

TODAY'S READINGS

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
(Psalm 118:17)

Jesus, you are the risen Lord, and all creation sings your praise today!

I hear the very stones cry out, just as you said they would, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Even the stone that sealed your tomb is rolled away and proclaims a wondrous mystery. Instead of being an immovable testament to your death, it has become an indisputable witness to your resurrection.

Today, the burial cloths come alive to declare your victory. How tightly those garments of death bound Lazarus when you summoned him from the grave! They clung to him and would not release their grip until you spoke the word: "Untie him." But death had no hold on you, Lord. You broke free in a great burst of light, and left the burial cloths tidily behind. There in the tomb with Peter and the beloved disciple, your Church fixes its gaze on those discarded trappings with wonder and amazement. These cloths invite me to believe that my Redeemer lives. They urge me to stake everything on your mercy and your promise of eternal life.

Loving Savior, because of you, a cruel instrument of death now speaks to me of life. By your cross, you have destroyed the enemy and flung open the gates of salvation. Its light shines out—in our churches, in our homes, in hospital rooms, in the rubble of warfare, and in every dark and dreary place—proclaiming life to anyone who puts their faith in you.

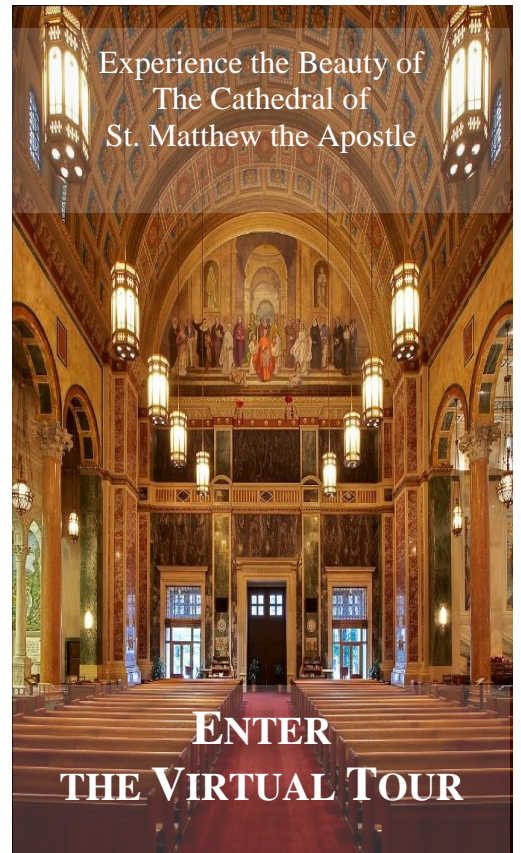
So many transformed lives! So many signs of victory! Each one, in its own way, speaks to me of you. Help me to look, listen, and believe so that, in my own way, I too may become a sign that speaks of you to the world.

"Jesus, you have conquered death! You live and are always at my side! Help this reality sink into the core of my being. Show me one new step, however small, that I can take today to 'declare the works of the Lord' by my life and words (Psalm 118:17)."

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Can't get away for a midday Lenten visit to the Cathedral? Did you know that you can now take a 360° virtual tour of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of our Nation's Capital? [Click here to begin the tour](#) or visit the front page of the parish website for a link. With the click of your mouse, you can visit each of 11 areas of the Cathedral interior—the main entrance, the nave, the sanctuary, the six chapels, the baptistry, and the burial crypt. Zoom in and out, and look up and down, left and right to your heart's content. Msgr. Jameson and the Cathedral staff hope you enjoy the tour and will share it with friends and family!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Monday 17

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

Tuesday 18

Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 19

Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 20

Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

Friday 21

Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 22

Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 23

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday



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



The Easter Sacraments – This Easter Vigil we welcomed 26 new brothers and sisters into the Catholic Community. Fifteen were baptized, confirmed and celebrated their first Eucharist; eleven Christians made their Profession of Faith, were confirmed, and celebrated full communion with us; and two Catholics completed their Sacraments of Initiation. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

PARISH CALENDAR

April 16 – 23

Sunday 16—Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

Children's Faith Formation does not meet. Happy Easter!

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

Donald Cardinal Wuerl celebrates the 10am Mass in English.

Monday 17—The Rectory offices are closed. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no confessions.

Tuesday 18—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room.

