

READINGS FOR AUGUST 17

Woman, great is your faith! (*Matthew 15:28*)
Today's Gospel reading gives us a vivid illustration of Jesus' teaching that we need to ask, seek, and knock. Only this is not a parable or a sermon. It's a real life story!

A Canaanite woman, a Gentile, begs Jesus to deliver her daughter from a demon. It's something that Jesus experienced all the time. People were always coming to him, asking him for a healing of some sort or other.

But instead of answering her request right away, Jesus does something surprising. He replies in what appears to be a very rude way. At first, he ignores her. Then he tells her that his mission doesn't include Gentiles. Then he refers to her and her entire people as "dogs." And to make matters worse, the apostles do nothing but try to get rid of her!

Yet at each step, the mother remains undeterred. She persists until Jesus finally says, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (*Matthew 15:28*).

Why was Jesus so rude to the woman? Maybe he was testing her faith. Maybe he was testing the apostles' faith. Maybe he wanted to make sure everyone knew how much he treasured persistent, even stubborn, belief in him. That's what this woman showed, isn't it? She, an outsider, a pagan, believed in Jesus, and she was not to be ignored, sidelined, or denied. She persisted—and so should we!

Jesus wants to test our faith at times, just as he did for this woman and his disciples. He wants to provoke us to deeper faith by challenging us to trust him even when we think he is ignoring us or rejecting our request. Just as Jesus pushed this woman, so he pushes us sometimes.

So what's the message today? Yes, the tests of life can be frustrating and aggravating. Yes, Jesus can seem rude or distant at times. But never give up, because no matter how it seems, he has not given up on you!

"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!"

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Sunday 17 Is 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15,29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

Monday 18 Ez 24:15-24 / Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday 19 Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30

St. John Eudes

Wednesday 20 Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16

St. Bernard

Thursday 21 Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14

St. Pius X

Friday 22 Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 23 Ez 43:1-7 / Mt 23:1-12

St. Rose of Lima

Sunday 24 Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

PARISH CALENDAR

August 17 - 24

Monday 18—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions available.

Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room at 6:45pm.

Tuesday 19—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 20—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 21—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

Saturday 23—A Rosary for Life is prayed after the 8am Mass in procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16th Street, NW.

Eucharistic Adoration – You are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **August 18** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Clayton Nickel will give a short reflection on Matthew 16:13-19 (*But who do you say that I am?*). The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



Faith Quest Pilgrimage Includes Cathedral – Where is the oldest church in the archdiocese? Where can you find a relic of the true cross? Who is St. John Neumann? Find answers to these questions and more on a *Faith Quest Pilgrimage*—visit over 20 sites around the archdiocese that tell the story of our faith. Register, receive a passport and at each visit stamp your passport. St. Matthew's passport stamp is on top of the large display case at the main entrance. Visit 8 or more sites by September 7 and receive an invitation to the closing ceremony at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.adw.org/faithquest.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 24

Upon this rock I will build my church. (Matthew 16:18)
For years, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was an object of international acclaim, a celebrity of sorts whom people wanted to meet. Yet not everyone who sought her out embraced her words about serving Jesus or finding God in the poorest of the poor. In a sense, Mother Teresa made people feel good. Here was a person freely serving the poor without wanting anything in return. How upbeat is that!

In a similar way, Jesus had become a minor celebrity in his own time. Many people knew of him, but not many grasped who he was or the nature of his mission. But that changed somewhat when Simon Peter announced that Jesus was the Messiah and Son of God. Up to that point, Jesus had revealed himself through miracles and sermons. Now it was time to move to the next level—at least with his disciples. It was time to begin showing them what kind of Messiah he was, that he was out to do more than heal and forgive. He had come to establish a Church, not just pardon people's sins—and the disciples were destined to become that Church's pillars!

Establishing the Church was the most important thing Jesus came to do. What good would it have been if he had stopped at redeeming us from sin? We would still have needed his ongoing grace to grow closer to him and help change the world. And that's exactly what the Church is for. As we are taught by his word and nourished by his Body and Blood, we can keep moving forward, becoming the holy people he longs for us to be.

