

Today's Readings

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven . . .
(Acts 1:11)

When we think of the ascension of Jesus, we often think about how marvelous it must have been to see him whisked away into the sky, heralded by angels and looked upon with awe by the apostles. We focus, in other words, on his act of ascending. But what is even more important is everything that happened after Jesus ascended. Let's take a look.

First, the ascended Lord took up his throne as King over all of creation. Paul tells us that Jesus is "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come" (Ephesians 1:21). Everything must submit to his gospel of mercy and redemption.

Second, Jesus "has passed through the heavens" as a "high priest" who has been "tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15-16). This means that we can now "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace" for all our needs (4:16). We don't have to be afraid of him.

Third, by ascending, Jesus opened the door for the Holy Spirit. Just before he left, he promised, "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). He promised that "the love of God" would be "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

Finally, Jesus' ascension creates a longing in us for him to come back. At the ascension, the angel promised, "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). It assures us that a time will come when sin, pain, and suffering will be no more. It promises us that Jesus will keep watch over us until that great and awesome day.

So rejoice today! Lift up your heart and lift up your eyes to Jesus, now enthroned in the heavens.

"Come, Lord Jesus, and fill me with your Spirit!"

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 13 Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
The Ascension of the Lord 4:1-7,11-13 / Mk 16:15-20

Monday 14 Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17
St. Matthias

Tuesday 15 Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a
St. Isidore

Wednesday 16 Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 17 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday 18 Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

St. John, I
Saturday 19 Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

Sunday 20 Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 /
Pentecost Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country or the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you 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 13 - 20

Sunday 13—A second collection for Catholic Relief Services is taken at all Masses.

A Mother's Day blessing is given at all Masses.

A Mother's Day Drive is held after all Masses. Children from our Faith Formation program celebrate their First Eucharist during the 11:30am Mass.

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

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

Monday 14—The Cathedral Book Club discusses "Building a Bridge" in the West Conference Room beginning at 6:45pm.

Tuesday 15—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 16—RCIA Mystagogy meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

Thursday 17—The Knights of Columbus meet in the West Conference Room at 7:30pm.

Friday 18—Msgr. Jameson celebrates the 12:10pm Mass on his **50th Anniversary** of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Saturday 19—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 11:30am in the Cathedral.

Sunday 20—Cardinal Wuerl confers the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 3pm Mass in the Cathedral.

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

News and Notes



Farewell, Fr. Davenport! – We say goodbye, offer prayers and send best wishes and thanks to **Fr. Thomas Davenport, OP**, who celebrates his last 10am Latin Mass here before departing Washington, D.C. to join the faculty of Providence College (Providence, RI) as an Assistant Professor of Physics. Fr. Thomas also served at St. Matthew's during his seminarian and diaconate years, 2015 - 2017. Let's pray for him as he begins academic life on the other side of the lectern.

Celebration of First Eucharist – Ten boys and girls from our Sunday Faith Formation program are receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist at this weekend's 11:30am Sunday Mass! Pray that they will always keep close to Our Lord each day!

Cathedral Coffeehouse – Join the Cathedral Young Adults for Cathedral Coffeehouse tonight, Sunday, **May 13** after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

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 13** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – Please pray for our 20 Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, **May 20** by Donald Cardinal Wuerl.

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **May 21** from 6 to 7pm. Friar Manny Vasconcelos will preside. Fr. Agustín López will hear Confessions during the hour.

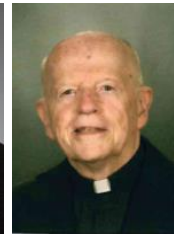


Cardinal's Appeal 2018 Update – Thank you to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual appeal. St. Matthew's has pledged \$214,421, or 61% of our parish goal of \$350,973. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help us meet our goal. To learn more and to donate, visit appeal.adw.org. In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention – Please pray for [Pope Francis' May intention](#) that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Recruiting New K of C Members – The Knights of Columbus (DCKnights.org) are recruiting new members through the local council at St. Matthew's. In addition to offering the order's insurance benefits, the Knights support members in parish life through service and fraternal activities. Men aged 18 or older are invited to join. Contact: Alex Sabo Alexgsabo@yahoo.com

Vocations and Congratulations!