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

The Married Couples Group meets in the North Conference Room at 6:30pm.

Wednesday 19—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

The Wednesday Night Bible Study meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 20—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Friday 21—The Cathedral closes after the 8am Mass and reopens at 12pm. There are no confessions or 12:10pm Mass.

A Mass of Ordination of **Bishop-elect Roy Campbell** is held at 2pm.

Sunday 23—Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

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.

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

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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **April 24** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Beale will preside and give a reflection. Fr. Rafael Barbieri will hear confessions in English and Spanish.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Married Couples Small Group –

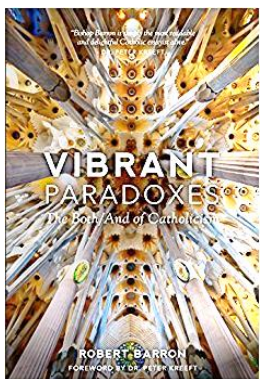
Married couples of all ages are welcome on Tuesday, **April 18** at 6:30pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in the North Conference Room. We will watch and discuss the acclaimed *Humanum* series that explores critical issues regarding marriage and family. Join us for fun and fellowship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



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

Conference Room. The book for discussion is “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.

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 become 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.

OUTREACH

Simple Lenten Meals – Thank you!

– The Social Justice Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in this year’s Simple Lenten Meals Program and in coming together as a community. Together we were

able to raise donations for charities that provide essential services to those in need: L’Arche, Jesuit Refugee Services, Catholic Mobilizing Network, Centro Tepeyac, Horton’s Kids, and Christ House. A special thank you to the Parish Council, Hispanic Committee, RCIA Catechumens, CYA, and the Homeless Ministry for preparing and serving the meals.

Rice Bowl Donations – We

prayed, fasted and gave alms and now we celebrate! Let us rejoice in our risen Lord and in the lives we have helped change this Lent in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and other countries all over the world! Rice Bowl donations will be collected after every Mass on the weekend of **April 22 & 23**. You may also turn in your Rice Bowl donations to the rectory. Questions, contact Norma Canedo at

ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org

ARCHDIOCESAN AND AREA NEWS

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

La historia de la salvación comprende todo lo que Dios ha hecho en su trato con la humanidad. Cada año, la Iglesia proclama nuevamente varios capítulos de este extenso relato. Por ejemplo, el Adviento es la historia que precede al nacimiento de Jesús, y la Cuaresma sigue los pasos de Cristo hasta la cruz. Ahora bien, hoy comenzamos un nuevo capítulo: Los 50 días de la temporada de Pascua. Ayer, Jesús yacía muerto y sepultado. Pero hoy no. ¡Jesús ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! Y con él comienza una nueva historia.

No es secreto que las grandes historias tienen personajes interesantes, y las lecturas de hoy no son la excepción. Pídele al Espíritu Santo que les haga cobrar vida. En la primera lectura puedes escuchar cómo Pedro da testimonio de la Resurrección. En la segunda, imagínate a Cristo como Pablo lo describe a los colosenses: majestuoso y sentado junto a su Padre en el tribunal del cielo. Luego lee el Evangelio y corre junto a Pedro y Juan hacia el sepulcro y recobra el aliento apoyándote en la gran piedra que ha sido quitada.

Lo maravilloso acerca de este capítulo de la historia de la salvación dedicado a la Pascua es que aún no se ha terminado de escribir y tú eres un personaje clave en ella. Jesús ha resucitado y el Espíritu Santo se ha derramado sobre todo el mundo y sobre ti también. Y así la historia, de hecho todo el Reino de Dios, sigue avanzando a través de ti.

¡Jesús es maravilloso! No solo te perdonó todos tus pecados y te salvó de la muerte, sino que también te invita a ser parte de su historia, ¡la historia más magnífica jamás contada! Y el Señor te está colocando a la vanguardia de la historia de la salvación y te pide que escribas otra página en este capítulo glorioso. ¡Ojalá todos aceptemos esta invitación! Entreguémonos a Jesús sin reservas, démosle la bienvenida para que nuestra vida llegue a ser una conmovedora historia del amor y la gracia de Jesús.

