

## TODAY'S READINGS

**I**n the time of their visitation they shall shine. (Wisdom 3:7)  
Have you ever wondered why we bother to pray for those who have already died? After all, they've already passed from this life. The simple answer is because Scripture tells us to! Judas Maccabeus, an Old Testament hero, once sent money to Jerusalem to pay for a sin offering for some soldiers he had buried that day. The bodies of these soldiers were found with pagan tokens under them, indicating they had engaged in idol worship. Judas believed that his offering might help atone for their sin and bring them into heaven (2 Maccabees 12:38-46).

The Catechism teaches us that "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030).

Today, why not dedicate your prayer time to interceding for those who have gone before you—both your loved ones and those you found it hard to love? We have no way of knowing who goes straight to heaven, who goes to purgatory, or how long each person stays there. But we do know that the souls of the righteous are at peace, even if they aren't yet perfected in holiness (Wisdom 3:3).

Prayer is never useless! Even if you pray for someone who is already in the full light of the kingdom, God will take your intercession and pour out a different blessing, maybe on the Church, on someone who doesn't yet believe, or even on you! All he's concerned about is that we continue to pray and work for the building up of his body, both here on earth and in heaven.

*"Thank you, Jesus, for having reconciled us to your Father. Lord, may all who have gone before us be fully purified and enter the full light of your kingdom."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 2</b>	Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40 <i>The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>
<b>Monday 3</b>	Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14 <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24 <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday 6</b>	Phil 3:3-8 / Lk 15:1-10
<b>Friday 7</b>	Phi 3:17-4:1 / Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday 8</b>	Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday 9</b>	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 / 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17 / Jn 2:13-22 <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>

## WELCOME!

*Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!*

**Parish Council Elections** – This weekend, **November 1 and 2**, are election days! Registered members of St. Matthew's Cathedral parish will elect their representatives on the Parish Pastoral Council, which advises and assists the Rector in developing, organizing and supporting the Cathedral's many and diverse programs, ministries and other activities. This year 15 outstanding parishioners, including a married couple running jointly for one seat, have been nominated. Ballots, including brief statements from the candidates, and ballot boxes are available at the Cathedral main entrance and in the North Conference Room at Hospitality receptions following all Sunday Masses except 7am.

## THANK YOU!

**Fall Feast of Treats Dinner for the Homeless** – Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Feast of Treats dinner for our homeless friends sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Your donations of delicious food, money and time allowed us to serve many men and women – old friends and new. They felt very welcomed, and some claimed it was the best meal they ever had! We hope you will join us for the next biannual meal in Spring.

**Run For Vocations** – Congratulations to St. Matthew's RFV Team members, Peter Theroux, Nathaniel Krieg, Patricia Abad, Kathy Soroka, Norma Canedo, Justin Silvers, and Susan Aspey, who ran in the Marine Corps 10K race. Thank you for the cheering, prayers and donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## PARISH CALENDAR

November 2 -9

### Sunday 2—All Souls' Day

A second collection for Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions, the Ministry Fair and Parish Pastoral Council elections are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am Mass.

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

**Cardinal Gerhard Muller** celebrates the 11:30am Mass.

A Concert of Remembrance is given at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

### Monday 3—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

### Tuesday 4—The final lecture of the Fall series is given at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

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

### Wednesday 5—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Rm.

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

### Friday 7—First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

### Saturday 8—Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Book of Revelation is held at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

### Sunday 9—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

The Columbia Recorder Ensemble sings at the 10 and 11:30am Masses.

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

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

## NOVEMBER NOTES

**First Friday** – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **November 7** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are invited to come and adore Our Lord. *"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. . . . It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."* (Pope Benedict XVI)

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, will meet next Sunday, **November 9** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**Veterans Day** – Tuesday, **November 11** is Veterans Day, a federal holiday. The Cathedral will be open from 7:30am to 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions. The parish offices will be closed.

**Blessing of Engaged Couples** – On Sunday, **November 16**, Msgr. Jameson and other parish clergy will confer a blessing of engaged couples at the 11:30am Mass. After the homily, all engaged couples will be invited into the sanctuary and will return to their seats after the blessing. Please email us at [Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org) if you plan to attend.

