

Readings for July 16

My word shall not return to me void. (Isaiah 55:11)
 In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of seed sown on different kinds of soil to teach his listeners about the fruitfulness of God's word (Matthew 13:1-23). Every seed has the same potential for growth; it is the type of soil that determines how abundant the yield will be. The prophet Isaiah seems to say the same thing: God's word, like the seed, always remains fruitful—it will not return void. So it seems that our human response determines the harvest.

Perhaps this explains why some people seem to bear more spiritual fruit than others. The Old Testament story of King Saul and King David offers us a dramatic illustration of this principle (1 Samuel 9–2 Samuel 12).

Saul was chosen by God to rule over Israel, but because of his fear and selfishness, he disobeyed the Lord. He didn't make a good return to God or bear lasting fruit. As a result, God chose someone else—a man after his own heart—to replace Saul: the shepherd David.

Now, David did what God asked him to do. He fought Israel's enemies, he rescued the ark of the covenant from the Philistines, and he even danced joyfully before the Lord for all to see.

Of course, we all know that David was far from perfect. He committed adultery and let himself get caught up in a web of deception and murder. But he also repented (Psalm 51). Despite his serious failings, David's humility allowed God to continue to use him. It wasn't because he was perfect that David could bear fruit for the Lord; it was because he loved God and tried to follow him with his whole heart.

David and Saul's story shows that God can work with flawed people who are humble, dedicated, and willing to turn back to him. Through repentant sinners like David—through repentant sinners like us—the seed of God's word doesn't return empty; it can bear much fruit.

"Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness. Help your word to bear fruit in my life today."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 16 Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday 17 Ex 1:8-14,22 / Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday 18 Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24

St. Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday 19 Ex 3:1-6,9-12 / Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 20 Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30

St. Apollinaris

Friday 21 Ex 11:10—12:14 / Mt 12:1-8

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday 22 Ex 12:37-42 / Jn 20:1-2,11-18

St. Mary Magdalene

WELCOME

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

Parish Calendar

July 16 – 30

Monday 17—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions in English and Spanish. The rectory closes early, at 4:30pm.

Tuesday 18—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm 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 19—The [YouthCUE National Honor Choir](#) (San Antonio) presents a 15-minute choral prelude to the 12:10pm Mass. RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Thursday 20—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Saturday 22—A [Rosary for Life](#) is prayed at the NEW TIME of 11:30am in the Cathedral.

Sunday 23—Padre Agustín tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

Monday 24—The rectory closes early, at 4:30pm.

Tuesday 25—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 26—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Friday 28—**Bishop Mario Dorsonville** celebrates a Mass for the Independence of Peru at 10am. **The 11am confessions are cancelled.**

Sunday 30—The [Royal School of Church Music Summer Seminar Singers](#) sing at the 10am Mass. Padre Agustín tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

Readings for July 23

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness. (Romans 8:26)
St. Paul spends much of the eighth chapter of his Letter to the Romans teaching about the Holy Spirit. Yet for all of Paul's words, the Holy Spirit can often be an afterthought in our daily lives.

What does the Spirit do? Paul says that the Spirit is our source of life (Romans 8:11, 13). He says that the Spirit lives in us and shows us how to live for God (8:4-6, 9). He says that the Spirit reminds us that we are God's children (8:16). Best of all, he says that the Holy Spirit "comes to the aid of our weakness" (8:26).

We all have weaknesses, don't we? One weakness we face is the way we respond to suffering or hardship. Temptation, sickness, addiction, division in families, financial problems, natural disaster—any of these challenges can leave us fearful and overwhelmed if we try to face them on our own. But with the help of the Spirit, we can start to see things from God's perspective and find the strength we need to keep moving forward.

Another weakness can be our struggle with prayer. The Spirit loves to help us pray! He helps us speak to God from our hearts and not just through rote prayers. He gives us a desire to pray for our loved ones. And he gives us the reassurance that our prayers have been heard.

It's easy to think that it's "just us"—that we are doing it all by ourselves. But this is just not true. Every holy thought that we have and every loving action that we take have their origin in the Holy Spirit. Every day, in good times and bad, the Spirit is with us, teaching us to ask God for what we need and filling us with grace.

So when you find the strength to push onward in a trying time, a renewed desire to love people, or a new insight into how to solve a problem, rejoice! It's the Holy Spirit coming to your aid.

