

## Readings for November 18

**O**f that day or hour, no one knows. (Mark 13:32)  
When Jesus said that “no one knows” when the Second Coming would happen, was he saying that even he didn’t know? It sure seems that way. Maybe he was reminding us that he had submitted to the limitations of being human, just like us. Yes, he was fully divine, but he was also fully human. And that entailed certain limitations. This is why Luke tells us that Jesus was always increasing in wisdom “before God and man” (Luke 2:52).

Today, however, Jesus knows when he will come again. The problem is, we still don’t know!

Repeatedly throughout history, people have tried to predict the end of the world. St. Paul thought it was just around the corner. St. Hippolytus of Rome and St. Irenaeus of Lyon thought it would happen in AD 500. John Wesley, the first Methodist, thought the end would come in 1836. Many Christian leaders—and no shortage of psychics—have also weighed in. Not surprisingly, many of these people then recalculated the dates after their first predictions didn’t come true, only to have their followers disappointed again.

Some believers are more cautious. They tell us that we will see specific clues when the time is near. They point to certain signs—a war in the Middle East, a drought in Africa, earthquakes in Peru, or some other disaster. When those signs occur, it means that Jesus is very near.

Still, no human being knows when Jesus will come. It could be today. It may not be for thousands of years.

St. Francis had a different take on the subject. Once, when he was working in the garden, a friar asked, “What would you be doing now if you knew that Jesus was coming back today?” Francis replied, “I would keep hoeing my garden.” Francis knew he was trying his best to be ready, and there was nothing more he could do.

The point is, Jesus *will* come. So our best answer is the same as it has always been: be ready.

*“Come, Lord Jesus!”*

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## This Week’s Readings

<b>Sunday 18</b>	Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14,18 / Mk 13:24-32
<b>Monday 19</b>	Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	Rev 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	Rev 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28
	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>Thursday 22</b>	Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<b>Friday 23</b>	Rev 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48
	<i>St. Clement, St. Columban &amp; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro</i>
<b>Saturday 24</b>	Rev 11:4-12 / Lk 20:27-40
	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i>
<b>Sunday 25</b>	Dn 7:13-14 / Rev 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37
	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>

## Parish Calendar November 18 – 25

- Sunday 18**—Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.  
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continuan a las 11:00 de la mañana.  
Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.  
RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.  
Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.
- Monday 19**—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions during the hour.  
The Cathedral Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.
- Tuesday 20**—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.
- Wednesday 21**—RCIA does not meet.  
Sacred Page does not meet.
- Thursday 22**—**Thanksgiving Day**  
A bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving is celebrated at 10am, the only Mass of the day.  
The Cathedral opens at 9:30am and closes after the Mass. There are no Confessions.  
The rectory office is closed.
- Friday 23**—The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, with no Confessions.  
The rectory office is closed.
- Sunday 25**—The Little Sisters of the Poor accept donations after all Masses.  
Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes do not meet.  
No hay clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar.  
Landings does not meet.  
RCIA Dismissal is not held.  
Cathedral Coffeehouse does not meet.



### LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor visit us next weekend, **November 24 – 25**, to ask for help with their mission of caring for the elderly poor. The sisters will be at the Cathedral doors after each Mass to accept voluntary gifts of support. Please be generous. Thank you for your kindness to them.

## News & Notes

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Bilingual (English and Spanish)  
10am on Thursday, **November 22**

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass—the only Mass of the day, at 10am. Msgr. Jameson will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Agustín will be the homilist, with our rectory priests concelebrating. Together, let us give thanks to God, the Giver of all gifts, for His many blessings throughout the year.