How do you see Jesus? As your personal Friend and Savior? Or as the Lord of a new creation? Yes, he came to rescue you from sin. But he also came to give you a new home!

"Jesus, thank you for making us into your people, your Church. Teach us to love each other and to lay down our lives for each other—just as you did."

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	<i>St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz</i>
Tuesday 26	2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17 / Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 27	2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18 / Mt 23:27-32
	<i>St. Monica</i>
Thursday 28	1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51
	<i>St. Augustine</i>
Friday 29	1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mk 6:17-29
	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
Saturday 30	1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30
Sunday 31	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

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 25 - 31

MONDAY 25—A Dupont Circle Village Live and Learn seminar on the benefits of exercise is given at 3:30pm in the North Conference Room. The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 26—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 27—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 28—A Catholic Business Network Breakfast is held from 8 to 9:30am in the Great Hall.

The Respect Life Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.



John Carroll Society Lecture by

Cardinal O'Malley – On Tuesday, **September 9** at 6:30pm, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston,

will give a lecture at the Newseum (555 Pennsylvania Ave., NW). Cardinal O'Malley will draw from his rich background including founding the Spanish Catholic Center in DC, and most recently, serving on the Council of 9 Cardinals that advises Pope Francis on governance of the Church. Admission is free, seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, visit www.johncarrollociety.org or call 301-654-4399.

FAITH FORMATION

Interested in Becoming Catholic? – “The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism. In 1974 the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults was formally approved for use in the United States” (www.usccb.org). The RCIA also is for adults baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in the Catholic Church and for adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church and wish to complete their initiation. To inquire about the RCIA process, please email stmfaith@gmail.com or call 202-347-3215 to leave a message (*email preferred*).

Grow in Your Faith! Be an RCIA Sponsor! – Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith? Consider being an RCIA sponsor, and share your faith with someone who is discerning full initiation in the Catholic Church. A sponsor is a companion, a representative of the faith community who models how to live the faith in daily life, meets with the person s/he is sponsoring to discuss their faith journeys, prays for that person, and participates in the stages and rituals of the RCIA process. Fifteen to twenty women and men have begun the RCIA process this summer. Each of them needs a sponsor. To learn more, please email stmfaith@gmail.com or call 202-347-3215 to leave a message (*email preferred*).

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Position Description

The parish of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC, a Roman Catholic community of 2,800 households, seeks an experienced Director of Faith Formation to prepare and provide catechesis and other instruction in our year-round RCIA, adult Confirmation preparation and religious education and sacramental preparation programs, working closely with the coordinator of Spanish children’s religious and sacramental preparation instruction. Responsibilities also include: planning and coordinating parish lecture series, faith-sharing groups and Scripture studies, retreats and parish missions, and other faith formation events and programs for the parish and staff; developing a Friends of RCIA program; and coordinating parish compliance with the Child Protection Program of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Qualifications and requirements

Master’s degree in Divinity, Pastoral Ministry/Studies, Religious Education, or Theology and three to five years’ professional experience in Catholic adult faith formation required. Excellent communication, organizational and administrative management skills needed. Knowledge of Spanish helpful. Desired start date is September 15, 2014.

How to Apply

To apply submit cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and contact information for three references by **August 31, 2014** to: Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector, CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036 (rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org).

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 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 Rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

UPCOMING EVENTS & LITURGIES

Dupont Circle Village Live and Learn Seminar on Exercise – On Monday, **August 25**, Dr. Loretta DiPietro, Chair of the Department of Exercise Science at George Washington University, will give a talk on the clinical and psychological benefits of exercise from 3:30 to 5pm in the North Conference Room. For reservations, contact Linda Harsh at 202-234-2567 or lindajkh@mac.com. The talk is free for St. Matthew's parishioners and Village members and \$10 for others. All are welcome.

