

## READINGS FOR JULY 5

**I** am sending you ... (Ezekiel 2:3)  
Rebellious, stiff-necked, obstinate. Why would God go to the trouble of sending Ezekiel to speak his message to people who didn't seem inclined to listen? It seems like a waste of time. But that's how lavish God is with his love!

God wants to speak to his people! In Old Testament times, he sent prophets. Then he sent his Son. Now, he is sending us as his messengers. It's a safe conclusion that God really wants to speak to his people! His longing to connect with us can't be contained.

Today's first reading also tells us that our disposition doesn't change God's desire to speak to us. He sent Ezekiel to speak his word to a people he knew was hard-hearted. He didn't tell his prophets to avoid them. He didn't send them just to the holy, the expectant, and the receptive. We see this also in today's Gospel reading: Jesus spoke to the people in his hometown, even though many of them rejected him.

Thank God that he is so persistent! You may be in a particularly receptive place in your life right now. Praise God for that! But maybe you're struggling. Perhaps you've been hurt and you're not inclined to listen to God talk to you about a certain area of your life. It doesn't matter. He still wants to reach out to you and give you a taste of his love and guidance.

You can be sure that God will be sending you messengers today, so keep your eyes open! Look in the usual places like Mass and your loved ones. But give him permission to speak to you in unexpected ways as well—maybe through a television commercial or a street sign or some other unusual way. Let his word break into your heart. Allow the wave of his desire for you to wash away any obstacles. He is sending his word to you. Receive it, and let it lift you up!

*"Lord, I am amazed that even when I am moody or withdrawn, you keep speaking to me! Thank you for your relentless love."*

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<b>Monday 6</b>	Gn 28:10-22 / Mt 9:18-26
<i>St. Maria Goretti</i>	
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7,17-24 / Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday 9</b>	Gn 44:18-21,23-29; 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions</i>	
<b>Friday 10</b>	Gn 46:1-7,28-30 / Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday 11</b>	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26 / Mt 10:24-33
<i>St. Benedict</i>	
<b>Sunday 12</b>	Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7-13

## WELCOME!

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

July 5 – July 19

- 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.
- Monday 6**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.
- Tuesday 7**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.  
El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.
- Wednesday 8**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- Thursday 9**—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the Rectory.
- Tuesday 14**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Este.  
The Development & Stewardship committee meets at 6:45pm in the Rectory.  
El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.
- Wednesday 15**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- Thursday 18**—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.



**Discernment Retreats** – The Quo Vadis Camp for high

school-aged men will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary **July 19-22**. Register at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). The FIAT Discernment Camp for high school-aged women will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD **July 23-25**. Information and registration are available under the Consecrated Life tab at [www.adw.org/vocations](http://www.adw.org/vocations).

## READINGS FOR JULY 12

... *A plan for the fullness of times. (Ephesians 1:10)*

Today, Paul takes us behind the scenes into the mind of God. Unlike his usual messages, this one focuses on God's eternal plan. Paul tells us that God's plan is a "mystery" that cannot be grasped by our human minds alone (Ephesians 1:9). That's why he has revealed it to us: we could never have figured it out on our own!

And what is his plan? To draw all men and women to him and to unite us through his Son. He wants every one of us to be with him in heaven.

To help us grasp God's plan, Paul breaks it down into four different dimensions, each of which can fill our hearts with praise and awe and gratitude. First, we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Second, God's grace has been lavished on us. Third, this grace will carry us through to our ultimate destination, which is heaven. And fourth, God has made this plan known to us so that we can become co-workers with him, giving him praise and glory by our works and our witness.

Today, God wants to reassure us that his plan is still unfolding. He wants us to tell everyone else that God is at work. He wants to send us all out into the world with the good news that our heavenly Father is alive and well. He wants us to assure our friends and families that God has a plan for each of their lives, a plan to bring them to heaven if they believe and trust in him.

So as we celebrate Mass today, let's keep Paul's words close to our hearts so that we can share them with the people close to us. No one should have to go through their lives without the hope, peace, and joy that come from knowing that God is in control. Life really does make sense when we know where we are headed!

