

Readings for July 29

A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing. (John 6:2)

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word “sign.” In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1-11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12-21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus’ cross and resurrection. In today’s Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn’t let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes!

Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle and how important it is for us. He’ll tell us that this multiplied bread points to the true Bread of Life—his own Eucharistic flesh, which he will give “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). He’ll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (6:32). And best of all, he’ll promise to raise up “on the last day” everyone who eats this bread with faith and trust in him (6:54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with his very life, and after this life, he promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is!

Today is a perfect day to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life offered at Mass, and thank him for everything he has promised you. It’s also a perfect day to tell him that you want to keep following him so that you can receive each and every blessing he has in store for you.

“Thank you, Jesus, for giving us your Bread of Life!”

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This Week’s Readings

Sunday 29	2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15
Monday 30	Jer 13:1-11 / Mt 13:31-35
<i>St. Peter Chrysologus</i>	
Tuesday 31	Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43
<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	
Wednesday 1	Jer 15:10,16-21 / Mt 13:44-46
<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	
Thursday 2	Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53
<i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli and St. Peter Julian Eymard</i>	
Friday 3	Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58
Saturday 4	Jer 26:11-16,24 / Mt 14:1-12
<i>St. John Mary Vianney</i>	
Sunday 5	Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Eph 4:17,20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

Parish Calendar

July 29 – August 5

Sunday 29—The rectory office is closed.

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm

Mass in the West Conference Room.

Monday 30—The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

RENEW meets at 7pm in the N St. building.

Tuesday 31—RENEW meets at 12:45pm in the East Conference Room.

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

Wednesday 1—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Friday 3—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 4—First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass.

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

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

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

Monday 6—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

RENEW meets at 7pm in the N St. building.

Tuesday 7—RENEW meets at 12:45pm in the East Conference Room.

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

Wednesday 8—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.



**Catholic
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Sunday 12—A second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign is taken at all Masses.

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

Bishop Mario Dorsonville celebrates the 5:30pm Vigil Mass and joins us for Cathedral Coffeehouse after Mass.

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

Readings for August 5

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self. (Eph 4:23-24)

There are usually two sections to an epistle by St. Paul. The first section usually focuses on theological teaching, and the second section on practical living. Today's second reading is no exception.

St. Paul understood that the next step after Baptism and initial conversion was sanctification. Paul knew that we all have many valuable gifts and virtues—kindness, patience, peace, and courage. He also knew that we have many attitudes and philosophies that wage war against these gifts and virtues—anger, maybe, or resentment, lust, or selfishness.

Paul called these virtuous ways the “new self” and he called the sinful ways the “old self.” His approach to this battle is probably still the best way for us to grow in holiness. Simply put, it is “Put away the old self” and “Put on the new self” (Eph 4:22, 24).

Paul saw this process of “putting on and putting off” as the true battle going on in our hearts and minds. He was sure that if we could win little battles each day, then we could gradually be transformed into the very likeness of Jesus.

Thinking this way can lead us to conclude that this battle is all up to us. But that is far from the truth. Even Paul, who was as self-confident as they come, believed that he needed God's help to win the battle. That's why he liked to emphasize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 3:16; Gal 4:6).

So be alert today and every day. Pay attention to the battle going on inside of you. Ask the Spirit to help you see why you acted with kindness and love on one occasion and why you fell to deception or resentment on another occasion. Do this every day, and ask the Spirit to strengthen you for this battle. Over time, you'll find the “new self” becoming more and more prominent.

“Lord, help me to win the spiritual battle.”

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Monday 6 Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10

Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday 7 Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

St. Sixtus II and Companions, and St. Cajetan

Wednesday 8 Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

St. Dominic

Thursday 9 Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Friday 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

St. Lawrence

Saturday 11 Heb 1:12—2:4 / Mt 17:14-20

St. Clare

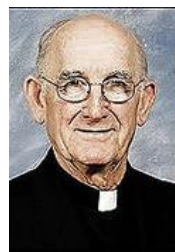
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News and Notes

Weekday Masses in July & August – No 7am Mass

– The 7am weekday Mass is not celebrated in July or August. During this period, on weekdays the Cathedral opens at 7:30am, Masses are celebrated at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, and Confessions are heard from 11am until Noon. The 7am Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

First Friday and First Saturday – All are welcome to First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **August 3** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Saturday, **August 4** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass.



