

## TODAY'S READINGS

**T**heir eyes were opened and they recognized him. (Luke 24:31)

Don't you wish you could have been there when Cleopas and his friend were walking to Emmaus? Wouldn't it have been exciting to hear Jesus interpreting the Scriptures and to see the look in their eyes when they recognized him in the breaking of the bread?

Well, in a sense, we can be there. Even today, two thousand years after his resurrection, Jesus' word can cause our hearts to burn and bring us to the place where we recognize him. How is this possible? Because the Scriptures do more than teach us about Jesus—they reveal him to us!

As many times as we hear the Scriptures read at Mass, it's good to be reminded that they aren't just words on a page. As St. Paul taught, they are "living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). Inspired by God, they are filled with his presence. They have the Spirit's own power to bring us his wisdom, peace, and joy. All it takes is listening with faith.

Cleopas and his friend had to walk a long way with Jesus before they recognized him, and sometimes we do too. So be patient with yourself. When you hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, try to imagine that you are there in the middle of the action—in Galilee, in Jerusalem, or wherever the story takes place. Imagine that you can hear Jesus speaking to you. Put aside distractions, and listen for what he may want to say to you personally.

You may not "hear" anything right away. You may not hear anything at all! But that's okay because the Holy Spirit is still at work in you, just as he was working with the Emmaus disciples every step of their journey. He is always pouring out his grace, even when you can't feel it. All you have to do is try your best to keep an open heart. Over time, you will recognize him.

*"Holy Spirit, help me to recognize Jesus in his word today. Lord, let your word touch my heart so that you can use me for your glory!"*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 30</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday 1</b>	Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
<i>St. Athanasius</i>	
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
<i>St. Philip and St. James</i>	
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday 5</b>	Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday 6</b>	Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69
<b>Sunday 7</b>	Acts 2:14a,36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10
<i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Synod Listening Session** – Are you a young adult ages 18-30s? Pope Francis and our parish want to hear from you! In preparation for an international gathering of Bishops (Synod) next year, *Pope Francis wants your input on the topic a/Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. Young adults are invited for refreshments and discussion at any one of three listening sessions. Join us in the Great Hall today **Sunday April 30, following the 5:30pm Mass; Tuesday, May 2 - 6:30 - 8pm; or Thursday, May 11 - 6:30- 8pm.** (On Tuesday or Thursday, please use the garage entrance.) Feel free to bring friends as we want to hear from both Catholics and nonCatholics!

Can't make one of the listening sessions? Share your opinion online at

[www.sharewithFrancis.org](http://www.sharewithFrancis.org)

**Not-So-Young Adult?** The session on May 2 is open to all members of our parish community of all ages. Please join us for a multi-generation discussion on how we can better support the Young Adult community at St. Matthew's and throughout the universal Church!

For more information, email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com)

**First Friday and First Saturday** – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **May 5** 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 6** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**Hospitality Sunday** – Join us for hospitality next Sunday, **May 7**. This is your opportunity to meet others in your parish and learn about our various activities. For this event in particular, we'll have a special focus on our Mother, the Virgin Mary. Please join us after the 8:30, 10, 11:30am and 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room.

## PARISH CALENDAR

April 30 – May 7

**Sunday 30**—Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at the Education Center.

A Protecting Our Family Educational Talk for Parents is held at 10am at the Education Center.

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

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

Synod Listening Session is held at the Great Hall following the 5:30pm Mass.

**Monday 1**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 2**—The Married Couples Group meets in the North Conference Room at 6:30pm.

Synod Listening Session is held in the Great Hall at 6:30pm.

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

**Wednesday 3**—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

**Thursday 4**—Adult Confirmation Class meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

**Friday 5—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**Saturday 6**—Fr. Hurley's Bible study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass (bilingual), followed by Our Lady of Fatima reception in the West Conference Room.

**Sunday 7**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and the 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room.

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

The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am.

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

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

## ORDINATIONS

**Jonathan Demma** and **Maurice Moon** are seminarians for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's. They were both ordained to the transitional Diaconate at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller, TX on Saturday, **April 29** by the Most Rev. Michael Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth. *Let us pray for these men as they begin their diaconal ministries and continue to prepare for their ordinations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ!*

**Jonathan Demma** is completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America. At St. Matthew's, he has assisted with the Sacred Page Bible Study, Cathedral Coffeehouse, marriage preparation, and has served as an acolyte at various liturgies.