**November Remembrance** – This month we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way. In the pews are donation envelopes on which you may write the names of deceased relatives and friends. These can be given to the sacristan or placed in the collection basket. Your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day of the month. The envelopes will be placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

## FAITH IN ACTION

**Sponsors Needed for Christmas Gift Drive** – Last year through our Christmas Adopt-A-Family program we provided gifts for 56 families in our community, 80 guests from our Homeless Ministry, and four homes of the L'Arche Community. With your help we can repeat that success! If your company, group of friends, or family is interested in sponsoring a family in need, please contact Fr. Rafael or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 or [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).



**SOME Trot for Hunger** – A St. Matthew's team will start Thanksgiving Day by raising funds for So Others Might Eat (SOME) in the 13th annual Trot for Hunger! SOME provides food, clothing, medical and mental health services, job training and affordable housing for the homeless and poor. Our goal this year is to raise \$750. If you'd like to join the team, visit the SOME website, click "Events" and choose "Trot for Hunger." Click "Join Team." Enter "Cathedral of St. Matthew" and follow the prompts. You need not run or walk and if you cannot make it, you can support the team by donating through the same link. Team leader Leah Rochelle will contact registrants with race details by November 25. Join us for the 10am Mass after the race! Contact: Leah at [lsrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:lsrochelle@gmail.com)

## FAITH FORMATION

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL  
EVANGELII GAUDIUM



**Fall Lecture Series** – Join us for final lecture in our fall series, *The Joy of the Gospel: Living as Missionary Disciples in Today's World*. On Tuesday, **November 4, Very Rev. James J. Greenfield, OSFS**, a regular 5:30pm

Sunday Mass celebrant, will present a talk entitled, *How Can We Enliven our Own Missionary Zeal as Individuals and as a Parish?* Join us at 7pm in the North Conference Room. Donations are welcome.

**Breaking Open the Word, An Informal Scripture Discussion** – Next Sunday we will hear in St. John's Gospel, "His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*" (Jn. 2:17) Join us Wednesday, **November 5** at 7pm in the West Conference Room to share how this and the other readings for next Sunday help us to live a life of zeal for God. Copies of the readings will be provided. Contact: Nathan at [ntkrieg@gmail.com](mailto:ntkrieg@gmail.com)

**Bible Study on the Book of Revelation** – The second session of Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Book of Revelation will be held Saturday, **November 8** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. This session will focus on the Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets. Bring a Bible, and consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

**Grow in Your Faith! Be an RCIA Sponsor!** – Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith? Consider being an RCIA sponsor, and share your faith with someone who is discerning full initiation in the Catholic Church. A sponsor is a companion, a representative of the faith community who models how to live the faith in daily life, meets with the person s/he is sponsoring to discuss their faith journeys, prays for that person, and participates in the stages and rituals of the RCIA process. Fifteen men and women are going forward in the RCIA process, and sponsors are still needed. To learn more, contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

**Offertory Program Begins** – Next weekend, we will begin the program "Take the Next Step" that asks everyone to reflect on the amount they give to the Offertory collection. This review will ask several questions:

1. Do I have a need to give or do I give only when there is a need?
2. Do I understand that there is an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish?
3. Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money?
4. How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective.)
5. Is it too much, too little or just right?
6. If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given?
7. How much will I give each week during the coming year?

We will be grateful for your prayerful participation.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**DCCatholic Fall Theology on Tap: "Things to Know by 30" – Tuesdays, November 4 to December 9 – 6 to 7pm (happy hour) / 7 to 8pm (talk) – Buffalo Billiards 1330 19th Street NW / Dupont Circle**

**C†YA for a Discussion: Who Is God? – First Thursday of the month (next: November 6) – 7pm – Uptown Tap House (3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW / Cleveland Park)** – Join us as we seek fresh answers to the most fundamental question: Who is God? On the first Thursday of the month, we meet at a restaurant for a discussion over drinks. You don't need an art history or theology degree to attend, but if you want to learn more about how the words of the Creed apply in our lives, consider joining us. Contact: Mike at [m.oween810@gmail.com](mailto:m.oween810@gmail.com)

