Today's Readings

Tave in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)
Time for a quiz! What will make Paul's joy "com-plete" (2:2)? What does humility produce in our relationships (2:3)? What does Paul think is a key feature of the Church? If you answered unity in Christ to all three, you're right.

Paul uses the phrase "in Christ" more than 170 times. He uses it to talk about how we can know Jesus' love and mercy. He uses it to tell us that we are redeemed through faith in Christ. And he uses it to describe the way we can find unity in our families, our Church, and the world. Essentially, unity with each other grows as we grow in our union with Christ.

The church in Philippi seems to have been suffering some kind of division. It's unclear whether the lack of unity was caused by people inside the church or by outside agitators. But it didn't really matter. Paul's answer would have been the same in either case: place unity with one another as your highest goal.

Now, Paul isn't saying that everyone has to think the same way. Having different opinions is healthy because it can expand our minds. At the same time, we have to make sure that our different opinions don't cause pain and division. We need to be careful not to let these differences become greater than our love—especially in our homes. If that happens, we need to stop, cool down, and remember the greater goal.

We all experience an internal tug-of-war between selfishness and selflessness, between pride and humility. We all have to "die to ourselves" and live for God. The more we win this tug-of-war, the more we will be able to love one another and live in harmony.

So make a conscious effort not to let divisive emotions get the upper hand. Try to listen to everyone you meet and to treat them like a brother or sister. In short, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

"Lord, make me a force for unity."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 1 Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

Monday 2 Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5,10

The Holy Guardian Angels

Tuesday 3 Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56 **Wednesday 4** Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62

St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday 5 Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Friday 6 Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16

St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Saturday 7 Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lk 10:17-24

Our Lady of Rosary

Sunday 8 Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

Parish Calendar October 1-8

Sunday 1—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.

Children's Faith Formation classes do not meet today.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar no se reúnen.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.

Monday 2—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 3—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

A lecture on *Amoris Laetitia* is given by Dr. Susan Timoney at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Wednesday 4—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

Friday 6—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 7—Fr. Hurley's Bible study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

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

Sunday 8—Hispanic Heritage receptions are held in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Masses.
Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office. Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

Attention, Lovers of Liturgy and Music! -

The Office of Music Ministries' Choral Highlights feature on the front page of our parish website describes the choral works to be sung by our Schola Cantorum for the upcoming Sunday, and their relationship to the readings and Mass prayers. Enjoy a taste of the 10am and 11:30am Mass music, with digital samples of motets and hymns!

News and Notes

Cardinal's Appeal 2017 Update -

If you have not yet made your pledge or gift to the Cardinal's Appeal 2017, there is still time. We need everyone's help to reach our parish goal of \$350,973.14! As of September 1, 2017, the total pledged by parishioners was \$298,208.00, and the total collected was \$239,156.76. At the same point last year (193 days after the Followup Weekend), the totals were \$346,689.10, and \$268,155.21, respectively. To give, visit https://appeal.adw.org or contact Valerie Brown at brownv@adw.org. On behalf of those who benefit from your support, thank you for your generous gift!

Choral Opening – The Schola Cantorum has volunteer openings for a **soprano** and **tenor**. Prospective singers should have significant choral experience, good sightreading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The time commitment is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm. Contact: Tom Stehle at

 $\underline{tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org}$

Cantor Opening – The Cathedral Music Ministry is looking for experienced volunteer cantors to be placed in occasional rotation for the 5:30pm Saturday evening Masses and the 8:30am Sunday Masses. Contact: Tom Stehle (info above)

First Friday and First Saturday -

First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **October 6** after the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On **October 7**, First Saturday Devotions will be held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room. Columbus Day – On Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, the Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm, and there will be no confessions. The rectory will be closed.