Catholic Business Network Breakfast – Join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) for a networking breakfast in the Great Hall of the Rectory on Thursday, **August 28** from 8 to 9:30am. CBN-D.C. is an independent organization bringing together businesses and individual professionals to create valuable networking opportunities through monthly networking receptions and an annual gala. All fundraising efforts from CBN-D.C.'s events and sponsorships support students in need at Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register, visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.



Save the Date: Health & Wellness Fair – This year's Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Sunday, **September 14** 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. This year's health fair will cover the following areas of interest: vision, bone density, women's health, balance and strength, mental health, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, cancer prevention, dental health, physician consultation, flu shots and much more. For additional information on the fair and to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Gregg Glotnis at gglotnis@verizon.net.

Featured Health Fair Provider: Wellness Corporate Solutions provides wellness programs and services for government and corporate employees nationwide. Their mission is to educate, engage and empower employees to make lasting behavior changes that improve their health. Wellness will conduct cholesterol, blood glucose, and blood pressure screenings.

Walk for Suicide Prevention – In the United States, a person dies by suicide every 13.7 minutes, claiming

more than 38,000 lives each year. It is estimated that close to one million people attempt suicide annually. Join our parish's Respect Life Ministry on **September 20** for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's annual walk to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. To participate, email Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

Run for Vocations – Run for Vocations is a 16-year-old ministry that 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 supporting the St. Matthew's Team? If so, email Justin Silvers at just1justin@yahoo.com.

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank You from Northwest Pregnancy Center – "Dear Parishioners of St. Matthew's: Thank you for your generous monetary donations and your collection of diapers, wipes and baby food for Mother's Day for the countless families we serve at the Northwest Center. We appreciate your thinking of others and making a difference in the lives of families served in our pregnancy center and maternity home programs!"

Interested in Helping with Hospitality? – Hospitality Sunday will resume on **September 28** following a summer hiatus. Feeling hospitable? The Hospitality Committee needs volunteers to plan fall events and programs. Join us as a committee member or event volunteer—the amount of time you give is up to you! Contact us with suggestions or to volunteer at stmattshospitality@gmail.com.

Online Living Catholic and Faith Foundations – *Living Catholic* and *Faith Foundations*, adult formation courses for the Archdiocese of Washington, are available online. To learn more or to sign up, visit www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw.

Labor Day Holiday – On Labor Day, Monday, **September 1**, the Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there will be no confessions.

Summer Weekday Masses – There is no 7am weekday Mass until Tuesday, **September 2**, the day after Labor Day. In July and August, weekday Masses are at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, with confessions from 11am until Noon.

YOUNG ADULTS

C†YA for a Discussion: *Who Is God?* – Questions on Faith – First and third Thursdays of each month (next: August 21) – 7 to 8:30pm – North Conference Room

– There's still time to attend one of our gatherings, as we're only half-way through the series. Join us as we seek answers to the most fundamental question: Who is God? On the first Thursday of the month, we meet at a restaurant for a discussion over drinks. On the third Thursday we meet at the Cathedral to discuss how a work of art illuminates the mystery at hand. Contact: Mike at

m.oween810@gmail.com

C†YA on the Shenandoah

Kayaking Trip – Saturday, August 23 – 8am to 6pm – meet at the Cathedral – Join us for the 3rd



annual C†YA kayaking adventure! We will carpool out to the

Shenandoah River and rent kayaks and/or canoes for the day. The cost will be around \$45/person depending on the number of people in our group and the type of canoe or kayak you would like to rent.

Sign up at <http://goo.gl/JcKW43>.

Contact: Rebecca at

rebeccabaehrend@gmail.com

C†YA for Supper – Thursday, August 28 – 7pm – Bullfeathers

(410 First Street SE /Capitol South) – All young adults, friends, and fellow foodies are welcome to join us for one of our monthly suppers! This month, you can get to know fellow young adults over milkshakes, burgers, pasta, and other American favorites at this quintessential DC eatery. RSVP [here](http://goo.gl/5fdBQk) (<http://goo.gl/5fdBQk>) by Monday, August 25. Contact Hannah at hannahrdell@gmail.com for information or to RSVP.