*"Father, thank you for revealing your mind to me. By your Spirit, help me to grasp your wisdom more deeply—and to proclaim it to everyone I meet today!"*

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<b>Monday 13</b>	Ex 1:8-14,22 / Mt 10:34-11:1
<i>St. Henry</i>	
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Ex 2:1-15 / Mt 11:20-24
<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Ex 3:1-6,9-12 / Mt 11:25-27
<i>St. Bonaventure</i>	
<b>Thursday 16</b>	Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	
<b>Friday 17</b>	Ex 11:10—12:14 / Mt 12:1-8
<b>Saturday 18</b>	Ex 12:37-42 / Mt 12:14-21
<i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	
<b>Sunday 19</b>	Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

## MASS INTENTIONS July 5 - July 19

**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

**Monday, July 6**  
8am – 9 Victims of Charleston  
12:10pm – Caroline Cauley  
5:30pm – Arthur Beamon (living)

**Tuesday, July 7**  
8am – Teresa Duran (living)  
12:10pm – Antonio Urribarri  
5:30pm – Henry Winkelman

**Wednesday, July 8**  
8am – Francois & Carmen Labissiere  
12:10pm – Michael Fitzell  
5:30pm – Maria Evelyn Reyes Prado

**Thursday, July 9**  
8am – Special Intentions JAV (living)  
12:10pm – Beau Biden  
5:30pm – Ann Oattoo

**Friday, July 10**  
8am – Julianna Manlapaz  
12:10pm – Nanaa Mensah  
5:30pm – Steven M. Pellerito

**Saturday, July 11**  
8am – Raymond Huth  
12:10pm – Victims of terrorism in Tunisia, France and Kuwait  
5:30pm – Vincent Snearly (living)

**Sunday, July 12**  
7am – Mary Homa  
8:30am – Carmelite Hubert  
10am – All Parishioners  
11:30am – Julia Ruth Brafford (living)  
1pm – Maria del Carmen Soto  
5:30pm – Genevieve Helen Marilley

**Monday, July 13**  
8am – Bob Hudson  
12:10pm – Beau Biden  
5:30pm – Teresita Vigaud Rodriguez

**Tuesday, July 14**  
8am – Francis Oattoo  
12:10pm – Celia Morlock  
5:30pm – Robin Hudson

**Wednesday, July 15**  
8am – Harvey Bramson  
12:10pm – Francisca Barahona (living)  
5:30pm – Special Intention JA & V (living)

**Thursday, July 16**  
8am – Brighly Dougherty  
12:10pm – Caroline Carnivale  
5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

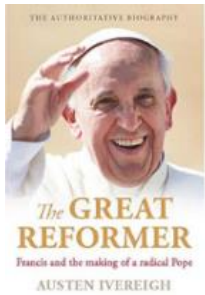
**Friday, July 17**  
8am – Terry Bork (living)  
12:10pm – Johnny B. Bautista  
5:30pm – Margaret Hurley

**Saturday, July 18**  
8am – Leonard J. Zelonis  
12:10pm – Paul Hurley  
5:30pm – Mary Ann Horn

**Sunday, July 19**  
7am – Priscilla Hurley, OCDS  
8:30am – Bill Hurley  
10am – Rina DeVita, OCDS  
11:30am – All Parishioners  
1pm – Jesús & Blanca Murrillo  
5:30pm – Rita Shindledecker

## UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Come—Let Us Adore Him!** – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **July 20** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Clayton Nickel will deliver a reflection on Scripture, and Fr. Rafael will hear confessions in English and Spanish during the hour.



**Cathedral Book Club** – The Cathedral Book Club meets next 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...”

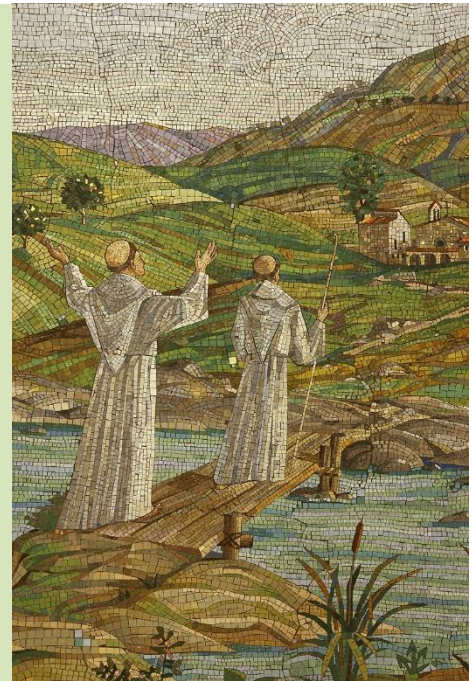
Now is the time to consider your summer reading list, and likewise to learn more about our eagerly awaited September visitor!

