, lléname del Espíritu Santo, te lo ruego, para que yo sea capaz de compartir la buena nueva con mis familiares, amigos y conocidos.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 10** He 5:27-32, 40-41 / Apoc 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19  
**Lunes 11** He 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29  
*San Estanislao*  
**Martes 12** He 7:51—8:1 / Jn 6:30-35  
**Miércoles 13** He 8:1-8 / Jn 6:35-40  
*San Martin I*  
**Jueves 14** He 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51  
**Viernes 15** He 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59  
**Sábado 16** He 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69  
**Domingo 17** He 13:14,43-52 / Apoc 7:9,14-17 / Jn 10:27-30

## INTENCIONES DE MISAS

### MASS INTENTIONS

April 10 – 17

#### Sunday, April 10

5:30pm Vigil (April 9) – All Parishioners  
 7am – Patrocinio Guillermo  
 8:30am – Special Intention for mothers & unborn babies (living)  
 10am – Beverly Al-Mustafa  
 11:30am – Elinor Ahern  
 1pm – Esther Perez & José Moya  
 5:30pm – Ginelle H. Lewis-Nelson

#### Monday, April 11

7am – Liz McDonald (living)  
 8am – Alex & Mary Van-L-Maas (living)  
 12:10pm – Constance Nigoski  
 5:30pm – Special Intention for mothers & unborn babies (living)

#### Tuesday, April 12

7am – George Bork  
 8am – José & Belinda Barahona (living)  
 12:10pm – Special Intention for mothers & unborn babies (living)  
 5:30pm – Helen Kelty

#### Wednesday, April 13

7am – Special Intention for mothers & unborn babies (living)  
 8am – Helen Kelty  
 12:10pm – Coral Small  
 5:30pm – Barbara Addams

#### Thursday, April 14

7am – Special Intention JA & V (living)  
 8am – James Clear  
 12:10pm – M. Bachi Family (living)  
 5:30pm – Regina Suter Wright

#### Friday, April 15

7am – Special Intention for mothers & unborn babies (living)  
 8am – Alberto Angel  
 12:10pm – Shelley Mendes (living)  
 5:30pm – Motie Family

#### Saturday, April 16

8am – R. Stocco Family (living)  
 12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen  
 5:30pm – Connie Viera

#### Sunday, April 17

7am – Petronio & Crisanta Abella  
 8:30am – Jean-Luc Robert  
 10am – All Parishioners  
 11:30am – Dr. Raul Quiroga  
 1pm – Maurice O'Connor  
 5:30pm – Betty Coats

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

*La misa semanal de 7 de la mañana se reanudará el lunes **11 de abril**.*

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **18 de abril** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

**¡Gracias! – Programa de Platos de Arroz de CRS** – Estamos agradecidos con todos los que participaron en el programa de la organización caritativa de *Catholic Relief Services*. Durante esta Cuaresma ustedes aportaron a este programa como una forma de dar limosna y poder ayudar a los que sufren del hambre y la pobreza. Tengan en cuenta que nuestra parroquia ha contribuido a los esfuerzos hechos por nuestra Arquidiócesis: 75% de donaciones beneficiarán a necesidades globales, 25% se quedará en la Diócesis para ayudar a programas locales. Durante los últimos dos años, nuestra propia parroquia ha recibido subsidios del Plato de Arroz para nuestro programa que ayuda a familias con gastos de emergencia. Muchas gracias por su ayuda en servir a nuestros hermanos en necesidad.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7 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. El Tema es: **“La Profesión de la Fe.”** Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x543.