Wine and Wisdom – Monthly on the third Monday (next: August 18) – 7 to 8:30pm – East

Conference Room – Wine and Wisdom is a discussion and faith-sharing group for young adult women aimed at helping to form, encourage, strengthen, and prepare those who attend to be the women that God has designed them to be. Contact Tiffany at

wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com for information or to RSVP.

C†YA at Mass – Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – Cathedral (meet in section near front by the choir) – Don't sit alone at Mass! Instead, celebrate with other young adult parishioners. Please join us in our section in the first few rows on the right of the nave, in front of the pulpit near the choir – look for the "reserved" signs on the pews. Then stick around to meet everyone after Mass!

Stay up to date with Cathedral Young Adult events by visiting www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya, and joining our listserv. To learn more, email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS August 17 – 31

Sunday, August 17

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Isabelo Vitug
10am – James Flaherty
11:30am – Paul & Enid Stevens
1pm – Ivan Orlando Ramos
5:30pm – Anna Halaby

Monday, August 18

8am – Dennis Roe (living)
12:10pm – Atenor Lauro
5:30pm – Gloria Jackson

Tuesday, August 19

8am – Nativida Atienza
12:10pm – Ellen B. Bautista
5:30pm – Leo A. Lapuz

Wednesday, August 20

8am – Francis & Olivia Mendes (living)

12:10pm – Brian Domanski
5:30 – Windy Mendes (living)

Thursday, August 21

8am – Carsyn Hopkins (living)
12:10pm – Caroline Cauley
5:30pm – Ines Isaacs De Montoya

Friday, August 22

8am – Mary Cundin (living)
12:10pm – Claudio & Maria Teresa Sanchez (living)
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Saturday, August 23

8am – David Walshe
12:10pm – Lisi Clark (living)
5:30pm – Douglas Wright

Sunday, August 24

7am – Josephine Racine
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Susan Elahi
11:30am – Paul James Stevens
1pm – Francisco & Angélica De León
5:30pm – Sandy Chow

Monday, August 25

8am – Irma Marich (living)
12:10pm – Faith Soderberg
5:30pm – Danek Budkowski (living)

Tuesday, August 26

8:00am – Cecilia DeJesus
12:10pm – Felicidad Santos
5:30pm – Graziella Salgado

Wednesday, August 27

8am – Guillermo Gohring
12:10pm – Eleuterio Perez
5:30pm – Kenneth J. Gray

Thursday, August 28

8am – Daniel T. O'Connor
5:30pm – Theodore Cardinal McCarrick (living)

Friday, August 29

8am – Deacon Joseph M. Conrad
12:10pm – Bishop Francisco González (living)
5:30pm – Deacon Robert Tracy

Saturday, August 30

5:30pm – Nativida Atienza

Sunday, August 31

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Jerome & Viola Ryscavage
10am – Carlos Garcia
11:30am – William & Melba Lison
1pm – José Luz Mendez
5:30pm – Lucina P. Freres

LECTURAS DEL 17 DE AGOSTO

A pesar de ser ignorada y rechazada, la mujer cananea insistió: ¡Por favor, Señor, por favor! Si alguna vez has tratado con un niño empecinado en algo, puedes imaginarte lo que el Señor sentía en esta ocasión. Claro que podía curar a la hija de la mujer, él lo sabía y ella lo sabía. No era judía, pero sabía que el Señor no era sólo un hombre santo, un rabino iluminado o un profeta, y no estaba dispuesta a dejarse disuadir en la búsqueda de curación para su hija.

La mayoría de nosotros desistiríamos del propósito si encontráramos la negativa que encontró esta mujer. Pero ella no. Se postró ante Jesús en actitud de humildad y adoración y le dio a entender que ella sabía quién era él. En lugar de sentirse ofendida, sometió su voluntad y sus sentimientos a la verdad de Cristo e insistió.

