

TODAY'S READINGS

They will see "the Son of Man coming in the clouds" with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26)

Most of us prefer to have control over our lives. We tend to do the things that will promote happiness, security, and peace; and we try to overcome our problems, our insecurities, and our pain. When we think about improving our lives, however, we tend to think almost exclusively in terms of this world. We give little or no consideration to the Second Coming of Jesus or to what life will be like in heaven.

Of course, it's good to think about how we can improve ourselves and our world. Scripture calls us to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). God invites us to be cocreators with him, to use our gifts of intellect, imagination, and creativity to make this world a better and better place. But at the same time, many saints—who also dedicated themselves to improving people's everyday lives—yearned to finally be with Jesus forever in heaven. They echoed St. Paul's longing "to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better" (Philippians 1:23).

Can you imagine a place where all of our problems—crime, murder, abortion, war, poverty, division, resentment, suffering, sickness, and death—are forever vanquished? Can you even conceive of a place where people love each other all day, every day? A place where every relationship is perfect? It's this vision that captivated the saints and filled them with longing. It's also this vision that moved them out into the world—the hope that they could share the good news of heaven with as many people as possible.

As we near the end of another Church year, let's take some time to imagine how beautiful heaven really is. We are on a pilgrimage to heaven, and the more we keep this thought in our minds, the more we will find ourselves encouraging other people—through our love and service—to join us on the way.

"Jesus, give me a glimpse of the glory of heaven. Lord, I want to be with you forever!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 15th Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14,18 / Mk 13:24-32

Monday 16 1 Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 / Lk 18:35-43

Sts. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude

Tuesday 17 2 Mac 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday 18 2 Mac 7:1,20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul

Thursday 19 1 Mac 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday 20 1 Mac 4:36-37,52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 21 1 Mac 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 22 Dn 7:13-14 / Rev 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33-37

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Monday, November 16

6 to 7pm

Bro. Patrick Briscoe, O.P.

Presider

Confessions with Fr. Rafael Barbieri in English and Spanish during the Hour

PARISH CALENDAR

November 15 - 22

Sunday 15—Hospitality receptions and Parish Pastoral Council elections are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am and 5:30pm Masses.

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

A blessing of engaged couples is given at the 11:30am Mass.

Monday 16—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions in English and Spanish. The Stewardship Committee meets at 6:45pm in the North Conference Room.

The Armory Men's Group meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

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

Tuesday 17—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

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

Thursday 19—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Saturday 21—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 8:30am in the Cathedral.

El Retiro de Adviento en español comienza a las 9:00 de la mañana en el salón de Conferencia del Norte.

Sunday 22—**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.**

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

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

A 175th Anniversary Concert featuring the Schola Cantorum and the Festival Singers is given at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF FRANCE ~ April 13 - 22, 2016

Rev. Msgr. W. Jameson would like to invite you to join us for the 2016 St. Matthew Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France from April 13-22, 2016. We will visit Lyon, Ars, Annecy, Paray-le-Monial, Chartres, Lisieux, Normandy, Paris and Lourdes. The cost of the trip is \$3665.00 (double occupancy) per person. A deposit of \$350 is due by **December 15, 2015**. Please visit www.stmatthewscathedral.org for details. Let the Saints like St. Therese, the Little Flower, St. John Vianney and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque inspire you during this journey of faith as we continue our 175th Anniversary Celebration. We hope you will join us!

NEWS & NOTES

Vote in Person or Online for 2015 Parish Council Members – The election period for St. Matthew’s Parish Pastoral Council ends on Sunday, **November 15**. Registered parish members have an opportunity to choose their representatives on the Council that advises and assists the Rector in developing, organizing and supporting pro-grams, ministries and other activities to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of the Cathedral parish community (<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/about/parishcouncil.jj>). Five outstanding parishioners have been nominated. Ballots, including brief statements from the candidates, and ballot boxes are available at the Cathedral’s main entrance and at Hospitality in the North Conference Room. An online ballot also is available at <http://bit.ly/1LBVbUY>. Please vote!

