

## TODAY'S READINGS

**A**s they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

At the Last Supper, when Jesus told the apostles that he was leaving, they were deeply disturbed (John 14:1). Yet after the Ascension, they were filled with joy (Luke 24:52). Why the change?

The apostles' sadness gave way to joy because of two promises Jesus had made to them: that he would be with them always and that after returning to his Father's house, he would prepare a place for them (Matthew 28:20; John 14:2-3). It's this second promise that we celebrate today. Jesus has ascended to heaven, and through his Spirit, he is preparing us for the day when he comes again in glory.

When Jesus ascended, he made all the angels subject to him (1 Peter 3:22; Ephesians 1:21). This means not only those angels who had already submitted to Jesus; it also means the fallen angels who serve the devil. Enthroned in heaven, Jesus has the power to restrain their malice and protect us from them. That's why he taught us to pray, "Deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13).

When Jesus ascended to heaven, his intercessory work for the Church continued. He is our advocate before the Father (1 John 2:1). This is no small task. It means that Jesus is always going to his Father on our behalf. It means that we will always have access to God's presence—whether we are doing well or not so well.

The ascended Christ has also empowered his Church to fulfill its mission. Paul said that God has made Jesus "head over all things," including "the church" (Ephesians 1:22). This means that we can trust Jesus and have great confidence in him, no matter how bleak things look. Jesus is in heaven. He is interceding for us. He has overcome even the demons. He is supreme over all creation. And best of all, he will never, ever abandon us. Isn't that comforting?

*"Jesus, I put my hope and my trust in you."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 8</b> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Lk 24:46-53
<b>Monday 9</b>	Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday 10</b> <i>St. Damien de Veuster</i>	Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19
<b>Thursday 12</b> <i>Sts. Nereus and Achilles</i>	Acts 22:30 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday 13</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday 14</b> <i>St. Matthias</i>	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17
<b>Sunday 15</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

## WELCOME

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

May 8 - 15

**Sunday 8**—A Mother's Day blessing is given at, and a Mother's Day Drive is held after, all Masses.

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

The Sacrament of First Eucharist is celebrated at the 11:30am Mass.

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

**Monday 9**—The Cathedral Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

**Tuesday 10**—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.

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

**Wednesday 11**—Mystagogy sessions are held from 7 to 9pm in the North Conference Room.

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

**Sunday 15**—A second collection for Catholic Relief Services is taken at all Masses.

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

**Cardinal Wuerl** confers the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 3pm Mass in the Cathedral.

## MARRIAGE

**Pope Francis**, in *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* (p. 86), speaks about the “interior attitude” that should color the way in which husbands and wives speak about one another: “Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse’s good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This is not merely a way of acting in front of others; it springs from an interior attitude.”

**Marriage at the Cathedral** – 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.

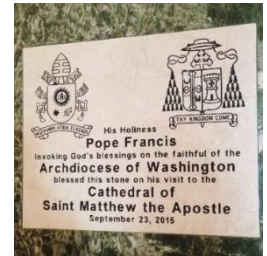
## VOCATIONS

**Men's Discernment Dinner** – *Are you being called?* – A dinner, including Mass and time to talk with priests, will be held at St. John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, **May 15**, 5 to 8:30pm. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. Contact: Fr. Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org). RSVP to Traci O'Neill at [oneillt@adw.org](mailto:oneillt@adw.org).

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday) – Welcome the Stranger:** In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” And St. Paul echoes this in Hebrews 13: “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” To welcome the stranger is a powerful yet challenging work of mercy. It requires us to move beyond how someone is different from us, beyond the many factors that may divide us, to acknowledge first and foremost their human dignity. The homeless, refugees, immigrants, the poor, anyone different or “strange” – in mercy, we let go of these divisions, remembering that above all else we are all children of God. *Learn more about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

**Pope Francis' visit to St. Matthew's Cathedral**, long impressed on our hearts, is now memorialized in a commemorative plaque on the wall behind the statue of Mother Teresa and the Homeless Man. Stop by Our Lady's Chapel, on the left (west) side as you enter from Rhode Island Avenue, to see, and to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions during this Jubilee of Mercy.



**The Cathedral and the Year of Mercy** – Did you know that St. Matthew’s Cathedral is a designated pilgrimage site where visitors may receive the plenary (total) indulgence for this Holy Year of Mercy? Pick up a [Pilgrimage to the Holy Door](#) brochure at the Cathedral entrances, which explains how to receive the indulgence, and includes the following helps for reflecting on God’s mercy while in the Cathedral:

“How do the different elements and areas of the Cathedral express and encourage us to reflect on God’s unfailing mercy? In particular, look for:

**Our Lady’s Chapel** – ‘Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception.’ (MV, 24)

**The statue of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** – What does Mother Teresa teach us about how we are called to share mercy?

