

Readings for October 7

It is not good for the man to be alone. (Genesis 2:18)
Doesn't it sound as if God created Adam and then noticed that something was missing? Maybe he realized that this man needed a partner, and so he decided to take one of his ribs and build another one like him.

Of course, we know that God didn't make a mistake. He created our first parents exactly as he wanted to. By saying, "It is not good for the man to be alone," he was stating an eternal truth: we were made to be together. We were made for community.

This fundamental eternal truth is why men and women get married. It's why they have children. It's why we have neighborhoods, parishes, sports arenas, and restaurants. We need each other! God has given all of us the desire to give of ourselves to each other. And we need to receive other people into our lives in order to feel human.

This is why it is so painful when a marriage ends in divorce. We have given so much to each other—and in so intimate a way—that we feel betrayed, rejected, and alone. Deep in our hearts, we understand that it is not good to be alone, and so we hurt.

If your marriage is going well, praise God! Keep on loving and caring for each other.

If your marriage is struggling, don't give up! Let other people help you—maybe your pastor, an older role model, or a counselor. You don't have to struggle on your own, and neither does your spouse.

If you are divorced, reach out! Your story isn't over. God hasn't rejected you. He never stopped loving you. There are people around ready to help you—people through whom you can feel Jesus' love and presence.

God doesn't want any of us to walk alone. Not only is he walking right beside you; he has sent people to walk with you as well. He loves you too much to abandon you.

"Jesus, thank you for my friends and family. Lord, reach out to every lonely person, and show them that they are never alone."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 7 Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday 8 Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday 9 Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42

St. Denis and Companions & St. John Leonardi

Wednesday 10 Gal 2:1-2,7-14 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 11 Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13

St. John XXIII

Friday 12 Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26

Saturday 13 Gal 3:22-29 / Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 14 Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Parish Calendar

October 7 - 14

Sunday 7—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hispanic Heritage receptions are held in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Masses.

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Building.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office. Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

Monday 8—Columbus Day, a federal holiday.

Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions. The rectory office is closed.

Tuesday 9—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 10—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Sacred Page meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 11—The Faith Foundations course on Morality meets at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room.

Sunday 14—A second collection for World Missions and Propagation of the Faith is taken at all Masses.

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Building.

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.

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

Join the [Cathedral Young Adults](#) for their "Get More out of Mass" **Coffeehouse** series in the West Conference Room, right after the 5:30pm Mass. The topic on **October 7** is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and on **October 14**, the Final Blessing and Dismissal. Come on down!

Please pray for **Pope Francis' October intention** "that consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice."

News & Notes

Congratulations to JCS Medal Recipients! – Congratulations to **Bishop Dorsonville** and **Msgr. Jameson**, both recipients on Sunday, **September 30** of the John Carroll Society Medal, the society’s highest honor. The awards, which were presented at the Red Mass Brunch, are given to distinguished Catholics in recognition of lifetime achievement, public service, outstanding leadership, and commitment to their faith.



Cathedral staff and clergy members and friends with our JCS Medal recipient

Columbus Day – On Columbus Day, Monday, **October 8**, 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 office will be closed.

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **October 15** from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour (English only). Come, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for His Church, and yours. *Let us pray, one for the other.*

Outreach

Fall Feast of Treats Dinner for the Homeless – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends on Sunday, **October 21** 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
- These biannual dinners are a huge success because of YOU! We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Music and Ministry

Choral Highlights – Have you noticed the Office of Music Ministries’ [Choral Highlights](#) on the parish website front page? It features lively descriptions and samples of versions of the upcoming Sunday’s music to be sung by the Schola Cantorum. Enjoy a taste, and let it draw you into Sunday’s Mass prayers and readings.



The Mass Through New Eyes: *Unlock the Power of the Mass* – Do you have the interest and the courage to discover how? Would you be willing to risk walking into a room knowing that you might not be able to leave as the same person? Come on Saturday, **October 27**, 9 – 11:30am, to discover

a religious and spiritual experience that could change you forever. What is really happening at Mass? What is intended? And what is promised?

Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries at the Cathedral, will lead us through a discovery of the essentials of the Eucharist as celebrated by Roman Catholic Christians. We will examine why we believe the Mass is crucial to “live in the manner worthy of the call we have received.” We will unpack each element of the Mass, and discover how its celebration nourishes and sustains the Body of Christ to which we claim to belong. Ample time for discussion will accompany the morning. The session will begin with a special musical morning prayer in the St. Anthony Chapel, and continue in the North Conference Room. If you would like to attend, please rsvp at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org. Registration is not required, but is helpful for planning. (Limited to the first 70 participants)

Thomas Stehle has served in the Archdiocese of Washington for 30 years and previously served in the Pittsburgh and Peoria dioceses. He was responsible for the music planning and direction of the Washington, D.C. Papal Masses of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, and has taught and lectured widely on liturgy, liturgical music and architecture for worship. He has served on numerous national boards and is a member of the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians, the National Association of Pastoral Music, and the North American Academy of Liturgy.

Faith Formation

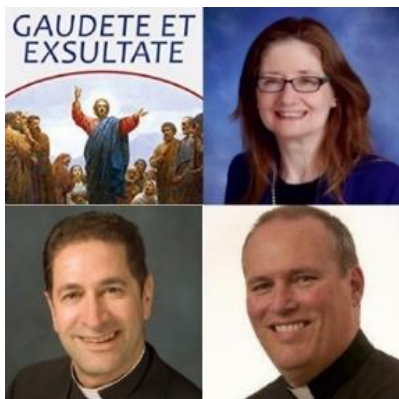


Faith Foundations Course: *Morality* –

Register by October 8 – Theresa Prymuszewski is the instructor of the

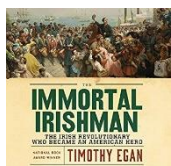
Archdiocese of Washington Faith Foundations course, “Morality,” that will meet at St. Matthew’s on Thursdays, 6:30 – 9pm from **October 11** to **November 15**. Join us and deepen your awareness of the inherent dignity of all human beings and its implications for living a Christian life. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5139 to register.

Faith Formation, *cont'd.*



Fall Lectures - Save the Dates! – This year's [Fall Lecture Series](#) topic is *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World. Theresa Prymuszewski kicks off this Tuesday evening series on **October 23**, unpacking the Pope's theme of "activity that sanctifies." Fr. Timothy Kesicki, S.J., President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the U.S., focuses on Chapter 3, "The Beatitudes," on **October 30**. Fr. Sean Michaelson, S.J., Socius of the Jesuit Conference, concludes with a talk on "Signs of Holiness in Today's World" on **November 6**.

Saturday Bible Study – Join Fr. Jack Hurley and friends on **November 10 and 17** for a study of the Gospel of Luke, which is the Church's Gospel for the upcoming liturgical year. The study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.



Cathedral Book Club – "The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American

Hero," by National Book Award winner Timothy Egan, is the book to be discussed at the next Cathedral Book Club, on Monday, **November 19**. Join us from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room, and let's get reading!

New Parishioner Registration ~ Welcome!

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

Celebrating the Sacraments

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

Baptism

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

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

Marriage

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

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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

Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation group are now 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, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

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

Lecturas del 7 de Octubre

Lo que Dios unió, que no lo separe el hombre. (Marcos 10, 9)
Las palabras de hoy son, a veces, demasiado inflexibles o exigentes, especialmente para quienes han pasado por la traumática experiencia de un divorcio o un matrimonio fracasado. Decimos que Jesús sabe lo que dice y que tiene poder para sanar hasta a los matrimonios peor avenidos; pero también es cierto que algunos divorcios se producen por abuso físico o psicológico, infidelidad persistente u otra causa grave.

Es difícil tratar de imaginarse el dolor que experimentan los matrimonios que se divorcian. Aquello hermoso que una vez comenzó con ideales elevados y gozosos y con las mejores intenciones, ha degenerado en rechazo, desconfianza, aislamiento y desamor, al punto de dejar profundas heridas en toda la familia. ¿Cómo puede Jesús condenar a personas como éstas? La respuesta es que no las condena. Dios no envió a su Hijo a condenar al mundo, sino a salvarlo (Juan 3, 17) y en realidad el Señor desea encontrarnos dondequiera nos hallemos en la vida y nos ofrece su amor sanador y restaurador.

Si estás divorciado o divorciada, has de saber que Jesús te ama siempre y comparte tu dolor y tu sufrimiento. Acuérdate del encuentro que tuvo con la mujer junto al pozo (Juan 4, 1-42). No la condenó, aunque después de haber estado casada cinco veces, vivía con un hombre sin casarse. Más bien, la llevó al arrepentimiento y le ofreció curarle sus heridas con el agua viva de su amor.