### Homeless Ministry: Volunteer lunchmakers needed

– 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](mailto:tlynch@ironpointpartners.com).

**Adopt-a-Family Program: Volunteers needed** – The Adopt-a-Family program provides material assistance to low-income families of our parish, and a few families who live in DC but are not parishioners. This program includes collecting Safeway gift cards for Easter and Thanksgiving, a Back-to-School supplies drive, and a Christmas gift drive. We are looking for parishioners to help us reach out to these families to learn more about their needs and to discern how we can best assist them. We are in special need of volunteer drivers and bilingual speakers. Contact Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 x552 or [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

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 help to 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](mailto: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](mailto:hannahrdell@gmail.com) or [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com) with questions.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Thank You!!** – Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent dinner for our homeless friends sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Your donations of delicious food, money and time in hosting the event allowed us to serve many guests. They felt very welcomed, and some claimed it was the best meal they ever had! We hope you and others will join us when we host another biannual meal in the fall.

### 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.

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested person to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**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.

### Mass Times Around the World – Let's

attend to our Lord even as he blesses us with rest and recreation! 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](http://www.masstimes.org).



## WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access to the Cathedral, 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.

### Speaking of Welcoming: Pope Francis on Children's

**Tears** – During a Mass in Rome in 2014, "Pope Francis told parents that children's tears were 'the best sermon,' as reported on [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org). . . . Pope Francis said '...children cry, they are noisy, they don't stop moving. But it really irritates me when I see a child crying in church and someone says they must go out. God's voice is in a child's tears: they must never be kicked out of church.' A good thing to remember the next time your child is making a scene at Mass, or the next time you hear someone else's child losing it. Thanks, Pope Francis!" (Catholic News Agency blog, December 30, 2014, by Mary Rezac)

## 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 [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 X555. 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.

## LECTURAS DEL 5 DE JULIO

¿Por qué es tan difícil aceptar y obedecer la Palabra de Dios? Los nazarenos no confiaban en la Palabra de Dios, ni en las enseñanzas ni milagros de Jesús. Esto es cierto también para nosotros: Mientras no esperemos recibir algo de Cristo Jesús, él no podrá obrar entre nosotros ni cambiar nuestra vida.

Pero ¿qué sucede si esperamos algo de él? Recordemos un incidente decisivo ocurrido en la vida de San Francisco de Asís. Un día, estaba orando en la Iglesia de San Damián, cuyos muros estaban en precarias condiciones. Cuando reflexionaba contemplando el crucifijo, escuchó que el Señor le decía tres veces: "Francisco, reconstruye mi Iglesia. Ya ves que se está desmoronando."

Al terminar su oración, Francisco comenzó a juntar piedras y se dispuso a reparar la iglesia de San Damián, porque estaba deseoso de escuchar y obedecer al Señor. Pero más tarde se dio cuenta de que había interpretado literalmente el mensaje, y entendió que el Señor se refería realmente a la Iglesia espiritual, el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, que necesitaba renovación. Francisco solía contar esta anécdota a sus frailes, haciendo resaltar la acción del Espíritu Santo y demostrando que Dios puede actuar a través de cualquier persona dócil y humilde de corazón.

San Francisco es un ejemplo de los muchos creyentes que a través de los siglos se han esforzado para escuchar y obedecer la Palabra de Dios. Este relato también puede tener un significado especial para nosotros. Aunque no hayamos avanzado mucho en entendimiento, el Espíritu Santo puede moldear un corazón dócil y demostrar lo que Dios realmente quiere hacer.

Cuando Jesús vive en el centro mismo de nuestro ser y dejamos que nos enseñe, él lo hace. Oremos para que no seamos rebeldes y tercos con el Señor, sino que estemos dispuestos a hacer su voluntad.

*"Amado Señor Jesucristo, haz de mí también un instrumento de tu paz y de tu amor. No quiero ser rebelde, Señor; quiero amarte, obedecerte y hacer tu voluntad, ¡con tu gracia!"*

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<b>Jueves 9</b>	Gén 44:18-21,23-29; 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
<i>San Agustín Zhao Rong y compañeros</i>	
<b>Viernes 10</b>	Gén 46:1-7,28-30 / Mt 10:16-23
<b>Sábado 11</b>	Gén 49:29-32; 50:15-26 / Mt 10:24-33
<i>San Benito</i>	
<b>Domingo 12</b>	Am 7:12-15 / Ef 1:3-14 / Mc 6:7-13

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

!!! **Muchas Gracias!!!** – Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra reciente cena para las personas sin hogar de nuestra vecindad, auspiciado por el comité de Justicia Social. Su donación de comida deliciosa, dinero y tiempo para organizar este evento nos permitió servir a varias personas. Ellos se sintieron muy bien y algunos decían que era ¡la mejor comida que habían tenido! Esperamos que usted y otros se unan a nosotros cuando tengamos la cena de otoño.

