

## TODAY'S READINGS

**W**hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?  
(Luke 18:8)

What a peculiar way to end this parable! Why did Jesus link his second coming to the story of a persistent widow? Let's look at a couple of possible answers.

Perhaps this widow represents the Church. While we have been given the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and many other gifts and blessings, we are still waiting for Jesus to return. While we wait, we can feel as if we are "aliens and sojourners," living apart from our true home (1 Peter 2:11). We can feel quite defenseless against temptation and the lies of the devil. At times we can feel as desperate for help as this widow, longing for deliverance.

Do you think life will be this way when Jesus comes again? Not at all! He will usher in a perfect world marked by peace and harmony. There will be no more sickness, divorce, poverty, division, war, or death. The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the goat, and the calf and the lion will all live together peacefully (Isaiah 11:6). When Jesus comes again, life is going to be fantastic, beyond our wildest imagination!

This is where a second possibility comes in: We as a Church must be vigilant until the day when Jesus returns. Like the widow, the challenging circumstances that we live in call for one response: persistence, especially in prayer. We need to pray every day, "Come, Lord Jesus!" And we need to pray continually for our daily bread, for forgiveness, and for strength against temptation.

The application of this parable to our daily lives is much less about Jesus finding faith when he returns and much more about our call to be persistent and hopeful in prayer. May we all pray for an outpouring of grace upon the Church and the world. May we all be vigilant in prayer so that we won't fall to temptation. May we all keep our hearts aflame for him as we persist in prayer for his return in glory.

*"Lord, help us to persevere and put our whole hope in you until the day you come again."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 16** Ex 17:8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

**Monday 17** Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21

*St. Ignatius of Antioch*

**Tuesday 18** 2 Tim 4:10-17 / Lk 10:1-9

*St. Luke*

**Wednesday 19** Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48

*Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions*

**Thursday 20** Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12:49-53

*St. Paul of the Cross*

**Friday 21** Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday 22** Eph 4:7-16 / Lk 13:1-9

*St. Paul II*

**Sunday 23** Sir 35:12-14,16-18 / 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

## PARISH CALENDAR

October 16 – 23

**Sunday 16**—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 de la mañana.

An Anointing Mass is celebrated at 11:30am.

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

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

A pilgrimage to the Cathedral's Holy Door for persons living with depression and anxiety begins at 3:30pm, followed by

**Eucharistic Adoration** and the Rosary.

**Monday 17**—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions in English and Spanish.

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

**Tuesday 18**—The Married Couples Group meets in the North Conference Room at 6:30pm.

The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the Quinn Conference Room.

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

**Wednesday 19**—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

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

**Thursday 20**—The ADW Sacraments course meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**Saturday 22**—A Morning of Reflection led by Rita Ferrone is held from 9:15am to Noon in the North Conference Room.

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## FAITH FORMATION

**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. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P at [swilsonsmith@paulist.org](mailto:swilsonsmith@paulist.org), or visit <http://landingsintl.org/>.

**Volunteer for Sunday Children’s Faith Formation** – An On-site Assistant is needed for our Sunday Children’s Faith Formation program. The assistant must be available Sundays during the catechetical year (September - May) from 9 to 11am, at three Saturday retreats in the spring, and at two Sacramental celebrations (Saturday First Reconciliation, and First Communion at the 11:30am Mother’s Day Mass). Successful completion of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy also is required. To apply, contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Married Couples Group** – This DVD faith-sharing discussion group continues to meet biweekly. Married couples are welcome to attend any and all sessions. The next session is Tuesday, **October 18** in the North Conference Room.

**Saturday Bible Study** – The Parables of Mercy will be the topic of Fr. Jack Hurley’s Bible Study on Saturdays, **November 5, 12 and 19**, from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. Besides your Bible, you might want to purchase a copy of [\*The Parables of Mercy\*](#), published by Our Sunday Visitor.

**The Cathedral Book Club** – The book to be discussed at the Monday, **November 14** meeting of the Cathedral Book Club in the West

POPE  
FRANCIS  
THE NAME  
OF GOD  
IS MERCY

Conference Room from 6:45 to 8pm will be *The Name of God is Mercy*, by Pope Francis. In the closing weeks of the Holy Year of Mercy, this meaningful reflection

reiterates the Holy Father’s urgings that the Church not close the door on anyone.