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

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Sunday 23	Wis 12:13,16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday 24 <i>St. Sharbel Makhluf</i>	Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday 25 <i>St. James</i>	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday 26 <i>Sts. Joachim & Anne</i>	Ex 16:1-5,9-15 / Mt 13:1-9
Thursday 27	Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b / Mt 13:10-17
Friday 28	Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23
Saturday 29 <i>St. Martha</i>	Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30
Sunday 30	1Kgs 3:5,7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

News and Notes

Weekday Masses in July & August – No 7am Mass – The 7am weekday Mass is not celebrated in July or August. On weekdays during this period, the Cathedral opens at 7:30am, Masses are celebrated at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, with Confessions from 11am until Noon. The 7am Mass resumes in September.

Eucharistic Holy Hour – All are welcome on Monday, **July 17** from 6 to 7pm for our monthly [Eucharistic Holy Hour](#), with Deacon Clayton Nickel presiding. Confessions will be available during the hour.

Mass for the Independence of Peru – **Bishop Mario Dorsonville** celebrates a Mass for the Independence of Peru at the Cathedral on Friday, **July 28** at 10am. **Please note that there will be no Confessions that day.**

Pope Francis' July 2017 Prayer Intentions – Please pray for Pope Francis' July intention: that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Outreach

Homeless Ministry: Breakfast food donors needed – The Social Justice Committee needs volunteers to provide food for our Monday Breakfast Ministry once a month or more often. We need homemade meals, fruit, milk, juice, hard-boiled eggs, lunch-meat, sliced cheese, and yogurt cups. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays or on Monday morning. For more details, email Bob Farrell at bobfarrelldc@gmail.com.

Summer Food Drive – Our Food Drive for [Horton's Kids](#) takes place this weekend after Masses, but food and monetary donations also will be accepted at the rectory until Wednesday, **July 19**. Email Norma Canedo at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org with any questions. To learn more about Horton's Kids, visit www.hortonskids.org.

Welcome, Father Agustín



We welcome Fr. Agustín López, St. Matthew's new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Agustín, a native of Quito, Ecuador, was ordained to the priesthood in June 2011 by Cardinal Donald Wuerl for the Archdiocese of Washington. He served as Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Rockville, MD for three years, and in 2014 was assigned to serve at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Waldorf, MD, with a special ministry to the Hispanic community at St. Peter's, also in Waldorf, MD.

Fr. Agustín earned his theology degree at The Catholic University of America and completed his priestly formation at the Archdiocesan Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Washington, DC. Before entering the seminary, he earned a master's degree in Industrial Engineering at the San Francisco University of Ecuador, and worked for several national and international companies, including Citibank in Ecuador. During his time at the seminary, he served as a missionary in Colorado, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Fr. Agustín comes from a large Catholic family and has five siblings (four sisters and an older brother). All of his siblings are married, and he has 16 nieces and nephews!

Welcome, Father Conrad



We welcome Fr. Conrad Murphy, who is in residence at St. Matthew's. He comes to us from Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park, MD, where he was the Parochial Vicar. Fr. Conrad is the newly appointed Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship. In addition to his responsibilities there, he will assist at the Cathedral as a celebrant at daily and Sunday Mass.

Fr. Conrad grew up primarily just outside of Chicago, the eldest of three children. He moved to Washington in 2005 to attend the George Washington University where he graduated in 2009 with a B.A. in International Politics and the Program in the Liberal Arts. While at GW, Fr. Conrad was very involved with the Knights of Columbus and GW Newman Center. He entered the seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington in 2009. He earned an MA in Philosophical Studies at Mount Saint Mary's University, and an STB in 2014 the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Wuerl in 2015, spending the summer after ordination at St. Pius X in Bowie and then returning to Rome for a final year of studies culminating in an STL in Moral Theology.

Fr. Conrad is an avid reader, cross country runner, and ultimate Frisbee player.

Volunteer Opportunities

Choral Openings – The Schola Cantorum has openings for **tenor and bass** voice parts. Prospective singers must have significant choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The time commitment is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm. Contact: Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org



Join **St. Matthew's Communications Committee!** Build professional skills in public outreach, social media, and marketing while spreading the joy of St. Matthew's. The committee meets monthly by conference call. The next meeting will be Wednesday, **July 19**. Contact: Carmen Iezzi at carmeniezzi@hotmail.com.

Stay up on all the news, and help us to spread the word by following your Cathedral parish on social media, and liking, commenting on, and sharing our posts. **We need to hear from you!**

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[stmatthewsdc](https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewsdc)

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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!