**Misas en Julio y Agosto durante la Semana** – La misa de 7:00 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 11:00 de la mañana hasta las 12:00 del mediodía. La misa de 7:00 de la mañana, se resumirá el martes, 1 de septiembre.

**Boletín Quincenal en Julio 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.

**Catequesis e Iniciación Cristiana** – Las inscripciones para Catecumenado, Primera Comunión y Confirmación serán el domingo **12 de julio** en el salón de conferencias del Este y el **19 de julio** en el salón de conferencias del Norte de 10:00 de la mañana a 12:00 del mediodía y después de la misa de 1:00 de la tarde, traer acta de Bautismo y \$25 de inscripción. También aquellos jóvenes que no hayan recibidos los sacramentos de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación y estén interesados en los sacramentos, pueden venir.

**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. Para encontrar el horario de misas o visite [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## LECTURAS DEL 12 DE JULIO

Los apóstoles habían convivido con Jesús durante tres años, observado sus milagros, recibido sus enseñanzas e incluso escuchado la explicación personal que les daba de las parábolas. Estos momentos de preparación doctrinal y práctica fueron útiles para que los Doce salieran al mundo como delegados personales de Jesús a llevar el mensaje de la vida nueva.

Los doce tenían una comunión personal y directa con el Señor y él les había confiado una gran responsabilidad, por eso es más sorprendente que ellos no lograran entender quién era él verdaderamente. Esta falta de comprensión se veía ya desde antes, cuando los apóstoles no entendieron las parábolas de Jesús y cuando se quedaron asombrados viendo que él calmaba la tormenta (Marcos 4, 35-41).

Los apóstoles estaban en una posición privilegiada por su cercanía al Señor y sin embargo en todo el Evangelio según San Marcos se ve claramente que no lograban entender el mensaje. Esto nos lleva a deducir que la verdadera comprensión de la obra y la enseñanza de Jesús se logra sólo a la luz de la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo y de la venida del Espíritu Santo.

Consciente de la debilidad humana de los apóstoles, el Señor les dio instrucciones específicas respecto a la misión que debían cumplir. Les advirtió que no llevaran provisiones, sino que confiaran en Dios y en la hospitalidad de quienes aceptaran sus palabras.

Esto contrasta diametralmente con la tendencia actual de proveerse de todo lo necesario para una obra determinada, incluso cuando tratamos de servir a Dios y llevar su mensaje. Los humanos somos proclives a tratar de controlar a Dios, para que él haga lo que creemos que justa y buenamente necesitamos. Mejor haríamos en estar dispuestos a abandonarnos en sus manos para que él hiciera con nosotros lo que él considere justo y conveniente.

*“Ven, Espíritu Santo, abre mi mente y mi corazón para entender mejor lo que Jesús me pide. Enséñame a confiar más sincera y cabalmente en Dios y en su amorosa protección.”*

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<b>Martes 14</b> <i>Santa Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	Éx 2:1-15 / Mt 11:20-24
<b>Miércoles 15</b> <i>San Buenaventura</i>	Éx 3:1-6,9-12 / Mt 11:25-27
<b>Jueves 16</b> <i>Nuestra Señora del Carmen</i>	Éx 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30
<b>Viernes 17</b>	Éx 11:10—12:14 / Mt 12:1-8
<b>Sábado 18</b> <i>San Camilo de Lelis</i>	Éx 12:37-42 / Mt 12:14-21
<b>Domingo 19</b>	Jer 23:1-6 / Ef 2:13-18 / Mc 6:30-34

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Ministerio de Personas sin Hogar** – 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, llame a la rectoría.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reunirá el martes **14 de julio** a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del **Este**. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x543.



### Adoración al Santísimo

**Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **20 de julio** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a

7:00 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible en inglés y español durante la hora de la adoración.