## JUBILEE OF MERCY



**Did you know?** – St. Matthew’s Cathedral is one of the designated pilgrimage sites at which visitors may receive the plenary (total) indulgence for this **Holy Year of Mercy!** For guidance on how to do this, pick up the [Pilgrimage to the Holy Door brochure](#) at Cathedral entrances.

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** – “In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us.” (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*) God casts open the doors of his heart to share his love, but is the door of your heart open to welcome him? Are there any doors in your heart that might be closed off to receiving that love right now? Spend some time today asking God to surprise you and open your heart fully to his redeeming love. *Celebrate God’s mercy with us this year at* [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**Papal Prayer Intentions** – Please join in prayer for Pope Francis’ intentions for October: that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics; and that World Mission Day [**October 23rd**] may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Congratulations, One Year Later!** – Congratulations to Tom Stehle, Fr. Ayala, Msgr. Jameson, Fr. Barbieri and Pam Erwin, who recently received Papal Honors or Archdiocesan Recognition awards for their work in preparation for and during Pope Francis’ Apostolic Visit to the United States in September 2015!

**Feast of St. Francis** – The Archdiocese of Washington will host at St. Matthew’s, in the North Conference Room, “Feast of St. Francis” on **October 30** at 2:30pm. The program is cosponsored by Catholic Climate Covenant, a national organization that educates and expands on the Church’s teaching on care for creation and for the poor. The theme is “Dial Down the Heat: Cultivate the Common Good for our Common Home,” aimed at answering Pope Francis’ call for engaging in civil and constructive dialogue on climate protection. All are invited for the discussion and activities.

## LITURGY AND MUSIC

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **October 17** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith will give a Scripture reflection and Fr. Rafael will hear confessions in English and Spanish.

**Liturgical Changes** – A special parish team was established to evaluate our weekend liturgies using authoritative background documents, with the aim of deepening the assembly's experience of the Mass. The review is being done in four components: Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rite. The first evaluation was done in Spring 2016 and involved the **Introductory Rite**. As a result, certain recommendations were made and subsequently approved by Msgr. Jameson. The changes are consistent with the norms provided in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and will be used at all Masses, where possible.

First and foremost, presiders and all liturgical ministers are encouraged to exemplify full involvement in the liturgy by their **visible participation** in the hymns and responses. To this end, all presiders and ministers should be seen carrying and using the hymnal and worship aid as an example to the people. Even if a minister knows the verses or is not musically able, he or she should be seen using the hymnal or worship aid to pray, if not sing, the hymn.

A number of changes also have been made to the worship leaflet, the instruction on the cantor's demeanor, the choirs' dynamics as well as enhancements to the music prelude. Another change is that the

**Book of the Gospels** will now be used in our weekend Masses for the Gospel proclamation and therefore carried in the procession by the deacon (or lector). In the **Penitential Act**, what has been known as "Form C" or tropes will be used on all weekends except during Lent and at the 10am Latin Mass. These tropes will vary during the course of the liturgical year and are derived from the samples provided in the Roman Missal.

Some changes described are already in place; others covering ministers' use of music aids, the book of the Gospel, and the penitential tropes will begin on the weekend of November 5/6. If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Tom Stehle at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org) or Deacon Merella at [bmerella@verizon.net](mailto:bmerella@verizon.net).

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

**Schola Cantorum Tenor Openings** – A limited number of tenor openings remain in the *Schola Cantorum*. 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).

## OUTREACH

**Respect Life Ministry & Rosary for Life** – Join us for our monthly rosary for life on Saturday **October 22**, after the 8am Mass. We are

looking for parishioners who are interested in service opportunities and involvement with the Respect Life Ministry. Contact: Justin Silvers at [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).

**Join our Parish Team: Walk for Suicide Prevention** – On average in the U. S. there are 117 suicides per day, claiming 42,773 lives each year. Join our parish's Respect Life Ministry on Saturday, **October 22** for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's annual walk to



raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. To register

or make a donation, visit <http://www.afsp.org/out-of-the-darkness-walks>, search for the DC Walk, and sign up with the St. Matthew's Team. Contact: Justin Silvers at [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com).

