

## TODAY'S READINGS

**L**ying at his door was a poor man. (Luke 16:20)  
Some theologians believe that few will go to heaven. Other theologians hold that the mercy of God is so great that many, if not most, will go to heaven. But no one knows for sure.

Today's Gospel is a story about the relationship between a man who lived in luxury and went to hell and a frail beggar, who went to heaven. The rich man may have been a good and honest man. We don't know, and Jesus doesn't include this detail in his parable. We do know that he loved his five brothers, but he was also indifferent to poor Lazarus.

The Bible has countless references to the poor and the forgotten (Micah 2:9; Isaiah 58:7; Nehemiah 5:1-5; Matthew 5:42; 25:31-36). Most of these passages tell us that God expects those who have more to help those who have less. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them" (2443).

If we own a piece of property, we have legal title in the eyes of the law. However, in the eyes of God, we are only his tenants. We are just stewards of his property. At the final judgment, God will ask us about our stewardship, especially our care for the poor (Matthew 25:14-30).

This was the rich man's problem. He was God's caretaker. He owed his wealth to God. What he failed to see was that the beggar Lazarus was God's representative, a person who deserved to be treated much better. All he could see was a ragged, diseased man.

Scripture tells us to share our clothes and our food and to care for the sick and the lonely (Matthew 25:35-36; Luke 3:11). It tells us that every human being has the right to live in dignity and to not go hungry or homeless. Today, let's ask, "What sacrifices can my family make so that we can reach out to the poor more fully?"

*"Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. Help me be as generous as you are."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 25</b>	Am 6:1,4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31
<b>Monday 26</b>	Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
<i>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>	
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	Jb 9:1-12,14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
<i>St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions</i>	
<b>Thursday 29</b>	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / Lk 1:47-51
<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	
<b>Friday 30</b>	Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16
<i>St. Jerome</i>	
<b>Saturday 1</b>	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 / Lk 10:17-24
<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	
<b>Sunday 2</b>	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 / Lk 17:5-10

## 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 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 September 25– October 2

**Sunday 25**—Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center.

A Run for Vocations bake sale is held in front of the Cathedral beginning at 9am. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar comienzan a las 11 de la mañana.

A blessing of catechists is conferred at the 11:30am Mass.

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

A Landings session is held at 1pm in the East Conference Room.

**Monday 26**—The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 27**—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

**Wednesday 28**—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Sacred Page, Sunday Scripture Reflections meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**Saturday 1**—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

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

**The 8:30am Mass is cancelled. Cardinal Wuerl** celebrates the Red Mass at 10am in English.

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## JUBILEE OF MERCY



### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** – “Let us remember the Golden Rule: ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you’ (Mt 7:12).

This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.” (Pope Francis in Washington, DC)

**Did you know?** St. Matthew’s Cathedral is a designated pilgrimage site for receiving the plenary (total) indulgence for this Holy Year of Mercy! How can one do this? Here is some guidance:

1. Enter the Cathedral by the **Holy Door of Mercy** – near the Baptistry.
2. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) within 20 days before or after entering the Holy Door.
3. Participate in Mass and receive Holy Eucharist within 20 days before or after entering the Holy Door.
4. Pray for the Intentions of Pope Francis (we do this at every Mass).



5. Make a Profession of Faith by praying the Apostles Creed (prayed at every Rosary) or Nicene Creed (prayed every Sunday Mass and Holy Day).
6. You can also offer this indulgence for someone who has died.

For more information pick up the [Pilgrimage to the Holy Door brochure](#) available at the Cathedral entrances.

## FAITH FORMATION



*Landings*  
INTERNATIONAL

**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 as an adult. Our next series meets Sundays at 1pm starting today, **September 25**. Pre-registration is required. Sessions are held in the East Conference Room. Contact: Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P at [swilsonsmith@paulist.org](mailto:swilsonsmith@paulist.org), or visit <http://landingsintl.org/>.