**The Blessed Sacrament Chapel** – Spend some time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month (12:45pm-5:15pm) and on the third Monday of each month (6-7pm)

**The Wedding Chapel** – Pray where Pope Francis prayed during his visit to St. Matthew’s! How can your family be a privileged place to receive and share mercy?

**The bust of St. John Paul II** – Did you know that St. John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter? Learn more about the devotion of Divine Mercy.

**The St. Anthony of Padua Chapel** – The words carved in marble around the chapel are from the Canticle of the Sun by St. Francis of Assisi. This prayer inspired the title of Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’*.

**The St. Francis Chapel** – Pray for the Holy Father and ask the intercession of his namesake!

**The Baptistery** – Baptism is our first Christian encounter of Mercy through the forgiveness of original sin and initiation into the Christian community. Do you know your Baptism date?”

## FAITH FORMATION

**First Eucharist** – This Sunday, **May 8**, six of our children in Sunday Faith Formation class receive their First Holy Eucharist during the 11:30am Mass. May God bless them and their families.

**Cathedral Book Club** – Join us for a discussion of *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, led by Fr. Jack Hurley on Monday, **May 9** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room. *Silence* tells the story of a 17<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese missionary at the height of the fearful persecution of the small Christian community in Nagasaki. “How can God remain silent?” is the challenging theme of *Silence*, which is soon to be a major film, directed by Martin Scorsese.

**Married Couples Group** – A new ministry facilitated by, for, and with married couples meets biweekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8pm in the North Conference Room. The next session will be **May 10** on the topic “The Structure of Creation,” followed on **May 24** by “How Men and Women Relate.” Each session is complete in itself, so feel free to drop in. For more information, contact [stmattsmarriedcouples@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsmarriedcouples@gmail.com).

**Save the Date** – *You May Never Be the Same: The Mass Through New Eyes* – Would you be willing to risk walking into a room knowing that you might not leave as the same person? Come for a religious and spiritual experience that could change you forever. What is really happening at Mass? What is intended? And what is promised? On Wednesday, **June 8** at 7pm, Thomas Stehle will lead us through a discovery of the essentials of the Eucharist as celebrated by Roman Catholic Christians. We will examine each element of the Mass, with

ample time for discussion. This 75-minute seminar will be held in the St. Anthony Chapel. Registration with Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmattewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmattewscathedral.org) is helpful but not required.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Are you curious about the origins and history of St. Matthew’s as a parish?** A book featuring historical narrative, stories, and images from the past 175 years is now available. Purchase it at the rectory or order for delivery! [View the order form.](#)

**Always God’s Children** – Always God’s Children, the Cathedral parish’s ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **May 8** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**Catholic Relief Services** – Next weekend, **May 14-15**, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 millions lives around the world. Please give generously and **help Jesus in disguise.**

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** – All are welcome on Monday, **May 16** from 6 to 7pm for our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, with Deacon Nickel presiding and confessions available during the hour.

**Light the City at St. Matthew’s Cathedral** – Light the City is back! Celebrate the Year of Mercy by bringing the light of peace and prayer to DC. Join us on Saturday night, **May 21** at the Cathedral for this evening of prayer and street evangelization. Following a prayer service with **Cardinal Wuerl**, teams of volunteers will head out on the streets and invite passersby to come

into the church to light a candle, pause peacefully in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, and talk with a priest. Help us pray for peace and mercy! Volunteer training begins at 7pm, followed by street evangelization and prayer from 8 to 11pm. Volunteers needed! Visit [www.adw.org/light/](http://www.adw.org/light/) to sign up.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – During this ordination season, let us remember in prayer St. Matthew’s rectory priests as they look forward to celebrating their anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood.

*Msgr. Ron Jameson – May 18, 1968*  
*Fr. Jack Hurley – May 29, 1982*  
*Fr. Rafael Barbieri – June 15, 2013*  
*Fr. Mel Ayala – June 19, 2010*

## OUTREACH



**Thank you!**  
 – **Food Drive**  
 – The Social Justice Committee

thanks all donors and volunteers who participated in our parish food drive to support Assumption parish’s Pope Francis Outreach Center and their food pantry. In addition to monetary donations, together we brought in canned goods of vegetables, soup, tuna, as well as packaged pasta, rice, cereal, bottled juice, and so much more!

