

TODAY'S READINGS

I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11)
This is the fourth of seven “I am” declarations that Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John. In other ones, Jesus says that he is the bread of life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, the gate, the true vine, the way, and the door. Each of these declarations tells us something unique about Jesus and who he is as the Son of God.

Using the simple analogy of sheep and their shepherd, Jesus is telling us something central to our life of faith. Like a shepherd, he leads us, feeds us, protects us, and saves us from death. But there’s one mystery that this statement—or any of the others—doesn’t answer: why does God have such unending and boundless love for us?

The answer to this question is both simple and profound. God is love. It’s who he is. He can’t stop loving us. We are his children, and he will always care for us. He loves us so much, in fact, that he asked his Son to leave his heavenly home, take on a human body, and lay down his life for us.

Now risen in glory and enthroned with his Father, Jesus still cares more about us than he cares about himself. Like a good shepherd, he guides us to safety, restores our strength, and anoints us with his grace (Psalm 23). He is the “shepherd and guardian” of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). He is the “great shepherd” who gives his all to his sheep (Hebrews 13:20).

Jesus knows that his sheep are defenseless against the temptations of Satan, the “thief” who wants to steal, kill, and destroy us (John 10:10). He wants us to know it as well, so that we will cling to him and follow him like faithful, innocent sheep. Aren’t you glad that God is so faithful toward you? Today in prayer, tell the Lord how grateful you are. Tell him that you want to follow him wherever he leads.

“Jesus, you are my good shepherd. Come, Lord, and keep me safe.”

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Sunday 26	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Monday 27	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday 28	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
<i>St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort</i>	
Wednesday 29	Acts 12:24—13:5 / Jn 12:44-50
<i>St. Catherine of Sienna</i>	
Thursday 30	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
<i>St. Pius V, Pope</i>	
Friday 1	Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	
Saturday 2	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
<i>St. Athanasius</i>	
Sunday 3	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús dijo a sus discípulos que nadie tiene un amor más grande que el que da la vida por sus amigos. Este fue el amor que él demostró perfectamente muriendo en la cruz y entregando su vida voluntariamente por cada uno de nosotros.

Es asombroso pensar que, aunque uno fuera la única persona en el mundo, el Señor siempre habría dado libremente su vida para salvarla. Cuando San Pedro se dio cuenta de esto, brotó en él la decisión y la valentía necesarias para declarar que no hay ningún otro nombre en toda la humanidad que pueda merecernos la salvación.

La sabiduría de Dios le parece tontería al que no cree, pero siempre triunfa, incluso en los momentos más difíciles. ¿Quién sino Dios pudo disponer que Jesús fuera rechazado por su propio pueblo y hasta abandonado por sus seguidores más cercanos? Pero esta es la insondable sabiduría de Dios. Nos amó tanto que voluntariamente sacrificó a su único Hijo —a quien ama por sobre todas las personas y las cosas— sólo para poder reconciliarnos consigo. Es tal como lo declara la primera carta de San Juan: “¡Miren cuánto nos ama Dios el Padre, que se nos puede llamar hijos de Dios y lo somos!” (1 Juan 3, 1).

Cuando no podemos encontrar solución a nuestros problemas, debemos buscar la mano de Dios; porque hasta en los sucesos inesperados de la vida, él está actuando para llevarnos a su lado. Son ocasiones en que su sabiduría es tan superior a la nuestra que lo único que podemos hacer es tener fe y confiar. En esos momentos, el Señor nos invita a orar: “Jesús, en ti confío”. Cuando nos sentimos agobiados por los problemas y las consecuencias de nuestros propios pecados y los de los demás, podemos decirle: “Padre, en tus manos me entrego.” Cuando la vida nos parece insostenible, podemos mirar a la cruz y decir: “Señor, que te entregaste por mí, ayúdame a creer.”

“Espíritu Santo, Consolador mío, sé hoy mi fortaleza y revélame el glorioso Evangelio de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Me abandono en tus manos y confío en ti con todo lo que tengo y todo lo que soy.”