### Día de Oración y Sanación para Hombres

– ¿Ha sido usted afectado por un aborto, o conoce algún hombre que haya perdido a su hijo debido a un aborto? ¿Forzó usted a su pareja, o ambos se sintieron forzados a abortar? ¿Su pareja abortó aun cuando usted estaba en desacuerdo? El Ministerio Proyecto Raquel de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, está organizando un Día de Oración y Sanación para hombres: “Entrando en Canaán: “Abordando los Problemas que Afectan a los Hombres.” Este evento se realizará de 9 de la mañana a 5:00 de la tarde, el día sábado **25 de julio**. Para mayor información puede llamar al 301-853-4565. También, puede enviar un correo electrónico a [Esperanza@adw.org](mailto:Esperanza@adw.org). Debido a la confidencialidad buscamos guardar, la ubicación del evento se informará el día de su inscripción.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com) o llame a Fátima al (202) 347-3215 x543 o a (202) 365-2017.

# ★ ★ ★ NO DC SUICIDE



**NO DC SUICIDE** is a broad and diverse coalition of individuals, nonprofits and advocacy groups in the District of Columbia, working to protect city residents from the harmful effects of proposed legislation to legalize assisted suicide. This bill is discriminatory because it would disproportionately affect poor and vulnerable persons including those with disabilities and mental health challenges.

**ABOUT THE LEGISLATION:** B21-38 would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to patients who have been deemed mentally competent and received a terminal diagnosis. The bill is flawed, unsafe, unnecessary, and wrong for the District of Columbia.

## GET THE FACTS ABOUT B21-38

1. It's impossible to predict a terminal diagnosis accurately.
2. Patients are not required to receive a mental health screening for depression before receiving a lethal prescription.
3. No family notification is required in advance.
4. No doctor, nurse, or independent witness is required to be present when the lethal dose is taken, creating serious potential for abuse.
5. People can pick up their lethal prescription like any other drug at a local pharmacy.

### WHO SUPPORTS THE LEGISLATION?

B21-38 is part of an aggressive, national effort to legalize assisted suicide in states across the country led by Compassion and Choices formerly known as the Hemlock Society.

### WHO OPPOSES THE LEGISLATION?

The American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, American Nurses Association, National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization, National Council on Disability, and numerous other medical, palliative care, and disability organizations oppose assisted suicide.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP DEFEAT THIS DANGEROUS BILL?

Visit [www.noDCsuicide.org](http://www.noDCsuicide.org) to learn more information and ways to help defeat B21-38, including

- 1) joining the coalition,
- 2) contacting your council member, and
- 3) sharing this information with your family and friends.



## Get In Touch With Us Today

**Web:** [www.noDCsuicide.org](http://www.noDCsuicide.org)

**Email:** [info@nodcsuicide.org](mailto:info@nodcsuicide.org)

**Twitter:** [@noDCsuicide](https://twitter.com/noDCsuicide) | [#AlwaysDignified](https://twitter.com/AlwaysDignified)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/noDCsuicide](https://facebook.com/noDCsuicide)





# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you:

*Interested in becoming Catholic?*

*A Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacraments of  
Confirmation and Eucharist?*

**Then RCIA 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 in learning more and/or beginning RCIA, please plan to attend:

**WHAT: RCIA KICKOFF SESSION**

**TIME: 7PM TO 9PM**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015**

**PLACE: NORTH 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!***

*Beginning with this kickoff session, RCIA will meet weekly every Wednesday.*

Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)

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## Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

*Faith Direct* is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

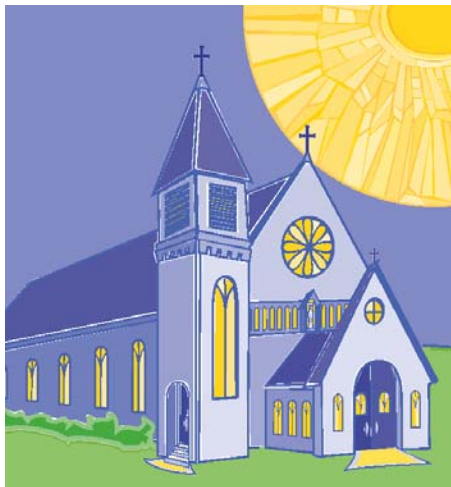
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

### *How does Faith Direct work?*

*Faith Direct* is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

### *When do transactions take place?*



Transactions take place once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**

# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



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To enroll online, use code  
below or scan here: →

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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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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