Esto es lo que debemos hacer nosotros cuando adoramos a Dios, como diciéndole: "Sé quién eres tú, Señor, y creo estas verdades acerca de ti." Esta forma de adoración tiene el poder de reforzar nuestra relación con Dios y nos hace recordar los motivos por los cuales podemos esperar y confiar en Dios. Es algo que nos consuela cuando no recibimos la respuesta inmediata que buscamos, como en el caso de esta mujer; es algo que nos da la razón y el coraje para seguir pidiendo ante el silencio, el rechazo y la aparente negativa.

Cuando te sumerges en la adoración profunda, a veces suceden cosas asombrosas, como escuchar que el Espíritu te comunica palabras de sabiduría, consolación, ánimo o entendimiento, e incluso recibir respuestas inmediatas y milagrosas a tus súplicas. Pase lo que pase, puedes estar seguro de que tu abandono y perseverancia darán fruto.

Así pues, si quieres ver que Dios haga cosas grandes, adórale con el corazón centrado en él y reafirma todo lo que tú sabes de él. Él te contestará.

"Señor Jesucristo, sé que tú eres Dios todopoderoso y que amas a todas tus criaturas, incluso a mí, y que eres misericordioso con todos. Hoy te confío los deseos más recónditos de mi corazón."

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San Pio X

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Nuestra Señora Santa María Reina

Sábado 23 Ez 43:1-7 / Mt 23:1-12

Santa Rosa de Lima

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Guarde la Fecha: Feria de la Salud y el Bienestar – Este año la Feria de Salud y Bienestar se llevará a cabo el domingo, 14 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. Este año, la feria de salud cubrirá los 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 sobre la feria y para aprender más sobre oportunidades de voluntariado, póngase en contacto con Gregg Glotnis al gglotnis@verizon.net.

Más Noticias Sobre los Participantes: Soluciones Corporativas de Bienestar – *Wellness Corporate Solutions* ofrece programas de bienestar y servicios para el gobierno y empleados de empresas a nivel nacional. Su misión es educar, atraer y fortalecer a empleados para hacer firmes cambios de comportamiento y mejoren su salud. Soluciones Corporativas ofrecerá exámenes de colesterol, la glucosa en la sangre y la presión arterial.

Interesado en Ayudar con la Hospitalidad – Este comité todavía está aceptando voluntarios para planificar eventos y programas aquí en nuestra parroquia. ¿Desea unirse a nosotros como miembro del comité o voluntario para las actividades? La cantidad de tiempo que quiera dedicar depende únicamente de usted. Ayudar en este comité es una estupenda oportunidad para servir a su comunidad espiritual y conocer a otros miembros de la parroquia. Póngase en contacto con nosotros en stmattshospitality@gmail.com si desea participar o si tiene alguna idea que quiera compartir con el comité. ¡Le esperamos!

LECTURAS DEL 24 DE AGOSTO

Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16, 16)
El Señor está construyendo un “templo”, la Iglesia, una comunidad nueva de la cual el apóstol Pedro es la “piedra” fundamental, la roca donde se asienta la construcción. El edificio es obra de Jesús y le pertenece a él y Pedro tiene en ella una función central, la misma que ostenta hoy el Obispo de Roma.

Sin duda los cristianos creemos que Jesucristo es el Mesías que entregó su vida en la cruz, pero lo que más nos cuesta aceptar es que tengamos que continuar su obra a través del mismo camino de renuncia y sacrificio. Insertados como estamos en una sociedad que propone como vías hacia la felicidad el buscar el éxito rápido y conseguir el máximo provecho con el mínimo de esfuerzo, es fácil que veamos las cosas más como los hombres que como Dios. Después de recibir el Espíritu Santo, Pedro vio cuál era el camino que debía seguir y se dedicó a avanzar decididamente por él.

