

Today's Readings

All were amazed. (Luke 1:63)
 What do you think is the most amazing thing about John the Baptist? His uncompromising zeal for the Lord? His clear, passionate preaching? Maybe his gift of self-denial, or the humility he displayed despite his fame.

How about this: that even as a fetus, John leapt for joy in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Imagine: Here was an unborn baby, barely aware of life outside of the womb, and yet the muffled, quiet sound of Mary's greeting filled him with the Holy Spirit and caused such a dramatic reaction.

This leap may remind us of Isaac's wife, Rebecca, who also felt an unusual amount of activity from the twins in her womb. Rebecca asked the Lord why this was happening, and he told her that something spiritual and prophetic was going on inside of her (Genesis 25:20-23). King David also leaped before the Ark of the Covenant. He loved God so much he could not contain himself (2 Samuel 6:14-15). The prophet Isaiah wrote that in the age to come, when the glory of the Lord is made manifest, the lame will leap for joy (Isaiah 35:4-6).

John's leaping shows us that there is a part of us that can recognize God, regardless of what we do or who we are. It's encoded into the way he made us. This ability to recognize the Lord is not limited to unborn babies or to great saints like John. It's in all of us, and it's something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life so that we too can recognize Jesus more deeply—and rejoice in his presence.

So on this great feast day, let's honor John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and for us. John truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. But let's never forget that the relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King!

"Come, Lord, and fill my heart with joy."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 24 Is 49:1-6 / Act 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66,80

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday 25 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18 / Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 26 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 / Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday 27 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Thursday 28 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29

St. Irenaeus

Friday 29 Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 /

Sts. Peter and Paul Mt 16:13-19

Saturday 30 Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 / Mt 8:5-17

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Sunday 1 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 /

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,35b-43

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 a parish here or across the river. Thank you for praying with us, and for your generosity – it helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way and to offer services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

Parish Calendar

June 24 – July 1

Sunday 24—A second collection to benefit the works of the Holy Father is taken at all Masses. Receptions for Msgr. Jameson's 50th Ordination Anniversary are held in the Great Hall after all Masses.

Fr. Aquinas Beale, O.P. celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30am.

El Obispo Mario Dorsonville celebrará la misa de español a la 1:00 de la tarde.

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

RENEW meets at 4pm in the Quinn Conference Room.

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

Monday 25—RENEW meets at 7pm in N Street 1.

Tuesday 26—RENEW meets at 12:45pm in the East Conference Room.

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

Wednesday 27—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

RCIA Mystagogy meets in the East Conference Room at 7pm.

RENEW meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Thursday 28—A Catholic Business Network breakfast is held in the Great Hall at 8am.

Saturday 30—**Bishop Michael Fisher** celebrates the 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday 1—**The rectory office is closed.**

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

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

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

Music

Great Organ Soon Completed! – Twenty-three years ago, the first phase of the installation of the Great Organ of the Cathedral was begun. Although it is visually impressive and appears complete, only 2/3 of the pipes were installed then. Still it was hailed as one of the most impressive pipe organs in the region and is perfectly enhanced by the acoustics of our Cathedral.

Six years ago, we began a campaign to complete the organ. By 2015 we met our goal, and were able to engage the original builder, Lively-Fulcher Organ-builders, to complete the instrument.

An interim digital electronic organ with speakers has been installed near the organ, allowing us to continue to accompany our liturgies and events until the Great Organ is completed later this year. A partial dismantling of the current organ begins this week, and new chests and pipes will be installed during the summer. When completed this fall or winter, you will notice dozens of sounds that you have never heard before. It will be as if whole sections of an orchestra that have been silent are now playing!

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of hundreds of parishioners and friends who have embraced the vision of a completed instrument and sacrificed to make it possible.

Check the bulletin and parish website for updates on the organ work. If you have questions, contact Tom Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

News and Notes



Mass of Thanksgiving – We send congratulations and offer our prayers for “our own” **Fr. Aquinas Beale, O.P.** on his ordination to the priesthood in May. **Fr. Aquinas** celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Cathedral on Sunday, **June 24** at 11:30am. All are welcome!