In Remembrance of Msgr.

Gerhardt – On **August 10**, the 11th anniversary of his death, the 8am Mass will be offered for our beloved friend, Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

May he rest in peace. Amen.



Catholic Communication Campaign

– The second collection on **August 11 – 12** is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects

people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention

– Please pray for Pope Francis' August intention, that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Music

Schola Cantorum - Summer Hiatus and Openings – The Schola Cantorum is on summer hiatus, returning on the first Sunday after Labor Day, **September 9**.

There are a limited number of openings in the Schola in all voice parts for experienced singers. Prospective singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9pm, in weeks when the choir is singing. Rehearsals begin on **August 29**. If you have the appropriate experience and a desire to serve our Cathedral parish community in this very special way, please contact the Director of Music Ministries, Tom Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Volunteer Cantor Position Available – The Cathedral Music Ministry is looking for experienced cantors to be placed in occasional rotations for the 5:30pm Sunday Masses and the 8:30am Masses. If you have an interest and the requisite skills, please contact our Director of Music, Tom Stehle, at the email address above.

Great Organ Completion - New Work Begins the Week of August 5 – Thanks to the generous support of hundreds of parishioners and friends who have embraced the vision of a completed instrument and sacrificed to make it possible, the Cathedral Great Organ will be completed this year!

Twenty-three years ago, the first phase of the installation of the Great Organ began. Although it is visually impressive and appears complete, only 2/3 of the pipes were installed at that time. Even in its incomplete state, it was hailed as one of the most impressive pipe organs in the region and is perfectly enhanced by the acoustics of our Cathedral.

Six years ago, we began a campaign to complete the organ. Within three years we met our goal. We were very fortunate to engage the original builder, Lively-Fulcher Organ builders, to complete the instrument.

On **June 25**, a partial dismantling of the current organ began. New chests and pipes will be installed beginning the week of **August 5**. At times you will see scaffolding and some façade pipes missing. When the organ is complete this fall or early winter, you will notice dozens of sounds that you have never heard before. It will be as if whole sections of an orchestra that have been silent are now playing!

If you have questions, please contact Tom Stehle (email address above), who will attempt to answer them in periodic bulletin updates.

Organ Dedication Recital and Concert Series – We plan to celebrate the completion of the Great Organ with a dedicatory recital and a concert series next year. If you are interested in helping financially as these festivities are planned, please contact Tom Stehle at the email address at left, or watch the bulletin for details.

Young Adults

Cathedral Coffeehouse – Join the Cathedral Young Adults each Sunday after the 5:30pm Mass for "Catholic Stuff in 20 minutes or less." On **July 29**, come for part 3 of our series on Jesus, "Why it matters that we know certain things about Jesus." On **August 5**, we begin a series on "Being a Disciple in the Professional World," and on **August 12**, **Bishop Dorsonville** joins us after celebrating the 5:30pm Mass. Coffeehouse meets in the West Conference Room. Come on down!

Outreach

Health & Wellness Fair - Save the Date & Call for Volunteers – This year's Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Sunday, **September 16** from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The fair will offer an array of educational information in English and Spanish, along with some simple health exams to help promote good health in your life and the lives of your loved ones. Do you have any suggestions for our fair? Are you able to volunteer? Contact Gregg Glotnis at gglotnis@verizon.net.

Around the Area

Catholic Business Network Networking Reception – The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) will hold an evening networking reception on Tuesday, **July 31** from 5:30 to 7pm at I Ricchi Restaurant (1220 19th Street NW, Washington, D.C.). CBN-D.C. is an independent nonprofit organization bringing together businesses and individuals to create valuable business and networking opportunities through monthly networking receptions and an annual gala, this year on **October 4**. All fundraising benefits students in need in D.C. Catholic schools. Register to attend at www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers weekend programs on **August 3 – 5** in Hanover, MD and on **November 2 – 4** in Gaithersburg, MD. Visit moments4marriage.org to register or call 301-541-7007.

Faith Formation

RCIA Sponsors Needed – The RCIA team is sending out a call for sponsors. Want to learn more before deciding whether being a sponsor is for you? Use this link to leave your contact information and we'll be in touch—no commitment needed:

<https://goo.gl/forms/jL4hJKInMLio3l623>. Come and listen at an information session in the West Conference Room at 7pm on Wednesday, **August 22**.