Ordination Anniversaries and a Jubilee! – During this ordination season, let us remember in prayer our rectory priests and all priest Jubilarians as they celebrate their anniversaries of ordination.

We have a special Jubilarian at St. Matthew's! On his **50th Anniversary of Ordination**, Friday, **May 18**, Msgr. Jameson will celebrate the 12:10pm Mass. On Sunday, **June 10** he will preside at a special 3pm Mass of Thanksgiving. All are welcome as parishioners and friends gather in gratitude for the gift of Msgr. Jameson's 50 years of priesthood and ministry.

Msgr. Ron Jameson – May 18, 1968 (50th Jubilee!)

Fr. Jack Hurley – May 29, 1982 (36th)

Fr. Agustín López – June 18, 2011 (7th)

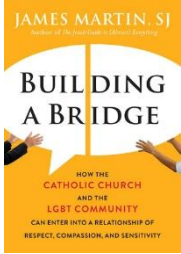
Fr. Conrad Murphy – June 20, 2015 (3rd)



Former Parishioner to be Ordained to Diaconate – On Saturday, **May 19** one of our own, former parishioner Chris Grodecki, will be ordained to the Diaconate for the English Canadian Province of the Society of Jesus in Ontario. Please keep Chris in your prayers!

Fiat Camp for Young Women – *Fiat* is Latin for "Let it be done." Fiat Camp, sponsored jointly by the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore, for rising 9th – 12th grade young women will be held **July 27-29** at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. The camp includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games, and sports. The fee is \$150 (sibling discounts & scholarships available). Details and registration at www.quovadisfiat.org.

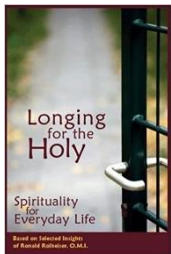
Faith Formation



Cathedral Book Club – All are welcome to the Cathedral Book Club meeting on Monday, **May 14**, to discuss "Building a Bridge" by Fr. James Martin, SJ. Fr. Jack Hurley notes that there is now a revised and expanded edition of this work that has attracted considerable attention and is a

worthwhile read. Newark's Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has commented: "In too many parts of our church, LGBT people have been made to feel unwelcome, excluded, and even shamed. Father Martin's inspiring new book invites church leaders to minister with more compassion and reminds LGBT Catholics that they are as much a part of our church as any other Catholic." The Book Club meets from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room.

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 8-week series that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org



New Small Faith Sharing Groups – A new small group series is forming, using the RENEW International series, "Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life" with **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**. Four groups will meet—one on Sundays before the 5:30pm Mass, one on Monday evenings, one on

Wednesday evenings, and one on a weekday after the 12:10pm Mass. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above) to register for a group.

Outreach

Monthly Rosary for Life – Join us for our monthly Rosary for Life on Saturday, **May 19** at 11:30am in the Cathedral. We are looking for parishioners interested in service opportunities and involvement with the Respect Life Ministry. Contact: Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed for ESL Program: Teachers, Tutors & Persons of Hospitality – We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality one night per week, Tuesday or Wednesday,

in the Summer Semester of the ESL Program, which will run from **June 5 to August 1**. While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English, their native language should be English. Volunteers also are expected to have at least one university degree. Classes for the Summer Semester will be taught only in English. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Allison Theveny at stmattsesl@gmail.com.



May Hospitality was last Sunday – hope you could drop by! Parishioners and friends gathered for fellowship and refreshment, with a special focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thanks to our wonderful Hospitality Committee!



Around the Area

Lay Ministry Position Opening – Landings International has an open position for a qualified lay minister in the Washington Metro area. A stipend will be paid, with hours negotiable between 10 and 20 per week. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact information at left), who will forward inquiries.