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FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

May 1
12:45 to 5:15pm

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

May 2
12:45pm

PARISH CALENDAR

April 26 – May 3

- Sunday 26**—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. **Cardinal Seán O'Malley** gives a 175th Parish Anniversary Address at 3pm in the Cathedral.
The Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.
- Monday 27**—The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.
- Tuesday 28**—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 29**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- Friday 1**—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.
- Saturday 2**—Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room. **First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.
The Madrigal Singers from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School sing at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
- Sunday 3**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.
Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am.
The Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

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 Washington 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!

*Join us in praying for our new Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, **Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville** (right, at the beginning of the April 20, 2015 Ordination to the Order of Bishop at the Cathedral).*



Bishop Dorsonville, left, receives the pastoral staff (crozier), a sign of the bishop's shepherding and governing office to "keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop."



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



52nd World Day of Prayer For Vocations – In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear

and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Pope Francis: *Exodus, A Fundamental Experience of Vocation*

"To offer one's life in mission is possible only if we are able to leave ourselves behind. . . . I would like reflect on that particular 'exodus' which is the heart of vocation, or better yet, of our response to the vocation God gives us. . . ."

At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to centre our life in Jesus Christ. . . . This 'going forward' is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, one's own humanity. . . . The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, 'decentering' us and triggering 'an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God' (*Deus Caritas Est*, 6)." (from Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, given March 29, 2015)

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1897 – The main altar is set in place in the new St. Matthew's Church. The altar was a gift of Cardinal Gibbons, obtained through the Archbishop of Agra, India.

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you! – The Social Justice Committee thanks all who participated in this year's Simple Lenten Meals. We are grateful to all who joined us in prayer, almsgiving, and sharing in one another's company. Together we raised money for local charities that provide essential services to our local community: St. Matthew's Emergency Assistance; Catholic Mobilizing Network; Christ House; L'Arche Community; Northwest Center; and the Little Sisters of the Poor. A special thank you to the Cathedral's RCIA Catechumens, Candidates and sponsors, Knights of Columbus, Cathedral Young Adults, Hispanic Community, and Liturgy Committee for preparing and serving the meals.

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

First Friday and First Saturday – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **May 1** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord.

On Saturday, **May 2** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Hospitality Sunday – Join us on Sunday, **May 3** for hospitality! We'll be downstairs in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses with snacks and refreshments to tide you over as you meet other parishioners and learn about upcoming parish events. Please stop by and see us! Contact stmatthospitality@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join our team of smiling volunteers.

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.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – R.C.I.A is an ongoing process of exploring our Catholic faith. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski for more information (contact info above).

Church of Mercy Lenten Faith Sharing Groups Pot-Luck – Group members will meet on Friday, **May 1** following the 5:30pm Mass in the North Conference Room for a pot-luck meal. Come, join with other participants, enjoy a meal, share your experiences, and plan for further opportunities to grow in your faith through this faith sharing process.

Congratulations! – The following people successfully completed the Archdiocese of Washington Faith Foundations Catechesis 101 Course offered at St. Matthew's in January 2015: Patricia Boehme, Norma Cindy Canedo, Lydia Clegg, Gregory Gross, Emily Kessel and Kathy Lester; (Online course): Kevin McLaughlin. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to grow in your faith and willingly share it with others!

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 Founding of California*. Last Fall at the Cathedral, the author, Gregory Orfalea, addressed a meeting of the Serra Club, which is named for the book's subject, Fr. Junipero Serra. Fr. Serra is slated to be canonized by Pope Francis when he visits Washington this coming September. All are invited for this timely discussion.