Returning and Inactive Catholics – Welcome! – If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. Landings is an 8-week series that offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at bottom right)

Landings Team Training – Are you a good listener? Would you be willing to accompany someone who has been away from active participation in their Catholic faith? Being a Landings team member can be a very rewarding experience. Consider attending a 2-hour Landings Team Training session on Sunday, **September 9** from 3 to 5pm. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at bottom right) for an informational interview.

Call for Sunday Catechists, Co-Catechists, Substitutes and Assistants – Do you enjoy working with children? Would you be willing to help with our Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes starting this September? We need catechists, for first, fifth and seventh grades, and hall monitors who are responsible for opening doors and checking in each grade level. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski for an informational interview (contact info at right). Successful completion of the [Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy](#) is required.

New Parishioner Registration ~ Welcome!

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

Celebrating the Sacraments

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

Baptism

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

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

Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Marriage*, then choose *Weddings*) to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us at least nine (9) months in advance of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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

Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation are now available at the rectory and can be downloaded 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. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

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

Lecturas del 29 de Julio

Recojan los pedazos sobrantes, para que no se desperdicien. (Juan 6, 12).

Cuando Jesús les dice a Felipe y Andrés que den de comer a la gran multitud, ellos se deben haber preguntado: “¿Qué quiere decir? ¡No tenemos comida para tanta gente!” Pero fueron a buscar lo que hubiera y encontraron a un muchacho que tenía dos peces y cinco panes de cebada. ¡Era demasiado poco!

Cuando nos encontramos con dificultades en el día —por ejemplo, tratar con un compañero de trabajo con quien no nos llevamos bien o tener que hacer malabarismos con las exigencias de la vida familiar—pensamos que no seremos capaces de salir adelante; nos parece que no tenemos todo lo que se necesita para terminar bien el día y mucho menos para ser de utilidad a Dios.

Pero ¿qué hizo Jesús con los dos pescados y cinco panes? ¡Alimentó a cinco mil personas! Es decir, resolvió una situación crítica y de paso dejó en claro que no es el tamaño de la ofrenda lo que importa, sino su compasión y su poder. Entonces, ¿qué podemos aprender de este milagro?

Primero, que cuando le damos algo al Señor, poco no significa poco. Él puede hacer grandes cosas si de buena gana le damos de lo que tenemos. Si lo que le damos es apenas diez minutos de oración apacible, él nos llena de su amor y nos muestra cómo amar a nuestros semejantes; cuando preparamos una comida para una familia necesitada, Dios sacia su hambre y les recuerda que tienen dignidad y son amados.

Segundo, nada se desperdicia en la economía divina. Incluso los “pedazos” sobrantes de nuestros actos de amor son valiosos para el Señor. El Señor ve y le importan los pequeños sacrificios que nadie nota, por ejemplo, el esfuerzo no reconocido que dedicamos al ayudar a alguien.

Así que ¡ánimo! Ofrécele al Señor lo que tengas y ten la plena confianza de que él lo multiplicará. Ofrécele tu tiempo de oración y el amor a quienes están contigo, y contempla cómo el Señor satisface las necesidades de la gente por intermedio tuyo.

“Señor mío Jesucristo, lléname de tu amor, te lo ruego, y úsame como instrumento para alimentar y bendecir a mis prójimos.”

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Martes 31 Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43

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San Alfonso Ligorio

Jueves 2 Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53

San Eusebio de Vercelli y San Pedro Julián Eymard

Viernes 3 Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58

Sábado 4 Jer 26:11-16,24 / Mt 14:1-12

San Juan María Vianney

Domingo 5 Éx 16:2-4,12-15 / Eph 4:17,20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

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 martes, 4 de septiembre.



Primer Viernes y Primer

Sábado – Primer viernes, Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **3 de agosto** en la capilla del

Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado **4 de agosto** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía.

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.

Intención de Misas – Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos o fechas especial, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únase en oración por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** para agosto: para que las grandes decisiones económicas y políticas protejan la familia como el tesoro de la humanidad.

Lecturas del 5 de Agosto

El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed. (Juan 6, 24)

Hoy encontramos a Jesús en la otra orilla del lago. La gente se asombra al ver que el Señor ya se encuentra allí, y le pregunta cómo lo hizo, pero Jesús no responde; más bien, les echa en cara que lo buscan porque les ha dado de comer, pero no porque hayan entendido el significado de la multiplicación de los panes. Han comido, pero “no han visto signos”; han recibido pan hasta saciarse, pero no han aprendido nada.