Memorial Day at Catholic Cemeteries – Special outdoor Memorial Day Masses will be held at 10am on Monday, **May 28** on the sacred grounds of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, including **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301-871-6500); **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, DC, (202-399-3000); **Resurrection Cemetery**, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301-868-5141).

Lecturas de Hoy

Señor Jesús, te alabamos en esta fiesta llena de esperanza y triunfo, porque tú has ascendido al cielo y ocupado tu trono de gloria a la derecha de Dios Padre. Por un breve tiempo viniste al mundo a redimirnos, pero ahora estás nuevamente coronado y entronizado en los cielos. ¡Y nosotros hemos sido elevados junto contigo!

Te alabamos, Señor, porque todo principado y potencia celestial está bajo tu autoridad. No importa cuánto poderío maligno o aterrador haya en este mundo, todo lo que existe debe inclinarse ante tu Majestad y la gloria de tu poder. Sea lo que sea que nos toque enfrentar, no existe nada que nos prive de tu amorosa protección.

Nos regocijamos en ti, Jesús, Señor nuestro, porque tú reinas sobre toda la historia humana, el pasado, el presente y el futuro, y nada escapa a tu mirada amorosa.

¡Amado Salvador, tú eres digno de toda alabanza! Hasta el enemigo más perverso y terrible ha quedado aplastado bajo tus pies y nada hay que pueda dominarte: ni Satanás, ni la muerte, ni la persecución, ni el pecado. ¡Tú los has derrotado a todos, y estás encumbrado en tu gloria por encima de todas las cosas!

Señor Jesucristo, tú eres la cabeza del Cuerpo, la Iglesia. Aunque haya imperfecciones humanas en la Iglesia, tenemos la certeza de que tú, Señor, seguirás purificándonos. Intercede cada día por nosotros, te rogamos, para que tu Padre prodigue su gracia sin medida sobre nosotros y nos ayude a doblegar el pecado y vivir en el amor. Señor Jesús, creemos que tu victoria también es nuestra y en tu amor ponemos toda nuestra confianza.

"Amado Señor Jesús, hoy al celebrar tu gloriosa Ascensión, contemplamos con admiración y gozo tu presencia glorificada y nos reconfortamos sabiendo que tú, Señor, tienes dominio sobre todas las cosas."

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 13 He 1:1-11 / Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 o
La Ascensión del Señor 4:1-7,11-13 / Mc 16:15-20

Lunes 14 He 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17
San Matías Apóstol

Martes 15 He 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a
San Isidro Labrador

Miércoles 16 He 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Jueves 17 He 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Viernes 18 He 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

San Juan I

Sábado 19 He 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

Domingo 20 He 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or
Pentecostés Gál 5:16-25 / Jn 20:19-23 o
15:26-27; 16:12-15

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

May 13 – 20

Sunday, May 13

5:30pm Vigil (May 12) – Maria Dos Santos

7am – Friends of C-Family (living)

8:30am – Maria Magdalena

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Patricia Ann Spencer

1pm – Fatima Aybar (living)

5:30pm – Patricia McDonald

Monday, May 14

7am – Valarie Brown

8am – Francisca Soc

12:10pm – Josephine Pratt

5:30pm – Eugene & Mariam Broderick (living)

Tuesday, May 15

7am – Gabriela Sulbaran-Solis

8am – Emilza Ordoñez (living)

12:10pm – Monica Borkowski (living)

5:30pm – Virginia Hobbs

Wednesday, May 16

7am – Hilda Esparon (living)

8am – Elsa Wadsworth

12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen

5:30pm – Maria Tran

Thursday, May 17

7am – St. Francis of Assisi

8am – Special Intention

12:10pm – Maxima & Cornelio Bautista

5:30pm – Life Offering to the Sacred Heart (living)