**Thank You - CRS Rice Bowl Program** – Every Lenten season, our parish participates in Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl program as a means to support our brothers and sisters in need in both prayer and almsgiving. This past Lent our parish collected a total of \$1,447.88 through the Rice Bowls and our Simple Lenten Meal program. Thanks to all who made possible the collection of donations to support local and global efforts that assist those in need.



## LECTURAS DE HOY

“La Ascensión del Señor nos dice que, en Cristo, nuestra humanidad es elevada a las alturas de Dios; así cada vez que rezamos, la tierra se une con el cielo. Y como el incienso cuando se quema hace subir hacia lo alto el humo suave y perfumado, así cuando elevamos al Señor nuestra fervorosa oración llena de confianza a Cristo, ésta atraviesa los cielos y alcanza el Trono de Dios, y es por él escuchada y aceptada. Entonces, él no nos dará solamente lo que le pedimos, o sea la salvación, sino también lo que él ve que sea conveniente y bueno para nosotros, aún si no se lo pedimos.” (Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI, 20 de mayo de 2012).

La Ascensión es sin duda un misterio de la vida de Cristo poco meditado. Sin embargo, adquiere especial consideración porque es parte de su resurrección. No se entendería la resurrección sin la ascensión. La elevación de Cristo en la cruz significa y anuncia su elevación en la Ascensión al cielo. (CIC 662).

También celebramos hoy el Día de la Madre, aquella mujer tierna y amorosa que fue escogida especialmente por Dios para darnos la vida, traernos al mundo, criarnos y educarnos.

Pero también tenemos otras dos figuras maternas: Una es la Madre de Dios, la Santísima Virgen María, aquella Madre que Jesús nos dio en la persona del Apóstol San Juan (Juan 19, 27). Ella es nuestra Madre celestial, que desde el cielo nos protege con su manto bondadoso.

La otra Madre es la Iglesia, aquella a través de la cual el Señor nos dio la vida espiritual desde el momento en que fuimos bautizados. La Iglesia también es Madre y Maestra porque, en el ámbito del espíritu nos mantiene en unión con Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor.

*“Santísima Virgen María, nuestra Madre celestial, te damos gracias por tu tierno amor. A ti elevamos nuestras plegarias para interceder por nuestras madres naturales, para que derrames abundantes gracias sobre ellas.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 8</b> <i>La Ascensión del Señor</i>	He 1:1-11 / Ef 1:17-23 / Lc 24:46-53
<b>Lunes 9</b>	He 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
<b>Martes 10</b> <i>San Damián de Veuster</i>	He 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11
<b>Miércoles 11</b>	He 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19
<b>Jueves 12</b> <i>San Nereo y San Aquileo</i>	He 22:30;23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
<b>Viernes 13</b> <i>Nuestra Señora de Fátima</i>	He 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19
<b>Sábado 14</b> <i>San Matías Apóstol</i>	He 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17
<b>Domingo 15</b> <i>Pentecostés</i>	He 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

INTENCIONES DE MISAS  
MASS INTENTIONS

May 8 – 15

**Sunday, May 8**

5:30pm Vigil (May 7) – Richard Dervan  
7am – Maria Dos Santos  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Jeanne Bliss  
11:30am – Jackie Davies  
1pm – Vinicio Urribarri  
5:30pm – Maria Magdalena

**Monday, May 9**

7am – Special Intention JA & V (living)  
8am – Angeline Antonio (living)  
12:10pm – Lang Huy Ngo  
5:30pm – Abel Cayrampoma

**Tuesday, May 10**

7am – John Gerace  
8am – Kurt L. Packard (living)  
12:10pm – S. Emeric Family (living)  
5:30pm – Charle Villanueva

**Wednesday, May 11**

7am – Robert Bowker  
8am – Marikneli De León (living)  
12:10pm – Francisca Barahona (living)  
5:30pm – Madam Uduak Abia

**Thursday, May 12**

7am – Jerry Ficheter  
8am – Thomas Burnep  
12:10pm – Luz Delia Sitiriche  
5:30pm – Lyman Wright

**Friday, May 13**

7am – Charles Lange (living)  
8am – Gloria T. Mora (living)  
12:10pm – Joseph Ah-Kai Chau  
5:30pm – Pamela Belmes

**Saturday, May 14**

8am – Noreen Kelty (living)  
12:10pm – Isabel de Arce  
5:30pm – Marc Slavitt

**Sunday, May 15**

7am – Gabriel Sulbarán-Solis  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Edward F. Zultanski  
11:30am – Kathleen Hudak  
1pm – Emilza Ordoñez (living)  
5:30pm – Drew Lewis

*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!