Cuando le preguntaron a Jesús “¿Qué necesitamos para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios?”, él respondió con toda claridad: “La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquel a quien él ha enviado.” La “obra de Dios” más extraordinaria que podemos hacer es abrir el corazón e invitar a Jesús a que haga en él su morada, nos llene de su presencia y nos transforme.

En realidad, la gente no buscaba a Jesús mismo, buscaba lo que él les podía dar. Como aún no lo conocían, consideraban que la manifestación de Dios era la Ley escrita. Por esto, Juan afirma claramente que el enviado de Dios es Jesús y que la obra de Dios no consiste en esforzarse por conocer mejor la Ley, sino conocer mejor a Jesús y seguirlo a él.

Todos tenemos sed del amor divino y queremos que el Señor nos llene de su gracia. En lo profundo, todos anhelamos llegar a una íntima comunión con Dios y experimentar su aceptación y su amor paternal. Busquemos, pues, su presencia cada día en la oración y recibamos la Sagrada Eucaristía con fe y devoción; así el Señor nos colmará de sus bienes. Confiamos del todo en él; pidámosle su gracia para amar a nuestros familiares y estar dispuestos a ayudar al prójimo. Creamos en él de todo corazón; así habremos aprendido a hacer la “obra de Dios” en esta vida.

“Señor mío, Jesucristo, qué maravilloso es que quieras comunicarme tu vida y tu amor. Te doy gracias, Señor, porque tú eres el pan de vida que me alimenta y me fortalece. Hoy quiero recibirte, Señor, con amor y confianza, y estar siempre unido a ti.”

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San Lorenzo

Sábado 11 Heb 1:12—2:4 / Mt 17:14-20

Santa Clara

Domingo 12 1 Re 19:4-8 / Ef 4:30—5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions July 29 – August 12

Sunday, July 29

5:30pm Vigil (July 28) –

Dennis Mannion

7am – Rita & Leonard

Zelonis

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Gladis

Maldonado

1pm – Noris Ramon

5:30pm – Dolores & Jack

Winter

Monday, July 30

8am – Dominga L. Dimson

12:10pm – Patricia Fisher

5:30pm – Alan Jatoo

Tuesday, July 31

8am – Armando A.

Gonzaga

12:10pm – Curtis I.

Johnson

5:30pm – Oscar Gutierrez

Wednesday, August 1

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Carolyn Gong

(living)

5:30pm – Delia Rodriguez

Thursday, August 2

8am – Cathy & Carol

Weiland

12:10pm – Lois & Matt

Weiland

5:30pm – Mary Hickey

Friday, August 3

8am – Maria Ines Palacios

12:10pm – 50th

Anniversary Deacon

Robert & Mrs. Dianne

Ellis (living)

5:30pm – Kuwit & Salwa

Families

Saturday, August 4

8am – Lionel Felsen

12:10pm – Moises Lopez

5:30pm – Angie Nanni

(living)

Sunday, August 5

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Francisco

Daniel Arcia

10am – Barahona

Family (living)

11:30am – Marinie de

Jesus

1pm – Santos

Domingo Villatoro

5:30pm – Ernesto

Barbosa

Monday, August 6

8am – Cal & Tommy

Magness

12:10pm – Rosario

Prada de Lopez

5:30pm – Talkouhie

Melkessetian

Tuesday, August 7

8am – Fausto

Bautista, Sr.

12:10pm – Marcel

Oudri (living)

5:30pm – Margaret

Curran

Wednesday,

August 8

8am – Marie Arnold

12:10pm – Michael E.

Peterson

5:30pm – Dr. Eduardo

Brito-Mieles

Thursday, August 9

8am – Juliette

Burbano (living)

12:10pm – Maria

Snyder (living)

5:30pm – All Souls

Friday, August 10

8am – Msgr. Bernard

Gerhardt

12:10pm – Cora

Saviola

5:30pm – Steve Bruce

(living)

Saturday, August 11

8am – Msgr. Lee

12:10pm – Ricardo

Quiroz

Sunday, August 12

7am – Jean

Christopher

8:30am – Peter

Michael Rudnicki

11:30am – All

Parishioners

1pm – Amelia

Argentina Diaz

5:30pm – Mario

Simian

Noticias de la Parroquia

Campaña Católica de Comunicación –

Nuestra segunda colecta del fin de semana del **11 – 12 agosto** será para la Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones, campaña que conecta a las personas con Cristo, aquí y en los países en desarrollo en el mundo, a través del internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. El cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar labores locales en el área de las comunicaciones. ¡Su contribución ayuda a difundir el mensaje del evangelio! Para informarse más, visite www.usccb.org/cc.



Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Virgen María — Día Festivo de Guardar – El miércoles **15 de agosto**, es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Virgen

María. Esta es una fiesta de precepto, es decir es obligatorio asistir a la santa misa. Se celebrarán misas en inglés: el martes **14 de agosto** a las 5:30 de la tarde (vigilia) y el miércoles **15 de agosto** a las 7:00, 8:00 de la mañana, (no habrá confesiones a las 11 de la mañana) 12:10 del mediodía y 5:30 de la tarde. **La misa en español será el miércoles 15 de agosto a las 7:00 de la tarde.**

Feria de Salud y Bienestar - Guarde la Fecha & Llamada a Voluntarios – Este año la Feria de la Salud y Bienestar se llevará a cabo el domingo, **16 de septiembre**, de 9:30 de la mañana a 3:30 de la tarde. La feria ofrecerá una amplia variedad de información educativa en inglés y español, junto con algunos exámenes simples de salud para ayudar a promover la buena salud en su vida y en las vidas de sus seres queridos. ¿Tiene sugerencias para la feria? ¿Puede ayudar como voluntario? Póngase en contacto con Gregg Glotnis al gglotnis@verizon.net o llame a Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215.

Registrarse como nuevo feligrés ~ ¡Bienvenido!

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

Celebración de Sacramentos

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

Bautizos

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

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

Matrimonios

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

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

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

Confirmación de Adultos

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

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

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

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



Adopt-A-Family Ministry Back to School Drive

July 28 & 29 and August 4 & 5, 2018
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 central doors 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 are most needed****

- ◇ **Backpacks**- for girls and boys, grades Pre-K to 12
- ◇ School box or zipper pouch for school supplies
- ◇ 1 ½ & 2-in, 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
- ◇ Child-safe scissors
- ◇ No. 2 pencils
- ◇ Box of markers or colored pencils
- ◇ Box of Crayons
- ◇ Spiral and composition notebooks wide and college ruled
- ◇ Highlighters
- ◇ Pink erasers
- ◇ Glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- ◇ Compass
- ◇ Protractor
- ◇ Ruler (with both inches & centimeters)
- ◇ \$25 Gift Cards (Staples, CVS)

Call for Volunteers:

July 28/29 and August 4/5: Collect donations before and after a Mass

August 7, at 7pm: Help with inventory and organizing of supplies.

August 9, at 7pm: Help assemble backpacks.

August 11, at 1pm: Help distribute backpacks to families.



Questions? Interested in volunteering?

Contact Norma Canedo at (202) 347-3215 or by email at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

El Comité de Justicia Social de San Mateo anuncia el...



Ministerio de Adopte-una-Familia Colecta para el Regreso a la Escuela

28 & 29 de julio y 4 & 5 de agosto de 2018
Vigilias & Misas del domingo



El programa Adopte-Una-Familia provee ayuda con las necesidades materiales de familias de bajos recursos de nuestra parroquia durante todo el año. Recogeremos útiles escolares para los hijos de estas familias para ayudarlos a tener un exitoso año escolar.

Voluntarios recogerán donaciones monetarias y útiles escolares en la entrada central de la Catedral. También puede dejar sus contribuciones en la rectoría.

Artículos deseados:

Los artículos subrayados son especialmente necesitados. . **Los artículos deben ser nuevos.**

Por favor solo done lo que se pide abajo.