Friday, May 18

7am – Sr. Edgar Ayales

8am – Amilcar Rodas

12:10pm – Rachel Savarino

5:30pm – Betty Hernandez

Saturday, May 19

8am – Andres Maciel

12:10pm – Marta Dominga Soc

5:30pm – William & Theresa Wilson

Sunday, May 20

7am – Clemencia Chavez

8:30am – Marilyn Panke

10am – Joseph Knollenbeg

11:30am – Bruce McCanless

1pm – Daniela Gonzalez (living)

5:30pm – All Parishioners

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

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

Noticias de la Parroquia

Actualización de la Campaña del Cardenal 2018 – Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han hecho su compromiso a la Campaña Anual del Cardenal 2018. De San Mateo se ha recibido la cantidad de \$214,421 o sea el 61% de nuestra meta de \$350,973. Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso a la campaña, no es demasiado tarde para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta. ¡Visite appeal.adw.org para conocer más y donar! Apoyando a la campaña usted se une con otros a fomentar la fe en la iglesia de Washington.



Rosario Mensual por la Vida – Únase a nosotros el sábado **19 de mayo**, a las 11:30 de la mañana en la Catedral. Se buscan voluntarios interesados en oportunidades de servicio y participación en el ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, póngase en contacto con Justin

Silvers al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. También puede llamar a Norma Canedo a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 o socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.



Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Les invitamos el lunes **21 de mayo** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

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. Para más información pueden llamar a Fatima al 202-347-3215 x541.

Se Buscan Voluntarios para Enseñar Español este Verano – Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros una noche por la semana, martes o miércoles, durante el semestre de verano del programa SSL que se impartirá del **5 de junio al 1 de agosto**. No es un requisito que los voluntarios tengan una capacitación formal para enseñar, sin embargo, esperamos que su primera lengua sea el español. Además, se espera que los voluntarios tengan por mínimo un título universitario. Las clases serán impartidas sólo en español. Si usted no se siente a gusto dando la clase por sí solo podemos acomodarlo junto con otro maestro con más experiencia. Para ayudar como voluntario, escriba a Carina Carrasco al stmattsssl@gmail.com.

Aniversarios de Ordenación y Jubileo – Durante esta temporada de ordenaciones, recordemos en oración a nuestros sacerdotes de la rectoría de San Mateo, y también a todos los sacerdotes que celebran su jubileo y sus aniversarios de ordenación sacerdotal.

¡Tenemos alguien que celebra su jubileo especial en San Mateo! En su **50 aniversario de ordenación**, el viernes, **18 de mayo**, Mons. Jameson celebrará la misa de 12:10 del mediodía. El domingo, **10 de junio** él presidirá la misa especial de acción de gracias a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todos los feligreses y amigos son bienvenidos a reunirse y agradecer a Mons. Jameson por los 50 años de sacerdocio y ministerio.

Monseñor Ron Jameson – 18 de mayo, 1968 (50 años)

Padre Jack Hurley – 29 de mayo, 1982 (36 años)

Padre Agustín López – 18 de junio, 2011 (7 años)

Padre Conrad Murphy – 20 de junio, 2015 (3 años)



¡La hospitalidad de mayo fue el domingo pasado – esperamos hayan venido!

Feligreses y amigos se reunieron para compartir en fraternidad y refrescos con un enfoque especial en la Santísima Virgen María. ¡Gracias a nuestro comité de hospitalidad.



Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que los fieles laicos cumplan su misión específica poniendo su creatividad al servicio de los desafíos del mundo actual.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial – El Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es una experiencia enriquecedora que todo matrimonio merece dársele. La fecha del próximo fin de semana es **2 y 3 de junio**. El cupo es limitado por favor inscríbanse con tiempo. Para inscribirse, llamar a Baltazar y Gloria Ortiz al 301-879-4411, o Cipriano y Mayra Vera al 301-335-7798.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you:

A Neophyte or Newly Initiated Catholic?

*A "Newer" Catholic who would like to deepen your faith
with other "newer" Catholics and learn more about
ministries at St. Matthew's?*

Then RCIA Monthly Mystagogy is for you!