Jonathan was born in Lexington, KY, the fifth of six boys. His family moved to Fort Worth, TX when he was young. He studied trumpet performance at the University of North Texas, and later pursued an Electrical Engineering degree at Texas A&M University. After discerning a vocation to the priesthood, Jonathan joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in New York, where he served the poor and the homeless for nine years. After completing a B.A. in Sacred Theology from Seton Hall University, he returned to Fort Worth as a diocesan seminarian. He will spend his final year as a deacon at Theological College, and will continue to serve at St. Matthew's until his ordination to the priesthood in May 2018.

**Maurice Moon** is studying theology at the Catholic University of America and plans to complete his studies by May 2018. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved with Hispanic Ministries, teaching the Faith to youth on Sundays, and marriage preparation.

Maurice was born and raised in Fort Worth, TX. He worked full-time for five years, working in the food industry such as Chili's and TGI Friday's before entering St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, Louisiana. After four years, he received his B.A. in the Liberal Arts with a major in philosophy before coming to study theology at Catholic University.

Maurice is so grateful for all the support and opportunities at St. Matthew's. He has enjoyed getting to know many of the parishioners and staff through the ministries he is involved in and looks forward to continuing to serve St. Matthew's as a deacon next year.



## FAITH FORMATION

### Married Couples Small Group –

Married couples of all ages are welcome on Tuesday, **May 2** 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](mailto:stmatmarriedcouples@gmail.com)

### 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 **May 3** at 7pm in the West Conference Room. It's a great way to spiritually prepare for Sunday Mass!

### Saturday Bible Study – Fr. Jack Hurley will lead a discussion on two Saturdays, **May 6** and **May 13**.

You'll explore some prominent people in the New Testament's Acts of the Apostles. You'll be introduced to individuals who stood out in the initial evangelization of the Good News, notably Peter and Paul, Philip the Deacon, Stephen, Cornelius, Barnabas, Lydia, Aquila, Priscilla, and Timothy. Join us in the East Conference Room from 10:30am – 11:45am. Bring your Bible!

### 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.

### 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, **May 16** at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**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. For more information contact: Theresa Prymuszewski [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)

### Returning and Inactive Catholics

– **Welcome!** – If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. **LANDINGS** is an eight-week series, that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and being heard, for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith as an adult. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P. at [swilsonsmith@paulist.org](mailto:swilsonsmith@paulist.org) for more information.

## ARCHDIOCESAN AND AREA NEWS

**Catholic Date Night** – This monthly night out for engaged and married couples will be held Saturday, **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](http://DCCatholic.eventbrite.com)

### Fifth ADW Women's Conference:

"*Occasions of Grace - Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Life*" – will be held at Catholic University on Saturday, **May 20**, from 8:30am to 4pm. There will be presentations in English and Spanish. Keynote speaker is Vallimar Jansen. Breakout sessions speakers are Rev. William Byrne, Christina Lamas (*en espanol*) and Michael Carotta. The day will also include Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout, lunch and many faith based exhibitors. Questions? Please contact Debbie McDonald at 301-853-4466 or [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org).

### Men's Discernment Dinner – A

Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary (145 Taylor St., NE) on Sunday, **May 14** from 5 to 8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, DC area. Participants should be single men, college-age and up, who are practicing Catholics. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org). Register online at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org).

### 2017 Run for Vocations – Run for

Vocations registration is open! To participate, just register for the Marine Corps 10K and "Run for Vocations" at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). Plan to register soon, as the race fills quickly. All proceeds to benefits seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Go to [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org) for more information or search "Run for Vocations" on Facebook



## LECTURAS DE HOY

**C**leofás y su compañero habían dedicado mucho tiempo y energías a seguir Cristo, pero ahora, después del entusiasmo de una semana antes, cuando Jesús entró triunfalmente en Jerusalén, todo cambió de repente con su espantosa muerte. Todo esto fue tan devastador para ellos que no veían nada más que un futuro tenebroso. ¡Ya no había nada más que hacer!

Por eso no pudieron reconocer a Cristo cuando él se les unió por el camino, porque su fe se les había nublado tanto que necesitaba la luz de una revelación divina. Y esto fue lo que Jesús hizo al intervenir en su conversación: les explicó las Escrituras desde su perspectiva divina. Sus palabras fueron tales que produjeron en ellos un profundo efecto y comenzó a renacer en su corazón la esperanza. Todo esto llegó a su punto culminante cuando Jesús bendijo el pan y lo partió: la Palabra de Dios, el poder de la revelación y un nuevo fuego en el corazón. Finalmente, ¡vieron a Jesús!