Hospitality Sunday – *What is stewardship? What are the many activities of Stewardship at St. Matthew’s.* Join us and find out today, Sunday, **November 15** in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. We hope to see you there!

November Remembrances – 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, to 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 are placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

Thanksgiving Day Mass – Join us for a bilingual (English and Spanish) Mass on Thanksgiving Day, **November 26** at 10am. Together, let us give thanks to God, the Giver of all gifts, for His many blessings.

Saint Matthew’s Festival Singers Auditions – Each year, we invite experienced singers of the parish to join the Schola Cantorum for our *Advent Lessons and Carols*, December 13, 7:30pm and *Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Mass* at the Cathedral. Singers must be able to attend all rehearsals for these events but are not obligated to sing on both dates. We look for singers with an ability to read music, a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively. The schedule of rehearsals includes most Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Monday, November 30. To schedule an audition or for more information, contact Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

**MASS INTENTIONS
November 15 - 22**

5:30pm (November 14 Vigil) – Ernesto B. Agcaoili
7am – All Souls
8:30am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
10am – Anthony & Rosetta Petruzzi
11:30am – All Parishioners
1pm – Elsa Garzón de Moreno
5:30pm – Klepper Duché

Monday, November 16

7am – Henry Elliott, Jr.
8am – Ricardo Urribarri
12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen
5:30pm – All Souls

Tuesday, November 17

7am – All Souls
8am – Terry Bork (living)
12:10pm – Lisandro Zuluaga
5:30pm – Maximo Romana Blanco

Wednesday, November 18

7am – Lualhati Mendoza Santiago (living)
8am – All Souls
12:10pm – Tatiana Quiroga
5:30pm – Leopold Zyszkowski (living)

Thursday, November 19

7am – Andrea Case
8am – Richard Vorwerk
12:10pm – All Souls
5:30pm – Anthony Frei (living)

Friday, November 20

7am – Sean Powers (living)
8am – Alberto Umberto Salerno
12:10pm – Ralph Graper
5:30pm – All Souls

Saturday, November 21

8am – All Souls
12:10pm – Sean Kane
5:30pm – Somarsingh Family (living)

Sunday, November 22

7am – Faustino & Ricardina Rios
8:30am – All Souls
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Thanksgiving
1pm – Adrian Ramirez
5:30pm – Paul Repetti

FAITH FORMATION

For more information or to follow up on items below, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – RCIA is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! RCIA meets on Wednesdays, 7–9pm, in the North Conference Room.

RCIA Call for Sponsors – We are blessed with a growing number of Inquirers who need sponsors to accompany them as they seek Jesus and explore our Catholic Faith. Would you like to explore being a sponsor?

Sunday Children's Faith Formation – Classes meet Sunday, **November 15**, 9:45am – 11am at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW.

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors.

Armory Men's Group – All men are invited to join the Armory Men's group to watch and discuss "**Priest, Prophet, King**," a study program by Bishop Robert Barron. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the West Conference Room (next meeting: **November 16: "The Word Made Flesh"**).

Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge – A copy of Cardinal Donald Wuerl's recent Pastoral Letter will be given as a gift to each person who was recently commissioned by the Archdiocese. A follow-up Faith Formation Session is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 17** at 7pm in the North Conference Room, facilitated by Theresa Prymuszewski. The Pastoral Letter and accompanying Study Guide will be available to all who attend. No preregistration is necessary.

St. Matthew's Office for Faith Formation provides or refers parishioners to the following online resources:

Faith Foundations is available as ongoing online faith formation for all! There are introductory courses on Sacred Scripture, The Creed, The Seven Sacraments, Catholic Morality, and Prayer. For more information and registration, visit:

www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw.

John Carr, Director for the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, has made available the PowerPoint presentation that he used during his recent talk at St. Matthew's, entitled "[A Moral Challenge to Washington: Message and Impact of](#)

[Pope Francis' Visit on Public Life](#)." View the presentation via the link on the front page of the parish website, or click [here](#).