**Llamada de voluntarios – Preparación de comida en Martha’s Table** – Se necesitan voluntarios el sábado, **30 de abril** de 10 de la mañana a 1 de la tarde, para ayudar con la preparación de comida y para organizar la comida donada a Martha’s Table. La comida luego será distribuida por McKenna’s Wagon a personas en necesidad que se ubican en diferentes partes de DC. Mande un email a Franz Kuo si puede hacer voluntariado, [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com). *Martha’s Table* ([www.marthastable.org](http://www.marthastable.org)) se dirige a las necesidades urgentes de los pobres con programas de alimentación y ropa, y pretende romper el ciclo de la pobreza con programas de educación y el fortalecimiento de la familia. Cada día, ayudan a 1,100 personas a enfrentar los efectos inmediatos de la pobreza y encontrar soluciones a largo plazo con los servicios de educación, nutrición y apoyo a la familia.

**¿Sabía usted?** ¡La Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol ha sido designada como lugar de peregrinación y recibir la indulgencia plenaria (total) durante este Año Santo de la Misericordia! ¿Cómo puede uno hacer esto? Aquí le damos algunas orientaciones:

1. Entrar en la Catedral por la **Puerta Santa de la Misericordia** – cerca del baptisterio.
2. Recibir el sacramento de la confesión 20 días antes o 20 días después de entrar por la Puerta Santa.
3. Participar en la misa y recibir el sacramento de la comunión 20 días antes o 20 días después de entrar por la Puerta Santa.
4. Orar por las intenciones del Papa Francisco (esto lo hacemos en cada misa).
5. Hacer una profesión de fe rezando el Credo de los Apóstoles (el que se reza en el rosario) o el Credo Niceno (el que se reza en la misa dominical o en las fiestas de obligación o de precepto).
6. Estas indulgencias también se pueden ofrecer por alguien que haya fallecido.

Para más información, por favor tome el folleto de Peregrinación de la Puerta Santa, disponible en la entrada de la Catedral.

**Encuentro Matrimonial** – Comiencen la Pascua dándole a su matrimonio el regalo de un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Así como las plantas necesitan agua y sol para crecer, los matrimonios necesitan momentos de reencuentro para renovar y hacer crecer su amor sin importar los años que tengan de casados. El Fin de Semana es una experiencia enriquecedora para todo matrimonio. Las fechas del próximo Fin de Semana será: **21 y 22 de mayo**. Para inscribirse o pedir más información, llamar a Baltazar y Gloria Ortiz al 301-879-4411 o a Fidel y Edis Granados al 301-252-2946.

**Taller en español para Ministros de la Sagrada Comunión** – Este taller es para instruir a los fieles sobre cómo servir efectivamente como ministro de la Eucaristía en la parroquia, así como para llevar la comunión a los enfermos. Este taller es sobre todo, para aquellos que deseen obtener la certificación como un ministro, en la Arquidiócesis de Washington, pero está abierto a todos. El taller se realizará el sábado, **21 de mayo** de 9 de la mañana a 12 mediodía en el Centro Pastoral in Hyattsville (5001 Eastern Ave.). Una cuota de inscripción de \$ 5 será pagado en la puerta. Para inscribirse, vaya a [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org) ó llame a la Sra. Maria Hamm 301-853-4594.

A young woman with dark hair is shown in profile, playing a violin. She is looking intently at the instrument. In the background, other orchestra members are visible but out of focus. The lighting is warm and focused on the violinist.

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**  
*Benjamin T. Rome School of Music*

# CUA Symphony Orchestra

**SIMEONE TARTAGLIONE, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 4

Barber, *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*

Simpson, *Agamemnon Suite*

**April 17, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle**

For more information, visit [music.cua.edu](http://music.cua.edu).