**Blessing of Catechists** – During the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, **September 25**, Msgr. Jameson will confer a special blessing on Children’s Faith Formation, RCIA, Married Couples and Landings catechists. Please remember these dedicated people in your prayers!

**Married Couples Group** – This DVD faith-sharing discussion group continues to meet biweekly. All are welcome to attend at any time. The next session is Tuesday, **October 4** in the North Conference Room.

**Registration for Children’s Sunday Faith Formation 2016-2017** – You may download a registration packet for Children’s Faith Formation classes from a link on the front page of the parish website, or click [here](#).

**RCIA** – Do you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for more information.

## OUTREACH

**Fall Semester of the English as a Second Language** – The 13-week Fall Semester runs from **September 13 to December 15**. Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Students must register in person on class nights at St. Matthew’s Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost is \$40. For more information, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/classes-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Molly Egilsrud at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

**A Call to Serve in the Year of Mercy** – All are invited to attend the Social Justice Committee meeting on Monday, **September 26** at 7pm in the East Conference Room. Information on service opportunities also is available at <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach>. To sign up for our e-newsletter, email [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org) or call the rectory at 202-347-3215.

## LITURGY

**Save the Date: Morning of Renewal** – On Saturday, **October 22** from 9am to Noon in the North Conference Room, award-winning writer and speaker on liturgy and church renewal, Rita Ferrone, will lead a morning of renewal for those involved in liturgical ministry or interested in rediscovering the power of liturgies that are celebrated with care and conviction. What role does the Liturgy play in our becoming “Missionary Disciples,” as Pope Francis has urged us to do? Check upcoming bulletins and the parish website for more information.

## MUSIC

**Next Sunday’s Schola Music** – Curious about what you will hear musically at next Sunday’s 10 and 11:30am Masses? Click [here](#) or check the front page banner of the parish website.

**Schola Cantorum Tenor Openings** – A limited number of openings remain in the *Schola Cantorum* for **tenors**. 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, 6:45-8:45pm. Contact Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@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 202-347-3215 x555 or [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org). 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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

*Hospitality Sunday on the Solemnity of St. Matthew, September 18. Join your parish family next time we gather!*



**Walk with Francis 2.0** – In celebration of the first anniversary of the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the U. S., Catholic Charities invites you to join in the *Walk with Francis 2.0* pledge. This weekend, **September 24-25**, you are encouraged to recommit to prayer, service, and advocacy by taking the *Walk with Francis 2.0* Pledge in honor of Pope Francis and his ministry worldwide. Pledge cards are available at all Masses this weekend.

**First Saturday** – On Saturday, **October 1** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**Red Mass** – The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, **October 2** at 10am. The John Carroll Society hosts the Red Mass for its members and guests, including many government officials with attendant security. It is open to the public, but attendance is very high. If you normally attend the 10am Mass, you may wish to attend another Mass next weekend. **The 8:30am Mass is cancelled that day.** If you plan to attend the Red Mass, please arrive early as the fire marshal will not allow entry once the Cathedral is filled to capacity. Thank you for helping us extend the Cathedral’s hospitality for this celebration.

**Interested in a Parish Pilgrimage to INDIA?** – Msgr. Jameson seeks expressions of initial interest in joining a possible 8-10 day parish pilgrimage to India in **April 2017**, to include Mumbai (modern-day Bombay), Agra, and possibly Jaipur and New Delhi. Parishioners and friends may contact Msgr. Jameson at [rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org).



## LECTURAS DE HOY

**E**l rico y Lázaro vivían en mundos opuestos, aunque estaban lado a lado. El rico jamás entró en el mundo del mendigo y ni siquiera veía que Lázaro fuera un ser humano, mucho menos su prójimo, con quien compartía la común condición humana. Era absolutamente indiferente al sufrimiento del pobre, y como lo escuchamos hoy, la indolencia puede ser mala consejera y separarnos de Dios.

¿Cómo puede ser esto? Las riquezas llevan a una persona a preocuparse sólo de sí misma; la ciegan ante la necesidad de otros y le endurecen el corazón. Esa es la verdadera tragedia. Una persona, una familia, o todo un país pierde su alma cuando se dedica sólo a acumular riquezas.