Así pues, sea que alguien esté casado, separado o divorciado, es preciso que sepa que Dios lo ama, que nunca lo condena ni lo rechaza; por el contrario, lo que el Señor desea hacer es curarle las heridas. Cualquiera sea la situación en que te encuentres tú, querido lector o lectora, el Señor puede transformarte con el tiempo e incluso usarte para proclamar su Reino. Sea lo que sea que uno haya hecho en el pasado, Jesús quiere abrazarnos y colmarnos de su bendición.

“Jesús, Señor mío, ayúdame a trabajar por la unidad en el matrimonio. Derrama tu gracia sobre todas las familias que han sufrido por causa del divorcio.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

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| Domingo 7 | Gén 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mc 10:2-16 o Mc 10:2-12 |
| Lunes 8 | Gál 1:6-12 / Lc 10:25-37 |
| Martes 9 | Gál 1:13-24 / Lc 10:38-42 |
| <i>San Dionisio y compañeros y san Juan Leonardi</i> | |
| Miércoles 10 | Gál 2:1-2,7-14 / Lc 11:1-4 |
| Jueves 11 | Gál 3:1-5 / Lc 11:5-13 |
| <i>San Juan XXIII</i> | |
| Viernes 12 | Gál 3:7-14 / Lc 11:15-26 |
| Sábado 13 | Gál 3:22-29 / Lc 11:27-28 |
| Domingo 14 | Sab 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mc 10:17-30 o Mc 10:17-27 |

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

October 7 – 14

Sunday, October 7

5:30pm Vigil (Oct 6) – Tom & Sandy Finnegan (living)
7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Raul Quiroga
10am – Thomas F. Ellis
11:30am – Dorothy Bresnahan
1pm – Luz Mila, Fausto & Gloria Cevallos
5:30pm – John Cooper

Monday, October 8

8am – Andres Maciel, Jr.
12:10pm – Dr. Eduardo Brito-Mieles

Tuesday, October 9

7am – Daniel Vasquez
8am – Palma M.D. Giancarlo
12:10pm – Conrad Sabelino, Jr.
5:30pm – Sonia Haug

Wednesday, October 10

7am – Isabelle Budarz
8am – For greater accountability & transparency in
Church leaders
12:10pm – Lauren Vasquez
5:30pm – Mary Mubiru (living)

Thursday, October 11

7am – Michelle Garasc
8am – Victor H. Barahona (living)
12:10pm – Rita Ann Irene Peterson
5:30pm – Kalsoom Sharif

Friday, October 12

7am – Valentina Urribarri (living)
12:10pm – Bozena Stefanska
5:30pm – Edward Secco

Saturday, October 13

8am – Reyna Fassero de Gregorio
12:10pm – Ruth Vera
5:30pm – Patrick McArdle

Sunday, October 14

7am – Maria Sequeda (living)
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Lucy M. Schu
11:30am – Jose Aoanan (living)
1pm – Daniela Gonzalez (living)
5:30pm – Marie Stoia Graham

Bendición Matrimonial – Padre Agustín López estará bendiciendo a las parejas que están celebrando 1 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **21 de octubre**, durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541 a más tardar el miércoles **17 de octubre**.

Proximamente – El lunes **8 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.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Felicidades a los Galardonados con la Medalla JCS – Felicidades a Obispos Dorsonville y Monseñor Jameson, ambos fueron galardonados el domingo **30 de septiembre** con una medalla de la sociedad de John Carroll, la sociedad de más alto rango. Los premios, que se presentaron en el desayuno de la Misa Roja, lo reciben los católicos distinguidos en reconocimiento a la vida de servicio al público, liderazgo destacado y compromiso con su fe.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Les invitamos el lunes **15 de octubre** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones durante la hora en (inglés solamente).

Cena de Otoño para las Personas sin Hogar – El comité de Justicia Social estará auspiciando una cena para nuestros amigos sin hogar el domingo, **21 de octubre**, a las 3 de la tarde. Póngase en contacto con Paulin Leonida al lmappaulina@gmail.com o al 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 cena
- Hacer una donación monetaria para el uso de compras de comida y materiales.

¡Muchas gracias!