**C†YA at the Northwest Center – November 18 - 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights)** – The Northwest Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and care for healthy babies. This month we will help with their Christmas card mailing. Fyi, items on the Center's Christmas wish list are diapers, formula, baby wipes, and Pack 'n Plays. Contact & sign-up: Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com)

**C†YA / STAY for Happy Hour – Friday, November 21 – 6 to 9pm – The Madhatter (1319 Connecticut Avenue / Dupont Circle)** – Bring friends or coworkers or come on your own to meet other young Catholics in DC at the ever-popular joint happy hour with St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY). We have reserved the mezzanine level. Come up the stairs at the back left. Contact: Sarah at [zick.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:zick.sarah@gmail.com)

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial** – Este fin de semana **1 y 2 de noviembre** día de elecciones de San Mateo. Los miembros que están inscritos en la parroquia tendrán la oportunidad de elegir a sus representantes en el Consejo que asesora y asiste al Rector desarrollando, organizando y apoyando programas, ministerios y otras actividades. Este año, quince feligreses excepcionales, incluyendo una pareja de casados buscando conjuntamente un asiento, han sido nominados. Las papeletas, incluyendo breves declaraciones de los candidatos, y las urnas están disponibles en la entrada principal de la Catedral y en el salón de conferencias del Norte durante las recepciones de Hospitalidad después de todas las misas excepto la de las 7:00 de la mañana.

**El Programa de Ofrenda Comienza** – El próximo fin de semana, se iniciará el programa de "Dando el próximo paso" lo cual nos pide a todos a reflexionar sobre la cantidad que damos en la colecta. Esta revisión nos hará varias preguntas:

1. ¿Necesito dar o doy sólo cuando hay una necesidad?
2. ¿Entiendo que existe la obligación de proporcionar apoyo financiero a la parroquia?
3. ¿Dónde encaja la parroquia en relación con el dinero que gasto?
4. ¿Cuánto doy a la parroquia semanalmente? (Si das mensual o trimestral, cuál es su compromiso semanal para ponerlo en perspectiva).
5. ¿Es demasiado, muy poco o justo?
6. ¿Si no estoy en la parroquia uno o más de los domingos, doy la cantidad que no he dado?
7. ¿Cuánto daré cada semana durante el año que viene?

Estaremos agradecidos por su devota participación.

**¡¡¡ Muchas Gracias!!!** – Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra reciente cena para las personas sin hogar de nuestra vecindad, auspiciado por el comité de Justicia Social. Su donación de comida deliciosa, dinero y tiempo para organizar este evento nos permitió servir a varias personas. Ellos se sintieron muy bien y algunos decían que era ¡la mejor comida que habían tenido! Esperamos que usted y otros se unan a nosotros cuando tengamos la cena de primavera.

**Sobres para las Ánimas** – Los católicos, recordamos a nuestros seres difuntos de una forma especial en el mes de noviembre. Cada día durante el mes de noviembre se ofrecerá una misa especial por todos los difuntos. Sobres especiales para poner los nombres de sus seres

queridos para que sean recordados en nuestra misa especial durante el mes de noviembre, los encontrarán en los bancos de la Catedral. Estos sobres se pondrán en el altar de la Capilla Nupcial.

**Primer Viernes** – 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 este viernes **7 de noviembre** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.

**Día de los Veteranos** – El martes **11 de noviembre** Día de los Veteranos fiesta federal. 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.

**(SOME) Carrera por el Hambre** – El equipo de San Mateo empezará su Día de Acción de Gracias de este año recaudando fondos para So Other Might Eat (SOME) en el treceavo año de la carrera por el Hambre. SOME provee comida, ropa, servicios médicos y de la salud mental y otros servicios sociales para nuestras hermanas y hermanos en necesidad. Nuestra meta de este año será recaudar \$750. Si quisieras formar parte de nuestro equipo, visite [www.some.org](http://www.some.org); haga clic a "Events" y luego escoja "Trot for Hunger." Haga clic a "Join Team." Luego escribe "Cathedral of St. Matthew" y siga las instrucciones. No es necesario que corra o camine si usted no puede asistir, también puede apoyar al equipo haciendo una donación monetaria usando la misma página. Leah Rochelle se pondrá en contacto con los participantes registrados el 25 de noviembre con detalles. Para más información, puede mandar un correo electrónico a Leah al [lsrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:lsrochelle@gmail.com). ¡Únase a nosotros a la Misa de 10:00 de la mañana, después de acabar la carrera!

