

TODAY'S READINGS

Please, come. (Mark 5:23)
Imagine what Jairus must have felt as he approached Jesus—his impatience, his urgency, his frustration and anguish. His daughter was dying. Why had he waited so long? Did he regret not coming sooner? His daughter was all he could think about. Her precarious state overshadowed everything else.

What a relief! Jesus agreed to come with him. But would they get there in time? *We've got to hurry!* Then came a roadblock. A sick woman reached out and touched Jesus, and everything came to a standstill. Why would Jesus let himself be interrupted? There was no time to investigate. At least the disciples were sympathetic, asking, "How can you ask who touched you?"

Then, far away, Jairus glimpsed members of his household coming toward him. Were they happy? He couldn't tell at first. But as he read their body language, his own shoulders slumped. It was as he feared. They were too late. His daughter was dead.

But Jesus kept on going. The mourners at his house mocked him, but Jairus followed Jesus into his daughter's room. Then he saw Jesus raise his girl from death. Astounding! Jesus was big enough. His power was wide enough to take care of everything.

Looking at this story from Jairus' point of view shows us how anxieties can overshadow every aspect of our lives. Like Jairus, we can be so caught up in worry that anxiety trumps everything else. But Jesus has enough healing power, enough mercy and compassion, to go around. He hasn't forgotten you, even when you feel he is delayed. He can care for you even as he takes care of everyone else.

So come and ask Jesus for his help, and then trust him to act on his own schedule. Maybe go one step further, and pray for all the other people he's helping. Jesus is big enough to care for us all!

"Jesus, I trust your ways. Come and pour your healing on everyone who needs you!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 28 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mk 5:21-43

Monday 29 Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
Sts. Peter & Paul

Tuesday 30 Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27
The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday 1 Gn 21:5,8-20 / Mt 8:28-34
Bl. Junípero Serra

Thursday 2 Gn 22:1-19 / Mt 9:1-8

Friday 3 Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29
St. Thomas

Saturday 4 Gn 27:1-5,15-29 / Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 5 Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6

LECTURAS DE HOY

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jairo y la enferma de hemorragias decidieron confiar en Cristo y dar un audaz paso de fe para buscar la curación. Creyeron en lo que aún no habían visto y por eso recibieron el premio que buscaban: Jairo vio con gozo inefable que su hija volvía a la vida, y la mujer sanó instantáneamente. ¡Qué bendición!

Estos son ejemplos patentes del tipo de fe que el Señor quiere ver en sus hijos. Probablemente todos hemos estado en situaciones en las que no nos hemos atrevido a actuar por timidez o por no querer asumir riesgos. Tal vez no hemos estado dispuestos a exponer nuestra propia integridad, nos inquieta el qué dirán o no queremos exponernos al fracaso.

Por ejemplo, ¿se nos ha ocurrido visitar a un vecino enfermo y ofrecerle orar con él para que sane? ¿Lo haría usted si supiera que Jesús lo está invitando a hacerlo? ¡Muchas personas dicen que el Señor les ha puesto inspiraciones como éstas en el corazón! Y sucede a veces que, cuando uno actúa con fe y se arriesga, descubre que los demás reciben esta demostración de amor y solidaridad con mucho agrado, aunque tal vez con un poco de nerviosismo.

Pero lo bueno es que posiblemente descubramos que el Señor ha tocado a un enfermo o un necesitado como fruto de nuestra oración y del testimonio de la confianza en Jesús que hemos demostrado.

Dile hoy al Señor que esperas con gran atención las inspiraciones que él quiera darte; dile que quieres superar cualquier temor y duda, y hacer lo que él te diga. Pídele la gracia de actuar por fe, siguiendo su guía y decídate a tocar a la puerta del Señor y ésta se abrirá, la puerta que conduce a una fe más profunda; la puerta que lleva a una mejor comunión con Jesús y a inimaginables bendiciones para los demás.