El rico no le hacía daño al pobre ni lo explotaba; pero de todos modos terminó en el tormento del Hades. Fue condenado, no porque fuera rico, sino porque no compartió con el pobre. Solamente vivió para sí mismo.

El pecado no se trata sólo de hacer el mal, sino también de no hacer el bien; es el pecado de omisión, de indolencia y, peor aún, de indiferencia. Esta es una parábola espantosa. No tiene un final feliz, como en los cuentos de hadas, al menos no para el rico, que es el personaje central.

Quiera el Señor, que entró plenamente en nuestro mundo, ayudarnos a nosotros a entrar en el mundo de aquellos que sufren dolor o necesidad y es de esperar que así, teniendo la experiencia de cómo es la vida de ellos, nos sintamos movidos a hacer lo que podamos para socorrerlos.

Muchos son los que tienen diariamente necesidad de la misericordia y la bondad de Dios, gente que reza con las manos extendidas, como la de un mendigo. Así deberíamos nosotros tratar de ser amables, generosos y compasivos con los demás, porque la medida con que demos a los necesitados será la medida con que recibamos.

*“Señor, Padre de los pobres, te ruego que me abras los ojos para que yo vea la necesidad de los ‘Lázaros’ que tengo cerca y me decida a hacer algo concreto para ayudarles.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 25</b>	Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lc 16:1-13
<b>Lunes 26</b>	Jb 1:6-22 / Lc 9:46-50
<b>Martes 27</b>	Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 / Lc 9:51-56
<b>Miércoles 28</b>	Jb 9:1-12,14-16 / Lc 9:57-62
<b>Jueves 29</b>	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / Jn 1:47-52
<b>Viernes 30</b>	Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5 / Lc 10:13-16
<b>Sábado 1</b>	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 / Lc 10:17-24
<b>Domingo 2</b>	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14 / Lc 17:5-10

## INTENCIONES DE MISAS MASS INTENTIONS September 25 – October 2

### Sunday, September 25

5:30pm Vigil (September 24) – Harry Kettmer (living)  
7am – Maria Iris da Silva  
8:30am – Sarah Glynn  
10am – Bonnie Brennan  
11:30am – All Parishioners  
1pm – Felix Castellón  
5:30pm – David L. Perrigo

### Monday, September 26

7am – Tom Garrett  
8am – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
12:10pm – Nancy Morales  
5:30pm – Mother of Fr. Neil dos Santos

### Tuesday, September 27

7am – Eileen Raferty  
8am – Sylvie Volel  
12:10pm – S. Sheikh (living)  
5:30pm – Wilbert Anderson

### Wednesday, September 28

7am – Patrick Lahey  
8am – Ruby Helena Gappa  
12:10pm – Fausto R. Bautista, Jr.  
5:30pm – Juan Gabriel

### Thursday, September 29

7am – Gloria Baez  
8am – Dominico Le  
12:10pm – Barahona Family (living)  
5:30pm – Mr. John Areias

### Friday, September 30

7am – Dr. John Phillip Hess, III  
8am – Conchita Bautista  
12:10pm – Michael Barahona (living)  
5:30pm – Fr. Agustin Mateo-Ayala (living)

### Saturday, October 1

8am – Monica Inowerson  
12:10pm – Jack Harness  
5:30pm – Nance Greenfield

### Sunday, October 2

7am – Josefina Samundo  
10am – Anna Fuhrman (living)  
11:30am – Carl V. Delling, Sr.  
1pm – Ubaldo Zamudio  
5:30pm – All Parishioners



## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### ¡BIENVENIDOS!

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

### Intenciones del Papa Francisco para

**Septiembre de 2016** – Por favor, únase en oración por las intenciones del Papa Francisco en este mes de septiembre: para que cada uno contribuya al bien común, y la edificación de una sociedad que ponga a la persona en el lugar central; y para que participando en los sacramentos y meditación de las Escrituras, los cristianos sean más conscientes de su misión para evangelizar.