Faith Formation



Know Someon Who 'Used to be' Catholic? – Invite them to

reconnect with us! Starting
October 1, we offer Catholics who
have been away from the Church a
safe place for listening and being
heard, for asking questions and
reconnecting with the faith.
Encourage them to visit our parish
website, share the Landings flier
with them, or invite them to contact
Theresa Prymuszewski at
tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathed
ral.org or 202-587-5139 for more
information. Landings meets
Sundays from 1 to 2:30pm through
November 19.

Faith Formation Brochure -

Copies of our Fall Faith Formation brochure for this new season are available in the rectory office, at Cathedral entrances, on the parish website or by clicking here. Take a look and find a place for refreshment and inspiration!

Sacred Page – The Sacred Page Reflections on the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday meets each Wednesday evening. Join our Cathedral seminarians at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Saturday Bible Study – On October 7 and 14, join Fr. Hurley as he addresses St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians and its influence on Martin Luther, in this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. The session meets from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. Join us!

Faith Formation Committee Meeting – All are welcome to join the Faith Formation Committee at its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, **October 17** at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Cathedral Book Club – On Monday, November 13 the Cathedral Book Club will meet from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room to discuss Vatican Secret Diplomacy, by Charles R. Gallagher, S.J. This revealing study of secret U.S.-Vatican dealings focuses on the relationship between Joseph P. Hurley, the first American to achieve the rank of nuncio, and Pope Pius XII before, during and after the Second World War. Let's start reading!

Renew International - An acclaimed Catholic small group process helping people connect with their faith begins at St. Matthew's! Would you like to be part of this journey and lead a small group? All are invited to attend an orientation, Q&A Small Group Leaders meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

FORMED - Have you registered for this free online resource? Registration is open to all parishioners.

- 1. Go to formed.org/register.
- 2. Enter Access Code QNDBWC.
- 3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later).
- 4. Enjoy and share with others in the St. Matthew's community!



Outreach



Baby Margo's Blood Drive for Children's Hospital - The Social Justice Committee invites you to donate lifesaving blood to patients of Children's Hospital on Sunday, October 15, between 9:30am and 2:30pm. We hold blood drives for Children's Hospital in memory of baby Margo, a child from our parish who received treatment and caring attention at the hospital. We are blessed to carry on Margo's memory by helping other children who are currently receiving treatment. To schedule an appointment, call the blood donor center at 202-476-5437, register online by clicking here, or contact Mary Budarz at socialjusticestmatthew@gmail.com.



Fall Feast of Treats for the Homeless -The Social **Justice &**

Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends on Sunday, October 15 at 3pm. Contact Paulin Leonida at lmapaulina@gmail.com or 202-630-0119 to help with any of the following:

- Set up, serve, and provide hospitality to our guests
- Make or purchase food for the dinner
- Give a monetary donation towards food and supplies We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

October Papal Intention - Please pray for Pope Francis' October intention: that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

New Parishioner Registration ~ *Welcome!*

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

Celebrating the Sacraments

For our Mass and Confessions schedule, see the bulletin front cover or click here.

Baptism

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

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

Marriage

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

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For more information on classes, click here or go to the Faith Formation tab on the parish website front page (choose Children's Sacramental Preparation/Religious Education). Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2017 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking here.

Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click here or go to the Sacraments tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2018 Confirmation group are available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking here.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, see the flier in this bulletin, click here or go to the Faith Formation tab on the parish website front page (choose Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)).

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

Lecturas de Hoy

veces nos comprometemos a hacer algo, pero no llegamos nunca a cumplirlo; o bien prometemos no hacer algo y luego lo hacemos. Ambas formas de conducta demuestran debilidad de carácter.

Jesús nuestro Señor, siempre hizo la voluntad del padre, se encomendó a Dios para obedecerle y cumplir fielmente las designios del Todopoderoso. Se perfecciono esforzándose constantemente por complacer al Padre, ganando asi para nosotros la salvación y la reconciliación con Dios.