"Señor mío Jesucristo, te ruego que me hables hoy y abras mis oídos para escuchar tu voz y reconocer tu guía. Enséñame a desarrollar una fe dinámica, segura y valiente, que me haga capaz de confiar plenamente en tu gran bondad y tu misericordia."

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NEWS AND NOTES

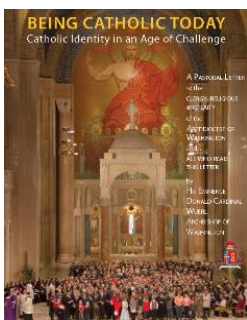
Independence Day – Independence Day this year is observed on Friday, **July 3**. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm only. Following the Cathedral's federal holiday schedule, there will be no confessions.

Summer Notes

Weekday Masses in July and August – The 7am weekday Mass is not celebrated in July or August. During this period, the Cathedral opens weekdays at 7:30am, Masses are celebrated at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, and Confessions are heard from 11am until Noon. The 7am Mass resumes Tuesday, September 1.

Biweekly Bulletins In July & August – St. Matthew's Sunday bulletin is published biweekly (every other week) in July and August. The first biweekly edition covers the two-week period from July 5 to July 19. Each biweekly edition will be available both weekends.

Have You Made a Pledge to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal? – Parishioners were asked in February to prayerfully consider and respond to this year's Cardinal's Appeal, bearing the theme "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so now. Your participation is needed if we are to reach the parish goals for this appeal. **You may pick up a pledge envelope at the rectory or call the rectory to ask that one be mailed to you.** Thank you for your generous response.



New Pastoral Letter on Catholic Identity – "Identity is a theme to which Pope Francis has returned often in his daily preaching. ... We must talk about the identity we receive in baptism. It cannot be taken away from us. It is permanent. Indeed, it is all we can hope to keep at the end of our earthly life. ... Through the unique

gift of baptism, in divine mercy, our identity as planned by God is reestablished. We are reborn (John 3:3-5)." (*Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge*, Pastoral Letter issued by Cardinal Wuerl, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015.)

Read the full text of Cardinal Wuerl's new pastoral letter at <http://www.adw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Being-Catholic-Today-Pastoral-Letter.pdf>, or see the front page of our parish website for a link.

PARISH CALENDAR

June 28 – July 5

Sunday 28—A second collection to benefit the works of the Holy Father is taken at all Masses.

Monday 29—The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 30—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las en el salón del Oeste.

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

Wednesday 1—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Friday 3—Independence Day is observed. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm only. Following the Cathedral's federal holiday schedule, there are no Confessions.

The Rectory is closed.

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not held. The normal schedule resumes on Friday, August 7.

Saturday 4—The Rectory is closed, and the regular Mass schedule is observed.

First Saturday Devotions are not held. The normal schedule resumes on Saturday, August 8.

Sunday 5—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Summer Dinner for the Homeless – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends this Sunday. Please consider making a monetary donation to defray the costs of supplies for the dinner. Donations can be made out to the Cathedral with "Summer Dinner for the Homeless" on the memo line. All monetary donations can be turned in to the Rectory.

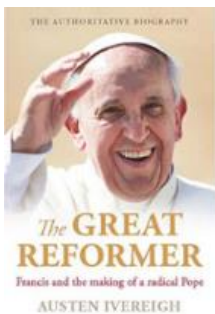
Homeless Ministry: Volunteer lunch-makers needed – The St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry needs volunteers to provide bagged lunches for the poor and homeless who come to our parish for the Monday breakfast program. Each volunteer prepares 15 bagged lunches at home and delivers them to the Cathedral on Sunday or on Monday morning for distribution to our guests as a take-away meal for later in the day. If you can provide lunches monthly, every other month, or as a one-time service, please contact Thomas Lynch at tlynch@ironpointpartners.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Summer Small Faith-Sharing Groups – “Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power,” by Cardinal Wuerl. Have you considered:

- what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- what the Church teaches about the Spirit?
- the connection between Pope Francis and the Holy Spirit?