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, **holds its last official meeting before the summer hiatus** today, Sunday, **June 24** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Cathedral Coffeehouse – Join the Cathedral Young Adults each Sunday after the 5:30 Mass for “Catholic Stuff in 20 minutes or less.” On Sunday, **June 24**, Bro. Fidele Bimenyimana speaks about “Evangelization and How to Evangelize” in the West Conference Room. Come on down!

Catholic Business Network Breakfast – Join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. for a breakfast reception on Thursday, **June 28**, 8 to 9:30am in the Great Hall. Patrick Kilner, CEO of the Kilner Group will be the guest speaker. To register, visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

Mass with our New Auxiliary Bishop – Come and worship with us on Saturday, **June 30** when **Bishop Michael W. Fisher** celebrates the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's! Join us in welcoming him as new Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. [Read more about Bishop-elect Fisher in a recent Catholic Standard article.](#)

Weekday Masses in July & August – No 7am Mass beginning Monday, July 2 – The 7am weekday Mass is not celebrated in July or August. During this period, the Cathedral on weekdays opens at 7:30am, Masses are celebrated at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, and Confessions are heard from 11am until Noon. The 7am Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

Mission Appeal – Our parish will have a second collection for the **Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, India** the weekend of **July 7 - 8**. **Fr. Patrick Geo** will tell us about the experiences of the important mission work. Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you!

Outreach



Join the Social Justice Committee – All are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings to learn more about service opportunities and upcoming events. Help us with planning and organizing activities that assist those in need and engage us to live the Gospel message. Join us! Contact Norma Canedo at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org or call the rectory at 202-347-3215.

Faith Formation

July Book Club – All are welcome to the Cathedral Book Club meeting on Monday, **July 9** in the West Conference Room, 6:45 - 8pm, to discuss *The Global War on Christians* by Catholic journalist and author John L. Allen, Jr., first published five years ago. His call for a raising of consciousness is well presented in this challenging overview of a problem that continues today.

Faith Formation *cont'd.*



Interested in being an RCIA sponsor? – The RCIA team is sending out a call for sponsors. Want to learn more before

deciding whether being a sponsor is for you? Use this link to leave your contact information and we'll be in touch—no commitment needed! <https://goo.gl/forms/jL4hJKJnMLio3l623> All those interested are invited to an information session in the West Conference Room at 7pm on Wednesday, **August 22.**



Above, Blessing of Catechists

Call for Catechists, Co-Catechists, Substitutes and Assistants for Sunday Faith Formation – Do you enjoy working with children? Would you be willing to help with our Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes starting this September? We need catechists, co-catechists, substitutes and assistants. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski for an informational interview (contact info at bottom right). Successful completion of the [Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy](#) is required.

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 (contact info at bottom right)

New Parishioner Registration ~ *Welcome!*

If you attend Mass at the Cathedral, we invite you to register as a parishioner so we can welcome you properly, learn about any special needs and interests, and keep you informed of our worship opportunities and activities. We invite you to consider becoming involved in our various organizations, committees and other aspects of parish life. Register by clicking [here](#) or visiting the parish website (www.stmatthewscathedral.org) and clicking the *Join Us* tab (choose *Register as a Parishioner*). You also may register at the rectory office.

Celebrating the Sacraments

For our Mass and Confessions schedule, see the bulletin front cover or click [here](#).

Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. Parents should contact us at least six (6) months in advance of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest or deacon of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Baptism*).

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Marriage*, then choose *Weddings*) to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the rectory office 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.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For more information on classes, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Children's Sacramental Preparation/Religious Education*). Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2018 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation group will be available shortly at the rectory office and on the parish website.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org for more information.

Lecturas de Hoy

Tú formaste mis entrañas, me tejiste en el seno materno. (Salmo 139(138), 13)

Qué salmo más apropiado para celebrar la fiesta de San Juan Bautista. Con toda seguridad, su padre, Zacarías, le habría contado la historia de su milagrosa concepción y de que Dios lo había apartado desde antes de nacer. Juan estaba convencido de que Dios le había dado los dones necesarios para cumplir su misión de preparar la llegada del Mesías.