Jamás pensó en hacer su propia voluntad en lugar de la del Padre, como lo hacemos nosotros. Fue tentado, si, y sufrió, pero "no consideró que debía aferrarse a las perrogativas de su condición divina", sino que "se humillo a sí mismo y por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte, y una muerte de cruz" (Filipenses 2:6-8).

En la cruz, Cristo nos mostró el camino de la obediencia al Padre; de modo que hoy sólo nos queda recibir la gracia que él nos ofrece como herencia de hijos de Dios. Esta es precisamente la razón por la cual nos creó, de modo que no tenemos por qué tener miedo ante situaciones difíciles. Sólo hemos de mirar a Cristo, sin temor al fracaso ni a lo que podamos perder, sino dar lo mejos que tenemos. Y si fallamos, podemos arrepentirnos y recibir la fortaleza del Señor.

Dios, nuestro Padre, quiere salvarnos: por eso nos ofrece un camino para volver a su lado, y esta continuamente invitándonos a dejar el pecado, arrepentirnos y reconciliarnos con él: "Cuando el pecador se arrepiente del mal que hizo y pracitica la rectitud y la justicia, él mismo salva su vida") Ezequeil 18:27). En la Sagrada Eucaristía, adoramos y honramos a Jesús; le pedimos misericordia y recibimos su fortaleza. Cristo pagó un precio enorme por nosotros, porque estuvo dispuesto a cumplir la voluntad del Padre y llevarla a cabo a pesar del sufrimeinto. Tan grande es su amor que no dudó en cumplir el plan de Dios para nuestra salvación.

"Amado Jesús, tu Cuerpo y tu Sangre son nuestra garantía de que un día recibamos todo lo que realmente buscamos y anhelamos."
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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 1 Ez 18:25-28 / Fil 2:1-11 o 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32 **Lunes 2** Za 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5,10

Los Santos Ángeles Guardianes

Martes 3Za 8:20-23 / Lc 9:51-56Miércoles 4Ne 2:1-8 / Lc 9:57-62

San Francisco de Asís

Jueves 5 Ne 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 / Lc 10:1-12

Beato Francis Xavier Seelos

Viernes 6 Bar 1:15-22 / Lc 10:13-16

San Bruno, Beata María Rosa Durocher

Sábado 7 Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lc 10:17-24

Nuestra Señora la Virgen del Rosario

Domingo 8 Is 5:1-7 / Fil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions

October 1 - 8

Sunday, October 1

5:30pm Vigil (September 30) – Ronnie Evangelista

7am - Mrs. Karen Valle

10am - All Parishioners

11:30am - Fran Reddan

1pm – Erlinda Miranda

5:30pm - Robert W. Silk, Sr.

Monday, October 2

7am - Sen. Peter Domenici

8am - Mario Simian (living)

12:10pm - Daniel Ward

5:30pm – Patricia Cimakosky (living)

Tuesday, October 3

7am - Consuelo Pardo de Figeroa (living)

8am - George F. Shevlin, III

12:10pm - Moises Lopez

5:30pm - Harry Wrennall

Wednesday, October 4

7am – The Brown Family (living)

8am - Luz G. Ochoa

12:10pm - Dr. Francis Cleary

5:30pm – Michael Matthews

Thursday, October 5

7am - James Albanese

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm - Anthony DiSalle

5:30pm – Vicente Dimson

Friday, October 6

7am – Luz G. Ochoa

8am - Francisco De León

12:10pm - Frances Ceibert

5:30pm - Dorothy Klennert

Saturday, September 7

8am – Jorge A. Castañon

12:10pm - John & Paggy Lau on their 50th

Wedding Anniversary (living)

5:30pm - Anthony M. Vari

Sunday, October 8

7am - Rita and Leonard Zelonis

8:30am - Andres Maciel, Jr.