Please join us for one of our small faith-sharing groups! We will read and reflect on “Open to the Holy Spirit” over six weeks, beginning this week. These peer-led, small group discussions allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life. Contact Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com for more information.



Cathedral Book Club – The Cathedral Book Club meets again on **September 14** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room. To be discussed is a biography of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh entitled *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope*. The book received considerable advance praise, and presents in the words of

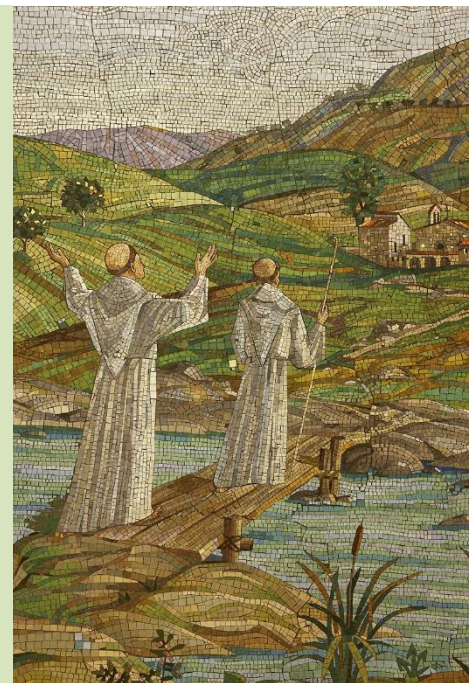
Cardinal Timothy Dolan an opportunity “to more fully learn and appreciate the circumstances and influences that shaped Jorge Bergoglio’s journey: first as a young Jesuit leader, then as archbishop of Buenos Aires, and now as shepherd of over one billion Catholics...”

Now is the time to consider your summer reading list, and likewise to learn more about our eagerly awaited September visitor!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call for Team Members and Interested Seekers – Would you like to learn more about your faith by sharing it with others? Would you like to be part of a team of Catholics who help others to learn more about the Catholic faith as a sponsor, sponsor coordinator, Wednesday evening presenter, or hospitality coordinator? RCIA is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew’s provides and refers interested person to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above).

Our Holy Father Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, is now available online. Search by the title or [click here to read *Laudato Si’* \(en español\)](#).



YOUNG ADULTS

SUMMER 2015 THEOLOGY ON **TAP**TALKS



DC Catholic Summer Theology on TAPTalks - Series begins July 7 - 6 to 8pm - [Catholic Information Center](#) (1501 K Street NW / Farragut North)

Wine and Wisdom – Monday, July 20 - 7 to 8:30pm - **East Conference Room** – Wine and Wisdom is a discussion and faith-sharing group for young adult women. Our conversations are intended to help form, encourage, strengthen, and prepare us to be the women that God has designed us to be. In July, our topic will be *Evangelization in the Workplace*. Contact wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

C+YA for #NatsMass & a Nats Game! – Sunday, August 9 - 12 Noon - **St. Vincent dePaul** (14 M Street SE / Navy Yard) – Join the Cathedral Young Adults for an afternoon at the ballpark! We’ll begin with #NatsMass at St. Vincent de Paul at noon, followed by the first pitch at 1:35pm against the Colorado Rockies! Tickets are \$15 and space is limited, so register soon. Contact Hannah at hannahrdell@gmail.com or stmattsyam@gmail.com with questions.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 28	Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mc 5:21-43
Lunes 29 <i>San Pedro y San Pablo</i>	He 12:1-11 / 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
Martes 30 <i>Los Santos protomártires de la Santa Iglesia Romana</i>	Gén 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27
Miércoles 1 <i>Beato Junípero Serra</i>	Gén 21:5,8-20 / Mt 8:28-34
Jueves 2	Gén 22:1-19 / Mt 9:1-8
Viernes 3 <i>Santo Tomás</i>	Ef 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29
Sábado 4	Gén 27:1-5,15-29 / Mt 9:14-17
Domingo 5	Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Formación en la Fe – El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7:00 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **30 de junio** será: El noveno Mandamiento padre Rafael nos hablara sobre este mandamiento.

