

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 2

**W**hat can we do? (John 6:28)  
You've probably heard of the Rubik's Cube, a puzzle requiring tremendous concentration to solve. You must move the parts of the cube in an exact sequence to master it. Many start out enthusiastically, only to give up after a few minutes, frustrated by the puzzle's complexities.

You could say the crowd in today's Gospel is treating Jesus like a kind of puzzle. They can't seem to figure him out. He was a prophet, no doubt. But he said and did things that stretched their laws and traditions in uncomfortable ways. What did he mean about being the "bread of life" (John 6:35)? How could he do things that only God could do, like heal the sick or forgive sins? They couldn't get their minds around him because they hadn't yet started thinking "outside of the cube."

Still, you have to admire their tenacity. Even when Jesus gives them an answer that they don't understand, they try a different tack. "When did you get here?" "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" "What sign can you do?" They really want to know, and they're not about to give up! And as we will see at the end of this chapter, no one was more tenacious than Peter. After having heard Jesus give so many baffling—and seemingly scandalous—answers, he decides to keep following him. "Master," he asks, "to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68). There's no one else who speaks with the same authority, passion, and love. All I can do now is stay with you until it all makes sense.

How tenacious are you? Sometimes we want to know exactly what God is doing in our lives—Should I stay at this job? Should I marry the person I'm dating? Why wasn't my loved one healed when I prayed? Sometimes there isn't a yes or no answer, and other times we just have to wait. Whatever happens, stick with it. Stick with Jesus, and you will be rewarded!

*"Lord, I believe that you are my 'bread of life.' Help me hold fast to you" (John 6:35).*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 2</b>	Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Eph 4:17,20-24 / Jn 6:24-35
<b>Monday 3</b>	Nm 11:4-15 / Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36
	<i>St. John Mary Vianney</i>
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29, 34-35 / <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday 6</b>	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 9:2-10 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
<b>Friday 7</b>	Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28 <i>St. Sixtus II and His Companions, St. Cajetan</i>
<b>Saturday 8</b>	Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20 <i>St. Dominic</i>
<b>Sunday 9</b>	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

## 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

August 2 - 16

**Sunday 2**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

**Monday 3**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 4**—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 5**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**Friday 7**—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**Sunday 9**—A second collection for the Catholic Communications and Human Development Campaign is taken at all Masses.

**Monday 10**—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 11**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

The Stewardship 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 12**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**Saturday 15**—**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day without obligation)**. Masses are celebrated at 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) on August 14, and at 8am and 12:10pm on August 15.

For the latest news and events, visit our [parish website](http://www.stmatthewcathedral.org) (<https://www.stmatthewcathedral.org>) and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/st.matthews.cathedral/) (<https://www.facebook.com/st.matthews.cathedral/>)!

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 9

**D**o not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. (*Ephesians 4:30*)  
We all know how easy it is to conjure up fabrications that will deceive someone. We know how easy it can be to try to “get even” with someone who has hurt us. And we know how easy it is to get down on ourselves and think of ourselves as worthless. And yet we also know how to be generous and help someone who is in need. We know how to forgive someone who has hurt us. We know how to be patient, especially in those situations that agitate us.

We seem to know a lot. But what we don't always know is that we are in the midst of a spiritual battle. On the one hand, that wily and crafty person we call Satan operates behind the scene, urging us to sin. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit is at work, urging us to be loving, kind, caring, and generous.

Now, here is the thing: when you reject the temptations of the devil, he simply gets angry and more determined to cause you to sin. But when you reject the Holy Spirit by ignoring his promptings or falling into sin, he doesn't become angry. He grieves. Then he devises a new plan to help you turn away from sin and come back home.

This spiritual battle is going on all the time. So what can we do about it? First, we can continually tell ourselves that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, loves us. When we know that someone loves us unconditionally, that knowledge causes us to say, “I never want to hurt you or violate you.” What a wonderful protection against sin!

Second, we can set our hearts on never grieving the Holy Spirit. How? By not allowing any love to overshadow him. How else? By trying our best to love everyone and treat everyone as we want to be treated—with honor, respect, and mercy.