¿No es así la historia de nuestra vida también? A veces nos limitamos a observar lo que sucede en nuestras familias o en el mundo que nos rodea como cualquier ser humano lo hace, y a veces eso nos deja desalentados o creyendo que Jesús está lejos de nosotros. ¡Pero no tiene que ser así! Jesús nunca está ausente ni te abandona; por el contrario, siempre camina a tu lado y quiere decirte que tiene un plan magnífico para ti y que tú puedes confiar plenamente en él.

Los discípulos de Emaús tuvieron que hacer un alto para escuchar a Jesús. ¡Qué buen modelo para nosotros! Haz un alto hoy y escucha al Señor. Guarda silencio y deja que Jesús toque tu corazón con su poder divino.

Pídele que te haga comprender su Palabra. Contéplale en la santa Misa. Si haces esto, verás que el Señor siempre ha estado allí desde el principio, en la Palabra de Dios, en el pan y el vino, ¡en tu corazón!

*"Gracias, amado Señor Jesucristo, por caminar junto a mí. Ayúdame a hacer un alto en el camino, aquietar mis pensamientos y percibir tu presencia y tu protección. Señor, ¡quiero verte!"*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 30** He 2:14,22-33 / 1 Pe 1:17-21 / Lc 24:13-35

**Lunes 1** He 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

*San Jose Obrero*

**Martes 2** He 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

*San Atanasio*

**Miércoles 3** 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

*San Felipe y San Santiago*

**Jueves 4** He 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

**Viernes 5** He 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

**Sábado 6** He 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

**Domingo 7** He 2:14a,36-41 / 1 Pe 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

*Domingo del Buen Pastor*

INTENCIONES DE MISAS  
MASS INTENTIONS

April 30 – May 7

**Sunday, April 30**

5:30pm Vigil (April 29) – Jaime Martone Peters

7am – All parishioners

8:30am – Mr. & Mrs. Rice

10am – Lito R. Gorospe

11:30am – Roy Innis

1pm – Harmes J. de Milano

5:30pm – Dana Lenker

**Monday, May 1**

7am – Marie Melanson (living)

8am – Rita T. Zelonis

12:10pm – Dr. Matthew A. Kasprenski

5:30pm – William Arkinson

**Tuesday, May 2**

7am – Marieta Ann Jacobs

8am – Rose Dessources

12:10pm – Kathleen O'Day

5:30pm – Marvin & Margaret Taylor

**Wednesday, May 3**

7am – William H. McMahon IV

8am – Mackenzie & Mark Wooters (living)

12:10pm – Moises Lopez

5:30pm – Boguslaw Mielnik

**Thursday, May 4**

7am – Carmen Evelia Carrero

8am – Betsabe Peña

12:10pm – Carl Dessources

5:30pm – Peter Francis Carridy

**Friday, May 5**

7am – Enza Quargnali

8am – Anthony Freeman

12:10pm – Rita T. Zelonis

5:30pm – Rose Marie Ranzilla

**Saturday, May 6**

8am – Msgr. Edward Buckley

12:10pm – Paul Platt

5:30pm – All Parishioners

**Sunday, May 7**

7am – Steven Hanlin

8:30am – Bedulah Charles

10am – Jeannette Nolan

11:30am – Peter Gioia

1pm – Caio Cesar

5:30pm – Robert Francis Ramkin

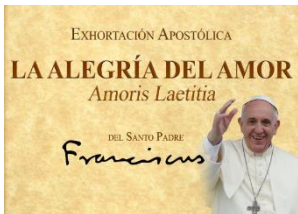
*Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.*

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### ¡BIENVENIDOS!

*Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!*

**El V Encuentro – Sea una voz por la comunidad Hispana en la Iglesia Católica** – Nuestra parroquia participará en el V Encuentro iniciado por la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos. La meta del Encuentro es discernir formas en las que la Iglesia pueda responder mejor a la presencia de los Hispanos/Latinos en la Iglesia. Se explorará nuestro llamado a ser discípulos misioneros por la Nueva Evangelización. Formaremos grupos pequeños de 10-12 personas y nos reuniremos por cinco domingos empezando el **30 de abril**, después de la misa de la 1:00 de la tarde. Se ofrecerá almuerzo en cada reunión. Buscamos participantes de todas edades de adolescentes a adultos para que participen en el V Encuentro y nos ayuden a ser testigos del amor de Dios mediante nuestra Iglesia.