10am – Hon Lawrence Hogan

11:30am – All Parishioners

1pm – Betty Sanchez

5:30pm - Marie Mendieta

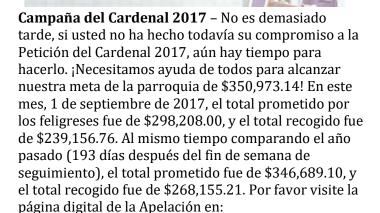
Noticias de la Parroquia

¡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 de Oración del Papa Francisco para Octubre 2017 – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco este mes: que los trabajadores puedan recibir el respeto y la protección de sus derechos, y que los desempleados puedan recibir la oportunidad de contibuir al bien común.

CAMPAÑA DEL CARDENAL 2017



https://appeal.adw.org para hacer un compromiso, o comuníquese con Valerie Brown, directora de la Campaña del Cardenal, al: 301-853-4574 o brownv@adw.org. En nombre de aquellos que se beneficien de su apoyo, gracias por su generosa donación a la iglesia de Washington!

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – 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 el viernes 6 de octubre en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado 7 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.

Próximamente – El lunes **9 de octubre**, es el Día de Cristóbal Colón. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 de la tarde. Las misas serán a las 8:00 y 12:10 del mediodía. No habrá confesiones ese día. La rectoría estará cerrada.



Cena de Otoño para las Personas sin Hogar – El comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario estará auspiciando una cena para nuestros amigos sin hogar el domingo, **15 de octubre**, a las 3 de la tarde. Póngase en

contacto con Paulin Leonida al <u>lmapaulina@gmail.com</u> o 202-630-0119 para ayudar con lo siguiente:

- Alistar los salones, servir y proveer hospitalidad a nuestros invitados
- Preparar o comprar comida para servir durante la
- Hacer una donación monetaria para el uso de compras de comida y materiales ¡Estas cenas bianuales son un gran éxito debido a su ayuda! ¡Muchas gracias!

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

¿Siente la llamada a servir al prójimo? - Únase al Ministerio de Justicia Social - El comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario les invita a participar en nuestras actividades de servicio al necesitado. Cada uno de nosotros tenemos talentos para ofrecer en ayuda al prójimo y para la gloria de Dios. Hay diferentes maneras por la cual usted puede donar su tiempo y talento aceptando esa llamada al servicio: sirviendo desayuno a personas sin hogar, orando por el respeto a la dignidad de toda vida humana, visitando al enfermo, enseñando inglés o español, ayudando a repartir asistencia material a familias en necesidad y mucho más. Para aprender más sobre los programas bajo el Ministerio de Justicia Social, haga una cita con Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o mande un correo electrónico a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Fall Lecture Series

THE JOY OF LOVE (AMORIS LAETITIA) Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Please join us for this three-part series as together we explore the ongoing impact of *Amoris Laetitia* (available at www.vatican.va). Each session will be a stand-alone experience leading us to the next session.

THEMES AND SCHEDULE:

Love that lasts an eternity Tuesday, October 3 from 7-8pm

Love begins with God and we learn how to love in the example of the communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The study of *Amoris Laetitia* begins in the exploration of the meaning of love that is grounded in communion, self-giving and fidelity. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 1-7, 67-70, 90)

Freedom for love as freedom to love Tuesday, October 17 from 7-8pm

Our faith teaches that family is a "school of love." In *Amoris Laetitia* we learn that real love begins in the freedom to love and be loved. Join us in exploring the characteristics that describe the kind of love that makes marriage and family life a reflection of God's love. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 58-85, 90-119, 319-320)

A Church that loves: The practice of accompaniment toward a deeper love for Jesus Tuesday, November 7 from 7-8pm

Pope Francis writes that "only in contemplating Christ can a person come to know the deepest truth about human relationships." In *Amoris Laetitia*, we reflect on some of the "hard teachings" of Christian love in a secular age. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 143-164, 291-312)

LOCATION:

Saint Matthew's Cathedral – 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW North Conference Room (entrance in the parking garage)

DIRECTED BY:

Susan Timoney, STD

Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, Archdiocese of Washington



Appointed by Cardinal Wuerl, **Dr. Susan Timoney** is the first woman to hold this position which oversees the office of pastoral planning, family life, youth and young adult ministry, ministry to persons with special needs and to the ethnic communities within the archdiocese. Susan earned her doctorate in theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. She also serves as an Assistant Adjunct Professor at The Catholic University of America. Dr. Timoney was part of the core planning team for the archdiocese for the visit of Pope Francis to the United States.