**Caminar con Francisco 2.0!** – En conmemoración del aniversario de la visita de su Santidad el Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos, Caridades Católicas le invita a unirse en el caminar con promesa de Francisco 2.0. **24 y 25 de septiembre**, aniversario de la visita papal con una promesa de compromiso a la oración, servicio y promoción. Se invita a cada familia, parroquia o escuela católica a que hagan un compromiso de caminar con Francisco 2.0 en honor del Papa Francisco y su ministerio en todo el mundo. Tarjetas de compromiso están disponibles en las misas este fin de semana.

**Primer Sábado** – El sábado **1 de octubre** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. El Tema es: **“Ser Católico Hoy.”** Estas charlas están basadas en la carta pastoral del Cardenal Wuerl. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

**Semestre de otoño del programa de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos** – El semestre de otoño de 13 semanas se lleva a cabo del **13 de septiembre** hasta el **15 de diciembre de 2016**. Durante este periodo, se proveerán las clases los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes deben matricularse en persona durante las tardes que se ofrecen las clases de 6 a 8 de la noche en el Centro de Educación, ubicado en 1726 de la Calle N, NW. El costo del semestre es \$40. Para más información, por favor visite

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clase-s-de-ingles-english-language-classes> o póngase en contacto con Molly Egilsrud a: [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

**Una llamada a servir en el Año de la Misericordia – Ministerios de Justicia Social** – Todos están invitados a aprender más sobre las diversas oportunidades de servicio encontradas a través de los ministerios de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de nuestra parroquia. Acompáñenos en nuestra próxima reunión el lunes, **26 de septiembre** a las 7 de la tarde en el salón del Este. Para aprender más, visite la página digital de la parroquia

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach>.

¿Preguntas? ¿Interesado en recibir correos sobre oportunidades de voluntariado? Mande un correo electrónico al padre Rafael Barbieri o a Norma Canedo a: [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org). También puede llamar a la rectoría.

**Interesado en una Peregrinación Parroquial a la INDIA?** – Monseñor Jameson busca personas que estén interesadas en una posible peregrinación parroquial a la India en **abril de 2017**. El viaje sería de unos 8-10 días, a Mumbai (el Bombay moderno de hoy día), Agra y posiblemente Jaipur y Nueva Delhi. Feligreses y amigos pueden contactar a Monseñor Jameson a [rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Taller en español para Lectores** – Este taller es para instruir a los lectores sobre cómo ser un buen lector. También explicaran el Leccionario y la estructura de la tradición bíblica Católica. Este taller está abierto a todos y se realizara el sábado, **22 de octubre** de 9am-12 mediodía en la Iglesia St. Bernard / Our Lady of Fatima en Riverdale Park (5700 Saint Bernard Dr.). Una cuota de inscripción de \$5 puede ser pagada en la puerta. Para inscribirse, escribir a [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org) ó llame a la Sra. Maria Hamm 301-853-4594.

## Liturgical Ministries

**Introduction.** With the liturgical reform of Vatican II, four functions associated with the Mass were revised to enable the members of the worshipping community to assume particular duties that enable and encourage the whole assembly of faithful to be more intensely involved in the celebration of Mass. These functions or duties we know today as “ministries.” Of particular note is the openness of these ministries to adults and young people, both male and female. Their direct participation in these ministries is a visible sign of how the whole assembly of faithful involves itself in the Eucharistic celebration.

**Lector (or Reader).** The one who proclaims the readings from Sacred Scripture during the liturgy, except for the Gospel which is reserved to the deacon or priest in the deacon's absence. Traditionally, the office of lector is a transitional point in preparation for ordination to the office of deacon. Although still an officially “instituted” ministry, the role is now generally open to the laity. Those proclaiming Scripture need to be mindful of *telling* the story, not *reading* it; to be sensitive to the nature of the reading; for example a *narrative* from Kings or Deuteronomy, an *angry outburst* from Jeremiah or a *poem* from Isaiah. Equally important is a keen sense of pacing and phrasing: waiting until the people are settled and ready, then grabbing their attention with the first words and articulating the particular pattern of the text. Finally, there is the “breath-taking” pause before announcing “The Word of the Lord” in such a way as to invite the assembly's response “Thanks be to God.”