Próximamente – Este viernes **3 de Julio**, se observará la fiesta de la Independencia en lugar del día original que es el sábado. Las Misas serán a las 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía. No hay confesiones ese día.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado en Julio – Exposición y Adoración al Santísimo del primer viernes no se celebrará. Igualmente las devociones del primer sábado no se celebrarán este mes. El horario normal se reanudará el viernes 7 y sábado 8 de agosto.

Misas en Julio y Agosto durante la Semana – La misa de 7 de la mañana no se celebrará en la Catedral durante los meses de julio y agosto. Durante esos meses, 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 resumirá el martes, 1 de septiembre.

Boletín Quincenal en Junio y Agosto – El boletín de la Catedral, será publicado quincenalmente (cada dos semanas) en julio y agosto. La primera edición quincenal cubre el periodo de dos semanas del 5 de julio al 19 de julio. Cada edición estará disponible ambos fines de semana.

Cenas para las Personas sin Hogar en Verano – El comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario, está auspiciando una cena para las personas sin hogar de nuestra vecindad, este domingo. Por favor considere hacer una donación monetaria para ayudar a cubrir los gastos de útiles para la cena. Las donaciones pueden ser dirigidas a la Catedral, con “*Summer Dinner for the Homeless*” en la línea de nota. Todas las donaciones monetarias se pueden entregar a la rectoría.

Ministerio de Personas sin Hogar: Se necesitan voluntarios para preparar almuerzos – Se buscan voluntarios para el Ministerio para las Personas sin Hogar que puedan proveer almuerzos para nuestros invitados que vienen cada lunes para el programa de desayuno de los lunes. Cada voluntario prepara 15 bolsas de almuerzo en su hogar y los trae a la catedral el domingo o lunes por la mañana para que sean distribuidos a nuestros invitados para que puedan comerlo más tarde en el día. Si pueden proveer almuerzos cada mes, cada dos meses o solo una vez, por favor mande un mensaje a Thomas Lynch al tlynch@ironpointpartners.com o llame a la rectoría.

Campaña del Cardenal 2015 – ¿Se ha comprometido? Se les dio un llamamiento a los feligreses en febrero a considerar y responder a la Campaña del Cardenal este año con el tema "Buscando primero el Reino de Dios." (Mateo 6:33). A las familias que aún no han hecho un compromiso, les pedimos por favor hacerlo ahora. Su participación es necesaria para que la Catedral de San Mateo puede alcanzar su meta este año. **Si usted necesita un sobre de compromiso puede pasar a la rectoría o llamar y pedir que se le mande por correo.** Gracias por su generosa respuesta.

Nueva Carta Pastoral sobre la identidad del católico – El Cardenal Wuerl emitió una nueva carta pastoral el domingo de Pentecostés titulada “Ser Católico Hoy.” Vean el texto completo de la carta del Cardenal Wuerl en: <http://www.adw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/DWW-PastoralLetter-Ser-Catolico-Hoy.pdf>.



Horario de Misas a Través del Mundo – Un ministerio para los católicos que viajan se provee gratuitamente en toda la nación y a través del mundo. Llame al 734-794-2100 para encontrar el horario de misas o visite www.masstimes.org.



