

TODAY'S READINGS

These are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:31)

The Gospel writers were wonderful theologians. They told us so many powerful stories about Jesus, like the feeding of the five thousand and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As they told these stories, they sought to convey deep theological realities like the Incarnation and the concept of being born from above through Baptism. All of these miracle stories and the teachings behind them are so simple that a child can make sense of them, but they are also so profound that we will never be able to plumb their depths.

In today's story about Thomas, John is telling us that the life of faith can be like a roller coaster—even for those who lived with Jesus and knew him personally. At first, the apostles didn't accept the testimony of the women about the empty tomb. Forgetting Jesus' promise that he would rise, Mary Magdalene thought that someone had stolen his body. The disciples on the road to Emmaus proved themselves slow to believe the Scriptures. And Thomas refused to believe unless he could see.

So here's the lesson: even though our faith goes up and down, Jesus remains with us. He always extends his hand to us. He is always ready to draw us back to himself. He blesses those who do not see but still believe. We are the multitudes who love Jesus, believe in him, and rejoice with him (1 Peter 1:8).

One way to smooth out the ups and downs of our faith is to let the word of God—whether it be the story of Thomas or some other scriptural story—dwell in us richly (Colossians 3:16). When you read and meditate on the Bible, you discover that the written word of God opens your heart to Jesus, the living Word of God. It inspires you, and it forms you. Over time, you become what you read as what you read fills you with faith that Jesus is the Messiah.

"Lord, open my ears to your word. Open my eyes to your glory."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 12	Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31
	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
Monday 13	Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8
	<i>St. Martin I</i>
Tuesday 14	Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7-15
Wednesday 15	Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
Thursday 16	Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36
Friday 17	Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15
Saturday 18	Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21
Sunday 19	Acts 3:13-15,17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5 / Lk 24:35-48

LECTURAS DE HOY

¡Mi Señor y mi Dios! (Juan 20, 28)
Tomás pronunció estas palabras cuando vio al Señor resucitado. Ahora sí podía unir su voz a la proclamación apostólica de que Jesús había vuelto a la vida, porque había llegado a la misma fe pascual que transformó a María Magdalena, Pedro, Juan y los demás apóstoles.

Tomás adquiere una singular importancia para nosotros, porque es el vínculo entre aquellos que vieron físicamente a Jesús y todas las generaciones posteriores que creerían en Cristo por el testimonio de los apóstoles y sus sucesores. Así como Tomás escuchó la noticia de la

resurrección primero de sus compañeros apóstoles y luego tuvo su encuentro personal con Cristo, así también nos sucede a nosotros hoy.

Pero, ¿qué significa realmente que Jesús haya resucitado? En primer lugar, que la resurrección de Cristo demostraba inequívocamente que todas las promesas de Cristo y las que Dios había hecho a los profetas de Israel eran no sólo válidas y ciertas, sino que se cumplían en la Persona de Jesús. Significaba que efectivamente nuestros pecados habían sido perdonados, que Dios nos había redimido y nos había salvado de la condenación eterna. ¿No es esto motivo de enorme júbilo y gran alegría para todas las generaciones? Lo es indudablemente, porque en ello vemos el gran amor y la increíble misericordia que el Señor ha tenido con sus hijos pecadores.

Precisamente, hoy se celebra el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, la misericordia de Dios que se manifestó real y visiblemente en la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor, y el instrumento que Dios utilizó para enseñarnos a reconocer su misericordia divina y propagar la devoción fue Santa Faustina Kowalska, religiosa polaca canonizada por San Juan Pablo II en 2000.

Hagamos hoy, pues, oraciones especiales de adoración, arrepentimiento y gratitud a nuestro Señor rezando la Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia,

"Padre eterno, te ofrezco el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de tu amadísimo Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, para el perdón de nuestros pecados y los del mundo entero."