### Thanksgiving Day - SOME's Trot for Hunger –

All are invited to join or donate to St. Matthew's Cathedral team for the Trot for Hunger, to benefit So Others Might Eat (SOME) and their mission to help end homelessness in the Nation's capital. Register or donate at [trotforhunger.org](http://trotforhunger.org) and enter "St. Matthew's Cathedral" as the team name under Info. We will meet at the Cathedral by 8am to head down as a group to the starting line at Freedom Plaza (13th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW). The Little Turkey One-Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30am, and the 5K run and walk at 9am. In previous years we have been able to make it back to the Cathedral for our 10am Thanksgiving Day Mass. Contact: Franz Kuo at [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com)

**Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions** – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **November 19**, 6-7pm, with confessions during the hour. Come, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. *Oremus pro invicem. Let us pray, one for the other.*

**November Masses for Deceased** – We remember our deceased loved ones in a special way throughout November. Each day a special Mass is celebrated for this intention. Special envelopes are provided in the pews so you can list the names of the deceased to be remembered at these daily Masses. The envelopes, which can be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory office, are placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

## Outreach

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

**Christmas 2018** – The Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family program to assist low-income families in our parish community. Last year we provided gifts for 65 families, over 100 guests from our Homeless Ministry Program, children from DC General Shelter's Playtime Project, and household gifts for the L'Arche Community.

1. To participate in the **Giving Tree**, choose as many gift tags as you like from the table at the Cathedral main entrance this weekend or next. Purchase the specific item(s) listed on the tags and return the gift(s) wrapped and labeled with the corresponding tag. **Please do not take a card unless you know you will be able to purchase the gift and bring it to the Cathedral on time. Thank you.**
2. You may make a **financial contribution**. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral ("Adopt-A-Family Christmas" on the note line) and put your donation in an envelope clearly marked Adopt-A-Family, or use one of the envelopes at the main entrance.

You may drop off the envelopes and gifts with the volunteers at all Masses this weekend or next, or at the rectory office during the week by Sunday, **December 2**. Monetary gifts above the amount needed for Christmas will be used to assist the families during the upcoming months. For more information, contact Pam Quinn at [pquinn505@aol.com](mailto:pquinn505@aol.com), or Norma Canedo or Fr. López at the rectory at 202-347-3215. Thank you for your generosity!

## Music

**St. 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*. Singers must attend all rehearsals for these events but are not obligated to sing on both dates. 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. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Tom Stehle at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-587-5141.

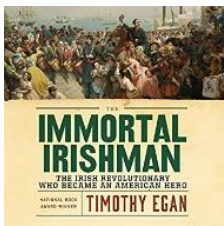
### Lessons and Carols

Mondays, **December 3** and **10**, 7-9pm: Rehearsal  
Wednesdays, **December 5** and **12**, 8-9pm: Rehearsal  
Sunday, **December 16**, 7:30–9pm: *Advent Lessons and Carols* (6:30pm arrival)

### Christmas Eve

Monday, **December 17**, 7-9pm: Rehearsal  
Wednesday, **December 19**, 7-9pm: Rehearsal  
Monday, **December 24**, 9:15pm *Prelude*; 10pm *Mass* (8pm arrival)

## Faith Formation



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

Hero,” by National Book Award winner Timothy Egan, is the Cathedral Book Club’s selection for discussion on Monday, **November 19**. It’s the story of Thomas Meagher, whose exploits included escape to America from a prison colony in Tasmania, his leadership of the Irish Brigade in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil War, and his final years as territorial governor of Montana. It includes his opposition to the Know-Nothing Party, then the second largest party in the US, whose members pledged to support only American-born Protestants and never marry a Catholic! Egan’s work has been praised for its “impeccable research, uncomplicated readability, and flowing narrative.” Join us from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room.

**Papal Prayer Intention** – Please pray for **Pope Francis’ November prayer intention** “that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict”.

**Day of Reflection and Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** – As we move into the next stage of the Season of Healing, we recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. Therefore, on **December 1, 8:30am - 5:30pm**, the Archdiocese of Washington offers a day retreat for survivors. Register at <https://adw.org/outreach-to-survivors/>

## New Parishioner Registration ~ Welcome!

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

## Celebrating the Sacraments

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

### Baptism

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

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

### Marriage

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

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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

## 2019 Confirmation Registration Open!

### Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew’s offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation group are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

### Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

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



## Lecturas del 18 de Noviembre

**P**odrán dejar de existir el cielo y la tierra, pero mis palabras no dejarán de cumplirse. (Marcos 13, 31)

La mayoría de las personas, incluso creyentes, no piensan con frecuencia en la Segunda Venida de Cristo. La idea de morir y presentarse a juicio ante Dios, o peor aún, de que Jesús aparezca de repente y nos juzgue sin aviso previo es capaz de llenarnos de nerviosismo e inseguridad. Pero esta no es la actitud que la Iglesia quiere que tengamos al pensar en el grandioso y triunfante regreso de Cristo en toda su gloria.