**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: # 6 – **Algunas Perspectivas Pastorales** será el martes **16 de mayo**, Hna. Monica Garcia será nuestra invitada especial. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

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

El sábado **6 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 (vea el inserto en este boletín)

**Domingo de Hospitalidad** – Únase a nosotros a nuestro próximo evento de hospitalidad el **7 de mayo**. Esta es su oportunidad para reunirse con otros feligreses y conocer las diferentes actividades en nuestra parroquia. En esta ocasión, por ser el mes de mayo, le dedicaremos el evento a la Santísima Virgen María. ¡Acompáñenos después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde! Estaremos en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

**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 y también cuando se lleva la Sagrada Comunión a los enfermos o personas confinadas a su casa. 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 realizara el sábado, **6 de mayo** de 9:00 de la mañana a 12:00 mediodía en el centro pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de Washington en Hyattsville, MD (5001 Eastern Ave.). Una cuota de inscripción de \$5 puede ser pagado en la puerta. Para inscribirse, vaya a [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org) o llame a la Sra. Maria Hamm 301-853-4594.

**Prepare Comida para Personas en Necesidad del Ministerio de Desayuno** – Cada lunes por la mañana, San Mateo invita a aproximadamente 80 hombres y mujeres en necesidad para desayuno, útiles de tocador y una bolsa de almuerzo y una reflexión sobre el Evangelio. Buscamos a voluntarios que estén interesados en cocinar y donar comida caliente o preparar ensalada o vegetales en su hogar, para 10 o más personas. Las opciones para los platos pueden incluir ensalada de papa, platos de pasta, arroz y frijoles o cualquier otro plato delicioso que usted sugiera. Puede anotarse para proveer comida por lo menos una vez al mes y hasta puede dejar la comida el domingo para que se sirva el lunes por la mañana. Póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo para más información, [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org) o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 x552.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



# MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

## ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY, MAY 14

### FOR

# THE NORTHWEST CENTER



**Items Needed for the NW Center (pregnancy center):**

- **Boy's & Girl's new or gently used (washed) baby clothing**  
(Sizes: NB, 0-3 months, & 2T)
- **Boy's & Girl's new or gently used (washed) baby sleepers/PJ's**  
(Sizes: NB-18 months)
- **Baby toiletries: Baby shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream, Vaseline, baby powder**
- **Similac Advanced & Similac Sensitive Baby Formula**

*This is the brand most of the women receive through WIC and what their babies are accustomed to drinking.*

- **Baby socks**
- **Pacifiers**
- **Baby bottles**
- **Teething toys**
- **Gerber baby food (fruits & veggies)**

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Northwest Center" on the note line. **For more information**, contact the Respect Life coordinator Justin Silvers at [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).



**THE NORTHWEST CENTER**

Serving Women in the DC Area since 1981

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.

For more information visit [www.northwestcenter.net](http://www.northwestcenter.net) or call (202) 483-7008.

# JUSTICIA SOCIAL Y SERVICIO COMUNITARIO

## MINISTERIO DE RESPETO A LA VIDA



### COLECTA DEL DÍA DE LAS MADRES DOMINGO 14 DE MAYO PARA EL CENTRO NORTHWEST



**Artículos en necesidad para el Centro NW (centro de embarazo):**

- **Ropa de niños y niñas, nueva o usada (lavada)**  
*(Tallas: NB, 0-3 meses & 2T)*
- **Ropa de dormir/pijamas para niños y niñas, nueva o usada (lavada)**  
*(Tallas: NB-18 meses)*
- **Artículos de tocador para bebés: champú de bebé, loción, crema para la irritación de pañales, vaselina, talco para bebés**
- **Formula de Similac Advanced & Similac Sensitive**  
*Esta marca de formula usan la mayoría de las madres porque lo reciben por WIC y es lo que sus niños están acostumbrados a tomar.*
- **Medias de bebé**
- **Chupetes**
- **Mamaderas**
- **Juguetes para la dentición**
- **Comida de bebé de Gerber (frutas & vegetales)**

También se aceptarán donaciones monetarias. Los cheques deben 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 del ministerio de Respeto a la Vida Justin Silvers al [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).