Mass Times Around the World – Let's

attend to our Lord even as he blesses us with rest! A free ministry for traveling Catholics provides Mass schedules at more than 22,000 churches nationwide and 82,000 churches outside the U.S. Visit www.masstimes.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 28 – July 5

Sunday, June 28

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Chuck Chiccini
10am – Steven M. Pellerito
11:30am – Roseann Chiccini
1pm – Maria y Hermes Perez
5:30pm – Edward Zelonis

Monday, June 29

7am – Iva Huth
8am – Norman Goldstain
12:10pm – Beau Biden
5:30pm – Mr. John O'Reilly

Tuesday, June 30

7am – Sharon Flynn
8am – Kathleen & Derry Terry
12:10pm – Alfredo Adye & Alfredo, Jr.
5:30pm – David J. Kvapil (living)

Wednesday, July 1

8am – Jozel Sliwowski
12:10pm – Tully Bramson
5:30pm – Marie Cosgrove Bartlett

Thursday, July 2

8am – Rosalie P. Gerber
12:10pm – Thanksgiving
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Friday, July 3

8am – Ivancito Urribarri
12:10pm – Teresita Vigaud Rodriguez

Saturday, July 4

8am – Statia Huth
12:10pm – Moises Lopez
5:30pm – Frances Huth

Sunday, July 5

7am – Loretta Curran
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Mike Scott (living)
11:30am – Samuel Jackson
1pm – Javier Amaya (living)
5:30pm – Gene Curran

MARRIAGE

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us **at least nine (9) months in advance** of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at 202-347-3215 X555 or baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor.

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

WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access, enter the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral. Ring the door buzzer at the bottom of the driveway to enter. Take the elevator up to the Cathedral level.

A sign language interpreter is present at the Sunday 11:30am Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year.

TOURS

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or take a self-guided tour using the color brochures available inside the main entrance of the Cathedral. Guided tours are available free of charge. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5143. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or our Rectory receptionist.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer, one of the offices of the Liturgy of the Hours, is prayed on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30am in St. Anthony's Chapel. Feel free to drop in and pray with this small group. Prayer leaflets are available, and we will help you to participate. You also are welcome to be present with us in silence. Questions? Call 202-587-5143.

CATHEDRAL GIFTS

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church featuring the Cathedral's history, art and architecture with photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree. Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and CD recordings of the Schola Cantorum. Items may be purchased in the Rectory or by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

“Table of the Word”

Since the days of Demosthenes, the great Greek orator, people who had important things to say always proceeded to a place of prominence, generally somewhere above the gathered crowd. So, “going up” is typically descriptive of this action used by public speakers. Not surprisingly then, the place where important words are spoken in a church is rooted in the Greek word for “going up,” namely *ambonein* or in today’s vernacular the noun “ambo”. The word also came to mean stage or platform, and is known by its Latin equivalent *pulpitum* or its more familiar English translation “pulpit.” Many churches built before Vatican II had very prominent pulpits, since the sermon was the principal time in the liturgy when the people heard the bishop or priest preach in their language. This changed with the renewal of Vatican II, when scripture was reinstated as an important part of the liturgy and spoken in the people’s language.

With the Vatican II emphasis on scripture in the liturgy, the more historic word *ambo* is now regularly used to describe the place at which the scripture readings are proclaimed in the liturgy. Another more theological term also describes its function, namely “table of the word,” because the ambo is an essential complement to the “table of the Eucharist” commonly known as the altar. These two “tables” are where the two major parts of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, take place as visually emphasized by similarity in location, design and material.

Like the table of the Eucharist (altar), the table of the Word (ambo) is sacred because in this place “God is speaking to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation; nourishing the spirit; Christ is present to the faithful through his own word.” Since God’s word is spoken from the ambo, it is uniquely blessed when first used. The bishop shows the lectionary to the people, hands it to the reader who solemnly carries it, places it on the ambo and proclaims the reading. This symbolic and profound action dedicates the ambo; no additional sign of the cross, holy water or incensing is used.

Thus, the ambo is marked as a sacred place and is reserved to the word of God. Only the readings from scripture, the responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (*Exultet*) can be done at the ambo. The homily and the general intercessions may also be done at the ambo, although they can be done at the presider’s chair or elsewhere.