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) is a process for adults who desire to explore the Catholic faith and to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The goal of the RCIA process is full, conscious, and active participation in the Catholic way of life. RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, and get to know the faith community in preparation for making the conscious choice to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you are interested: **Come and See!**

WHAT: RCIA MONTHLY MYSTAGOGY

Facilitator: Franz Kuo

TIME: 7PM TO 9PM

DATES: FOURTH WEDNESDAYS - May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24,
November 28, December 19 (3rd Wednesday), January 23, February 27, and March 27

PLACE: EAST CONFERENCE ROOM

(Accessible through the glass-and-iron door at the base of the driveway
Leading into the public parking garage to the right of the front of the Cathedral)

No RSVP required!

Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org

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Summer 2018 Semester ESL & SSL Classes *English and Spanish Classes for Adults*

- **When:** June 5, 2018 – August 1, 2018
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Registration Day: June 4th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- **Where:** St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
- **Cost:** English as a Second Language: \$20
Spanish as a Second Language: \$40

For more information regarding registration please visit:

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes>

or send an email:

For ESL - stmattsesl@gmail.com & For SSL - stmattsssl@gmail.com

Clases de Conversación en inglés para Adultos

- **Cuando:** 5 de junio, 2018 – 1 de agosto, 2018
Martes y miércoles, en la tarde de 6:30pm a 8:30 pm
Día de Inscripción: 4 de junio, 6:30pm a 8:30pm
- **Dónde:** St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
- **Costo:** Inglés como segundo idioma: \$20

Para más información, por favor visite:

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes>

O envíe un correo electrónico a stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Questions? ¿Preguntas?

Allison Theveny at stmattsesl@gmail.com

You can also call the rectory at 202-347-3215.



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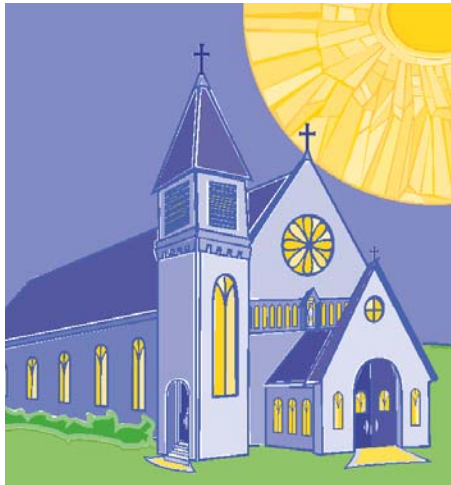
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perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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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"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	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

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† Ordinations to the Priesthood †

You have seen them all around St. Matthew's, not just in the Cathedral sanctuary serving at Mass! Since September (or longer for some), these five transitional deacons assigned to St. Matthew's have ministered to us in many ways—celebrating baptisms, preparing couples for marriage, serving as young adult leaders, working in our CCD program with children and parents—and sharing fellowship with us at parish events and celebrations. All are making final preparations for ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in May or June 2018 (find their ordination dates below).

*Maurice Moon, Jonathan Demma and Andrew Clyne each assisted here at Mass for a final time as a deacon on Sunday, **April 29**, and Br. Aquinas Beale on Sunday, **May 6**. Friar Manny Vasconcelos' final Mass as a deacon here will be on Pentecost Sunday, **May 20**. Friar Manny also will preside at our Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **May 21**. Please pray in gratitude for their ministries at St. Matthew's!*

*Let's keep these men, as well as Br. Antoninus Samy, O.P., who also serves here and was recently ordained a deacon, in our prayers throughout this ordination season. Save the date and plan to attend our **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** on Monday, **June 11**, 6 – 7pm, with Deacon Garcia presiding and Fr. Agustín hearing Confessions during the hour—another opportunity to offer our prayers for them.*



Br. Aquinas Beale, O.P., a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and assigned to St. Matthew's for the past academic year, **will be ordained a priest in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 19 at 9:30am by his Eminence Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Archbishop of New York.** In the Fall, Br. Aquinas will be assigned to Washington, DC to complete a License in Sacred Theology at the Dominican House of Studies. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents of the religious education students by leading a Sunday morning seminar, the Sacred Page Bible Study on Wednesday nights, and the

Cathedral Young Adults.