[Soul, Mind, and Heart: Personal Reflections on Saint John Paul, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis](#), an ebook by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, is available to read and enjoy, compliments of Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Publishing Company. At only 40 pages, this ebook is a great read and introduction to these 3 Popes from Cardinal Dolan's inimitable perspective. Download it via the link on the front page of the parish website, and feel free to share with all!

175th PARISH ANNIVERSARY

Memories Still Wanted!

In this 175th Anniversary Year of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, you are invited to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family. Share your favorite memories of St. Matthew's parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings. Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to reply@stmatthewscathedral.org or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-3001, with "Anniversary Story" in the email heading or on the envelope.

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1939 – October 12: Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, the Apostolic Delegate, announces that Washington will become a new archdiocese, separating from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and that St. Matthew's is designated as the cathedral church of the archdiocese. In the same year, the St. Francis Chapel is given to the Cathedral.

FAITH IN ACTION

Sponsors Needed for Christmas Gift Drive – We are preparing for our Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. Last year we provided gifts for 53 families in our community, along with 80 guests from our Homeless Ministry, youth from the DC General family shelter, and for four homes of the L'Arche Community, which serves adults with intellectual disabilities. 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 Norma Canedo or Fr. Barbieri at 202-347-3215, or email us at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LECTURAS DE HOY

La mayoría de las personas, incluso los cristianos, no suelen pensar a menudo en la segunda venida de Cristo ni en el fin de los tiempos. La idea de morir y presentarse a juicio, o peor aún, de que el Señor aparezca de repente y nos juzgue sin aviso previo, es capaz de llenarnos de miedo. Pero esta no es la actitud que la Iglesia quiere que tengamos al pensar en el regreso de Cristo, que vendrá victorioso y con toda su gloria.

Citando al profeta Daniel, Jesús dijo que veríamos “Al Hijo del Hombre viniendo en las nubes con gran poder y gloria” (Marcos 13,26;). Para todos los que creen y confían en Cristo, su segunda venida será una ocasión de enorme gozo y júbilo; será el día en que nuestro rey y jefe volverá a librarnos de una vez por todas de las lágrimas y los dolores causados por el pecado, que ha infectado al mundo entero, y nos llevará a todos los fieles al cielo, para estar con él en cuerpo y alma para toda la eternidad. Esto es lo que pedimos en el Padre Nuestro cada vez que oramos “Venga a nosotros tu reino”.

La clave para tener una actitud de esperanza, expectación y gozo al pensar en la segunda venida del Señor es aceptar con agrado la obra del Espíritu Santo en nosotros, que nos habilita para gustar las primicias de la plena cosecha de la vida venidera (Romanos 8,23; Gálatas 5,22-23). Y si deseamos vivir cada día en la presencia del Señor, amándolo, siendo amables con el prójimo y deseando experimentar la vida de Jesús, nos llenaremos del anhelo de que el Señor venga a completar la obra que dejó iniciada.

Para los que creemos en lo que Cristo nos ha anunciado y prometido, su segunda venida será aquel grandioso momento de liberación y salvación que tanto esperamos.

“Amado Padre y Dios nuestro, úngenos cada vez más con la fuerza de tu Espíritu Santo, para que estemos bien preparados para la hora en que Jesús, tu Hijo amado, nuestro Señor, regrese a llevarnos a vivir con él en la gloria de la eternidad celestial.”

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Voten por los miembros del Consejo Pastoral de la Parroquia de 2015 – El periodo de elecciones para el Consejo Pastoral de la Parroquia termina hoy **15 de noviembre**. Miembros inscritos de la parroquia todavía tienen la oportunidad de elegir a sus representantes del consejo que asiste y aconseja al rector desarrollando, organizando, y apoyando programas, ministerios y otras actividades que realzan la vida espiritual y temporal de la comunidad parroquial de la Catedral. Aprenda más sobre el Consejo en: <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/about/parishcouncil.jj>. Tenemos cinco feligreses que han sido seleccionados como candidatos para el Consejo. La papeleta para votar también está disponible en la página digital <http://bit.ly/1LBVbUY>. Por favor, voten después de las misas hoy **15 de noviembre** o en el salón de Conferencias del Norte durante la hospitalidad.