**Fall Feast of Treats for the Homeless** – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee will host a dinner for our homeless friends on Sunday, **October 23** at 3pm. Contact Paulin Leonida at [imapaulina@gmail.com](mailto:imapaulina@gmail.com) or 202-630-0119 to help with either of the following:

- Make or purchase food; or
- Give a monetary donation for food and supplies

These biannual dinners are a huge success because of you! We look forward to hearing from you.

**Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees** – On Friday, **October 21** at 8pm, an acoustical performance benefitting the **Jesuit Refugee Service** will be held at George Washington University Lisner Auditorium, featuring Emmylou Harris and other performers. To purchase tickets, click [here](#) or contact the Box Office at 202-994-6800 or [lisner@gwu.edu](mailto:lisner@gwu.edu).

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**G**ran injusticia e indolencia vemos en el mundo cuando se pisotea impunemente a los pobres, los indefensos y los necesitados, y viendo tales injusticias brota el clamor: “¿Cuándo salvará Dios a los inocentes, los que sufren persecución o lo que son víctimas de abuso y violencia?”

El Señor afirma que nuestras súplicas no son en vano. La viuda de la parábola, que personifica a los más débiles y vulnerables, le rogó al juez que le hiciera justicia. No tenía influencia alguna, nadie que luchara por ella, ni condición social, ni dinero ni poder; dependía absolutamente de conciencia del juez; pero éste carecía de todo sentido de justicia y no temía ni a Dios ni a nadie.

De esta parábola, Jesús saca tres conclusiones que podrían aplicarse a la vida actual. Primero, que si el juez injusto estuvo dispuesto a atender los ruegos de la viuda, ¿cuánto más Dios hará justicia a sus amados cuando éstos claman a él insistentemente? Dios es un Padre tierno que libra al inocente y al justo, porque ciertamente el Señor escucha y responde a nuestras súplicas.

La segunda conclusión es que Dios “no tarda”, sino que responde “pronto” a las oraciones de sus fieles. Jesús no dijo que la respuesta sería “inmediata” ni “al instante”, lo que significa que a veces habrá cierta demora; pero ¿por qué no nos responde Dios al instante?

Esta pregunta nos lleva a la tercera conclusión. Jesús terminó diciendo: “Cuando el Hijo del hombre venga, ¿encontrará fe en la tierra?” (Lucas 18, 8). Cristo vendrá a juzgar al mundo, pero ¿habrá alguien que todavía ore para que así lo haga el Señor y crea que en efecto lo hará? La pregunta verdadera no es si Dios traerá justicia al final de los tiempos, sino más bien si nosotros esperamos confiadamente que así lo haga. El Señor se retrasa a fin de darnos la oportunidad de manifestar nuestra fe y confianza en él.

“Amado Jesús, concédenos una santa determinación de hacer algo para defender a las víctimas de abuso e injusticia en nuestra propia sociedad. Ayúdanos, Señor, a mantener la fe y confiar siempre en el amor providencial del Padre celestial.”

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 16** Éx 17:8-13 / 2 Tim 3:14—4:2 / Lc 18:1-8

**Lunes 17** Ef 2:1-10 / Lc 12:13-21

*San Ignacio de Antioguía*

**Martes 18** 2 Tim 4:10-17 / Lc 10:1-9

*San Lucas*

**Miércoles 19** Ef 3:2-12 / Lc 12:39-48

*San Juan de Brébeuf y San Isaac Jogues y compañeros*

**Jueves 20** Ef 3:14-21 / Lc 12:49-53

*San Juan de la Cruz*

**Viernes 21** Ef 4:1-6 / Lc 12:54-59

**Sábado 22** Ef 4:7-16 / Lc 13:1-9

*San Juan Pablo II*

**Domingo 23** Ecl 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18 / Lc 18:9-14

## INTENCIONES DE MISAS MASS INTENTIONS

October 16 - 23

### Sunday, October 16

5:30pm Vigil (October 15) – Vilma Matsko

7am – Thanksgiving

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Clarrissia Harrington

11:30am – Pureza de Jesus

1pm – Jose Sotelo

5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

### Monday, October 17

7am – Ivy Lewis

8am – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fleming (living)