*“Lord Jesus, help me never to grieve your Holy Spirit.”*

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<b>Sunday 9</b>	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51
<b>Monday 10</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
<i>St. Lawrence</i>	
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Dt 31:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
<i>St. Clare</i>	
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20
<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday 13</b>	Jos 3:7-10,11,13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1
<i>Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus</i>	
<b>Friday 14</b>	Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12
<i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	
<b>Saturday 15</b>	Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 /
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Lk 1:39-56
<b>Sunday 16</b>	Prv 9:1-6 / Eph 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58

## MASS INTENTIONS August 2 - 16

### Sunday, August 2

8:30am – Miguel Pascual, Jr.  
10am – Joseph Wallace  
11:30am – Arlene Goldberg  
1pm – Alejandrina Castro  
5:30pm – Angie Nanni (living)

### Monday, August 3

8am – Moises Lopez  
12:10pm – Maria Ines Palacios  
5:30pm – Virgen de Guadalupe

### Tuesday, August 4

8am – Alex Bautista  
12:10pm – Jose D. Barahona (living)  
5:30pm – Ana Raquel Solis

### Wednesday, August 5

8am – Scott McMillan  
12:10pm – Marinie de Jesus  
5:30pm – Virgilio Utrera Velazquez

### Thursday, August 6

8am – Joseph E. Storer  
12:10pm – Richard Schwartz  
5:30pm – Special Intention JA & V (living)

### Friday, August 7

8am – Laura Catignani  
12:10pm – George Huth  
5:30pm – Mary Larkin Ugast

### Saturday, August 8

8am – Theresa Oattoo  
12:10pm – Florentine Ba Oumar  
5:30pm – Roberto Escoto

### Sunday, August 9

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – Douglas Wright  
10am – Edward Wonsicki

11:30am – Gwen Rotterman  
1pm – Lucrecia Baracat  
5:30pm – Joseph Cushing

### Monday, August 10

8am – Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt  
12:10pm – Ernestina B. Agcaoili  
5:30pm – Domingo S. Damo

### Tuesday, August 11

8am – Msgr. Thomas Lee  
12:10pm – Margaret Sullivan  
5:30pm – Clare Paci (living)

### Wednesday, August 12

8am – Raymundo Azurin  
12:10pm – Mary Jane Hudson  
5:30pm – Nikola Morin

### Thursday, August 13

8am – Linda B. Agcaoili (living)  
12:10pm – Domingo Bahena  
5:30pm – Michael Pacheco

### Friday, August 14

8am – Magdony Barahona (living)  
12:10pm – Eusebio Bernebe  
5:30pm – Maria Latasa

### Saturday, August 15

8am – Special Intention JA & V (living)  
12:10pm – Beatriz De León (living)  
5:30pm – Jose & Alexander Barahona (living)

### Sunday, August 16

7am – Marilyn Higgins  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Charmaigne Burrell  
11:30am – Efren B. Agcaoili (living)  
1pm – Angelita Sosa (living)  
5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Friday** – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **August 7** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – Saturday, **August 15**, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day without obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) on **August 14**, and at 8am and 12:10pm on **August 15**.

**Health & Wellness Fair** – Our annual Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Sunday, **September 13**, 9:30am - 3:30pm. The fair will offer educational information in English and Spanish and simple health exams. Areas to be covered include: vision, bone density, women's health, balance and strength, mental health, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, cancer prevention, dental health, physician consultation, and flu shots. For more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Gregg Glotnis at [gglotnis@verizon.net](mailto:gglotnis@verizon.net).

**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 (English/Spanish). Contact Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 x552 or [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Run for Vocations** – Run for Vocations supports vocations by raising funds to assist seminarians with unanticipated expenses. Laypeople, religious and clergy from around the Archdiocese of Washington team up to Run for Vocations in October's Marine Corps Marathon/10K. Are you interested in running with or offering a donation in support of the St. Matthew's Team? Email Justin Silvers at [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**DC Catholic Summer Theology on TAPTalks** – Tuesdays - 6 to 8pm - **Catholic Information Center (CIC) (1501 K Street NW / Farragut North)** Join us on the CIC rooftop Tuesdays through August 11 for TED-inspired talks that relate to Catholic faith and young adult life. Happy Hour at 6pm, talk at 7pm. Email [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org) for more information.

**C+YA for #NatsMass & a Nats Game!** – Sunday, August 9 - 12 Noon - **St. Vincent dePaul (14 M Street SE / Navy Yard)** – Join us 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. Contact: Hannah at [hannahrdell@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrdell@gmail.com) or [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com).

## PREPARING FOR POPE FRANCIS' VISIT

**Cathedral Book Club** – The Book Club will meet on **September 14** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room to discuss a biography of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh entitled *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope*. Now is the time to consider your summer reading list, and likewise to learn more about our eagerly awaited September visitor!