Church liturgical guidelines for the Mass reflect these principles and often require some particular changes in current practices. For example, the responsorial Psalm proclaimed after the first reading should be chanted (or recited) from the ambo. Secondly, because announcements are not scripture, they should be done following the Prayer after Communion and before the final blessing, either by the presider or other minister from a place other than the ambo. Likewise, special talks or appeals should be done at a place other than the ambo. These changes emphasize the sacredness of the ambo as the proper and foremost place to proclaim the word of God to the people.

“Mesa de la Palabra”

Desde los tiempos de Demóstenes, el gran orador griego, personas que tenían cosas importantes que decir, siempre iban a un lugar prominente generalmente, sobre la asamblea reunida. Por tanto, “ir a ese lugar” se describe típicamente como una acción usada para oradores públicos. No es entonces una sorpresa, que el lugar donde las palabras más importantes se digan en una iglesia venga de la raíz de la palabra griega *ambonein* o en los tiempos de ahora, “ambo”. La palabra también vino a significar plataforma y conocido por su equivalencia en el latín *pulpitum* o en su más traducción en inglés “púlpito”. Muchas iglesias construidas antes del Vaticano II, tuvieron púlpitos prominentes, ya que el sermón era el tiempo principal en la liturgia cuando la gente escuchaba al obispo o sacerdote predicar en su lengua. Esto cambió con la renovación del Vaticano II, cuando las escrituras volvieron a instituirse como parte importante de la liturgia y habladas en el idioma de la gente.

Con el Vaticano II, la palabra en la escritura de la liturgia más común es **ambo** y describe el lugar donde las escrituras leídas son proclamadas. Otra forma de describir su función es “mesa de la palabra,” porque el ambo es una parte esencial a la “mesa de la Eucaristía” conocida como el altar. Estas dos “mesas” son las partes de mayor importancia en la misa: Liturgia de la Palabra y Liturgia de la Eucaristía, visualizan su localización, material y diseño.

Como la mesa de la Eucaristía (altar), la mesa de la Palabra (ambo) es sagrada porque en este lugar “Dios habla a su gente, sobre el misterio de redención y salvación; alimentando el espíritu; Cristo está presente a través de su palabra.” Como la palabra de Dios se habla desde el ambo, se bendice cuando se usa por primera vez. El obispo muestra el Leccionario a la gente, y lo pasa al lector quien lo lleva solemnemente, lo pone en el ambo proclama la lectura. Esta simbólica acción es dedicada al ambo; no necesita nada adicional, como el signo de la cruz.

Por tanto, el ambo está marcado como un lugar sagrado y está reservado para la palabra de Dios. Solo las lecturas, Salmo responsorial y Proclamación de Pascua (*Exultet*) pueden hacerse desde el ambo. El sermón y las intercesiones también pueden ser desde el ambo, pero pueden hacerse desde la silla donde el sacerdote preside u otro lugar.

Guías litúrgicas para la misa, reflejan estos principios y a menudo requiere algunos cambios. Por ejemplo, el salmo responsorial proclamado después de la primera lectura debe ser recitado desde el ambo. Segundo, los anuncios no son escrituras, deben hacerse después de la oración de la Comunión y antes de la bendición final, bien por el sacerdote u otro ministro, desde otro lugar que no sea el ambo y lo mismo cuando hay algo especial. Estos cambios destacan lo sagrado que es el ambo para proclamar la palabra de Dios a las personas.



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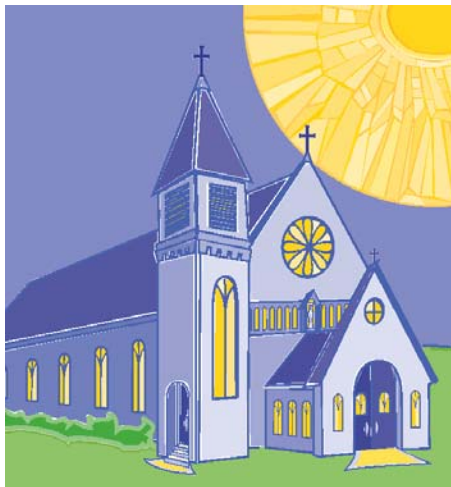
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When do transactions take place?