****Las mochilas son especialmente necesitadas****

- ◇ **Mochilas** – para niñas y niños, grados Pre-K a 12
- ◇ Caja o porta-todo para útiles escolares
- ◇ Encuadernadores de 1 ½- 2 pulgadas
- ◇ Papel cuadriculado
- ◇ Separadores de papel
- ◇ Paquetes de hojas sueltas enrayadas (estilos *Wide y College*)
- ◇ 3x5 tarjetas de índice
- ◇ Carpetas de dos bolsillos
- ◇ Bolígrafos azules/negros
- ◇ Lápices #2
- ◇ Caja de marcadores o Lápices de color
- ◇ Caja de crayones
- ◇ Tijeras de niños
- ◇ Cuadernos de papel rayado (estilos de *Wide y College*)
- ◇ Rotuladores
- ◇ Borradores rosados
- ◇ Barras de pegamento (no de líquido)
- ◇ Compás
- ◇ Transportador
- ◇ Regla (de pulgadas y centímetros)
- ◇ Tarjetas de regalo de \$25 (Staples y CVS)

Llamada a voluntarios:

Julio 28/29 y agosto 4/5: ayudar a recoger donaciones antes y después de la Misa.

Agosto 7, a las 7:00 de la tarde: Ayudar a organizar las donaciones.

Agosto 9, a las 7:00 de la tarde: Ayudar a llenar mochilas con útiles.

Agosto 11, a las 1:00 de la tarde: Ayudar a repartir las mochilas a las familias.



¿Preguntas? ¿Interesado en servir como voluntario? Contacte a Norma Canedo al (202) 347-3215 o 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.

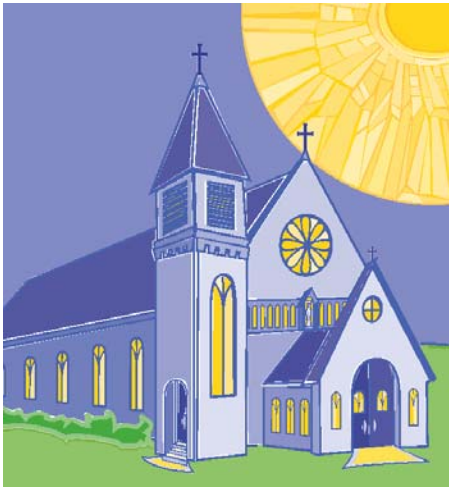
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



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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Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

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.

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

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

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

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

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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



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

TIME: 7PM TO 9PM

DATE: WEDNESDAYS

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Last year on this solemnity, Pope Francis reminded us that Mary is the first Disciple, preceding us in the pilgrimage of life and faith.

“In the home of Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah, where sadness once reigned for lack of children, there is now the joy of a child on the way: a child who will become the great John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah. And when Mary arrives, joy overflows and gushes from their hearts, because the invisible but real presence of Jesus fills everything with meaning: life, family, the salvation of the people. Everything! This joy is expressed in Mary’s voice in the marvelous prayer that the Gospel of Luke has conveyed to us and which, from the first Latin word, is called *Magnificat*. It is a song of praise to God who works great things through humble people, unknown to the world, as is Mary herself, as is her spouse Joseph, and as is the place where they live, Nazareth. ... I would like to ask you — and also myself — but do not answer out loud — each of you respond in your heart: “How is my humility?”

... Here is the exclamation of Elizabeth: “Blessed is she who believed” (Lk 1:45). In that house, the coming of Jesus through Mary created not only a climate of joy and fraternal communion, but also a climate of faith that leads to hope, prayer, and praise.

We would like to have all of this happen today in our homes too. Celebrating Mary Most Holy Assumed into Heaven, we would once again wish her to bring to us, to our families, to our communities, this immense gift, that unique Grace that we must always seek first and above all the other graces that we also have at heart: the grace that is Jesus Christ!

By bearing Jesus, Our Lady also brings to us a new joy full of meaning; she brings us a new ability to traverse with faith the most painful and difficult moments; she brings us the capacity of mercy, in order to forgive each other, to understand each other and to support each other.

Mary is the model of virtue and of faith. Today, in contemplating her Assumption into Heaven, the final fulfillment of her earthly journey, we thank her because she always precedes us in the pilgrimage of life and faith. She is the first Disciple. And we ask her to keep us and support us; that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that she may help us to be saints, to meet with her, one day, in Heaven.”

—From the [Angelus, Pope Francis, August 15, 2017, Solemnity of the Assumption](#)



Let us rejoice in the Lord and celebrate this feast in honor of the Virgin Mary, at whose assumption the angels rejoice, giving praise to the Son of God!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14
5:30pm (Vigil)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
7am, 8am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm,
and 7pm (en español)
Please note that there will be
no 11am Mass or Confessions.

“The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 974.