*This event is free and open to the public.*

*Please call 202-319-5414 or email [cua-music@cua.edu](mailto:cua-music@cua.edu) to request disability accommodations.*

**Annual Parish Financial Report**  
**Fiscal year ended June 30, 2015**  
*St. Matthew's Cathedral #101 Washington, DC 20036*

Fiscal year ended June 30,  
**2014**                      **2015**                      **2016**  
*Budget*

Parish			
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory collections	\$ 1,044,101	\$ 1,117,840	\$ 1,135,000
Daily and Holydays	81,954	83,762	90,000
Christmas Collection	117,088	98,210	127,500
Easter Collection	48,758	53,939	59,000
Donations	257855	472,821	304930
Bequests	61,132	5000	25,000
Poor Box Offerings	100913	92,108	86275
Forward in Faith	225		
Rental income	560,469	568,034	572,262
Sacramental Offerings	90,230	110,315	117,000
175th Anniversary Celebration	-	7650	125,000
Other Income			
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 2,362,725</b>	<b>\$ 2,609,679</b>	<b>\$ 2,641,967</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Parish life and worship	\$ 539,428	\$ 588,325	\$ 589,814
Rectory and parish clergy	202,096	207,385	215,733
Religious education	83,584	75,289	107,883
Social concerns	71,865	70,259	109,418
Administration and other	338,411	357,858	374,353
Facilities and maintenance	561,351	564,870	559,839
Archdiocese assessments	156,615	167,676	157,500
Interparish Support	52,205	55,892	52,500
Parish Other Expenses	17,287	39,901	145,605
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,842</b>	<b>\$ 2,127,455</b>	<b>\$ 2,312,645</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 339,883</b>	<b>\$ 482,224</b>	<b>\$ 329,322</b>
<b>Other uses of funds</b>			
Capital improvements	-	29,965	30,000
Loan payments	398,760	355,099	355,099
Subtotal	398,760	385,064	385,099
<b>Net income over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (58,877)</b>	<b>\$ 97,160</b>	<b>\$ (55,777)</b>

Balance at June 30,  
**2014**                      **2015**

Balance sheet highlights for parish		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and investments available for operations, at market value	\$ 223,268	\$ 173,693
Restricted assets	2,166,134	2,255,574
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,389,402</b>	<b>\$ 2,429,267</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable		
Loan Balance	\$ 2,696,939	\$ 2,472,206
Assessments	44,706	
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,741,645</b>	<b>\$ 2,472,206</b>

Fiscal year  
**2014**                      **2015**

**National Collections**

Amounts collected and remitted in the Archdiocese National Collections

\$ 72,253      \$ 90,445



## 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.

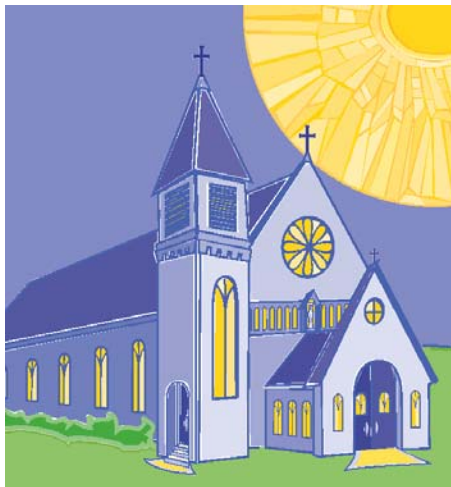
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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**Process my gifts on the:**  4th *or*  15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)*

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of  
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

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"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	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 (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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle Social Justice & Community Service Ministry

## *Ministerio de Justicia Social & Servicio Comunitario*

### Easter Food Drive

### Colecta de Alimentos durante el Tiempo de Pascua

The Social Justice Committee invites you to participate in our parish Easter Food Drive. We will be collecting food items for Assumption Church a parish in Southeast, DC. Our food drive will support the good work of their Pope Francis Outreach Center and its food pantry — which annually assists 5,000 Ward 8 residents in need. **Questions? Interested in volunteering with our food drive?** Email Patricia Boehme at [patriciaboehme@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciaboehme@yahoo.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	<b>Canned Fruits</b> — in own juice or light syrup (pineapple, peaches and pears, applesauce)
D-F	<b>100% Fruit Juice</b> (all sizes including juice boxes)
G-I	<b>Pastas and Sauces</b> (pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese)
J-L	<b>Canned Vegetables</b> — low sodium (mixed, green beans, corn, tomatoes)
M-N	<b>Soups</b> (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey, rice)
O-Q	<b>Whole Grain Cereal</b> (cheerios, cornflakes, raisin bran, plain oatmeal)
R-S	<b>Latin American Foods</b> (rice, dried red or black beans, corn tortilla flour)
T-V	<b>Healthy Snacks</b> (raisins, dried fruits, nuts)
W-Z	<b>Canned Proteins</b> (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)