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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

TIME: 7PM TO 9PM

DATE: WEDESAYS

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!

RCIA meets weekly every Wednesday.

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

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St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee announces the...



Adopt-A-Family Ministry Back to School Drive

July 29 & 30 and August 5 & 6, 2017
Vigil & Sunday Masses



The Adopt-A-Family Program provides material assistance throughout the year to families from low-income households that belong to our parish. We will be collecting school supplies for the children of these families to help them have a successful school year.

Volunteers will collect monetary donations and school supplies at the main entrance of the Cathedral. You may also turn in your contribution to the rectory.

Requested School Supplies:

Underlined items are especially needed. **Items must be new.**

Please only donate what is listed below.

- ❖ **Backpacks**- for girls and boys, grades Pre-K to 12
- ❖ School box or zipper pouch for school supplies
- ❖ 1 ½ -2 inch, 3 ring binders
- ❖ Graphing paper
- ❖ Dividers
- ❖ Packs of loose leaf paper wide and college ruled
- ❖ 3x5 Index cards (white)
- ❖ Two-Pocket folders
- ❖ Black/blue ball point pens
- ❖ No. 2 pencils
- ❖ Box of markers or colored pencils
- ❖ Box of Crayons
- ❖ Child-safe scissors
- ❖ Spiral and composition notebooks wide and college ruled
- ❖ Highlighters
- ❖ Pink erasers
- ❖ Glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- ❖ Compass
- ❖ Protractor
- ❖ Basic calculator
- ❖ Ruler (with both inches & centimeters)
- ❖ \$25 Gift Cards (Staples, CVS)

*****Backpacks are especially needed*****

Call for Volunteers:

- **July 29/30 and August 5/6** for 10 minutes before and after a Mass to collect donations.
- **August 8, at 6:30pm:** Help with inventory of supplies.
- **August 10, at 6:30pm:** Help assemble backpacks.
- **August 12, at 10:30am:** Help distribute backpacks to families.

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Norma Canedo at (202) 347-3215 or by email at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.



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.

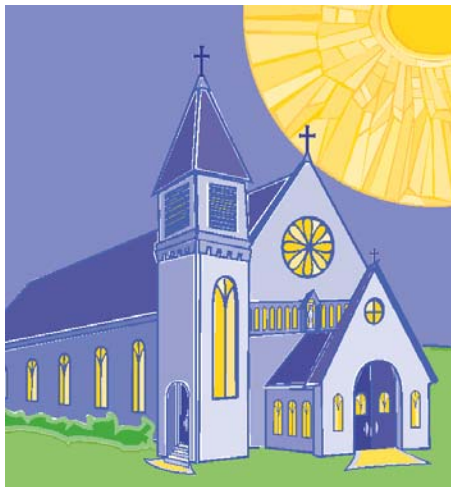
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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 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"/> Dome at National Shrine	\$ _____	May
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US/ Archdiocese of Military Services	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<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"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	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"/> 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.

New Parishioner Registration

Welcome!

If you attend Mass at the Cathedral, we invite you to register as a parishioner so that we can welcome you properly, learn about any special needs and interests, and keep you informed of our worship opportunities and activities. We encourage you to consider becoming involved in our various organizations, committees and other aspects of parish life and activities.

You may register using the *Join Us* tab on the front page of our parish website (choose [Register as a Parishioner](#) on the dropdown menu. You also may register at the rectory.

Sacramental Preparation

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 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 rectory 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 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.

First Reconciliation

First Eucharist

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2017 are now available at the rectory and can be downloaded from the parish website or 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. Registration forms for our 2018 Confirmation group are available in the rectory and can be downloaded from the parish website or by clicking [here](#).

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 (see the flier). 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.

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5139 for more information about Sacramental Preparation, except as noted.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Committee – Join us as the Faith Formation Committee continues to study “Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis’ *The Joy of Love* Faith Formation Guide for *Amoris Laetitia*” during its monthly gathering on Tuesday, **July 18** at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Opportunity at St. Matthew's for [Protecting God's Children Training](#) – *Protecting God's Children* is the mandatory child protection training for all Archdiocese of Washington employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children. St. Matthew's will offer this training on Sunday, **August 27** at 3pm in the North Conference Room. Register at <http://adw.org/event/protecting-gods-children-adults-nw-washington-9/>. Registration is required, and classes fill up quickly. Please share this information with anyone who may need or want this training.