### TAKE THE PLEDGE, WALK WITH FRANCIS



**The Walk with Francis** – With the *Walk with Francis* Pledge, the Archdiocese of Washington invites individuals, parishes, schools, businesses, and faith/community groups to respond to the message of Pope Francis through engaging in a particular activity. Please visit [www.walkwithfrancis.org](http://www.walkwithfrancis.org) to learn more. Parish Pledge Weekend is **September 5-6**. At all Masses that weekend, St. Matthew's along with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington will promote the *Walk with Francis* Pledge and encourage parishioners to take the pledge.

**Papal Video Contest** – In anticipation of Pope Francis' visit to our nation's capital, the Archdiocese of Washington has launched a video contest called YouServe. Participants have the chance to highlight their experience serving others by documenting it on video. Three prize winners each will receive four tickets to the Mass with Pope Francis in Washington, DC and their choice of an iPad Air 2 or a GoPro HERO 4. Please visit [www.adw.org/youserve](http://www.adw.org/youserve) for contest information.

## NEWS & NOTES

Summer Schedule Changes

**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 bulletin is published biweekly (every other week) in July and August. Each biweekly edition will be available both weekends.

**In Remembrance of Msgr. Gerhardt** – The 8am Mass will be celebrated in memory of Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt on Monday, **August 10**, the eighth anniversary of his death. Please remember our beloved friend in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Faith Formation Notices** – For more information on items below, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested person to qualified spiritual directors.

**RCIA** – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is an ongoing process of adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! RCIA meets on Wednesdays, 7–9pm, in the North Conference Room.

**VIRTUS Training** – The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Workshop required for all who have contact with children will be offered at St. Matthew's on Sunday, August 23. Space is limited, so reserve a seat now!

**Call for Catechists, Aids and Teachers for Children's Faith Formation** – Join this great group to help our children grow in their faith.

**Catechetical Registration** – Registration forms have been mailed to all registered parishioners who have children of catechetical age for Sunday Faith Formation. Return the completed forms as soon as possible so that textbooks and materials can be ordered.

### Banns of Marriage

Ryan Brake and Stephanie Rudert plan to marry at the Cathedral Primada de America in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on **October 31, 2015**.

## 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.

## WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access to the Cathedral, enter the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral. Ring the buzzer at the Conference Center door located 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 designated special liturgies throughout the year.

## GIFTS

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church by Richard Schmidt and Claudia Rousseau, with Joseph Carey, Nancy McKinley and Elizabeth Sullivan. Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and CD recordings of the Schola Cantorum. Purchase items in the Rectory, or call 202-347-3215 x517 ([gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org)). Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted.

## LECTURAS DEL 2 DE AGOSTO

**H**oy, después de la multiplicación de los panes en el desierto, encontramos a Jesús a la otra orilla del lago. La gente se asombra de ver que el Señor ya se encuentre 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 tener 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. Confiemos del todo en él; pidámosle su gracia para amar a nuestros familiares y estemos 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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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

**Lunes 3** Núm 11:4-15 / Mt 14:13-21

**Martes 4** Núm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36

*San Juan Maria Vianney*

**Miércoles 5** Núm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29, 34-35 / Mt 15:21-28

*La Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María*

**Jueves 6** Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pe 1:16-19 / Mt 9:2-10

*La Transfiguración del Señor*

**Viernes 7** Deut 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

*San Sixto II y compañeros y San Cayetano*

**Sábado 8** Deut 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

*Santo Domingo*

**Domingo 9** 1 Re 19:4-8 / Ef 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Primer Viernes** – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde este viernes **7 de agosto** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del altar mayor. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.



**Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María** — El sábado, **15 de agosto**, es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, un santo día sin

obligación. Las misas serán celebradas a las 5:30 de la tarde (vigilia) el **14 de agosto**, a las 8:00 mañana y 12:10 del mediodía el **15 de agosto**.

**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. Cada edición estará disponible ambos fines de semana.

### Proclama de Matrimonio

Ryan Brake y Stephanie Rudert, planean casarse en la Catedral Primada de América, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, el **31 de octubre de 2015**.

## LECTURAS DEL 9 DE AGOSTO

**E**l Señor dijo a los judíos que el maná que Dios había dado en el desierto a sus antepasados no era el pan verdadero, y que él era el Pan Vivo enviado por el Padre para traerles la salvación.

