

TODAY'S READINGS

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
(Proverbs 31:10)

In 1843, American author Nathaniel Hawthorne published a short story called "The Birthmark." The story focuses on a beautiful woman, Georgiana, who has one flaw: a birthmark on her face. Her husband, Aylmer, is a scientist who wants Georgiana to be perfect. So he concocts a potion to remove the birthmark. Unsure but wanting to please her husband, Georgiana drinks the potion. The birthmark slowly fades, but as it does, so does Georgiana. In the end, she dies, leaving a flawless corpse.

How often do we act like Aylmer the scientist? How often do we nitpick at our spouses instead of praising them for all the ways they bring us joy, hold our families together, and support us in our lives of faith?

Today's first reading describes the characteristics of an honorable wife. She brings her husband good, and she devotes herself untiringly to her family. She is diligent in running her household, she reaches out to the poor, she sacrifices much for her family, and most of all, she fears the Lord and follows his commands.

Scholars think that readings like this one were used as models to teach young Jewish women, like the Virgin Mary. It's no wonder why! This description of an industrious, prayerful woman has much to teach us—men and women alike—about how to arrange our days. It depicts a home life that is wholesome and fruitful. It depicts a home where spouses honor each other and where children learn the values of faith, hard work, and mutual respect.

Of course, no home is as flawless as the home depicted in this reading. We are, after all, fallible human beings! But that doesn't mean we cannot all aspire to this perfect ideal. Just remember Aylmer: be sure not to kill each other in the process!

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to follow your example in everything I do."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 16 Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30

Monday 17 Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Tuesday 18 Rv 3:1-6,14-22 / Lk 19:1-10

Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul in Rome

St. Rose P. Duchesne

Wednesday 19 Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 20 Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday 21 Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 22 Rv 11:4-12 / Lk 20:27-40

St. Cecilia

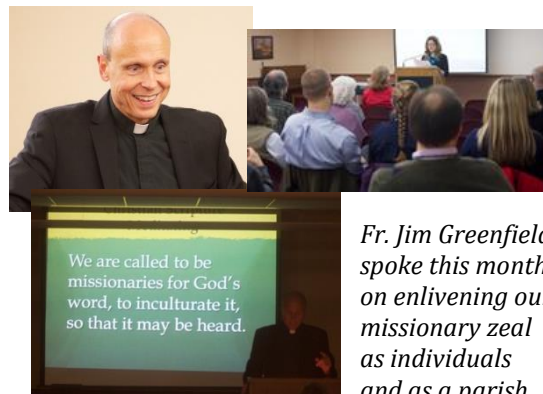
Sunday 23 Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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!

FAITH FORMATION



Fr. Jim Greenfield spoke this month on enlivening our missionary zeal as individuals and as a parish,

the final lecture in the fall series sponsored by St. Matthew's Faith Formation Committee.

Bible Study on the Book of Revelation –

The final session of Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Book of Revelation will be held Saturday, **November 22** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room, and will focus on the Judgment and Victory. Bring a Bible, and consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

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 who models how to live the faith in daily life, meets with the person s/he is sponsoring to discuss their faith journey, prays for that person, and participates in the stages and rituals of the RCIA process. To learn more, contact Theresa Prymuszewski at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org at 202-587-5139.

PARISH CALENDAR

November 16 - 23

Sunday 16—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 17—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral at 6pm with Confessions available in English and Spanish. Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 18—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room. El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste

Wednesday 19—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 20—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

Saturday 22—Fr. Hurley's Bible study on the Book of Revelation is held at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Sunday 23—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. An Organ Recital is given in the Cathedral at 3:15pm.

Fr. Michael Witczak spoke last month on liturgy, ministry and the Christian life, sponsored by St. Matthew's Liturgy Committee.