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 eight-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 as an adult. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at left) for information on our fall session that meets Sundays from 1 to 2:30pm, **October 1** through **November 19**

Landings Team Training – Are you a good, nonjudgmental listener? Would most people feel comfortable sharing their feelings about questions about their faith with you? You may be a good candidate to serve as a [Landings](#) Team member (see above). A Landings Team training will be offered on Tuesday, **August 29** from 7 to 9pm in the East Conference Room. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at left).

Lecturas del 16 de Julio

En el Evangelio vemos que Jesús enseña a sus oyentes relatándoles la parábola del sembrador. Valiéndose de ejemplos bien conocidos para esta comunidad de labradores y pastores, Jesús habló del poder de la Palabra de Dios y del llamado que el Señor hace a cada persona para que abra el corazón al amor del Padre.

El Señor ama tanto a su creación que esparce la semilla de una vida nueva dejándola caer en todo tipo de terreno, sin reservarse su valiosísima semilla sólo para los de corazón puro. No; él la esparció generosamente sobre todos los tipos de corazones, incluso los pedregosos y llenos de espinas, y aunque a veces el terreno no era ideal, el trigo creció y produjo una cosecha.

Cuando pensamos en el poder vivificante de la Palabra de Dios y en el Espíritu que la hace germinar y crecer, se nos ocurre preguntarnos: “¿Qué tipo de terreno soy yo? ¿Echa raíces profundas en mí la Palabra de Dios? ¿Aprovecho las oportunidades que Dios me da para que esa palabra crezca?” Por eso, cuando nos encontremos con alguien a quien nos cuesta amar, clamemos al Señor: “¡Señor, ablanda el terreno de mi corazón, hazlo tolerante y paciente!”

Cuando nos asalten pensamientos de amargura, cólera o desconsuelo, pidámosle a Dios que nos dé el poder de superarlos: “¡Señor, ablanda el terreno de mi corazón!” Cristo nos invita cada día, con sencillez, a entregarnos en sus manos, para que su Espíritu Santo actúe en nuestro corazón y lo haga más fértil, más sensible. ¡Pero no permitamos que el fracaso nos desaliente! Si hasta “la creación... misma será liberada de la servidumbre de la degeneración” (Romanos 8, 21), ¡cuánto más nosotros —que somos la corona de la creación— tendremos la oportunidad de acercarnos a Dios y recibir su gracia!

“Padre celestial, enséñame a escuchar al Espíritu que habita en mí. Concédeme un corazón dócil, para que yo reciba tu vida y produzca una cosecha de amor, humildad y generosidad. Enséñame, Señor, a valorar tu semilla preciosa, para que el Espíritu Santo la haga crecer y dé fruto abundante en mi vida.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 16	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 o 13:1-9
Lunes 17	Éx 1:8-14,22 / Mt 10:34—11:1
Martes 18	Éx 2:1-15 / Mt 11:20-24
<i>San Camilo de Lelis</i>	
Miércoles 19	Éx 3:1-6,9-12 / Mt 11:25-27
Jueves 20	Éx 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30
<i>San Apolinar</i>	
Viernes 21	Éx 11:10—12:14 / Mt 12:1-8
<i>San Lorenzo de Brindisi</i>	
Sábado 22	Éx 12:37-42 / Jn 20:1-2,11-18
<i>Santa María Magdalena</i>	

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!

Noticias de la Parroquia

Misas en Julio y Agosto Durante la Semana – No hay misa de 7 de la mañana 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 reanudará el viernes, 1 de septiembre.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Les invitamos el **lunes 17 de julio** a que se unan en **adoración al Santísimo**, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

Colecta de Víveres para Familias en Necesidad – Horton's Kids – Nuestra colecta de víveres para Horton's Kids tiene lugar el fin de semana **16 de julio**, después de cada Misa. Donaciones adicionales de alimentos o ayuda monetaria se aceptará hasta el miércoles, **19 de julio**. ¿Preguntas? Escriba a Norma Canedo al socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org. Para aprender más sobre Horton's Kids, visite www.hortonskids.org.

Lecturas del 23 de Julio

Difícil es pensar que la semilla de mostaza, que es tan diminuta, pueda llegar a ser un arbusto imponente. La levadura, algo tan común, posee un poder de crecimiento sorprendente que, cuando se añade a la masa, la transforma para luego convertirla en pan. Cuando el Reino de Dios actúa en el corazón del ser humano, los comienzos de apariencia insignificante llegan a ser realidades extraordinarias.