San Agustín enseñaba que: “Cuando nuestro Señor Jesucristo declaró que él era el pan que descendió del cielo, comenzaron los judíos a murmurar, diciendo: ¿Por ventura no es éste Jesús el hijo de José, cuyo padre y madre nosotros conocemos? ¿Cómo, pues, se atreve él a decir que ha bajado del cielo? ¡Qué lejos estaban éstos del pan del cielo!

“¿Cuál es, pues, la respuesta de Jesús a estos murmuradores? No sigáis murmurando entre vosotros. Nadie puede venir a mí si mi Padre, que me envió, no le atrae. ¡Qué recomendación de la gracia tan grande! Nadie puede venir si no es atraído. ¿No eres tú atraído aún? No ceses de orar para que logres ser atraído.”

(Tratado 26 sobre San Juan, 1. 2)

Cuando aceptamos y obedecemos el mensaje de Jesús, pasamos de la muerte a la vida: “Yo les aseguro que quien escucha mi palabra y cree en el que me envió tiene vida eterna y no será condenado en el juicio, porque ya pasó de la muerte a la vida” (Juan 5, 24). Esta es la razón por la cual Jesús afirma que todo el que cree en él tiene vida eterna.

Cristo dijo también que daría su cuerpo para la vida del mundo y que los fieles debían comer de su carne. En esto vemos un paralelo con el caso del profeta Elías. Dios salvó a Elías de la muerte comunicándole una palabra vivificante y dándole alimento. Ahora, el Padre nos comunica vida espiritual a nosotros, dándonos el Pan de Vida que es al mismo tiempo la palabra vivificante de Dios y el Cuerpo vital de Jesús Sacramentado.

*“Cristo amado, te doy gracias por haberte quedado entre nosotros en tu palabra de vida que leemos en la Sagrada Escritura y también en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Llénanos de tu gracia y tu amor, te rogamos, cada vez que te recibimos con amor en la Santa Comunión.”*

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<b>Lunes 10</b> <i>San Lorenzo</i>	2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
<b>Martes 11</b> <i>Santa Clara</i>	Deut 31:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
<b>Miércoles 12</b> <i>Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal</i>	Deut 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20
<b>Jueves 13</b> <i>San Ponciano y San Hipólito</i>	Jos 3:7-10,11,13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1
<b>Viernes 14</b> <i>San Maximiliano María Kolbe</i>	Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12
<b>Sábado 15</b> <i>La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María</i>	Apoc 11:19; 12:1-6,10 / 1 Co 15:20-27 / Lc 1:39-56
<b>Domingo 16</b>	Pro 9:1-6 / Ef 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Guarde la Fecha: Feria de la Salud y el Bienestar** – Este año la Feria de la Salud y Bienestar se llevará a cabo el domingo, **13 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. La feria de salud cubrirá las siguientes áreas de interés: visión, densidad ósea, salud de las mujeres, la fuerza y el equilibrio, salud mental, presión arterial, colesterol, diabetes, la prevención del cáncer, salud dental, consulta con un médico, vacunas contra la gripe y mucho más. Para información adicional y para aprender más sobre oportunidades de voluntariado, póngase en contacto con Gregg Glotnis al [gglotnis@verizon.net](mailto:gglotnis@verizon.net).

**Catequesis e Iniciación Cristiana** – Las inscripciones para Catecumenado, Primera Comunión y Confirmación continúan el domingo el **23 de agosto** en el salón de conferencias Este 10 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.

**Carrera por las Vocaciones** – *Run for Vocations* o Carrera por las Vocaciones es un ministerio de 16 años que apoya a las vocaciones recaudando fondos para ayudar a seminaristas con gastos inesperados. Laicos, religiosos y clérigos de toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington participan en *Run for Vocations* que es parte del Maratón de la Infantería Marina/10K. ¿Está interesado en correr con el equipo de San Mateo o apoyarlo con donaciones monetarias? Mande un mensaje a Justin Silvers a [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com).

**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).

# 175th Parish Anniversary News



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

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

*Times subject to change.  
Watch for future  
announcements.*



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

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



### MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1918 – Congress authorized funds for the Nuns of the Battlefield sculpture, to honor over 600 nuns from 12 religious orders who nursed soldiers of both armies during the Civil War. This sculpture would be placed at the convergence of M St., NW and Rhode Island Ave. NW, across the street from the Cathedral.