YOUNG ADULTS

Wine and Wisdom - Monthly on the third Monday (next: November 17) - 7 to 8:30pm - East Conference Room - Wine and Wisdom is a discussion and faith-sharing group for young adult women. The conversation is aimed at helping to form, encourage, strengthen, and prepare participant to be the women that God has designed them to be. Contact & RSVP: Tiffany at wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com

DCCatholic Fall Theology on Tap: "Things to Know by 30" - Tuesdays, November 11 - December 9 - 6 to 8pm - Buffalo Billiards (1330 19th Street NW / Dupont Circle) Contact: dccatholic@adw.org

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. Come and help with their Christmas card mailing. Fyi, items on the Center's wish list include diapers, formula, baby wipes, and Pack 'n Plays. Sign-up: Natalie at 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 at the ever-popular happy hour held jointly with St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY). Contact: Sarah at zick.sarah@gmail.com

MUSIC

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* 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 at both events. We are looking for singers with an ability to read music, a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively. The rehearsal schedule, below, includes most Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, December 1.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Mondays, **December 1 & 8**, 6:45-8:45pm: Rehearsal
Wednesdays, **December 3 & 10**, 7:45-8:45pm: Rehearsal
Sunday, **December 14**, 7:30-9pm: Lessons and Carols (6:30pm arrival)

Christmas Eve Prelude and Mass

Monday, **December 15**, 7:15-8:45pm: Rehearsal
Wednesday, **December 17**, 7:15-8:45pm: Rehearsal
Monday, **December 21**, 6:45-8:45pm: Rehearsal
Wednesday, **December 24**: 9:15pm Prelude; 10pm Mass (8pm arrival)

To schedule an audition or for more information, contact Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

NOVEMBER NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration – All are invited to the parish's monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **November 17** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Gabriel Torretta, OP will preside and give a short reflection. Fr. Rafael will be available for confessions in English and Spanish during the hour.

Thanksgiving Day Mass – Join us for a bilingual (English and Spanish) Mass on Thanksgiving Day, **November 27** at 10am. "Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is." Together, let us give thanks to God, the Giver of all gifts, for His many blessings.

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, 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 will be placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Pastoral Council Elections: The Vote is In! – Elections to the Parish Pastoral Council were held on Hospitality Sunday, November 2. Elected to a three-year council term are **Claudia Campos, Dan Evans, Milton Saenz and Daniel Zazueta**. Appointed by Msgr. Jameson to a three-year term are **Kevin Crouch and Sarah Ruszkowski**. Appointed by Msgr. to a one-year term to fill a vacancy on the council are **Susan Aspey, Patricia Boehme, Claudia Melgar, and David and Margy Willis** (together filling one vacancy). Thank you to all who ran, nominated a candidate, or voted. Please keep our new Parish Pastoral Council in your prayers during this exciting time of preparation for the celebration of our 175th Anniversary as a parish in 2015.



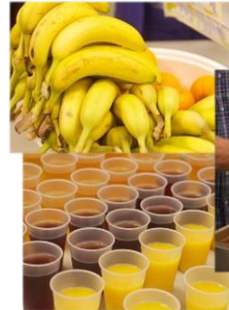
Stewardship Thought for the Week:

As with all things

pertaining to the Gospel, stewardship is fundamentally the work of the Spirit in our lives. When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, the Spirit can use us as apt instruments for spreading the Gospel. Wherever the Spirit works, there is joy. Good stewards are always the joyful bearers of the Good News of Salvation."

(*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*; USCCB November 2002; page 1)

FAITH IN ACTION



Volunteers and staff serve breakfast, lead discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading, and provide bagged lunches to

guests at our Monday Morning Homeless Ministry, sponsored by our Social Justice and Community Services Committee.

Thank you! – Thank you to all who participated in our Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Drive! We are very grateful to all who donated gift cards or money that was used to purchase more cards for the families in need, and to the volunteers who helped organize the drive and collect donations. With your generosity, fifty families will enjoy a wholesome Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones.

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 the residents of 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.

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! Our goal this year is to raise \$750. To join the team, visit www.some.org, choose "Trot for Hunger" under Events, then "Cathedral of St. Matthew" under Join Team. You also may donate 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 lrochelle@gmail.com