Sponsored by the Cathedral's Faith Formation Committee. All are invited to this event, free of charge.

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



Sacrament of Anointing the Sick October 15 (Sunday) at 11:30am Mass

Participation Form

"If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him." (James 4: 14)

Who Can Be Anointed. Faithful who may receive this sacrament should be: children and adults about to undergo or are recovering from surgery; those experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness; those who are physically handicapped; and those seriously impaired by old age.

Those who would like to receive this sacrament or know someone who may wish to be contacted about receiving the sacrament, please enter the information below.

Print Name:	
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Please leave this completed form with a hospitality minister (usher) at Mass or at the rectory office. If further information is needed, please contact Deacon Clayton Nickel (deaconnickel@me.com).

I encourage all parishioners to join in this communal celebration of this sacrament and encourage as many as possible to receive the special sacramental anointing.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson Rector

(See reverse for background explanation.)

Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick A Celebration of Mercy October 15 at 11:30am Mass

Do YOU know someone who is a: child or adult about to undergo or recovering from surgery; or someone experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness; or who is physically handicapped or seriously impaired by old age? If so, then we would like to invite them to receive this sacrament.

Of the seven sacraments, the Church classifies two as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (often known as Confession) and Anointing of the Sick. Each involves healing the human person; one for our spiritual health and the other for our physical well-being. How these sacraments have been practiced in the life of the Church has differed over time. This brief summary is about the anointing of the sick.

Historically, oil was widely used in the ancient world for a variety of life purposes: lighting, cooking, athletic preparation, special marking and especially healing wounds. So, it is not surprising that the New Testament includes reference to the use of oil, once in Mark's gospel and again in a letter of the apostle, James.

In the life of the early church, the common use of oil for healing was given a special blessing by the bishop to call upon God's power for the benefit of the sick. During the early centuries, the application of the blessed oil could be done by any of the baptized faithful, since it was primarily for the healing of physical defects. In later centuries, it began to be associated with the dying to heal the soul before death, especially as it was done concurrently with one's last confession. During these later centuries, this concurrent use of the two sacraments led to limiting the sacramental anointing to those who were ordained, in particular, the priest.

All sacraments are for the benefit of the individual, but we are all members of the Body of Christ. So, when one member of the body is afflicted, so is the whole body. And as the physical body makes an effort to assist healing the afflicted part, so also the spiritual body is involved in healing the injured member. To reflect this theology, the Church encourages this sacrament to be administered to the greatest extent possible in a public way, even if administered in a hospital or nursing home. So, the sacramental ritual provides for celebrating the anointing as part of a community liturgy, such as Mass, much as we do for baptisms, first communions, and the other sacraments.

At St. Matthew's, our communal celebration is being celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke, who is particularly associated with the sick. There will be a similar celebration in February to enable our parishioners who attend the 1:00pm Spanish Mass to participate in this special sacramental celebration.

"If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him." (James 5: 14)

Deacon Bart Merella

(Please complete the form on the reverse side for the anointing.)



Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

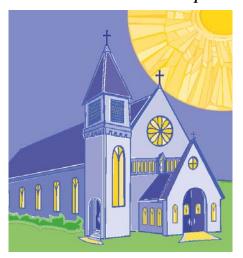
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



How does Faith Direct work?

Faith Direct is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

When do transactions take place?



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

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time? Yes, by calling Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

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