12:10pm – Ethan Alperstein

5:30pm – Anthony Frei (living)

### Tuesday, October 18

7am – Rosemary Spiliopulos

8am – Helen Gray

12:10pm – Jerry Stoehr

5:30pm – Michael Spadea

### Wednesday, October 19

7am – Clara Iregui Hubbard

8am – Raymond W. Carpenter

12:10pm – Dionisia Rusli

5:30pm – Franklin Wise

### Thursday, October 20

7am – Good Health (for Elena)

8am – Boyet Bautista

12:10pm – Brendan Hynes

5:30pm – Pilarita M. Almojeda

### Friday, October 21

7am – Marina Yrastorza (living)

8am – Richard Fleming (living)

12:10pm – Jeanne Dompas

5:30pm – The Wise Family (living)

### Saturday, October 22

8am – Tara Telesha (living)

12:10pm – Alphonso Weston

5:30pm – William & Janet Carey

### Sunday, October 23

8:30am – Carmela Abessinio

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Marie Fenelus

1pm – Francisco & Aulberto Puerta

5:30pm – Nance Greenfield



*Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.*

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### Intenciones del Papa Francisco para octubre de 2016

– Por favor, únase en oración por las intenciones del Papa Francisco en este mes de octubre: para que los periodistas, en el ejercicio de su profesión, estén siempre motivados por el respeto a la verdad y un fuerte sentido ético; y para que la Jornada Mundial de las Misiones [el domingo **23 de octubre**] renueve a todas las comunidades cristianas, a la alegría y la responsabilidad de anunciar el Evangelio.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **17 de octubre** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de la confesión estará disponible en inglés y español durante esa hora.

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 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**. La segunda charla: **En el Sacramento del Bautismo recibimos la identidad permanente y verdadera.** *¿Cómo se refleja “una identidad entre decir y hacer” en nuestras vidas especialmente si estas bautizada?* será el martes **18 de octubre**, en el salón de conferencia del Este. Maggie Gutiérrez será la invitada especial.



### Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida & Rosario por la Vida

– Únase a nosotros el sábado **22 de octubre**, después de la misa de las 8 de la mañana. Se buscan

voluntarios interesados en oportunidades de servicio y participación en el ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com). También puede llamar al padre Rafael o Norma Canedo en la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

**Únase a nuestro equipo - Camine para la prevención del suicidio** – En los Estados Unidos, alrededor de 117 personas cometen suicidio cada día, con 42,773 vidas perdidas al año. Únase a nuestro Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida el sábado **22 de octubre** para la caminata anual de la Fundación Americana para la Prevención del Suicidio para atraer atención a este tema y para recaudar fondos para la

prevención del suicidio. Para registrarse o para hacer una donación visite <http://www.afsp.org/out-of-the-darkness-walks>, busque la información para la caminata en DC, o sea “DC Walk” y luego busque el nombre de nuestro equipo de la parroquia, “St. Matthew’s Team.” Para más información, llame a Norma Canedo en la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

**Cena de Otoño para personas sin Hogar** – El comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario está auspiciando una cena para nuestros amigos sin hogar el domingo, **23 de octubre** a las 3 de la tarde, puede llamar a Paulin Leonida al 202-630-0119 o [imapaulina@gmail.com](mailto:imapaulina@gmail.com). Estas son las diferentes maneras para ayudar:

- Preparar o comprar comida para la cena; o
- Hacer una donación monetaria para el uso de compras de comida y materiales.

¡Estas cenas bianuales son un gran éxito por su ayuda! Esperamos oír de ustedes.

### Llamada a patrocinadores: Programa Navideño para familias necesitadas

– La Catedral se está preparando para nuestro programa navideño de Adopte-una-Familia. El año pasado pudimos proveer regalos para 53 familias de la comunidad, también se pudo ayudar a 100 invitados de nuestro ministerio para las Personas Sin Hogar y se recogieron regalos para miembros de la Comunidad de L’Arche, la cual sirve a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales. Además, el año pasado se recogieron regalos para niños del albergue de familias DC General. Con su ayuda podremos repetir el éxito del año pasado. Si su compañía, grupo de amigos o familia están interesados en “adoptar” a una familia en necesidad, por favor póngase en contacto con el padre Rafael o Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o también puede mandar un email a [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).