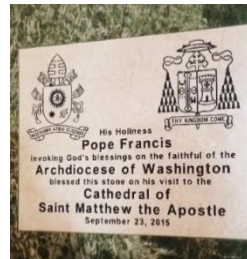
### ¡Gracias! – Colecta de

**Alimentos** – El Comité de Justicia Social agradece a todos quienes participaron en la colecta de alimentos de nuestra parroquia. Juntos recogimos comida enlatada de vegetales, sopa, atún y paquetes de fideos, arroz, cereales, jugos ¡y mucho más! Muchos feligreses también dieron donaciones monetarias. Todo lo que se reunió fue para aportar a la parroquia de Asunción y su despensa de alimentos del Centro de Servicios Sociales “Papa Francisco.” Agradecemos a los voluntarios que ayudaron con la coordinación, la colecta y la organización de los alimentos.



**Donaciones del Programa Plato de Arroz** – Cada año durante el tiempo de Cuaresma nuestra parroquia participa en el programa Plato de Arroz, de *Caridades Católicas* para ofrecer nuestro apoyo a nuestros hermanos en necesidad mediante la oración y la limosna. Durante esta Cuaresma nuestra parroquia recogió \$1,447.88 en donaciones monetarias mediante las cajitas de cartón del programa de Plato de Arroz y también del programa de las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma.

**Servicios Católicos de Socorro** – La próxima semana **mayo 14-15** nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para Servicios de Socorro de Caridades Católicas. Esta colecta apoya a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el respeto y el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. Por favor, contribuya generosamente y **ayuda a Jesús oculto en otras personas. ¿le ayudarás?**



**En Memoria de la Visita del Papa Francisco** – La visita del Papa Francisco a la Catedral de San Mateo, impresionó nuestros corazones; ahora su visita está visible en



una placa conmemorativa en la pared, detrás de la estatua de Madre Teresa y el Hombre sin Hogar. Pase por la capilla de nuestra Señora, (al lado izquierdo) cuando entra por la Avenida de Rhode Island, para ver y rezar por nuestro Santo Padre y sus intenciones.

**Aniversario de Ordenaciones** – Durante esta temporada de ordenaciones, también recordemos en oración a nuestros sacerdotes de la rectoría de San Mateo al celebrar sus aniversarios de ordenación sacerdotal.

*Monseñor Ron Jameson – 18 de mayo, 1968*

*Padre Jack Hurley – 29 de mayo, 1982*

*Padre Rafael Barbieri – 15 de junio, 2013*

*Padre Mel Ayala – 19 de junio, 2010*

**¡Luz en la Ciudad está de vuelta!** – Celebremos el Año de la Misericordia trayendo luz de paz y oración a DC. Únase a nosotros el **sábado 21 de mayo** en la noche, en la Catedral para una noche de oración y evangelización en las calles. Después de un servicio de oración con el Cardenal Wuerl, equipos de voluntarios saldrán a las calles e invitarán a personas que estén pasando, que entren a la iglesia y enciendan una vela, hagan una pausa silenciosa en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, y hablen con un sacerdote. ¡Ayúdenos a rezar por la paz y misericordia! Se dará un pequeño entrenamiento de evangelización en las calles, a los voluntarios a las 7 de la tarde y oraciones de 8-11 de la noche. ¡Necesitamos voluntarios! Visite [www.adw.org/light](http://www.adw.org/light) para más información e inscripción.

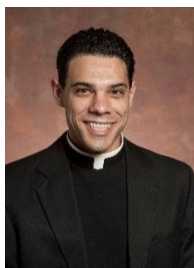
**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tiene charlas programadas a través del año. El Tema es: **“La Profesión de la Fe.”** Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x543.

## † ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD † AND THE DIACONATE



**Bro. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P.**, a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood currently assigned to St. Matthew's, will be ordained a priest in the Upper Church of the National Shrine on Saturday, **May 21** at 9:30am by the Most Rev. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P., Adjunct Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Bro. Patrick is currently pursuing his Licentiate in theology at the Dominican House of Studies. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents (whose children are in religious education) by leading a Sunday morning seminar, with young adults, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister. Bro. Patrick graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, where he majored in philosophy and French literature. Since joining the Dominican Order, he has served in parish and campus ministry, as an intern at the Archdiocese of Washington, and as a missionary in Kenya (alongside the Missionaries of Charity).