World AIDS Day Vigil – Volunteers Needed – The Respect Life Ministry is once again organizing the World AIDS Day Vigil. The bilingual candlelight vigil will take place on Monday, **December 1** after the 5:30pm Mass on the steps of the Cathedral. A reception will follow in the North Conference Room. To serve as a volunteer the day of the vigil, email Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Los votos han llegado! – Las elecciones del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial se celebraron el domingo de hospitalidad el 2 de noviembre. Elegidos para un periodo de tres años son: **Claudia Campos, Dan Evans, Milton Saenz y Daniel Zazueta**. Nombrados por Monseñor Jameson para un período de tres años son: **Kevin Crouch y Sarah Ruszkowski**. Nombrados por Monseñor para un término de un año para llenar una vacante son: **Susan Aspey, Patricia Boehme, Claudia Melgar y David y Willis Margy** (juntos llenan una vacante). Gracias a todos los que se postularon como candidatos, quienes nominaron a los candidatos, o votaron. Por favor mantengan a nuestros feligreses elegidos al Consejo Pastoral Parroquial en sus oraciones durante este momento tan importante de preparación para la celebración del 175 aniversario como parroquia en el año 2015.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Les invitamos el lunes **17 de noviembre** 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 Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la adoración.

Formación de Fe – Grupo de Oración – El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **18 de noviembre** será: La Justicia Social. Padre Pawel Sass será el invitado especial.

¡Gracias! – ¡Les agradecemos a todos los que ayudaron con nuestra exitosa colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias para el programa de Adopte-una-Familia! Agradecemos a todos los que contribuyeron con tarjetas de regalo o dinero para comprar tarjetas adicionales para ayudar a familias en necesidad. Las donaciones que sobren se usarán para ayudar a las familias necesitadas durante el próximo año. También agradecemos a todos los voluntarios quienes ayudaron a organizar la colecta. Por su generosidad, cincuenta familias podrán experimentar una cena nutritiva con sus seres queridos.

Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias – Únase a la celebración de la Misa de Acción de Gracias, que será bilingüe, el día **27 de noviembre** a las 10:00 de la mañana. Monseñor Jameson será el celebrante y predicador con nuestros padres de la parroquia concelebrando “La Acción de Gracias caracteriza la oración de la Iglesia”, nos dice el Catecismo, “la cual,

cuando se celebra la Eucaristía, revela y expresa en plenitud lo que es”. Juntos demos gracias a Dios, el dador de todo bien, por las muchas bendiciones que ha derramado sobre nosotros a través del año.

(SOME) Carrera por el Hambre – El equipo de San Mateo empezará su Día de Acción de Gracias recaudando fondos para So Other Might Eat (SOME) en el treceavo año de la carrera por el Hambre. Nuestra meta este año es recaudar \$750. Para formar parte del equipo, visite 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. Usted también puede donar usando la misma página. Leah Rochelle se pondrá en contacto con los participantes registrados el 25 de noviembre con detalles. ¡Únase a nosotros a la Misa de 10:00 de la mañana, después de acabarla carrera! Para más información contacte a Leah al lsrochelle@gmail.com.



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.



Se Necesitan Voluntarios para la Vigilia del Día Mundial del SIDA –El Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, que forma parte de los Ministerios de Justicia Social, está organizando la Vigilia del Día Mundial del SIDA, que se llevará a cabo el lunes, **1 de diciembre**. La vigilia con velas será bilingüe y será después de la Misa de las 5:30 de la tarde (en inglés) en las gradas de la Catedral. Luego habrá una recepción en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Si está interesado en servir como voluntario el día de la vigilia, mande un correo electrónico a Justin Silvers al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com o llame a la rectoría.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel. (Mateo 25, 21)

Valiéndose de parábolas, Jesús predicaba el Evangelio e instaba a sus oyentes a reflexionar seriamente en su mensaje sobre el Reino de Dios. La parábola de hoy es parte de una secuencia que describe dos condiciones del corazón: los que aceptan las palabras de Cristo y las cumplen, y los que deliberadamente las rechazan. La vida espiritual de los primeros crece mediante la fe y da mucho fruto; la de los otros es estéril y no produce fruto verdadero.

La parábola de los talentos explica muy claramente esta comparación. A los siervos buenos y fieles su maestro respondió: "Te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas de poco valor, te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor". En este caso, "fiel" significa digno de confianza, buen administrador y dispuesto a asumir riesgos. Las palabras del amo a los siervos necios y perezosos fueron duras. Les ordenó que lo arrojaran a la más densa oscuridad. Estas palabras nos parecen desafiantes, pero debemos recordar que Dios es santo, lleno de bondad, amor y justicia, y jamás nos va a exigir más de lo que nos ha dado.