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**DIVINE MERCY
DEVOTIONS
TODAY
APRIL 12
2:15pm**
(following
the 1pm Mass)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Devotions

Jesus is Divine Mercy in person – 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, and focuses on Jesus Christ as Divine

Mercy in person, and mercy as the greatest of God's attributes and perfections.

Join your parish family for Divine Mercy Devotions in the Cathedral today, Divine Mercy 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 3pm, concluding with Benediction. To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday and devotions in honor of the divine mercy, visit <http://thedivinemercy.org> or <http://www.ewtn.com/devotions/mercy/backgr.htm>.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – During Lent 2015, Pope Francis announced a **Year of Mercy** to begin on December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and to conclude on November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Francis issued a formal proclamation of the Year of Mercy on April 11, 2015, the eve of this year's Divine Mercy Sunday celebration. "Let us not forget this word: God never tires of forgiving us!" (Pope Francis)

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank You from the Rector – On behalf of the entire parish community, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers who decorated the Cathedral for Easter, the lectors, hospitality ministers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, sacristans, RCIA sponsors, parish staff, priests, deacons, and all who contributed time and talent to the Cathedral during Holy Week and Easter. Please be assured of my gratitude and best wishes for a very blessed Easter season.
—*Msgr. Jameson*

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 Sunday, **April 12** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

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

Ordination of Our New Auxiliary Bishop – Bishop-elect Mario E. Dorsonville will be ordained as auxiliary Bishop of Washington at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on Monday, **April 20** at a Mass of Ordination beginning at 2pm. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently announced his appointment for the Church of Washington.

On April 20, the Cathedral will close after the 8am Mass and will reopen at 12:30pm. There will be no confessions or 12:10pm Mass. The Mass of Ordination will be open to the public, but will be limited due to the large number of reserved seats for the clergy, family and friends of Bishop-elect Dorsonville.

Please pray for our newly-appointed bishop as he undertakes this important pastoral responsibility in our Church.

Holiday Schedule – 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.

Rectory Hours – The rectory hours from **April 18** through **May 13** will be:

Saturday and Sunday – Closed
Monday thru Thursday – 9am to 4:30pm
Friday – 9am to 4pm

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

2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Register by April 13 – **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**



Eucharistic Holy Hour: *Come— Let Us Adore Him!*

– You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on

Monday, **April 20** from 6 to 7pm. Br. Gabriel Torretta, OP, will

preside and give a reflection. Confessions will be available in English and Spanish during the hour.

PARISH CALENDAR

April 12- 19

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.

Monday 13—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 14—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

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

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

Wednesday 15—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 16—The Rectory offices are closed for DC Emancipation Day. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no confessions.

Saturday 18—Fr. Hurley's study on the Acts of the Apostles meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Sunday 19—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

A blessing of engaged couples is given at the 11:30am Mass.

Hora Santa bilingüe (inglés y español) para jóvenes adultos se llevará a cabo en la Catedral a las 2:15 de la tarde.

A bilingual Holy Hour (English and Spanish) for young adults is held in the Cathedral at 2:15pm.

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

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 (contact info preceding).

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 preceding).

Cathedral Book Club – The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club, on Monday, **May 11** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room, will focus on *Journey to the Sun: Junipero Serra's Dream and the Funding of California*. The author, Gregory Orfalea, addressed a meeting of the Serra Club (named for the book's subject, Fr. Junipero Serra) at the Cathedral last Fall. Fr. Serra is slated to be canonized by Pope Francis when he visits Washington this coming September. All are invited for this timely discussion.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew's will provide and refer interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Adult Confirmation Preparation 2015 – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult

Adorers Needed – The St. Agnes Perpetual Adoration Chapel (Arlington, VA) is in great need of new permanent adorers and substitutes at all hours of the day and night. Visit <http://stagnes-adoration.org> to review the most current needs. Contact: Greg King at 571-205-8661 or coordinator@stagnes-adoration.org

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡ ¡ ¡ **Gracias !!!** – En nombre de toda la comunidad parroquial, quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a los voluntarios que ayudaron a decorar la Catedral: lectores, ujieres, monaguillos, ministros de la Eucaristía, músicos, sacristanes, padrinos del RICA, el personal de la Catedral, sacerdotes, diáconos y a todos los que contribuyeron con su tiempo y talento durante la Semana Santa y Pascua. Su esfuerzo hizo una gran diferencia. Estoy muy agradecido y les deseo una feliz época de Pascua.