### 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**

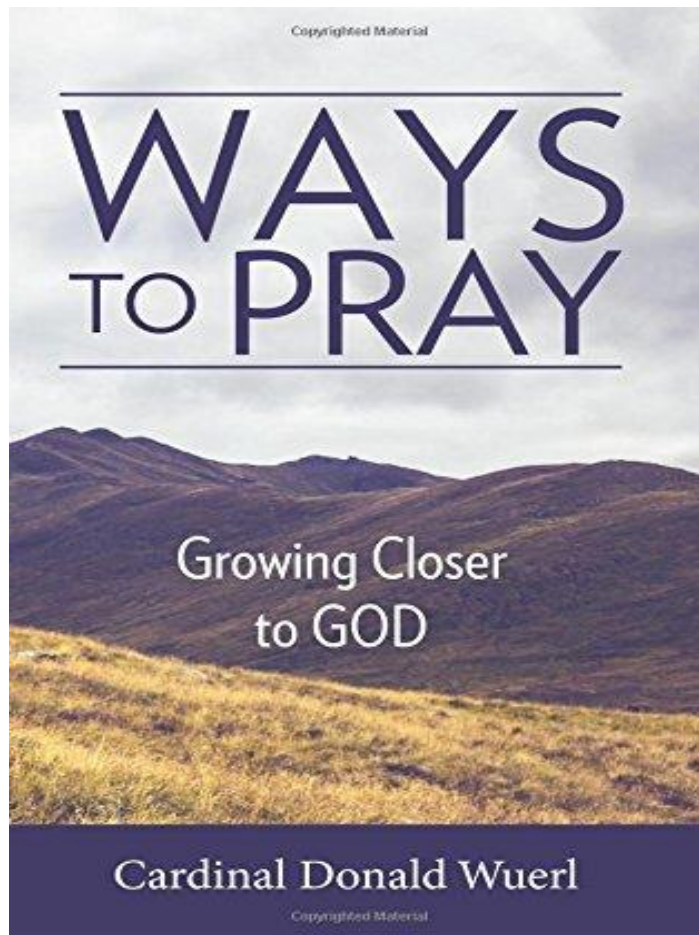
**de 2017**. El viaje sería de unos 8 - 10 días, a Mumbai (el Bombay moderno de hoy día), Agra y posiblemente Jaipur, Goa y Nueva Delhi. Feligreses y amigos pueden contactar a Monseñor Jameson a [rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org).






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## Small Faith-Sharing Groups

*Please join us as we discuss how our prayer can help us grow closer to God!*



-  **Have you wanted to learn different ways to pray?**
-  **Are you looking to explore your faith in a new or different way?**
-  **Would you like to discuss the Cardinal's call to prayer with other Catholics?**

**If so, then join one of our upcoming small faith-sharing groups!**

We will read and reflect on Ways to Pray: Growing Closer to God over four to five weeks starting the end of October. These peer-led, small group discussions will allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life.

Please contact Tricia Schmitt at [Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com) for more information.

**Please RSVP by October 16, 2016**

# MORNING OF REFLECTION



## **Rita Ferrone**

*is an award-winning writer and frequent speaker on liturgy, catechesis, and church renewal. Currently editor of The Yale ISM Review, a magazine devoted to sacred music, worship and the arts, she is also a contributing editor and columnist at Commonweal magazine and blogs at Pray Tell.*

## **Missionary Disciples in a Welcoming Church**

Pope Francis's teaching in *The Joy of the Gospel* has made us ever more aware of the call to become "missionary disciples" in our world. Within this call and mandate, **what role does the Liturgy play?** How do we helpfully understand what Liturgy is and does in relation to what happens outside the walls of our churches? What is our particular calling, **as ministers and as members of a parish**, in bringing this vision of Liturgy to life for others?

This morning of reflection is **free and open to anyone** interested in growing in our knowledge and appreciation of the Mass, but **especially for those who exercise a liturgical ministry** on behalf of our Cathedral Parish community.