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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.

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

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

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

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

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

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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.

175th Parish Anniversary News



Memories Wanted! – Your help is needed to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, now the Cathedral Parish, and since 1939, the seat of the Archdiocese of Washington. **You are invited now and throughout 2015 to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family.**

Maybe you have a story of how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future, how you drew closer to your faith because of your Cathedral

involvement, or how Catholic Charities or a Cathedral program or ministry offered you help, hope, or the chance to serve others when you needed it. Share your favorite memories of parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1916 – May 16: The St. Joseph Chapel, now the Wedding Chapel, is dedicated.

The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith. Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. **Check the website front page to read the featured and archived stories!**

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to reply@stmatthewscathedral.org, or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-3001. Please include the words "Anniversary Story" in the email heading or on the envelope.

Help St. Matthew's Discover its History! – The 175th Anniversary Publication Committee needs volunteer researchers, writers, and editors to assist with compiling and publishing a new history of St. Matthew's. Researchers are needed to visit libraries and archives in the DC area for research to supplement existing resources in the Cathedral Archives and help fill in the gaps in St. Matthew's parish history. **Writers and editors are needed to help write and edit text in June and July 2015.**

Volunteers with access to library research databases are particularly needed as are those with extensive writing and editing experience. Training will be given to all volunteers. Please contact Dan Evans at 175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org to volunteer.

Call for Cathedral Parish Life Photos – Do you have photos of your parents' or grandparents' wedding at St. Matthews? Photos of baptisms? Or of your family standing in front of the altar at Easter? The 175th Anniversary Publication Committee seeks historic photos of events at St. Matthew's for potential use in our anniversary documents. Please submit photos with the date and description of the event

to Dan Evans at 175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org or contact Dan at 202-587-5138. We can assist with scanning and copying your originals. All submissions will become part of the Cathedral Archives.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH 175TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sunday, October 11, after all Masses**
Celebration of our many cultures, with traditional food, dress, music and dance
- **Saturday, October 17, 6:00 pm**
175th Anniversary Gala, with cocktails, dinner and dancing
- **Sunday, November 1, 12:00 noon (combining 11:30 am and 1:00 pm Masses)**
Bilingual Mass celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew's Parish, with Cardinal Wuerl as Principal Celebrant, followed by a reception
- **Sunday, November 22, 7:30 pm**
175th Anniversary Concert, featuring the Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers
- **Sunday, December 13, 7:30 pm**
Lessons and Carols, a celebration of the Birth of Christ in Word and Song, featuring the Schola Cantorum

Times subject to change. Watch for future announcements.



Multicultural Celebration

Celebrating our many cultures!

We need your help in putting together our multicultural celebration, taking place on October 11 as part of our parish 175th anniversary festivities.

We would like to showcase the many diverse cultures of our parish family. If you would like to participate with traditional food, dress, decorations, music, dance or presentations from your country of origin, please contact stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com or call Norma at (202) 347-3215 x552.



Celebración Multicultural

¡Celebrando nuestras diversas culturas!

Necesitamos su ayuda en organizar la celebración multicultural, que se llevará a cabo el 11 de octubre como parte de nuestras festividades del 175 aniversario de nuestra parroquia.

Quisiéramos presentar las diversas culturas de nuestra familia parroquial.

Si está interesado en participar con trajes típicos de su país, comida, decoraciones, música, bailes o presentaciones, por favor póngase en contacto con stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com o llame a Fátima al (202) 347-3215 x543 o a (202) 365-2017.