En Cristo tenemos todo lo que necesitamos para producir fruto abundante: "Ustedes no viven en tinieblas, sino que son hijos de la luz y del día, no de la noche y las tinieblas" (1 Tesalonicenses 5, 5). Como hijos de la luz, recibimos la iluminación de Dios y podemos seguir recibéndola cada día para vivir con amor y servir a Dios y a nuestros hermanos en la fe. Por eso es importantísimo escuchar a Dios en la liturgia y en la oración privada diaria; de otro modo nuestra vida espiritual se secará y no podremos dar fruto.

El Evangelio nos apremia a mantenernos vigilantes, o sea que cada día debemos actuar en fe y estar dispuestos a arriesgar la vida por Dios; tenemos que ejercitar la voluntad para asemejarnos al Señor.

"Padre santo, no queremos ser pasivos, sino servidores diligentes y decididos. Ayúdanos, Señor, a luchar contra el mal con valentía y decisión para luego dar toda clase de buen fruto."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 16 Pro 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 / 1 Tes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30

Lunes 17 Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lc 18:35-43

Santa Isabel de Hungría

Martes 18 Apc 3:1-6,14-22 / Lc 19:1-10

La Dedicación de la Basílica de los Apóstoles Pedro y Pablo

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La Presentación de la Santísima Virgen

Sábado 22 Apc 11:4-12 / Lc 20:27-40

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Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Rey del Universo

MASS INTENTIONS

November 16 – 23

Sunday, November 16

5:30pm (November 16 vigil) – All Souls

7am – All Souls

8:30am – Ricardo Urribarri

10am – Anthony & Rosetta Petruzzi

11:30am – All Parishioners

1pm – Joel A. Coleman

5:30pm – Ronald Steffenser

Monday, November 17

7am – Benito Catalina Agcaoili

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Venustiano Punsalan

5:30pm – Maximo Romana Blanco

Tuesday, November 18

7am – Terry Bork (living)

8am – Allen Hasselman (living)

12:10pm – All Souls

5:30pm – Movement of Schoenstatt (living)

Wednesday, November 19

7am – Honesto & Carmela Almario

8am – Jane Thayer

12:10pm – Milagros M. Beredo

5:30pm – All Souls

Thursday, November 20

7am – All Souls

8am – Dennis M. Wilson

12:10pm – Victor Goseingfiao

5:30pm – Candelaria Rueda

Friday, November 21

7am – Mr. Tommy Jenkins

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Jerry Hilado

5:30pm – Maria Eugenia

Saturday, November 22

8am – Cecilia Cancio (living)

12:10pm – All Souls

5:30pm – Marie Mendi Viderot

Sunday, November 23

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dr. James Dennis Carroll (living)

10am – Charles Warner

11:30am – Fred Paras

1pm – Wilhem Plate-Canepa (living)

5:30pm – All Souls



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Office of Music Ministry

Presents

Organ Recital



Paul Hardy
Cathedral Organist

Featuring works of
J. S. Bach
Marcel Dupré
Dietrich Buxtehude
Jean Langlais

Sunday, November 23
3:15 pm

Free-will offering, Open to the public.

Donations will support the completion of the Great Organ of the Cathedral
For more information, please contact the Office of Music Ministry
at 202/587-5141



St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program Christmas 2014



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. Last year, we provided gifts for 56 families, over 80 guests from our Homeless Ministry Program, and homes from the L'Arche Community. This year, we are also including children from DC General Shelter's Playtime Project.

You can help by picking up gift tags with specific gift requests or making a monetary contribution during the Masses 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 8 & 9, November 15 & 16, November 22 & 23, November 29 & November 30, and December 6 & 7**. Please purchase the specific item(s) 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 purchase the gift listed on it. 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" in 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 **December 7** to allow time for shopping before Christmas. Any 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.

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 2014



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 necesidad. La meta es ayudar con necesidades básicas al regalar tarjetas de regalo para alimentos, artículos para la casa, ropa y abrigos, juguetes para los niños y otros regalos esenciales. El año pasado, proveímos regalos para 56 familias, más de 80 visitantes de nuestro Programa para Personas Sin Hogar y los hogares de la Comunidad de L'Arche. Este año, incluiremos a niños del Proyecto *Playtime* del Albergue de DC General.