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

**9:15am- Noon**

**North Conference Room** Refreshments will be served.



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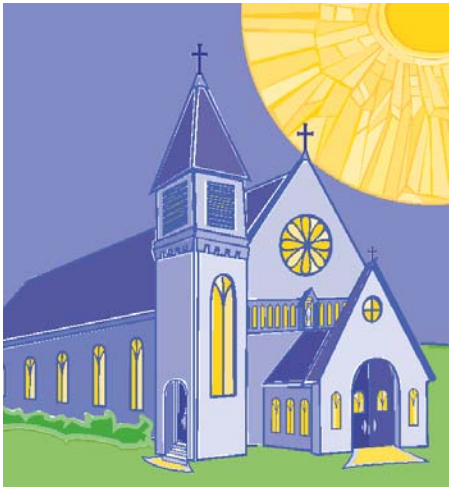
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*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)*

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) \_\_\_\_\_ Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.

# THE ISIS GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE POLICIES THAT CAN ASSIST THEM

## WHEN:

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 – 8:30pm

## WHERE:

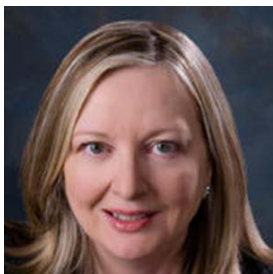
St. Matthew's Cathedral  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
North Conference Room  
(entrance near the parking garage)  
[www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)



*Two blocks north of the Farragut North Metro station,  
four blocks north of the Farragut West Metro station.*

## PRESENTER:

**Nina Shea**



NINA SHEA is a Dame of the Order of Malta – Federal Association and has been an international human rights lawyer for over 30 years. She joined the Hudson Institute as a Senior Fellow in November 2006, where she directs the Center for Religious Freedom. Ms. Shea works extensively for the advancement of individual religious freedom and other human rights in U.S. foreign policy as it confronts an ascendant form of Islamist extremism. In the summer of 2014 she met with Pope Francis to discuss the persecution of Christians in the Middle East.

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**All are invited to this interactive lecture, free of charge. Voluntary donations are welcome.**

For more information, please contact Ms. Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) or at 202-587-5139.

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**St. Matthew's Cathedral**  
**Social Justice & Community Services Ministry**  
**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program 2016**

**Program Overview**

For over 14 years, St. Matthew's Cathedral has sponsored the Adopt-A-Family Program, which seeks to assist low-income families and individuals in our community at Christmas time. Last year, the program served **53 families** and over **100 men and women from our Homeless Ministry**. We were also able to contribute gifts to the local **L'Arche communities**, which serve adults with intellectual disabilities. Additionally, we included **youth from the DC General family shelter** in our program. The gifts given to these individuals and families addressed fundamental material needs and included clothing items, personal items, bedding, household items, as well as toys for the children.

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

This program is successful through the support of our neighboring business community and the help of many volunteers. Last year, in addition to the parish's participation, 27 sponsors helped take care of the needs of the families in our program.

**Please consider the following ways your organization/group can serve as a sponsor:**

- **Adopt more than one family:** This option is appropriate for large organizations with many willing and generous participants. The group will receive specific "wish lists" for each family and be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- **Adopt one family:** A group representative will receive a specific "wish list" of items from the family, along with ages of family members. You will then be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- **Adopt a child (or a few children):** A group representative will receive the "wish lists" of either one or a few children within a family or from where there is a need, and will purchase their gifts (three gifts per child).
- **Contribute to the program:** Your group can either collect money from employees or make a financial contribution to the program. The contribution will be used to purchase gifts for a family.

**Volunteer Opportunities & General Inquiries**

We are always in need of helping hands to make sure things run smoothly and efficiently. Please contact the Christmas Program Coordinator, Pam Quinn, for more information: [pquinn505@aol.com](mailto:pquinn505@aol.com).

**Timeline**

You will receive a profile on the family and their "wish list" in November. You are asked to deliver wrapped and labeled gifts to the Cathedral by the first week of December. More details will be provided to you at a later time.

***If possible, please confirm your participation by October 28:***

The Director of Social Justice, Fr. Rafael Barbieri and Norma Canedo the Coordinator for Social Justice can be reached at the parish rectory at (202) 347-3215 or by email at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org). Fax (202) 347-7184.