Bro. Patrick would like to thank all the St. Matthew's parishioners he has come to know over these two years for their kindness, encouragement and prayers! Assigned to temporary ministries with the Dominican Order this summer, he will return to Washington this fall to complete his studies. **He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 22 at 10am.** All are welcome!



**Anthony Amato** is a seminarian for the Diocese of Rochester (NY) studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's. He will be ordained a Transitional Deacon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester on Saturday, **May 28** at 10:00am by the Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester. Anthony is completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America and plans to complete his Licentiate of Sacred Theology in Systematic Theology by May 2017. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved with social justice efforts, marriage preparation, Bible study, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister.

Anthony was born and raised in Rochester, NY, attending Catholic schools through high school, along with his three brothers, until he went to the University of Rochester as an undergraduate. There he began a major in Computer Science, but went on to complete a double major in both Philosophy and Religious Studies. He then attended the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to begin his Master of Theological Studies, intending to eventually earn the doctorate and become a professor of theology. While in Boston, he could no longer resist God's call to the priesthood, and upon graduating from Boston College in May 2011, he began formation for the priesthood back home in Rochester. The Diocese of Rochester then sent him, beginning August 2012, to study theology at the Catholic University of America.

He has enjoyed his time so far at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and has appreciated so many welcoming people who have helped him become acquainted with the parish. He certainly looks forward to serving as a Deacon in the parish next Fall and preaching for the people.



**Bro. Thomas Davenport, O.P.**, a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's, was ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, **March 5** by the Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford. Bro. Thomas will complete his theology studies at the Dominican House of Studies this spring and plans to begin a Licentiate in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America this fall. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents (whose children are in religious education) by leading a Sunday morning seminar, with young adults, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister.

Bro. Thomas was raised in a military family, living in a variety of places before his family settled in Vienna, Virginia. He graduated from the California Institute of Technology, majoring in physics, and went on to earn his doctorate in physics from Stanford University. Since joining the Dominican Order, he has served in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and hospitals, as an intern at the Archdiocese of Washington, and in campus ministry.

Bro. Thomas has *greatly* appreciated his time at the Cathedral and will continue to minister here during his final year of initial formation. He served as deacon and preached for the first time at the Cathedral's 11:30am Mass on Sunday, **March 6**, and presided at our Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **March 14**.

**Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P.** is a seminarian studying for the priesthood with the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (Paulist Fathers). God willing, Stu will make his Final Profession and be ordained to the transitional Diaconate in early September 2016. Ministering at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle during the 2015-16 academic year, Stu has enjoyed a variety of ministerial opportunities, including service to the Cathedral Young Adults, marriage preparation, and now as Coordinator of "Landings," a small group ministry for welcoming returning Catholics.



Stu was born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, and was raised in the neighbouring Province of New Brunswick. Taking up the drums at age 12, Stu played in rock bands throughout his teens and early twenties, eventually forming a band of his own. After graduation from High School, Stu began working toward a Bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto, studying History and Philosophy. Stu took extended breaks between his studies to live and work in Ireland (2003-05), and backpack in South and East Africa. After holding jobs in restaurants, security, and musical instrument sales, Stu discerned a vocation as a missionary priest with the Paulist Fathers, entering the Novitiate in 2011. Stu's ministerial experiences in Priestly Formation have included hospital chaplaincy, a year of campus ministry, and writing for Busted Halo, an online magazine for young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Stu looks forward to returning to ministry at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in the Fall, where he anticipates continuing to be inspired by the richness and holiness in the lives of those who call St. Matthew's their church home, and those who do not as yet.

*Please pray for these men as they prepare for their ordinations to the diaconate or to the priesthood of Jesus Christ!*





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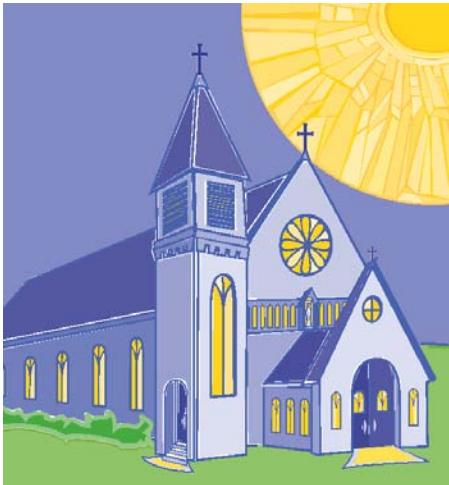
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**If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



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

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

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

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

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

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

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

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Signature: **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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