Grupo de Oración – Tema para el año 2015-16 – El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año y 2016. Tema es: **“La Profesión de la Fe.”** Este martes **17**, tendremos Adoración y Oración. Próxima charla será el martes **24 de noviembre**.

Retiro de Adviento – El sábado **21 de noviembre**, tendremos el Retiro de Adviento, dirigido por el padre Juan Pablo Durán de la organización Legionarios de Cristo. Tema: *El Plan Salvador de Dios: El Amor Creador de Dios Padre y Su Misericordia*. El retiro se ofrece en el salón del Norte, 9:00 de la mañana-5:00 de la tarde.

Día de Acción de Gracias - Caminata para el Hambre – El equipo de San Mateo empezará su Día de Acción de Gracias de este año recaudando fondos para *So Others Might Eat (SOME)* y participando en el 14 año de la Caminata para 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. No es necesario que corra o que camine si usted no puede asistir, también puede apoyar al equipo haciendo una donación monetaria. Para más información, puede mandar un correo electrónico a Tyler Martin a: tmartin2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu. ¡Únase al equipo para la Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias a las 10:00 de la mañana, después de acabar la caminata!

Se Necesitan Patrocinadores para el 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 53 familias de la comunidad, también se pudo ayudar a 80 invitados de nuestro Ministerio para las Personas Sin Hogar y se recogieron regalos para miembros de la Comunidad de L’Arche, lo cual sirve a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales. Además, el año pasado se recogieron regalos para jóvenes del albergue de familias del DC General. 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 a socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 15 Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14,18 /
Mc 13:24-32

Lunes 16 1 Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 /
Santa Margarita de Escocia y Santa Gertrudis Lc 18:35-43

Martes 17 2 Mac 6:18-31 / Lc 19:1-10
Santa Isabel de Hungría

Miércoles 18 2 Mac 7:1,20-31 / Lc 19:11-28
Dedicación de las Basílicas de Los Apóstoles San Pedro y San Pablo

Jueves 19 1 Mac 2:15-29 / Lc 19:41-44

Viernes 20 1 Mac 4:36-37,52-59 / Lc 19:45-48

Sábado 21 1 Mac 6:1-13 / Lc 20:27-40
La Presentación de la Santísima Virgen

Domingo 22 Dn 7:13-14 / Apoc 1:5-8 /
Jesucristo Rey del Universo Jn 18:33-37

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.

Proclama de Matrimonio
Saulo Ferreira y Sigrid Simpson,
planean casarse en Brazil,
el **3 de septiembre de 2016.**

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**Banns of Marriage**  
Saulo Ferreira y Sigrid Simpson  
plan to marry in  
Brazil on **September 3, 2016.**

## CATHEDRAL TOURS

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or take a self-guided tour using the color brochures with fold-out map available inside the Cathedral main entrance. Guided tours are free of charge. To schedule one, contact the Tour Coordinator at 202-347-5138. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or our Rectory receptionist.

## WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access, enter the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral. Ring the buzzer at the bottom of the driveway to enter. Take the elevator up to the Cathedral level. A sign language interpreter is present at the Sunday 11:30am Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year.

## MARRIAGE

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

## BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 X555. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor.

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

## CATHEDRAL GIFTS

St. Matthew's offers a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church featuring its history, art and architecture with photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree. Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, **boxed sets of Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments** and CD recordings of the Schola Cantorum. Items may be purchased in the Rectory or by contacting us at [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x517. Visa, MasterCard, and Discovery are accepted.