RESPECT LIFE

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.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 26	He 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Lunes 27	He 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
Martes 28	He 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
	<i>San Pedro Chanel y San Luis Griñón de Montfort</i>
Miércoles 29	He 12:24—13:5 / Jn 12:44-50
	<i>Santa Catalina de Sienna</i>
Jueves 30	He 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
	<i>San Pio V</i>
Viernes 1	He 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
	<i>San José Obrero</i>
Sábado 2	He 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
	<i>San Atanasio</i>
Domingo 3	He 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Cenas Simples de Cuaresma – ¡Gracias! – El Comité de Justicia Social quisiera agradecerles a todos quienes participaron en las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma de este año. Gracias a todos los feligreses quienes nos acompañaron en oración, dando limosna y compartiendo en compañía con otros miembros de la comunidad. Juntos pudimos recaudar donaciones para caridades locales que proveen servicios esenciales a la comunidad: asistencia de emergencias de San Mateo; Catholic Mobilizing Network; Christ House; la comunidad de L'Arche; Centro Northwest; y las Hermanitas de los pobres. Les agradecemos especialmente a los grupos de la catedral, los Catecúmenos, Candidatos, y padrinos de RICA, la comunidad hispana, Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral, Caballeros de Colon y el Comité de Liturgia por haber preparado y servido las cenas.

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

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde este viernes **1 de mayo** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del altar mayor. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.

El sábado **2 de mayo** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Domingo de Hospitalidad – Únase a nosotros el Domingo de Hospitalidad después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y la de 1:00 de la tarde el domingo **3 de mayo**. En el salón de conferencias del Norte. Tendremos bocadillos para saciar el hambre mientras pasa tiempo conociendo a otros feligreses y aprende acerca de los próximos eventos de la parroquia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a este evento, esperamos contar con su presencia! ¿Interesado en ayudarnos con futuros eventos? Póngase en contacto con stmatthospitality@gmail.com.

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 Escritura. Para más información puede llamar a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 ext. 543.

Done Comida de Desayuno para el Ministerio de personas sin Hogar – Cada lunes por la mañana, San Mateo invita a alrededor de 60 hombres y mujeres en necesidad, para desayunar y reflexionar en el Evangelio. Después del desayuno se le reparte a cada invitado una bolsa con artículos de tocador, una bolsa de almuerzo, nueva ropa interior y nuevos calcetines. La mañana se cierra con una animada discusión sobre el Evangelio del domingo. La mayoría de la comida que se sirve el lunes es donada por los feligreses. Buscamos a personas que pueden donar comida una vez al mes. Las donaciones pueden incluir: paquetes de carnes frías, queso, rebanadas de pan, huevos duros, tazas de yogur, productos horneados y fruta. También pedimos donaciones de platos caseros. Para más información, por favor mande un correo electrónico a Norma Canedo al ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

El Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel – ¿Sufre y tiene sentimientos no resueltos después de un aborto provocado? ¿Sientes que Dios nunca podrá perdonarte? ... ¿No puede usted perdonarse a si misma? El Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel de la Arquidiócesis de Washington quiere ayudarte. Para más información comunícate con Luz Menjivar al 301-853-4565 o puede escribir al ProyectoRaquel@adw.org ¡Absoluta Confidencialidad!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 26 – May 3

Sunday, April 26

7am – Rodolfo F. Calzado
8:30am – Meaghan Dagner
10am – Mrs. Theresa Flanagan
11:30am – All Parishioners
1pm – José Freiras
5:30pm – Shirley Ann Garafalo

Monday, April 27

7am – Yvette Coelho-Adam
8am – Mark's grandmother
12:10pm – The Carey Family
5:30pm – Patricia McCarthy

Tuesday, April 28

8am – Madeleina-Monica Le Gendrano
12:10pm – Mrs. Corazon
5:30pm – Nicholas Longo

Wednesday, April 29

7am – Tadahiko Nakamura (living)
12:10pm – Anthony Spinelli
5:30pm – Monika Walter

Thursday, April 30

12:10pm – Lito R. Gorospe
5:30pm – Filippo Franza

Friday, May 1

8am – Nathaniel Franklin
12:10pm – H. Ann Reidy

Saturday, May 2

5:30pm – Jerry's sister & Danna (living)

Sunday, May 3

7am – Bridie Doherty (living)
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Moises Lopez
11:30am – Ruth Vera
1pm – Rosalba Zuluaga
5:30pm – Peter Gilmartin

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Cathedral Coffeehouse - Sunday, April 26 – 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. This week's topic is **All the Catholic Ladies: Feminism for Real**. Contact: stmattsyam@gmail.com

C†YA Spring Retreat: Finding God in All Things – Saturday, May 30 –

Sunday 31 – Bellarmine Retreat Center (Waynesboro, PA) – Register Now! The theme is "Finding God in All Things." There will be time for quiet personal prayer, group reflection, hiking, confession, Mass and making friends! Fr. Carter Griffin of the Archdiocese of Washington will join us as well. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Register [here](http://goo.gl/PYPzex) (<http://goo.gl/PYPzex>) by Friday, May 15. Contact Hannah at hannahrdell@gmail.com for more information or to get involved as a small group leader.