Del mismo modo, tampoco podemos imaginarnos el glorioso destino que nos espera como hijos de Dios, invitados a ser ciudadanos del Reino celestial. El Espíritu Santo nos revela el destino final que tendremos y nos capacita para cumplir la voluntad de Dios y llegar a la plena madurez. Débiles como somos, no merecemos tan sublime destino; y si no tuviéramos la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, ni siquiera podríamos aspirar a que se cumplieran los designios divinos.

El Señor es la levadura interior, el poder vivificante y la sabiduría que crece y se propaga en nosotros y que, por medio nuestro, se irradia hacia el mundo.

En la parábola del trigo y la cizaña, vemos otra dimensión del Reino. Sabemos perfectamente que hay semilla buena y mala en nuestra propia vida, y lo mismo sucede en la Iglesia y en el mundo en general. Dado que sólo podemos juzgar por las apariencias, nos resulta imposible separar el trigo y la cizaña; sólo Dios puede hacerlo y él no se da prisa en esta tarea.

Ya se ocupará de ello cuando llegue la cosecha. Hasta entonces, sólo resta crecer y esperar, porque el Dios de la infinita paciencia tiene menos prisa que sus servidores.

Sin embargo, al mismo tiempo, no basta con sentarse a esperar que el Reino avance por sí solo. No podemos dejar pasar ninguna oportunidad de sembrar hasta la semilla más pequeña, para que Dios la haga germinar, crecer y madurar.

“Amado Padre, sé que tu Reino ya está presente en el mundo. Concédeme la gracia de crecer hasta dar fruto verdadero y maduro, para que en el día de la cosecha, me reúna con tus elegidos en los graneros celestiales.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 23	Sab 12:13,16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Lunes 24 <i>San Charbel Makhluf</i>	Éx 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42
Martes 25 <i>Santiago Apóstol</i>	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28
Miércoles 26 <i>San Joaquín y Santa Ana</i>	Éx 16:1-5,9-15 / Mt 13:1-9
Jueves 27	Éx 19:1-2,9-11,16-20 / Mt 13:10-17
Viernes 28	Éx 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23
Sábado 29 <i>Santa Marta</i>	Éx 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30
Domingo 30	1 Re 3:5-13 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions July 16 - 30

Sunday, July 16

5:30pm Vigil (July 1) - Leopold Zyszkowski
7am - Emily Mihelic
8:30am - Rosalyn M. Wynn
10am - All Parishioners
11:30am - John Pierce
1pm - Ignacio Cornejo
5:30pm - Ronald Steffensen

Monday, July 17

8am - Goerge Bork
12:10pm - Carmen McLaughlin Minihan
5:30pm - Jeff Burnep

Tuesday, July 18

8am - Arvi Rosal
12:10pm - Carmen Yap (living)
5:30pm - Andrew Cambridge

Wednesday, July 19

8am - Mary Cundin (living)
12:10pm - Laurinda Freitas
5:30pm - Edward LaMora

Thursday, July 20

8am - Thanksgiving
12:10pm - Jeffrey Brady
5:30pm - Eduardo T. Pejoro

Friday, July 21

8am - Olivia Snearly
12:10pm - Friends of C family (living)
5:30pm - Elaine Schaller (living)

Saturday, July 22

8:00 am - Loretta Mathews
12:10pm Buenaventura Sian
5:30pm - Lelia Hicks (living)

Sunday, July 23

7:am - Tracy Marshall
8:30am - John Stehle
10am - Bob Torres
11:30am - Olivia Barclay Jones
1pm - Viam Faggioni
5:30pm - All Parishioners

Monday, July 24

12:10pm - Ryan Larkin
5:30pm - Maureen Ludwig

Tuesday, July 25

8am - Elsa & Angela Perez
12:10pm - Eusebio Bernabe

Wednesday, July 26

8am - Rosita Urribarri
12:10pm - Jorge Otero
5:30pm - Laid Coulouglow

Thursday, July 27

8am - Deborah Pyles
12:10pm - John Fernandez (living)

Friday, July 28

12:10pm - Fr. Bernad Dudek
5:30pm - Gladys Arrisueno

Saturday, July 29

12:10pm - Luciano Ragazzi
5:30pm - All Parishioners

Sunday, July 30

7:00am - Fausto & Ricardina Rios
8:30am - Douglas Wright
1pm - Crisanto Bohorquez Lopez
5:30pm - Edna Sims

Más Noticias de la Parroquia



¡Bienvenido, Padre Agustín! –

Damos la bienvenida al padre Agustín Lopez, nuestro nuevo vicario parroquial. El padre Agustín López, nativo de Quito, Ecuador, fue ordenado al sacerdocio en junio de 2011 por el Cardenal Donald Wuerl

para la Arquidiócesis de Washington. Sirvió como vicario parroquial en San Rafael, Rockville, MD por tres años, y en el 2014 fue asignado a Nuestra Señora de Ayuda de Cristianos, en Waldorf, MD, con un ministerio especial para servir a la comunidad hispana en San Pedro, también en Waldorf, MD.