**April 16  
& 17  
All  
Masses**



**16 & 17  
de abril  
Todas las  
Misas**

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

El Comité de Justicia Social los invita a participar en la colecta de alimentos durante este tiempo de Pascua.

Estaremos recogiendo alimentos para la iglesia de *Assumption*, una parroquia en Suroeste de DC.

Nuestra colecta de alimentos aportará las buenas obras de la dispensa de alimentos de *Assumption* y su centro *Pope Francis Outreach* - el cual ayuda anualmente a 5,000 residentes en necesidad de Ward 8. **¿Preguntas? ¿Quiere ayudarnos como voluntario?** Mande un email a Patricia Boehme a [patriciaboehme@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciaboehme@yahoo.com).

También puede llamar a Norma Canedo en la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

## EASTER SEASON AND PENTECOST

This great liturgical season of the Church begins with the great octave week that solemnifies the feast of Easter by prolonging its celebration over the next eight days ending on the next Sunday. This Sunday following Easter is of equal liturgical solemnity to Easter Sunday and became known in the 1<sup>st</sup> century as “Whitsunday” in reference to the white vestments used for the liturgy. The solemnity is marked in several ways one of which is the double “alleluia” in the dismissal rite of the Mass during each day of the week. In the ancient Church, this solemn week was devoted to giving great attention to those newly baptized at the Easter vigil. In many cultures, this was the week in which many parents brought their children to church to celebrate and remind them of their own baptism.

The genesis of the fifty-day Easter period and the feast of Pentecost, particularly in the 1<sup>st</sup> century of the Church’s existence, derives from the Jewish celebration of the Old Testament “feast of weeks” (or *Shabuoth* in Hebrew). Much was debated and written by early church scholars about the calculation of the Easter season’s fifty days and its theological significance and symbology. The same is true for the feast of the Ascension and its “forty-day” event in the Easter/Pentecost scheme of things.

While the Church gave much attention to the solemnity of the first week following Easter, it established a fifty-day period during which it continuously witnessed to the paschal mystery of the suffering, dying and rising of Jesus Christ. It is from this fifty-day period that the title Pentecost is derived. The period is also marked by the gospels for each Sunday being derived from that of the evangelist John. Another special mark of the season is the use of the sprinkling rite during the liturgy on the Sundays of Easter, another reminder of our baptism. Another distinction of the season is that each Sunday during the period is denoted in the liturgical calendar as the Sunday **of** Easter, not a Sunday after Easter, indicative of its special relationship to the Easter feast.

The crowning close of the season is the feast we now know as Pentecost which for many centuries was considered the glorious close to the Easter season, especially in the churches of the Eastern rite. While recalling the specific connection to the Easter feast, Pentecost became uniquely devoted to the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus gathered in the upper room, praised in hymn by the great sequence “Veni Spiritu Sancte.” While historically, white was the color of the vestments used on this feast recalling Easter, red soon became the color to mark this feast, interpreted by Pope Innocent III in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to symbolize the tongues of fire descending upon the disciples.

In some European countries, customs developed to honor the feast of Pentecost, such as scattering rose leaves from church roofs (Italy), the blowing of trumpets to recall the sound of mighty wind (France), reading of poetic prayers at vespers (Eastern Europe), processions with flowers and green branches (Russia). None of these traditions have carried over to the American church, although the sacrament of confirmation is frequently celebrated on this day in the US.

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-- Deacon Bartholomew J. Merella