Nuestra propia fe ha de crecer y consolidarse para que sepamos profesarla en forma similar. No basta reconocer que Jesús es el Mesías de Dios que vino a salvar al mundo; se requiere una mayor profundidad para comprender que Jesús es Dios, que posee todas las cualidades de la divinidad, que es igual en todo al Padre y al Espíritu Santo. Jamás, en cientos de vidas, podríamos llegar a entender plenamente a Dios. Es decir, hay mucho más que aprender, crecer y madurar, pero sólo Dios puede concedernos ese crecimiento.

La magnificencia de Dios es tan infinita que solo él puede darnos el entendimiento de quien es Cristo, y habilitarnos para confesar que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios viviente, y mucho más. Este conocimiento debería crecer constantemente en nosotros, e impulsarnos a buscarlo, darnos el deseo de entenderlo mejor y alcanzar la plenitud de la revelación que tendremos cuando estemos con él por toda la eternidad.

“Amado Señor, enséñame a ver las cosas de este mundo con los ojos del espíritu, y reconocer que tú eres el Mesías, el Ungido de Dios, el Salvador del mundo.”

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Viernes 29	1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mc 6:17-29
<i>Martirio de San Juan Bautista</i>	
Sábado 30	1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30
Domingo 31	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Formación de Fe – Grupo de Oración – El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **19 de agosto** será: La Moralidad de los Actos Humanos. El padre Saulo Vicente será el invitado especial. Cada cuarto martes del mes, se lee un pasaje de la Biblia y en el grupo se reflexiona sobre su significado en la vida personal de cada uno. El martes **2 de septiembre**, primer martes del mes, se celebra la misa.



Nota de Agradecimiento del Centro de Embarazo Northwest – “Estimados feligreses de San Mateo: Muchas gracias por sus generosas

donaciones monetarias y su colecta de pañales, toallitas mojadas y comida de bebe para el día de las madres que se recogieron para las familias que se ayudan mediante en Centro Northwest. ¡Apreciamos mucho que pensaron en ayudar a los demás y en hacer una diferencia en las vidas de las familias que se sirven en nuestros programas del centro de embarazo y el hogar de maternidad!”

Carrera por las Vocaciones – *Run for Vocations* es un ministerio desde hace 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.

Caminata por la Prevención del Suicidio – Únase a nuestro Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida el **20 de septiembre** para la caminata anual de la Fundación Americana para la Prevención del Suicidio (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) para atraer atención a este tema y para recaudar fondos para la prevención del suicidio. Mande un email a stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
English as a Second Language Program
Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma



The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program forms part of the Cathedral's Social Justice & Community Services Ministries.

This all-volunteer program provides English language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Language instruction is provided at Level I (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced) and classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The following is information regarding the upcoming Fall Semester.

**Fall Semester of
English as a Second Language**

The 13-week Fall Semester will extend from **September 16 to December 11**. During this period, classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with optional tutoring from 6:00 to 6:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level I (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Students may register, in person, starting September 11, between 6:30 and 8:00pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center. At registration, each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level in which he/she will be placed. Student registrations will be accepted until October 7. The cost of the 13-week semester is \$40. There will be no classes the week of November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

For more information, visit the Cathedral website and click on "English Language Classes" under the "Social Justice" tab, or contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

El Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (ESL, por sus siglas en inglés) forma parte de los Ministerios de Justicia Social & Servicios Comunitarios de la Catedral. Es un programa de voluntariado que proporciona enseñanza del idioma inglés para adultos (de 18 años de edad en adelante) durante tres semestres al año: Otoño, Primavera y Verano. Las clases de inglés se imparten desde el Nivel I (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado) en el Centro de Educación de San Mateo (St. Matthew's Education Center), que está ubicado en 1726 N Street, NW. Lo siguiente es información sobre el semestre de Otoño.