Br. Aquinas was raised the second of seven children in West Virginia and southern Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 2010 with a Master's and Bachelor's in Foreign Affairs. Since joining the Dominican Order in 2011, he has served in parish ministry, homeless shelters, hospitals, and as an intern for the World Youth Alliance in New York City. Br. Aquinas has *greatly* appreciated having the privilege to serve the Cathedral community over the past two years.

Br. Aquinas will serve as principal celebrant for the first time at the Cathedral's 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 24. All are welcome! Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers.



Andrew Clyne is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. **He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 16 at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl. He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle the following day, June 17, at 11:30am.**

Andrew was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, but grew up primarily in Orange, California. He is a 2008 graduate of the Catholic University of America, and attended Duke University before returning to Catholic University for additional theological studies. He entered seminary for the Archdiocese in 2012, receiving formation at St. John Paul II Seminary and Theological College.

Andrew has been assigned to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle the past two years, in that time celebrating baptisms, assisting with Sacred Page, the Monday morning breakfast, the Cathedral's ministry to Thomas House, and serving at various weekend and episcopal liturgies. His previous assignments within the Archdiocese have included Our Lady Help of Christians (Waldorf, MD), Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (D.C.), and Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian (D.C.).

He has greatly enjoyed his time at the Cathedral, and is tremendously grateful for the encouragement he has received from the priests, staff, volunteers, and parishioners of St. Matthew's. He looks forward with great anticipation to serving the Archdiocese in priestly ministry, beginning this summer.



Jonathan Demma is a seminarian for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, studying for the priesthood and was assigned to St. Matthew's during the past academic year. **He will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, May 19 by the Most Reverend Michael Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth. He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, Texas.**

Jonathan is completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America in the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and Master of Divinity programs. At St. Matthew's, he has assisted with the Sacred Page Bible Study, Cathedral Coffeehouse, marriage preparation, and has served as a deacon at various liturgies.

Jonathan was born in Lexington, Kentucky, the fifth of six boys. His family moved to Fort Worth, Texas when he was young. He attended the University of North Texas to study trumpet performance, but later transferred to Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. 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 Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology from Seton Hall University, he returned to Fort Worth as a diocesan seminarian.



Deacon Maurice Moon is a seminarian for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. **He will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 19 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, TX, by the Most Reverend Michael Olson.** Maurice 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 baptisms, baptismal preparation, Hispanic Ministries, teaching the Faith to youth on Sundays, Hispanic Young Adult Ministry, and marriage preparation.

Maurice was born and raised in Fort Worth, TX. He worked full-time for five years, working in the food industry at restaurants 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 Catholic University to study theology.

Deacon Maurice writes that he "is so grateful for all the support from St. Matthew's. I've enjoyed getting to know many of the parishioners and staff through the ministries I am involved in. **I hope to come back in the future and celebrate Mass at St. Matthew's.**"



Friar Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. (also known as "friar Manny") has been with our Cathedral community for the last seven months as a deacon, serving in various liturgical and ministerial roles, especially among the Cathedral Young Adults. Whether presiding at our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, or leading a Cathedral Coffeehouse discussion or activity, he has become a familiar and welcoming face at St. Matthew's.

Friar Manny writes that the past months have been a wonderful time for him to continue to grow as a minister to God and God's people.

Friar Manny is completing his studies at Catholic University this May and will be ordained to the priesthood on June 22 in Buffalo, NY! He still doesn't know where the Franciscans will place him for his first priestly assignment, but knows that he has appreciated the example he has seen from all those who serve at St. Matthew's. **He will celebrate a 5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral on a Sunday this Fall—watch the late summer bulletins for announcement of the date.**