—*Monseñor Jameson*

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.

Colecta del plato de arroz de CRS – Hemos orado, ayunado y dado limosna y ahora ¡celebramos! Los platos de arroz serán recogidos después de cada misa este fin de semana **12 de abril**. También puede entregar sus donaciones del plato de arroz en la rectoría.

Misa Anual de Jubileo Matrimonial – El Cardenal Donald 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**.

Próximamente – El jueves **16 de abril**, día de Emancipación del Distrito de Columbia; las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas, la Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 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 siguiente 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

Ordenación de Nuestro Nuevo Obispo Auxiliar – El Obispo Electo Mario E. Dorsonville será ordenado como nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar aquí en la Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol el **lunes 20 de abril**, la misa de ordenación comienza a las 2 de la tarde. Su Santidad el Papa Francisco recientemente anunció su nombramiento para la Arquidiócesis de Washington.

El 20 de abril la Catedral cerrará después de la misa de las 8 de la mañana y se volverá a abrir a las 12:30 del mediodía. No habrá confesiones ni misa de las 12:10. La misa de las 2 de la tarde está abierta al público con limitaciones debido al gran número de asientos reservados para el clérigo, familiares y amigos del Obispo Electo Dorsonville.

Pedimos sus oraciones por el nuevo Obispo Electo en su nueva misión pastoral tan llena de responsabilidades en la Iglesia.

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

Formación en la Fe – Grupo de Oración – El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **21 de abril** será: El Cuarto Mandamiento. El padre Brian Coelho será el invitado especial.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Lunes 13 He 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8
San Martin I

Martes 14 He 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7-15

Miércoles 15 He 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Jueves 16 He 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Viernes 17 He 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Sábado 18 He 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

Domingo 19 He 3:13-15,17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5 /
Lc 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

April 12 – April 19

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)

Monday, April 13

7am – Acción de Gracias
 8am – Denise Pino-Elliott
 12:10pm – Ellen McNulty Feeley
 5:30pm – James Fisher

Tuesday, April 14

7am – Families of the Victims of the Plane Crash in the Alps (living)
 8am – Jacques Delpi
 12:10pm – Shelley Mendes (living)
 5:30pm – Michael Colabucci

Wednesday, April 15

7am – Terry Bork (living)
 8am – Mimi Cluss
 12:10pm – Gayle Reaume
 5:30pm – The Cook Family (living)

Thursday, April 16

8am – Ricardina Rios
 12:10pm – Ronald Steffenser

Friday, April 17

7am – Mrs. Mary Collyns
 8am – Librada Penid-Lopez
 12:10pm – Maja Camacho
 5:30pm – Atenor Lauro

Saturday, April 18

8am – Mark Cummings (living)
 12:10pm – Lauro
 5:30pm – Julius & Emma Hawkins

Sunday, April 19

7am – Bridie Doherty (living)
 8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Vincent J. Celeste
 11:30am – Ruth Vera
 1pm – Alfonso Araque
 5:30pm – Miss Genevieve Crawford (living)

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

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 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. Come for a lively discussion! Contact: Mike at m.owens810@gmail.com

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 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.

RESPECT LIFE

"Rachel mourns for her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future." (Jeremiah 31:15-17)

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. All contacts are confidential.