The background of the entire poster is a photograph of the interior of the Cathedral of St. Matthew. The image shows a grand, ornate space with a high, vaulted ceiling decorated with intricate patterns and frescoes. Large, arched windows are visible, and several hanging lanterns provide warm lighting. The architecture is a blend of Gothic and Romanesque styles, with detailed carvings and colorful mosaics. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and religious significance.

# 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015  
7:30 PM

## *SINGING IN THE YEAR OF MERCY*

*SCHOLA CANTORUM  
STRING ORCHESTRA, HARP AND ORGAN*

THE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE MUSIC REFLECTING THE THEMES OF THE  
JUBLILEE YEAR OF MERCY

**BERLINER MESSE, BY ARVO PÄRT**

**MUSIC OF BUXTEHUDE, FAURE, POULENC, ROREM**

AND  
***ECLOGUE FOR PIANO AND STRING ORCHESTRA, BY GERALD FINZI,***  
**FEATURING CATHEDRAL ORGANIST PAUL HARDY**

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





## Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger

**PLEASE JOIN OR DONATE TO  
THE CATHEDRAL OF  
ST. MATTHEW'S TEAM!**

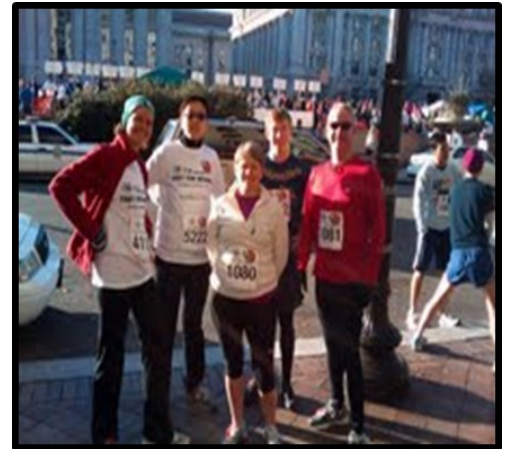
**Thanksgiving Day  
November 26, 2015**

Freedom Plaza  
(13th Street, NW & Pennsylvania Ave., NW)

8:30 a.m. Little Turkey One-Mile Fun Run  
(participants must be registered)

**9:00 a.m. Official 5k Run and Walk**

**Please join us afterward for the  
10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass  
at the Cathedral.**



*Join Us!*

**Visit our team page to  
sign-up to run  
or to make a donation:**

[http://soome.convio.net/goto/  
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## 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.

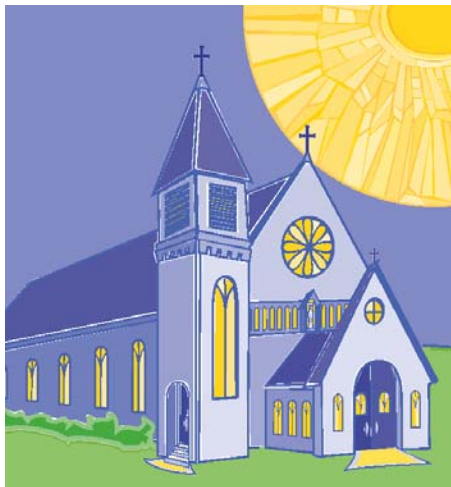
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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.

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



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle  
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To enroll online, use code  
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**Process my gifts on the:**  4th *or*  15th of the month (please check only one box)

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

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

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

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

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 &<br>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/<br>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<br>(In addition to regular Sunday gift) | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers                              | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services                              | \$ _____ | May         | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas                                      | \$ _____ | December  |

\* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

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

Name(s): (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

*If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.*

**For Bank Account Debit:** Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

**For Credit/Debit Card:** Please complete the following...  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Credit/Debit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program Christmas 2015



The Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family program to provide assistance to low-income families in our parish community. The goal is to help meet their basic needs by providing grocery gift cards, household items, clothing and coats, toys for the children, and other gifts of necessity year-round. Last year, we provided gifts for 53 families, over 80 guests from our Homeless Ministry Program, youth from DC General Shelter's Playtime Project, and for households of the L'Arche Community.