**Programa Navideño de Adopte-Una-Familia** – La Catedral se está preparando para nuestro programa navideño de Adopte-Una-Familia. El año pasado pudimos proveer regalos para 56 familias de la comunidad, 80 invitados de nuestro Ministerio para las Personas Sin Hogar y se recogieron regalos para miembros de los hogares de la Comunidad de L'Arche. 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 [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**E**n el día de Todos los fieles difuntos oramos especialmente por las almas del Purgatorio. La Iglesia enseña que todos los que mueren en la gracia de Dios, pero que aún no se encuentran perfectamente purificados, pasan por un proceso de lavamiento final; estos son los que logran “salvarse como quien escapa del fuego” (1 Corintios 3, 15; Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1030-1032).

También hoy es una buena ocasión para celebrar la certeza de nuestra propia salvación. En el Bautismo, nuestra vida antigua quedó sepultada con Cristo y hemos resucitado con él a una vida totalmente nueva. En Jesús nos sentimos seguros, porque Dios no quiere que nadie se pierda. Ahora bien, ¿significa esto que si estamos bautizados podemos pecar todo lo que queramos? ¡Por supuesto que no! Dios no ha anulado sus mandamientos; además la lógica sola —para no mencionar la Sagrada Escritura— nos enseña que la regeneración del Bautismo debe ir acompañada de la fe y el arrepentimiento (Marcos 16, 16). Hoy, Dios quiere que su amor colme por completo nuestro corazón para que jamás queramos volver a ofenderlo a él ni a nadie más. Si logramos entender que antes estábamos perdidos en el pecado y que Jesús se ofreció libremente como sacrificio para salvarnos, lo lógico es que queramos imitar su conducta. El amor a Cristo nos moverá a purificarnos de todo vestigio de pecado, de toda actitud contraria a sus palabras y a su concepto de vida. La idea que uno tiene de sí mismo y del mundo cambiará, y poco a poco nos iremos pareciendo a Jesús.

Dios nos está llamando a la madurez espiritual, para recibir todos los dones que quiere darnos, regalos que nos comunicarán fortaleza y los medios necesarios para edificar su Reino y propagar su Evangelio. Por la poderosa acción de su gracia, podemos vivir día a día y cambiar el mundo. ¡Hagámoslo!

*“Jesús, Señor y Salvador mío, te ruego que me concedas la gracia de amarte tanto como tú me amas a mí, a fin de que un día pueda llegar a la maravillosa gloria de tu Reino celestial.”*

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo 2** Sab 3:1-9 / 1 Cor 15:51-57 / Jn 11:17-27  
*Commemoració de todos los fieles difuntos*

**Lunes 3** Fil 2:1-4 / Lc 14:12-14  
*San Martin de Porres*

**Martes 4** Fil 2:5-11 / Lc 14:15-24  
*San Carlos Barromeo*

**Miércoles 5** Fil 2:12-18 / Lc 14:25-33

**Jueves 6** Fil 3:3-8 / Lc 15:1-10

**Viernes 7** Fil 3:17-4:1 / Lc 16:1-8

**Sábado 8** Fil 4:10-19 / Lc 16:9-15

**Domingo 9** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 / 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17 / Jn 2:13-22  
*La Dedicación de la basílica de Letrán*

**MASS INTENTIONS****November 2 - 9****Sunday, November 2**

5:30pm (November 1 vigil) – All Souls  
7am – All Souls  
8:30am – Irinea Vical  
10am – Olechowski & Niemira Families  
11:30am – Mrs. Nhat-Thahn Vu  
1pm – Marcelino & Isabel de Arce  
5:30pm – Cookie Harris

**Monday, November 3**

7am – All Souls  
8am – Cyril Danks  
12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
5:30pm – William & Janet Carey

**Tuesday, November 4**

7am – Brooksie, Myrtle & Bessie Banks  
8am – Paul & Theresa Le  
12:10pm – All Souls  
5:30pm – Lisandro Zuluaga

**Wednesday, November 5**

7am – Vertilio Urribarri  
8am – Dominador & Marcosa Cancio  
12:10pm – All Souls  
5:30pm – Rose Showfety