¿Qué tal si, como Juan, te apropias de este salmo? Puedes hacerlo rezando más o menos así:

“Padre, tú lo sabes todo. Conoces mi pasado y mi futuro; lo que he hecho y lo que haré. Incluso sabes cosas sobre mí que yo mismo no sé. Tú sabes cómo pienso y cómo reacciono, lo que me anima y lo que me desanima, y tú siempre me ayudas.

“Cuando avanzo en mi vida, tú sabes hacia dónde me dirijo, y cómo llegaré ahí. Tú sabes si doy pasos seguros, o si me tambaleo al tropezar con dificultades en la vida. Confío en que un día llegaré a donde tú quieres que yo esté.

“Padre, a veces el camino me parece tortuoso, sin objetivo y sin dirección. Sin embargo, tú nunca te sobresaltas ni te sorprendes. Tú conoces y entiendes claramente todos mis pensamientos antes de que yo los conciba. Tú conoces mi alma y mis motivaciones mejor de lo que yo mismo las conozco.

“Señor, tú sabes cuándo descanso en la quietud y estoy en silencio. Sé que aunque yo esté de viaje o reposando, tú me conoces y me amas, porque me hiciste de un modo especial y maravilloso según tus designios y te deleitas en mí.

“También conoces lo que pienso, lo que siento y lo que hago. Cuando me extravió me corriges, poco a poco, con tu dulzura y gentileza. Me cuidas con suma solicitud, como un padre ayuda a su hijo pequeño que está aprendiendo a caminar.

“Señor, ¡que maravilloso es que me ames tal como yo soy! En verdad, yo soy una de las maravillas de tu creación.”

“Gracias, Padre amado, por crearme y deleitarte en mí. Ayúdame a encontrar fortaleza en tu Espíritu Santo y a peregrinar en tus caminos.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 24 Is 49:1-6 / He 13:22-26 / Lc 1:57-66,80

La Natividad de San Juan Bautista

Lunes 25 2 Re 17:5-8,13-15a,18 / Mt 7:1-5

Martes 26 2 Re 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 / Mt 7:6,12-14

Miércoles 27 2 Re 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20

San Cirilo de Alejandria

Jueves 28 2 Re 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29

San Ireneo

Viernes 29 He 12:1-11 / 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

San Pedro y San Pablo

Sábado 30 Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 / Mt 8:5-17

Los Primeros Santos Mártires de la Iglesia

Domingo 1 Sab 1:13-15;2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 /

Mc 5:21-43 o Mc 5:21-24,35b-43

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions June 24 – July 1

Sunday, June 24

5:30pm Vigil (June 23) Donald Moen (living)

7am – Michael Fargrus

8:30am – Yvonne Brown (living)

10am – Gene Johnston

11:30am – All Parishioners

1pm – Acción de Gracias

5:30pm – Lyman Wright

Monday, June 25

7am – Mary Elizabeth Willes

8am – Craig Reynolds (living)

12:10pm – Andrew Hanco

5:30pm – Jack Gallagher

Tuesday, June 26

7am – Domingo Ocfemia

8am – Lataska Johnson (living)

12:10pm – Julio & Benito Aguilar

5:30pm – All Souls

Wednesday, June 27

7am – Carmelo Smillo

8am – James Sugrue (living)

12:10pm – Benjamin T. Baggett

5:30pm – Jeanne LeBlanc

Thursday, June 28

7am – Crecencio Ocfemia

8am – John “Jack” G. Murphy

12:10pm – Godofredo Acosta

5:30pm – O’Brien Family (living)

Friday, June 29

7am – Leonard Zelonis

8am – Rita Zelonis

12:10pm – Barbara Pierce Bush

5:30pm – Teresa Reyna Gheresi

Saturday, June 30

12:10pm – Patricia Harrington

5:30pm – Panfila Gramajo

Sunday, July 1

7am – Project Rachael Ministry (living)