You can help by picking up gift tags with specific gift requests or making a monetary contribution during Mass, beginning in November:

- 1) To participate in the **Giving Tree**, choose as many gift tags as you like from the table at the main entrance of the Cathedral after Mass, the weekends of **November 7 & 8, November 14 & 15, November 21 & 22, November 28 & November 29, and December 5 & 6**. Please purchase the specific item(s) listed on the tags and return the gift(s) wrapped.  
*Please do not take a card unless you know you will be able to purchase the gift(s) and bring them to the Cathedral on time. Please notify the coordinator if you picked up a card, but are suddenly unable to cover that gift request. Thank you.*
- 2) You can make a **financial contribution** of any amount. Checks are welcome! Please write checks to St. Matthew's Cathedral (add "Adopt-A-Family Christmas" on the note line) and put your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Adopt-A-Family**. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

You can drop-off the envelopes and gifts with the volunteers at the main entrance after Mass during the weekends listed above. Your financial contribution can also be sent or turned into the Rectory.

We would like to receive donations by **Sunday, December 6** to allow time for shopping before Christmas. Any monetary donations that we receive above what is needed for Christmas, will be used to assist the families with grocery gift cards and other emergency assistance during the year.

**For more information, please contact Pam Quinn at [pquinn505@aol.com](mailto:pquinn505@aol.com).**

**You may also call the rectory at (202) 347-3215.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*







## Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol Programa de Adopte-una-Familia Navidad 2015



El comité de Justicia Social de nuevo está organizando el programa de Adopte-Una-Familia para proveer ayuda a familias de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran en tiempos difíciles. La meta es ayudar con necesidades básicas al proveer tarjetas de regalo para alimentos, artículos para la casa, ropa y abrigos, juguetes para los niños y otros regalos esenciales durante el año. El año pasado, proveímos regalos para 53 familias, más de 80 visitantes de nuestro programa para Personas Sin Hogar, jóvenes del Proyecto Playtime del Albergue de DC General y los hogares de la Comunidad de L'Arche.

Para ayudar, usted puede recoger etiquetas de regalo con la descripción de un regalo específico o hacer donaciones monetarias durante las misas empezando en noviembre:

- 1) Para apoyar a las familias como parte del **Árbol de Regalos**, escoja una o más etiquetas de la mesa en la entrada central de la Catedral después de la misa los fines de semana en **noviembre 7 & 8, noviembre 14 & 15, noviembre 21 & 22, noviembre 28 & noviembre 29 y diciembre 5 & 6**. Por favor compre los regalos específicos que estén descritos en las etiquetas y tráigalos a la Catedral ya envueltos.

*Por favor no recoja una etiqueta si usted no puede comprar el regalo y traerlo a la Catedral a tiempo. Por favor de notificar a la coordinadora si recogió una etiqueta, pero ya no puede comprar el regalo. Muchas gracias por su consideración.*

- 2) También puede dar una **contribución monetaria** de cualquier cantidad. Aceptamos cheques y dinero en efectivo. Favor de escribir los cheques a "St. Matthew's Cathedral" (añada "Adopt-A-Family Christmas" en la línea de nota) y ponga su donación en un sobre marcado Adopt-A-Family. Los sobres para sus donaciones también se encuentran en la entrada de la Catedral.

Puede dejar los sobres y regalos con los voluntarios en la entrada central después de la misa durante los fines de semana mencionados arriba. También puede mandar o entregar su contribución monetaria directamente a la rectoría.

Les pedimos que entreguen sus contribuciones (monetarias y regalos) hasta el **domingo, 6 de diciembre** para que podamos comprar lo que nos falte. Cualquier donación que sobre, será usada para apoyar las familias con tarjetas de regalos para alimentos y otra asistencia de emergencia durante el año siguiente.

**Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Pam Quinn a [pquinn505@aol.com](mailto:pquinn505@aol.com). También puede llamar a Norma Canedo o padre Barbieri en la rectoría al (202) 347-3215.**

*¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!*