**Thursday, November 6**

7am – Ernesto B. Agcaoil  
8am – Mai Le (living)  
12:10pm – Arnold R. Beckhardt  
5:30pm – All Souls

**Friday, November 7**

7am – All Souls  
8am – Florencia & Gil Palomino  
12:10pm – Rodrigo Reyes Franco  
5:30pm – Jose Moises

**Saturday, November 8**

8am – Josiane Kwaou  
12:10pm – All Souls  
5:30pm – Survivors of the Ebola Illness (living)

**Sunday, November 9**

7am – All Souls  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Orestes Hocson (living)  
11:30am – Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.  
1pm – Maria Velez Posada  
5:30pm – Bridie Doherty (living)



# CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2014  
7:30 PM

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

*MEDITATIONS ON PSALM 130*

*CATHEDRAL SCHOLA CANTORUM*

*THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE MOTETS ON THE THEMES OF  
GRIEF AND DESPAIR, LEADING TO HOPE IN GOD'S LIMITLESS MERCY*

**PALESTRINA, LASSUS, SWEELINCK, FUX, PURCELL,  
MENDELSSOHN, TALLIS, RUTTER AND NEES.**

AND  
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Cathedral of St. Matthew — 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW WDC 20036

*Free and open to the Public      Donations Welcome*



## **St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program Thanksgiving Drive 2014**

The Cathedral's Social Justice and Community Services committee is collecting grocery store gift cards to distribute to families who are in need this Thanksgiving.

**We invite all parishioners to donate in two ways:**

1) Purchase a **\$25.00 Safeway gift card** and turn in to the volunteers who will be at the main entrance of the Cathedral during every Mass the weekends of **November 1 & 2 and November 8 & 9.**

2) You may also make a **financial contribution** of any amount and drop it in the same baskets those two weekends. Checks are welcome! Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral (add "Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving" on the note line) and place it in the attached envelope. Financial contributions can also be sent directly to the rectory.

We would like to receive donations no later than **November 16** so that the families may receive their gift cards before Thanksgiving. Any donations that we receive above what is needed at this time will be used to provide emergency assistance to families in need throughout the year.

Please be as generous as possible, as there is a great need among many families in our parish community. Thank you very much for your generosity and support!

**For more information, please contact Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org) or call the rectory at 202-347-3215.**

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)



## **Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol Programa de Adopte-una-Familia Colecta para el Día de Acción de Gracias 2014**

El Comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de la Catedral estará recogiendo tarjetas de regalo para distribuir a las familias en necesidad durante este otoño.

**Los invitamos a la parroquia en participar de dos maneras:**

1) Compre una **tarjeta de regalo de \$25 de Safeway** y entréguelo a los voluntarios quienes estarán en la entrada central de la Catedral durante cada Misa de los fines de semana de **Noviembre 1 & 2 y Noviembre 8 & 9**.

2) También puede hacer una **contribución monetaria** de cualquier cantidad y entregarlo a los voluntarios en los mismos días. ¡Se aceptan cheques! El cheque debe ser dirigido a St. Matthew's Cathedral (añade "Thanksgiving Drive" en la línea de nota). Las donaciones monetarias también se pueden mandar directamente a la rectoría.

Por favor entreguen sus donaciones hasta el **Noviembre 16** para que las familias puedan recibir sus tarjetas de regalo antes del Día de Acción de Gracias. Cualquier donación que sobre de esta colecta se usará para ayudar a las familias en necesidad con asistencia de emergencia durante todo el año.

Por favor ayúdenos con este programa porque hay una gran necesidad entre nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Muchas gracias por su apoyo y generosidad!

**Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con el padre Rafael Barbieri o Norma Canedo al [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org) o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.**

“Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aun por el más pequeño, lo hicieron por mí.” (Mt. 25:40)





## 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.

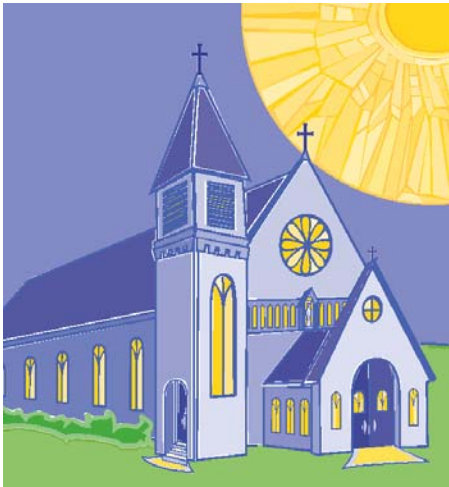
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Signature: **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*

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## Experiences of Marriage and Family

*Pope Francis noted this in a recent homily: “Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the ‘bricks’ for the building up of society.”*

The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops just concluded its first session concerning issues affecting marriage and the family. Much public comment has been made about what the synod bishops have been discussing. *America*, a Catholic magazine published by the Jesuits, recently included a special section containing a series of six personal reflections about the **beauty** and **messiness** of marriage and family. *America* has given us permission to reprint these reflections in our parish bulletin. This is the second of those personal reflections.

### Parents at Work

By Kevin Clarke

Like a gazillion other working parents around the world, each school night my wife and I somberly confer like field marshals planning a Prussian offensive, prepping for the morning rush out the door to the big yellow bus on the corner. But it seems no matter how detailed our pre-emptive strategizing—the homework-signing, backpack-checking, clothes-reading and lunch-building—one or two or all four of our children will find some novel, if not diabolical way to turn what should have been our orderly march to the bus into a frantic, expletive-swallowing rout. It is most lovely to find yourself on a September morn chasing down a 6-year-old and menacing him with a bag of Cheez-It crackers and a missing pair of gym shoes in front of all the neighbors.

I was raised on reruns of “My Three Sons” and “Father Knows Best”; both shows featured characters who seemed to have the whole parenthood thing down pat. Yet it has been ages since I was able to get my cardigan and slippers on before some sort of meltdown occurred in my household. Between commuting and after-school activities, homework, after-work work and extra work on the weekends, I find myself wondering how much of the family-building my wife and I actually are accomplishing and how much we have outsourced the job to school, child care programs and an aging Nintendo Wii. How did I get here? Who can help me figure out how to do this thing called family?

It will not come as a shock to most readers to discover that being a family in the United States, the land of dual-income households, spotty child care services and long commutes, is not easy. I will also acknowledge that to a great extent I should be grateful for the things I mostly feel like complaining about. Parents in many parts of the world are not worrying over how their commute affects family life as much as they are agonizing over how to get more calories and clean water on the dinner table.

But the fact that other families face more daunting, existential challenges does not mean that those confronting parents in the United States can be easily dismissed. Most of us are trying to raise healthy, decent and merciful kids in a culture that seems bent on thwarting that aim. We are

desperately trying to keep a toe in the middle class, saving for health crises and college educations or to pay off credit cards, while supervising and safeguarding our children's education and their moral, emotional and physical development. Most times we are just struggling; sometimes we are "failing," spinning our gears and only acquiring more debt and more worries no matter how hard we plan and work.

Unlike many other advanced economies, the United States does not maintain policies on mandatory vacation or sick days that can make family life easier. Its minimum wage traps a growing number of working parents in poverty. American companies are not required to offer the generous paternity leave typical of other Western states, and most do not. Extravagant tuition fees are pricing promising but affluence-challenged students out of higher education. Despite all the rhetoric on family values, too often in the United States it is every family for itself. When I think of the real threats to family life, it is this stress—the financial and practical obstacles to being a family in America—that most comes to mind, not the gender of two people who wish to get married.

We need the church to go to bat for us as an ally on these social and cultural challenges, but we could also use some help at the street level with the many practical frustrations of being a family today. Now that the parish school has closed, the Sunday catechism classes are a welcome support, but could the parish open a morning and afternoon child care service that is actually matched to real-world work schedules? How about some evening classes offering guidance on family budget making or escaping from credit card debt? Can families at your parish share baby-sitting leads?

I know the bishops meeting at the synod on family plan to discuss weighty matters related to the status and treatment of Catholics in "unconventional relationships" and their presumed impact on the family, but I hope they reserve some time also to talk about the many pressures and night tremors faced by folks in conventional relationships, trying to be a family amid work, commutes and soccer matches.

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