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH 175TH 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,
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175th Parish Anniversary News

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1893 - In the summer of 1893, the plans of C. Grant LaFarge were accepted and ground was soon broken on the new church. On November 30, Thanksgiving Day, Cardinal James Gibbons placed the cornerstone for the new St. Matthew's. Items placed in the cornerstone included four medals representing the chapels of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua that were planned for the new church, a medal of St. Matthew, and a Columbian half dollar issued that year. A parchment placed in the cornerstone noted that the church was dedicated to God in honor of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future, how you drew closer to your faith because of your Cathedral involvement, 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, 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 175th 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 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 175th 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 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.

Memories Wanted! – Your help is needed to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, now the Cathedral Parish, and since 1939, the seat of the Archdiocese of Washington. **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



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**
175th 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 175th 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**
175th 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.
Watch for future announcements.*

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!

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**HORA SANTA Y CONFESIÓN BILINGÜE
PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS**



**BILINGUAL HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSION
FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Se invita a jóvenes adultos de la
comunidad de San Mateo,
y a todos los feligreses,
a compartir
una hora con Cristo.

**Domingo, 19 de abril
2:15 de la tarde
Después de la Misa de la 1
Capilla de San Antonio**



Young adults from the
St. Matthew's community
and all parishioners
are invited to
share an hour with Christ.

**Sunday, April 19
2:15pm
Following the 1pm Mass
St. Anthony Chapel**

Confesión ~ Confession
Padre Rafael Barbieri

Reflexión ~ Reflection
Dcn. Kyle Ratuiste

EXULTET – EASTER PROCLAMATION

This ancient hymn of praise and blessing is sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil liturgy and takes its name from the first word of the hymn “exultet” from the Latin “ex saltare” (i.e. to leap for joy).

Its historic origins are difficult to pinpoint. Scholars suggest that its particular musical notation is indicative of chant that was composed perhaps as early as the 5th century, if not before. Others suggest that its origins may date earlier to the 4th century because both St. Ambrose of Milan and St. Augustine refer to it in relation to the Paschal Candle in use during their time. Extant missals used in the Gallican Church of the 7th and 8th centuries contain manuscripts of the hymn. Some of these manuscripts were in the form of rolled parchment that were decorated with illuminations and the portraits of reigning sovereigns of the period.

This hymn is typically sung by the deacon. This occurs after the deacon has carried the candle lit by the bishop, leading the way for the procession of the faithful into the darkened church. There is some historical evidence that, in some churches, the deacon has sung it while lighting the Easter Candle, a rather taxing task. Now the rule is to sing it from the ambo next to where the lit Easter Candle is placed in the sanctuary.

Its format parallels what we know of as the Preface that begins the Eucharistic Prayer during Mass. The text asks for God’s blessing upon the Paschal (Easter) Candle. In that regard, it parallels the blessing of palms and the blessing of water in the baptismal font.

The words draw a connection between the Old and the New Testament, the candle corresponding to the scriptural “pillar of fire.” One scholar describes its words as “language that rises to heights hard to find elsewhere in Christian literature. It outlines ancient church dogmas as through a portal drawing us into the warmth of deep mysticism, to a place where in the light of paradise even the sin of Adam is described as a “happy fault.” One unusual aspect of the text is the two-fold mention of “the work of the bees” referring to the fact that the candle is to be made from pure beeswax. Another oddity was the prayer’s closing reference to the reigning Holy Roman Emperor – a practice that ceased in 1870, but was not formally removed from the official text until 1955 when Pope Pius XII reformed the ritual of Holy Week.

Of course, the text we hear now is the vernacular English rather than the historic Latin. And the current translation reflects some slight modification resulting from the new translation of the Roman Missal.

The Easter Proclamation can be viewed in the illuminated ritual book, located in front of the low ambo (pulpit). The complete text of the Easter Proclamation is on the reverse side of this insert.

-- Deacon Bartholomew Merella

EXULTET – EASTER PROCLAMATION

Exult, let them exult, the host of heaven, exult, let angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy night, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light un-shadowed, that I may sing this candle perfect praises.

The Lord be with you. R/ And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. R/ We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R/ It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the door-posts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. R/ Amen