**Semestre de Otoño de las
Clases de Inglés como Segundo Idioma**

El Semestre de Otoño, con una duración de 13 semanas, empezará el **16 de septiembre al 11 de diciembre**. Durante este periodo las clases se llevarán a cabo los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde, con la opción de tutoría de 6:00 a 6:30. Las clases serán impartidas desde el Nivel I (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en persona a partir del 11 de septiembre, de las 6:30 a las 8:00 de la tarde en el St. Matthew's Education Center (Centro de Educación de San Mateo), 1726 N St., NW. Durante la inscripción a cada estudiante se le hará un examen para determinar cuál es su nivel de clase más apropiado. Se aceptarán inscripciones hasta el 7 de octubre. El costo del semestre es de \$40. No habrá clases la semana del 23 de noviembre por la observación del Día Acción de Gracias

Para más información, visite a la página de web de la Catedral y haga clic a la frase "Clases de Inglés" bajo la ficha de "Social Justice", o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for ESL Program: Teachers, Tutors, & Persons of Hospitality

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Fall Semester of the ESL Program. Please see above for more details.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect their native language to be English and that they have at least one university diploma. Classes for the Summer Semester are conversation based and will be taught in English only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Horning at stmattsesl@gmail.com.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle **Spanish as a Second Language Program**



The Social Justice & Community Services Ministry provides the Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) Program, an all-volunteer program that offers Spanish language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring, and Summer. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 and Level 2, classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. While the SSL Program seeks to provide Spanish language instruction to persons engaged in serving their brothers and sisters in our parish community, as well as in other Hispanic communities of the Washington, DC metropolitan area, the program also accepts students who are interested in learning Spanish solely for their personal enrichment.

Fall Semester of Spanish as a Second Language

The 13-week Fall semester will extend from **September 16** to **December 11**. During this period, classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 and Level 2. Students registering for Level 2 instruction must have the prior approval of the Level 2 lead instructor. Priority registration will take place on September 11 and during the first week of class. **Priority will be given to those students who are parishioners of St. Matthew and currently involved in a ministry.** Students for both levels may register in person, starting on Thursday, September 11, between 6:30 and 8:00pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center. The cost of the 13-week semester is \$80. There will be no classes the week of November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. For more information, please contact Dan Horning at stmatsssl@gmail.com.

Volunteer Teachers Needed for SSL Program

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Fall Semester of the SSL Program. Please see above for details.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching Spanish as a second language, we expect their native language to be Spanish. Also, volunteers are expected to have at least one university degree. Classes will be taught in Spanish only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Horning at stmatsssl@gmail.com.

Se Solicita Maestros Voluntarios Para el Programa SSL

Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros **una noche por semana** (martes, miércoles o jueves) durante el Semestre de Otoño del Programa SSL que se llevará a cabo del 16 de septiembre a en 11 de diciembre. Por favor mire arriba para más detalles.

No es un requisito que los voluntarios tengan una capacitación formal como maestros de español de segundo idioma, sin embargo esperamos que la lengua materna de los voluntarios sea el español. Además, se espera que los voluntarios tengan por mínimo un título universitario. Las clases serán impartidas sólo en español. Si usted prefiere enseñar con otro maestro, le podemos acomodarlo junto con otro voluntario que tenga más experiencia.

Si está interesado en participar como voluntario por favor póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmatsssl@gmail.com.



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.

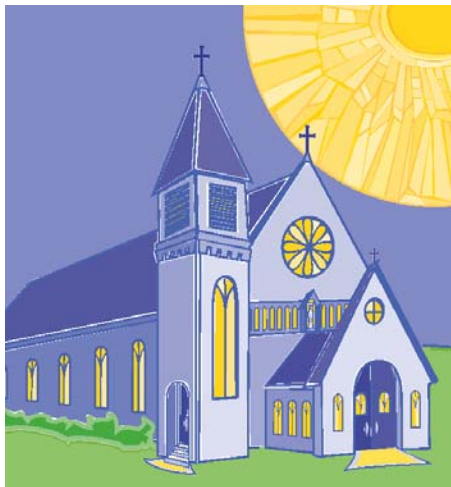
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How does Faith Direct work?

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 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.

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

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

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

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

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Church Envelope #: _____

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

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

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

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

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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