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

Maybe you have a story of how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future, how you drew closer to your faith because of your Cathedral involvement, or how Catholic Charities or a Cathedral program or ministry offered you help, hope, or the chance to serve others when you needed it. Share your favorite memories of parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

**The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith.** Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown

Washington, DC for 175 years. **Check the website front page for a link to read the featured and archived stories!**

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

## **Prayer of the Faithful – An Introduction**

The “Prayer of the Faithful” is a prayer that nowadays is a commonly accepted form of our public worship of the community. It is a prayer form that is known by several other titles, such as the “Universal Prayer of the Church,” the “Public Prayer of the Faithful,” and the “General Intercessions.” It is a prayer form that was reinstated as one of the liturgical reforms brought about by Vatican Council II in the Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy.

The word “reinstatement” to describe its inclusion in the liturgy is appropriate because it is not an innovation but rather harkens back to the earliest liturgies of the Church when the early Christians were called to pray for civil rulers as noted in the first letter to Timothy (1 Tim 2:1-8). A few decades later, Justin Martyr in the year 150AD twice mentions “intercessory prayers” as part of the public worship of the faithful. And to emphasize its importance, the community was to recite this prayer with outstretched hands, much as we pray the “Our Father” today, another form of intercessory prayer.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the deacon became the leader of this prayer because of the deacon’s role to be aware of the many needs of the local and universal church. Interestingly, while we know this prayer to be recited after the homily, in early centuries it was recited in the beginning of the Mass, in that part we know as the Penitential Act, also recited by the deacon when present. The most solemn recitation of this prayer form occurs in the Good Friday liturgy, when the ritual calls for particular gestures of standing and kneeling and chanting of the prayer to call particular attention to the special set of petitions made during this solemn liturgy.

Over time, as the faithful became less involved in the celebration of the Mass and other sacramental liturgies, this important part of our public worship diminished to the point that it appeared for many centuries only in the Good Friday liturgy, until the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. In these reforms, this prayer of intercession is of such importance that it is not restricted to the Mass, but also is included in our other forms of public worship, namely the sacramental liturgies, such as baptisms and weddings performed outside of Mass and communal penance liturgies. The Church also encourages the inclusion of such petitions as part of our other times of prayer, when we have public gatherings such as parish and other meetings within the Christian community.

While the omniscient God may know all of what we need, still we pray to ask not only for God’s generosity, but also to remind OURSELVES of others who are in need of God’s abundance that may be found by our own generosity and service. So, the Church stipulates that this prayer require us to intercede specifically for the needs of the Church, of governmental leaders and the world, of the oppressed in any way, and the local community. While following this directed guidance of form, still the petitions should reflect the particular liturgy in which they are recited. Further, the form and the people’s response may vary to reflect the different liturgical seasons. Thus, this prayer is uniquely sensitive to the immediate needs of the people, locally and universally.

Deacon Merella  
cf. Preparing the General Intercessions – Michael Kwatera, O.S.B



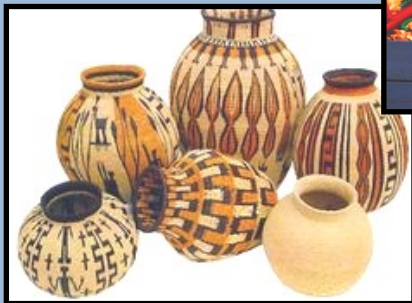


## Multicultural Celebration

*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 Norma **by August 31st** at [stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com) or call the rectory 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 Fátima **hasta el 31 de agosto** al [stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com) o llame al (202) 347-3215 x543 o a (202) 365-2017.



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

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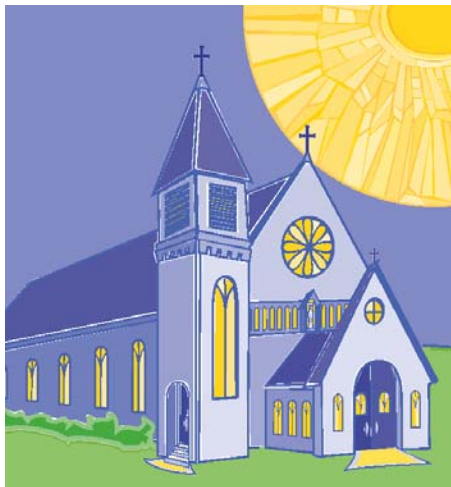
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### *How does Faith Direct work?*

*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).

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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).**

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

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*(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of  
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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
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<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
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*\* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.*

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*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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