DC Catholic – Spring Theology on Tap – Spring series "Millennials and Marriage: Embracing 'I Do' When So Many Don't" runs Tuesdays through May 12. Happy Hour from 6 to 7pm, talk from 7 to 8pm at Buffalo Billiards (1330 19th Street NW / Dupont Circle)

C†YA at Mass – Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – Cathedral (meet in section near front by the choir) – Don't sit

alone at Mass! Instead, celebrate with other young adult parishioners. Please join us in our section in the first few rows on the right of the nave, in front of the pulpit near the choir – look for the "reserved" signs on the pews. Then stick around to meet everyone after Mass! Contact stmattsyam@gmail.com for more information.

MARRIAGE

Did you by chance get a photograph of the blessing of engaged couples held at last Sunday's 11:30am Mass? If so, please feel free to share it (reply@stmatthewscathedral.org) for the parish media.

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.

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

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 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.

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.*



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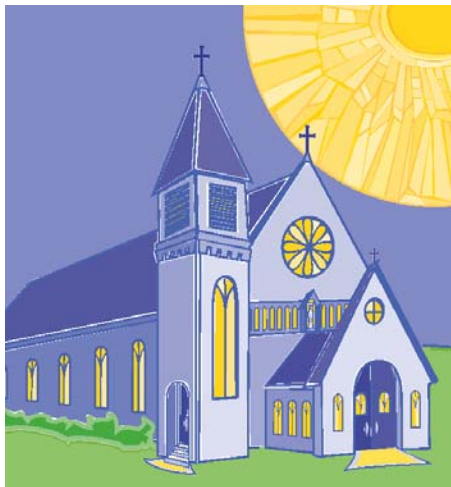
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Process my gifts on the: 4th *or* 15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

"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.

Organ Completion Fund: Weekly Gift: \$ _____ Monthly Gift: \$ _____ One-Time: Gift \$ _____

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & 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	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my **total** monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

Name(s): *(please print)* _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit/Debit Card: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Invites you to participate in our parish

MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 10

ALL MASSES

For the

Northwest Pregnancy Center

We will be collecting the following items:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby formula

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks out to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Northwest Center" on the note line.

For more information, contact Respect Life coordinator, Justin Silvers, at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.



THE NORTHWEST CENTER

Serving Women in the DC Area since 1981

Mission: The Northwest Center seeks to promote the dignity of women and a respect for all human life.

They seek to accomplish this goal by offering the loving support and comprehensive aid necessary to enable all women to continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and adequately care for themselves and their children.





CATHEDRAL DE SAN MATEO
MINISTERIO DE RESPETO A LA VIDA

Los invita a participar en
**LA COLECTA DEL
DÍA DE LAS MADRES**
DOMINGO, 10 DE MAYO
TODAS LAS MISAS
Para
El Centro Northwest

Estamos recogiendo lo siguiente:

- Pañales
- Toallitas húmedas
- Fórmula de bebe

Donaciones monetarias también son agradecidas.

Los cheques pueden ser dirigidos a la Catedral de San Mateo con "Northwest Center" en la línea de nota. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el coordinador de Respeto a la Vida, Justin Silvers, al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.



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Misión: El Centro Northwest busca promover la dignidad de las mujeres y el respeto de toda vida humana. Tratan de lograr esta meta ofreciendo el apoyo amoroso y comprensivo y ayuda necesaria para que todas las mujeres puedan continuar con sus embarazos, tener bebés sanos y poder ofrecer el cuidado adecuado para ellos y sus hijos.