**Acolyte.** Derived from the Greek word for ‘helper,’ this office of acolyte is a transitional point preparing for ordination as deacon and still remains an officially instituted office of the Church. Nevertheless, many of the “helper” duties of acolyte, previously performed by men and boys, have now been extended to women and girls as well. Some of the acolyte's duties such as cross-bearer, candle-bearer, book-bearer, incense-bearer and table-preparer have traditionally been performed by young boys/men, but now are open to all lay persons. Another word used for this ministry has been “server” which is more and more is a misnomer, since all ministries associated with the liturgy are in “service.”

**Communion (Extraordinary Minister of Communion).** A special term describing persons designated to assist the ordinary ministers of Communion (priest, deacon or acolyte) in sharing the consecrated bread and wine with the assembly. The term “extraordinary” is used to distinguish them from the ordinary ministers. Like other ministers to the assembly gathered for liturgy, these ministers also must be truly present in demeanor at the time they are fully sharing Christ with members of the assembly. When they announce “The body of Christ” or “The blood of Christ,” they speak not only of their own faith, but they call forth the faith of the communicant who responds “Amen.” These special ministers also go from the gathered assembly to share the communion of Christ with the absent sick or homebound.

**Hospitality (Usher or Greeter).** In earlier times, one might have heard this role referred to as ‘porter’, the one who opened the gate or door to welcome those who sought shelter, food or other aid. Today, those who fulfill this ministry set the tone for those who enter to worship. Their demeanor or attitude is an important quality for helping people to feel more a part of the worshipping community and to encourage the members to take an active role in celebrating the liturgy. Their encouragement before, during and after the liturgy is vital to the faithful's deeper experience of the Eucharist. Hospitality is an essential characteristic that should be visible in all our ministers of the liturgy, AND the assembly as well.

-- Deacon Merella

[see Ministry Interest form on reverse]

## Liturgical Ministry Interest Form

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (print)/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more Ministry of interest:

Server \_\_\_\_\_ Communion (EMC) \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality (Usher) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more Mass Time possible:

Weekend -- Sat 5:30pm\_\_\_\_; Sun 7:00am\_\_\_\_; 8:30am\_\_\_\_; 10:00am\_\_\_\_;  
11:30am\_\_\_\_; 5:30pm\_\_\_\_;

Weekday – 7:00am\_\_\_\_; 8:00am\_\_\_\_; 12:10pm\_\_\_\_; 5:30pm\_\_\_\_;

[A Stewardship Committee member will contact you about your interest – Thank you!]

**Drop off the completed form at the rectory or mail it to the rectory**

St. Matthew's Cathedral  
ATTN: Ministry Appeal  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036



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

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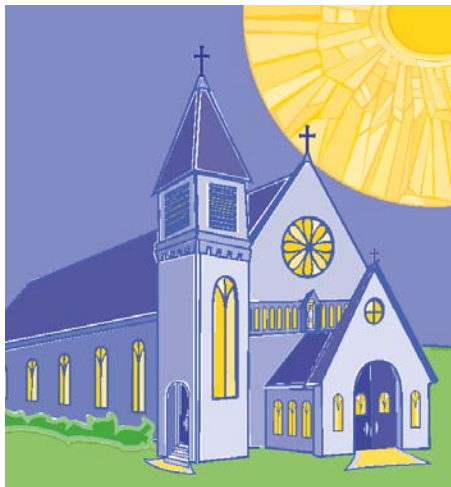
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

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### *When do transactions take place?*



Transactions take place once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

### *Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?*

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net).

### *How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?*

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

**If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



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

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**Process my gifts on the:**  4th *or*  15th of the month (please check only one box)

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

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(**Note:** The total amount will be determined by the number of  
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

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	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	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: \_\_\_\_\_

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