El padre Agustín, hizo su licenciatura en teología en la Universidad Católica de América y completó su formación sacerdotal en el seminario de los Redentoristas Misioneros en Washington, DC. Antes de entrar al seminario, él hizo su licenciatura en Ingeniero Industrial en la Universidad de San Francisco en Ecuador, y trabajó para diferentes compañías nacionales e internacionales, incluyendo Citibank en Ecuador. Durante su tiempo en el seminario, sirvió como misionero en Colorado, Georgia, Carolina del Norte y Carolina del Sur.

El padre Agustín viene de una familia católica larga y tiene cinco hermanos (cuatro hermanas y un hermano mayor). Todos están casados y tiene ¡16 sobrinos y sobrinas!

Intenciones de Oración del Papa Francisco para

Julio 2017 – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco este mes: que nuestros hermanos y hermanas que se han apartado de la fe, a través de la oración y el testimonio del Evangelio, redescubran la cercanía misericordiosa del Señor y la belleza de la vida cristiana.

Catequesis e Iniciación Cristiana – Las inscripciones para Catecumenado, Primera Comuni3n y Confirmaci3n ser3n el **23 de julio** en el sal3n de conferencias del Norte de 11:00 de la ma3ana a 12:00 del mediodía y despu3s de la misa de 1:00 de la tarde; traer acta de Bautismo y \$30 de inscripci3n. Para aquellos que no hayan recibidos ninguno de los sacramentos y est3n interesados pueden venir. Tambien inscripci3n para los adolescentes que ya hicieron la confirmaci3n.



¡Bienvenido, Padre

Conrad! – Damos la bienvenida al padre Conrad Murphy, ahora en residencia en la Catedral de San Mateo. El padre Conrad Murphy, viene de la parroquia de Holy Redeemer en College Park, MD, donde era el vicario parroquial. Fue nombrado

recientemente director de la Oficina de Culto en la Arquidiócesis. Adem3s de esa responsabilidad all3, el padre Conrad celebrará misas diarias y los domingos en la Catedral.

Padre Conrad creci3 en las afueras de Chicago, el mayor de tres hijos. Se mud3 a Washington, en el 2005 para estudiar en la Universidad de George Washington donde se gradu3 en el 2009 con un B.A. en Pol3tica Internacional y el programa de Artes Liberales. Mientras en GW, el padre Conrad estaba muy envuelto con los Caballeros de Columbus y GW Newman Center. Entr3 en el seminario para la Arquidiócesis de Washington en el 2009. Hizo su MA en Estudios Filos3ficos en la Universidad Mount Saint Mary, y un STB en el 2014 en la Universidad Pontificia North América en Roma. Fue ordenado sacerdote por el Cardenal Wuerl en el 2015, pasando el verano despu3s de su ordenaci3n en St. Pio X en Bowie y despu3s volvi3 a Roma para un a3o final de sus estudios culminando en un STL en Teolog3a Moral.

En una nota personal, padre Conrad, es un lector ávido, le gusta correr y un gran jugador de Frisbee.

Misa de la Independencia del Perú – El Obispo Mario Dorsonville celebrará la misa por la Independencia del Perú, aquí en la Catedral, el viernes **28 de Julio** a las 10:00 de la ma3ana. **Tenga en cuenta que las confesiones de 11:00 de la ma3ana ser3n canceladas.**

Ministerio de Personas sin Hogar: Se necesitan voluntarios que donen comida de desayuno – El Comit3 de Justicia Social necesita voluntarios que puedan proveer comida para el Ministerio de desayuno de los lunes. Voluntarios pueden donar comida una vez al mes o cuantas veces que sean disponibles a hacerlo. Estamos en necesidad de platos caseros, futa, leche, jugo, huevos hervidos, carnes fr3as, queso para s3ndwich y vasos de yogur. Voluntarios pueden traer su donaci3n el domingo o el lunes por la ma3ana. Para m3s informaci3n llame a Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215.