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – John T. Stirrup

11:30am – Ken Jefferson

1pm – Leticia Rosas de Guilarte

5:30pm – Carolyn Hanley

Misas en Julio y Agosto

durante la Semana – No hay misa de 7 de la mañana durante los meses de julio y agosto. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana, las misas se celebrarán a las 8 de la mañana, 12:10 del mediodía y 5:30 de la tarde, y confesiones se ofrecerán a las 11 de la mañana hasta las 12 del mediodía. La misa de 7 de la mañana se reanudará el martes, 4 de septiembre.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Invitación de Ordenación Episcopal – Cardenal Donald Wuerl invita a los feligreses de la Arquidiócesis a asistir a la ordenación Episcopal del **Reverendo Michael W. Fisher** como Obispo Auxiliar de Washington el viernes, **29 de junio** a las 2:00 de la tarde en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción. Seguida de una recepción en la Basílica.

Misa con nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar – Ven a orar con nosotros el sábado, **30 de junio**, cuando el **Obispo Michael W. Fisher** celebre la misa de vigilia de 5:30 de la tarde en San Mateo. Únase a nosotros a darle la bienvenida como nuevo Obispo Auxiliar de Washington.

Misión – Nuestra parroquia tendrá una segunda colecta para la **Arquidiócesis de Madras-Mylapore, India** el fin de semana **7 y 8 de julio**. El padre Patrick Geo nos hablará acerca de las experiencias del trabajo importante de la misión. Por favor sea generoso. ¡Gracias y Dios los bendiga!

Únase al Comité de Justicia Social – Todos son invitados a participar en las reuniones mensuales del comité para aprender más sobre diferentes oportunidades de servicio y sobre eventos que se aproximan. Participe en la planificación y organización de actividades que ayudan a personas necesitadas. También puede ayudar animando a la parroquia a vivir el mensaje del Evangelio en oración y con acciones. La reunión mensual es en inglés, pero todos son invitados. Tenemos personal y voluntarios bilingües para ayudarlo a participar. ¡Únase a nosotros! Comuníquese con Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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.

Registrarse como nuevo feligrés ~ ¡Bienvenido!

Si asisten a misa en la Catedral, les invitamos a que se registren como feligreses, así podemos darles la bienvenida adecuadamente; conocer cualquier necesidad o intereses especiales, y mantenerles informados de nuestras actividades y oportunidades de culto. Les invitamos a participar en nuestras diversas organizaciones, comités y otros aspectos de la vida parroquial. Se pueden registrar haciendo un clic [aquí](#) o visitando la página digital de la parroquia (www.stmatthewscathedral.org), haciendo clic en la ficha *Únete a Nosotros* (elijan *registrarse como feligrés*). También pueden registrarse en la oficina parroquial.

Celebración de Sacramentos

Horario de misas y confesiones, ver la portada del boletín o clic [aquí](#).

Bautizos

Padres de familia que deseen bautizar a sus niños en la Catedral deben contactar a la coordinadora de Bautismos: Mercedes Araque al 202-347-3215 de lunes a jueves de 4:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche o sábados y domingos de 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde. Los padres deben llamar por los menos tres (3) meses antes de la fecha prevista del bautizo. El llamar temprano permite a los padres de familia a programar la clase de formación sacramental necesaria y a los padrinos obtener cartas de sus parroquias.

Si usted es feligrés inscrito en San Mateo y necesita una carta de recomendación para ser padrino en un bautizo que se celebrará en otra parroquia, por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y pregunte cómo puedo obtener esta carta.

Matrimonios

Parejas que estén interesadas en la celebración del Sacramento del matrimonio en la Catedral se anima a que hagan un clic [aquí](#) o vayan a la portada de la página digital de la parroquia (elegir *matrimonio*, luego elegir *bodas*) para revisar nuestras guías de bodas. El siguiente paso es llamar a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y preguntar por el sacerdote de su elección o el sacerdote de turno, que puede hablar con usted sobre la preparación del matrimonio y la posibilidad de programar su boda en la Catedral. Las parejas deben llamar por lo menos nueve (9) meses antes de la fecha en la que esperan celebrar su boda.