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 8 & 9, noviembre 15 & 16, noviembre 22 & 23, noviembre 29 & noviembre 30 y diciembre 6 & 7**. Por favor compre los regalos específicos y tráigalos 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*” (por favor 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 directamente a la rectoría.

Les pedimos que entreguen sus contribuciones (monetarias y regalos) hasta el **7 de diciembre** para que podamos comprar lo que nos falte. Cualquier donación que sobra, será para apoyar las familias con tarjetas de regalos para alimentos y otra asistencia de emergencia durante el año.

Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Pam Quinn a pquinn505@aol.com. También puede llamar a la rectoría al (202) 347-3215.

¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!



Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

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

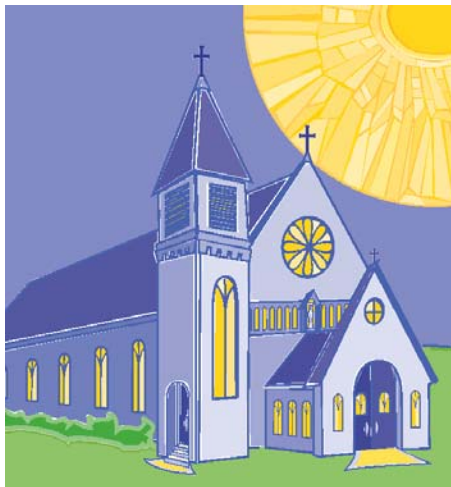
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

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

When do transactions take place?



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

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

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

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

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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 third of those personal reflections.

-- Deacon Merella

The Joy of Joey

By Ginny and Bob Kane

Nearly every Sunday we watch our son go up and down the entire length of the center aisle of our church during the greeting of peace. Joey, who has Down Syndrome, generously doles out hugs and handshakes to all he can reach. Naturally, Joey's greeting extends long beyond the norm, and we used to worry that someone, priest or parishioner, would finally say "Enough." We soon learned that parishioners looked forward to making that momentary connection with Joey and were disappointed on the days when altar serving kept him out of the pews!

Joey was the child we prayed we would never have. We were not wise enough to understand what a tremendous blessing he would be in our lives. Put very simply, Joey embodies love and is a constant reminder of the presence of Jesus.

Any parent of a child with Down Syndrome will speak of the challenges involved. It is not easy to raise a child with special needs. We want the best for our child but fear that the needed resources will not be available. We worry about our child fitting in. We see children stare. We see adults sometimes speak past Joey, asking us questions that he could easily answer himself. Mostly, we worry about whether people will accept Joey for the wonderful person he is.

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Our parish, our Catholic grade school and high school and our local Catholic nursing home all have played key roles in raising Joey. At Joey's baptism our parish community made a commitment to raise Joey in the faith and that commitment has never wavered. Our Catholic schools welcomed Joey even though there had never been another student with Down Syndrome in their classrooms. The nursing home where he volunteers has provided amazing friendships—not to mention numerous servings of hamburgers and fries, Joey's favorite foods.

What is the benefit of having a person such as Joey in our midst? What do the church, the schools and the nursing home receive for welcoming, accepting and including Joey? They all knew they were allowing Joey to grow as a person and in his faith, but they could not possibly have known the remarkable extent to which their gift would allow that same growth in the lives of those around him. No one could have foreseen how Joey would melt the hearts of those in the pew with a hug—perhaps the only hug they received all week. No one could have foreseen that Joey would give a speech at his grade school graduation or that he would receive awards naming him the Most Inspirational Senior from both the students and the faculty at his high school graduation. Whoever would have thought that the nursing home at which he volunteers would throw him a high school graduation party in appreciation of all the time he spent visiting and assisting residents?

Joey has given our family and our community a glimpse of Jesus' unconditional love. Our community has given Joey and our family a rare gift in return. We no longer worry that Joey will not be accepted for who he is. The genuine outpouring of love and kindness toward our son has been truly humbling. Our prayer is that churches, schools and communities will welcome people with special needs, the Joeys of the world, as ours did. We believe that if they do, many lives will be changed in beautiful ways. We know ours have been.

Bob and Ginny Kane are members of Holy Rosary Parish in Seattle, Wash. Joey is the youngest of their four children.