**THE NORTHWEST CENTER**

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

Para más información visite: [www.northwestcenter.net](http://www.northwestcenter.net) o llame (202) 483-7008.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

# *Our Lady of Fatima*

*Nuestra Señora de Fatima*

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*Come join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima!*



*¡Únase a nosotros para celebrar el 100 Aniversario de las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Fatima!*

*When/Cuando*

*Saturday, May 6*

*Sábado 6 de mayo*

*What/Que es*

*A bilingual Mass at 12:10 PM*

*First Saturday Devotions with the*

*Reparation Society and the*

*Rosary prayed in English and in Spanish*

*Una Misa bilingüe a las 12:10 de la tarde*

*Devociones del primer sábado del mes*

*con la "Reparation Society" y el*

*Rosario rezado en inglés y español*

*Reception & Movie/*

*Recepción & Película*

*A reception will follow at 1:45pm,*

*in the West Conference Room*

*with a movie, food, and fellowship.*

*Luego habrá una recepción, a las 1:45 de la tarde,*

*en el Salón de Conferencias del Oeste*

*con una película, comida y tiempo para*

*compartir en comunidad.*



All are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, please contact Christina or Justin Silvers at [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com).

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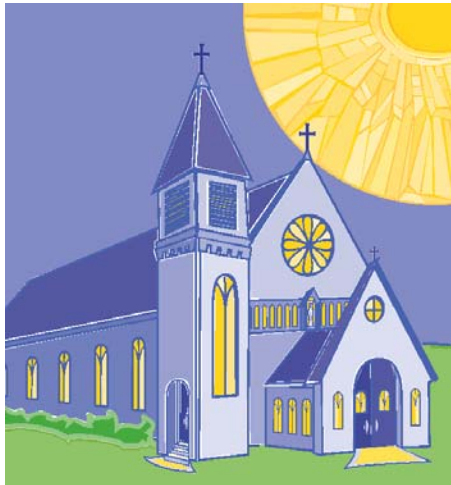
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**Weekly Offertory Gift:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Dome at National Shrine	\$ _____	May
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<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
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<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

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Credit/Debit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE

The Easter Season is visibly and singularly marked by the large, decorated candle that is prominent in the sanctuary, located by the ambo. The origin of its use during the Easter season is hard to establish in researching the dim past of the early Church. Some church historians suggest that its origin may be in the lamps used in the synagogues and is a reminder from the Old Testament of the 'pillar of fire' denoting 'God's presence.' Some scholars find allusions to it in the early documents of Justin Martyr (103-165AD) who writes of the baptism ceremony being an illumination. In the time of Emperor Constantine (272-337AD), St. Eusebius writes that the "emperor transformed the night of the sacred vigil (Easter) into the brilliancy of day by lighting the whole city with pillars of wax so that this vigil is rendered brighter than the brightest daylight." The descriptor "Paschal" comes from the Hebrew word 'pesach' or Passover, the Jewish feast so closely associated with Holy Week and Easter.

Later Church writings further heightened its symbolic relationship to Christianity. For Christians in these early centuries, the candle came to symbolize Christ: the true light that enlightens each person who comes into this world; its virgin beeswax: the most pure flesh of Christ; its wick: the human soul of Christ; its flame: the divinity of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity; the five grains of affixed incense: the sacred wounds of Christ.

Over the centuries, the candle's symbolic representation magnified its fabrication and its use. In many places, at the end of each year, the candle was melted down and used the next year as smaller candles to be carried by the newly baptized at Easter and all those present at the Easter vigil. In the 8th century, it became the practice in Rome to inscribe the candle with the date of the current year, since it was crafted new each year. In many cathedrals, in order for it to be seen throughout the church, its size grew so that in some places, like Salisbury Cathedral in England, it was 36 feet tall. Its principle, but not exclusive, decorations are: the year of its use; the Greek letters for A and O referring to Christ as the "Alpha (beginning)" and "Omega (end);" and five grains of incense in the form of a cross.

The candle begins its liturgical life each year at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday evening. At the beginning of the vigil celebration, the presider lights the candle from the Easter fire that has just been lit and then inserts the grains of incense and blesses it. The candle, carried by the deacon, leads the way into the cathedral and its flame is used to light the people's candles. After reaching the sanctuary, the candle is placed in its holder next to the ambo where it remains during the entire Easter season, lit for each liturgy until the conclusion of the feast of Pentecost.

During the rest of the liturgical year, it is also lit for all baptisms and for all funerals where it is placed at the head of the deceased's remains, signifying the beginning and ending of one's life in Christ. It is also lit for the sacrament of confirmation and may be lit for the other sacraments (e.g. anointing and matrimony) to mark other important milestones in our Christian life.

-- Deacon Bartholomew J. Merella



## EASTER SEASON AND PENTECOST

This great liturgical season of the Church begins with the great octave week that solemnities 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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