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Las clases dominicales de catecismo para niños y adolescentes, incluyen: preparación para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Después de la confirmación tienen que venir al grupo de jóvenes. Para más información sobre las clases, deben llamar a Fátima Aybar, coordinadora de Formación en la Fe, al 202-347-3215 x541 o faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Confirmación de Adultos

Cada primavera después de la Semana Santa, San Mateo ofrece clases para preparación de la Confirmación para adultos activos, católicos bautizados que ya han recibido su Primera Comunión. Para obtener más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

¿Es usted un adulto sin bautizar a quien le gustaría ser católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado en otra religión cristiana que quiere profesar su fe como católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado católico que desea completar su iniciación en la Iglesia Católica? Les invitamos a solicitar información sobre el rito de iniciación cristiana para adultos (RICA) es un proceso continuo de conversión y formación de fe para adultos que deseen explorar la fe católica y prepararse para la celebración de los sacramentos de iniciación: Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Para más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Longing for the Holy Spirituality for Everyday Life

based on selected insights by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

A new series of small faith-sharing groups is forming this month at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

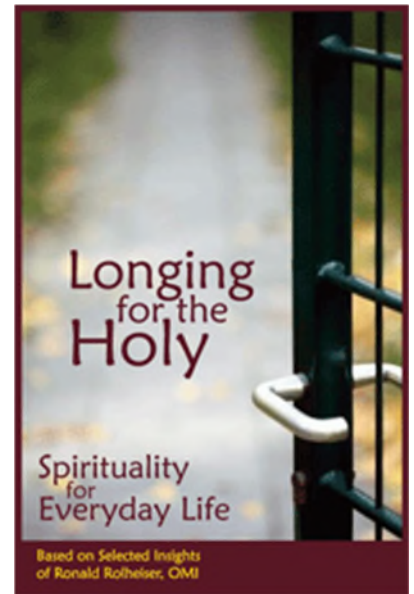
Longing for the Holy is ideal for all who want to enrich their sense of the presence of God. It concerns the way we channel the deep longing at the core of our beings and addresses the implications of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith for spirituality: the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Eucharist, and the Paschal Mystery.

Small groups will meet weekly over six weeks as follows:

- Mondays at 7:00pm facilitated by Damien Gaul
- Tuesdays at 12:45pm facilitated by Jim Nash
- Wednesdays at 7:00pm facilitated by Betty Sullivan
- Sundays at 4:00pm facilitated by Jennifer Bryson and Franz Kuo

Sessions will start the week of June 24. To register, please visit the Cathedral's website.

Groups meet separately, but will gather together for sharing and a potluck on September 12.



RENEW International fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action. RENEW International is a Roman Catholic ministry organization incorporated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark. His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D. is the Chairman of RENEW's Corporate Board.

www.renewintl.org

For more information, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, by e-mail at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or by telephone at 202-587-5139.



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of

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Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

in the presence of

HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES

Friday, June 29, 2018
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
2:00 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

Reception to follow in Memorial Hall



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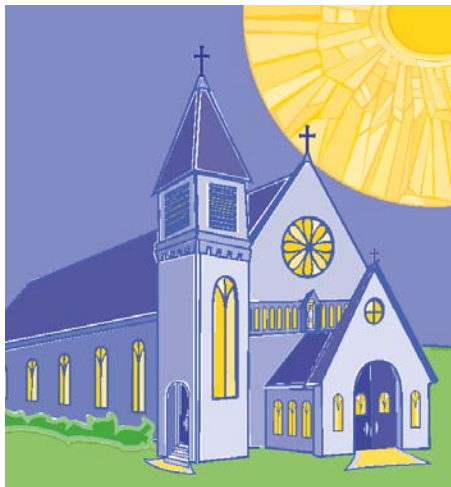
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When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

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, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or 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

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

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

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

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

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

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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