Necesitamos Voluntarios - Programa de Español como Segundo Idioma – Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan comprometerse a enseñar una noche a la semana de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. No es necesario que tenga entrenamiento formal. Los profesores serán asignados una clase de 2 horas cada semana junto a otro maestro. Les entregaremos libros de texto a los estudiantes y a los maestros para que planifiquen sus lecciones. Las clases de español son del nivel 1 al nivel 3. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con Carina Carrasco al stmatsssl@gmail.com o llame a Norma a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

Registrarse como nuevo feligrés ~ ¡Bienvenido!

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

Celebración de Sacramentos

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

Bautizos

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

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

Matrimonios

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

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

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

Confirmación de Adultos

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

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

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



WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

Are you someone who “used to be Catholic” or “grew up Catholic”?
Are you a Catholic who is searching for a more spiritually fulfilling life?
Are you thinking about becoming more active in your Catholic community?
Would you like to participate more fully in the Catholic liturgy and sacraments?

No matter how long you have been away for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with Christ and His Church through LANDINGS.

LANDINGS is a Paulist Ministry, run by St. Matthew’s parishioners, aimed at welcoming Catholics who want to deepen their faith and commitment.

LANDINGS is:

- A small group of Catholics walking together toward understanding and healing.
- An open, nonjudgmental place to ask questions about Christ and the Catholic faith.
- A community where you will be respected and listened to.
- Led by fellow parishioners who have also journeyed in their Catholic faith.
- Guided by the Holy Spirit.

LANDINGS is not:

- Pressure
- Judgment
- Condemnation or Blind to Hurt

Sundays at 1pm on October 7, 14,21,28, November 4,11,18 and December 2

Call for a welcome Interview

Sessions are held at

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20036

2 blocks north of the Farragut Metro Station

Interested in Learning More?

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org

Or visit landingsintl.org



Baby Margo's Drive

**Children's National™
Blood Drive**



**The Social Justice Committee invites you to donate
lifesaving blood to patients of Children's Hospital:**

Location: St. Matthew's Cathedral

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Our parish holds 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 (202)476-5437

You may also register online, email Mary Budarz
at socialjusticestmatthew@gmail.com.

**El Comité de Justicia Social los invita a donar sangre
para ayudar a los pacientes del Hospital de Niños (*Children's*):**

Localización: Catedral de San Mateo

Fecha: Domingo, 21 de octubre de 2018

Horas: 9:30am a 2:30pm

Nuestra parroquia auspicia donación de sangre para el Hospital de Niños en memoria de la bebé Margo, una niña de nuestra parroquia que recibió tratamiento y cuidado cariñoso del hospital.

Somos bendecidos de poder guardar la memoria de Margo al ayudar a otros niños quienes actualmente están recibiendo tratamientos.

Para hacer una cita: Llame al (202)476-5437

También puede inscribirse por el internet, mande un correo a
Norma Canedo a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
A Celebration of Healing
Sunday, October 21 at the 11:30am Mass

Do YOU know someone who is a: **child or adult about to undergo or is recovering from surgery; or someone experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness or condition; 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 of them as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (usually known as Confession) and Anointing of the Sick. Each of them 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 another 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 concurrent with one's last confession. Thus, during these later centuries, this concurrent use of both sacraments led to limiting the sacramental anointing to those who were ordained, i.e. a 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 as much as 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 celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke who is especially associated with the sick. There will be a similar celebration in February to enable our Hispanic parishioners to participate in this special sacramental celebration. We encourage your presence and participation

"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)

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 21 at the 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 or condition; 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.

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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 Bart Merella (bmerella@verizon.net).

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)



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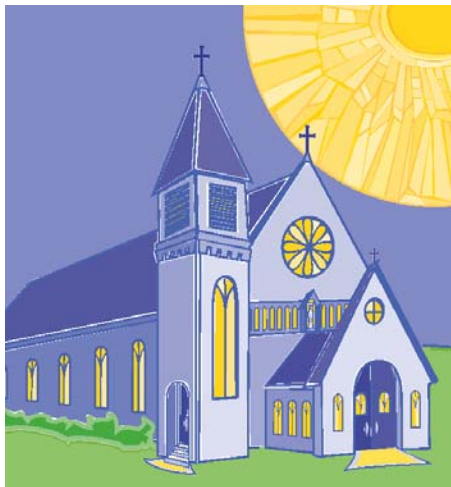
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