“Gracias, amado Jesús, por hacerme parte de tu historia. Señor, ¡que la buena noticia de la salvación resuene en toda tu Iglesia!”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 16	He 10:34.37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
<i>Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor</i>	
Lunes 17	He 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Martes 18	He 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Miércoles 129	He 3:1-10 / Lc 24:13-25
Jueves 20	He 3:11-26 / Lc 24:35-48
Viernes 21	He 4:112 / Jn 21:1-14
Sábado 22	He 4:13-21 / Mc 16:9-15
Domingo 23	He 2:42-47 / 1 Pe 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31
<i>Segundo Domingo de Pascua / Domingo de la Divina Misericordia</i>	

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

MASS INTENTIONS

April 16 – 23

Sunday, April 16

7am – All Parishioners
 8:30am – Eileen & Ed Dempsey (living)
 10am – Joseph & Carolyn Prucnal
 11:30am – Noreen Kelly
 1pm – Ricardina Rios
 5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

Monday, April 17

8am – Ana Maria Suñe de Quiros
 12:10pm – Judita Prelog

Tuesday, April 18

7am – Mr. Francis Conley
 8am – Rita T. Sheridan
 12:10pm – Francisco Varona
 5:30pm – Brian O'Connor

Wednesday, April 19

7am – Goerge Bork
 8am – Donald Ely
 12:10pm – Damayantee Bissesur
 5:30pm – Virginia A. Flynn

Thursday, April 20

7am – Raymond & Monica Pereda
 8am – Armida De León de Osorio (living)
 12:10pm – Venustiano Punsalan
 5:30pm – Dorothy Henry

Friday, April 21

7am – Thelma Allen
 8am – James McCarron
 5:30pm – Louis A. Lituano

Saturday, April 22

8am – R. Jacob (living)
 12:10pm – Lindsay Doherty
 5:30pm – Constance O'Reilly

Sunday, April 23

7am – Ricardina & Fausto Rios
 8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Grace Fowkes
 11:30am – Albina Simone Hart
 1pm – Jorge Ramos
 5:30pm – Christine Sofranek

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

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

Sacramentos Recibidos en la Pascua – En la Vigilia de Pascua, dimos la bienvenida a 26 nuevos hermanos y hermanas en la comunidad católica. Quince fueron bautizados, recibieron su Primera Comunión y Confirmación; once cristianos hicieron su Profesión de Fe, y dos católicos completaron sus Sacramentos de Iniciación. Sigamos orando por ellos.

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.

Ordenación de nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar – El Obispo Electo Roy Campbell será ordenado como nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar aquí en la Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol el viernes **21 de abril**, la misa de ordenación comienza a las 2 de la tarde.

El 21 de abril la Catedral cerrará después de la misa de las 8 de la mañana y se volverá a abrir a las 12:00 del mediodía. No habrá confesiones ni misa de las 12:10. La misa de las 2 de la tarde está abierta al público con asientos muy limitados debido al gran número de asientos reservados para el clero, familiares y amigos del Obispo Electo Campbell.

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



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 **23 de abril** a las 2:45 de la tarde. Venga a la Exposición del

Santísimo Sacramento y la recitación de la coronilla (alternando en español e inglés), concluyendo con la Bendición.

Donaciones de los platos de arroz – Hemos orado, ayunado y dado limosna. Ahora ¡celebramos! Alegrémonos de nuestro Señor resucitado y de las vidas que hemos ayudado a cambiar durante esta Cuaresma en la India, Zambia, El Salvador, México, Etiopía ¡y en todo el mundo!

Las donaciones de los platos de arroz serán recogidas después de cada misa el próximo fin de semana **22 & 23 de abril**. También puede entregar sus donaciones a la rectoría. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo por ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Cenas Simples de Cuaresma – ¡Gracias! – El comité de Justicia Social quisiera agradecerles a todos quienes participaron en las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma y compartiendo en compañía con otros miembros de la parroquia. Juntos pudimos recaudar fondos para caridades locales que proveen servicios esenciales a nuestros hermanos en necesidad: L'Arche, Servicios de Refugios Jesuita, *Catholic Mobilizing Network*, Centro Tepeyac, *Horton's Kids*, and *Christ House*. Reconocemos especialmente a los grupos de la Catedral, Consejo Parroquial, comité Hispano, catecúmenos de RICA, CYA y voluntarios del ministerio a Personas Sin Hogar por preparar y servir las cenas.

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.

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**.