Citando al profeta Daniel, el Señor dijo que “Verán venir al Hijo del hombre sobre las nubes con gran poder y majestad” (Marcos 13, 26; Daniel 7, 13). Para todos los que creemos y confiamos en Cristo, su Segunda Venida será una ocasión de enorme gozo y júbilo; será el momento en que nuestro Rey y Maestro volverá a la tierra a librarnos de una vez por todas de las lágrimas y los dolores causados por el pecado que ha infectado al mundo entero. Él llevará a todos los fieles al cielo, para estar a su lado en cuerpo y alma para toda la eternidad. Esto es lo que le pedimos en el Padre Nuestro cada vez que oramos: “Venga a nosotros tu Reino.”

El hecho de saber que hay una vida después de ésta debe ser para nosotros motivo de enorme esperanza. Si no fuese así, la vida en la tierra se limitaría a intentos desesperados por gozar al máximo de todos los placeres momentáneos, y después... ¡nada! Si deseamos vivir cada día en la presencia del Señor, amándolo, tratando al prójimo con amor, y deseando experimentar la vida de Jesús, nos llenaremos del anhelo de que el Señor venga a completar la obra que dejó iniciada.

En cambio, los que no quieren conocer a Jesús ni han saboreado la vida divina, piensan que la Segunda Venida será nada más que causa de desastres, calamidades y juicio. Para nosotros los creyentes, esa gloriosa manifestación de Cristo será el acontecimiento más sublime y esplendoroso que tanto esperamos. Aceptemos la obra de Dios hoy mismo y preparémonos para la hora en que Jesús regrese a llevarnos a vivir con él en la gloria de la eternidad.

*“Amado Señor Jesús, quiero presenciar tu Segunda Venida en gloria y quiero irme contigo al cielo.”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo 18</b>	Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14,18 / Mc 13:24-32
<b>Lunes 19</b>	Apoc 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lc 18:35-43
<b>Martes 20</b>	Apoc 3:1-6,14-22 / Lc 19:1-10
<b>Miércoles 21</b>	Apoc 4:1-11 / Lc 19:11-28
<i>La Presentación de la Virgen María</i>	
<b>Jueves 22</b>	Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
<i>Día de Acción de Gracias</i>	
<b>Viernes 23</b>	Apoc 10:8-11 / Lc 19:45-48
<i>San Clemente, San Columbano y Beato Miguel Agustín Pro</i>	
<b>Sábado 24</b>	Apoc 11:4-12 / Lc 20:27-40
<i>San Andrés Dung-Lac y compañeros</i>	
<b>Domingo 25</b>	Dn 7:13-14 / Apoc 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33-37
<i>Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo</i>	

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

November 18 - 25

#### Sunday, November 18

5:30pm Vigil (Nov 17) – Leopold Zyszkowski

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Souls

10am – Anthony & Rosetta Petruzi

11:30am – Leonard Zelonis

1pm – Ausberto y Francisco Puerta

5:30pm – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

#### Monday, November 19

7am – All Souls

8am – Marie Sesravines

12:10pm – Robert Carboni

5:30pm – Mike Lambert

#### Tuesday, November 20

7am – For greater accountability & transparency in Church leaders

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Brian L. Kerns Family (living)

5:30pm – Jim Sullivan (living)

#### Wednesday, November 21

7am – All Souls

8am – Hilda Perez

12:10pm – Mr. Godfrey

5:30pm – Simplicia Offemaria

#### Thursday, November 22

10am – Charlotte O. Kerns

#### Friday, November 23

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Concordia Aonian

#### Saturday, November 24

8am – Thomas F. McCormak, Jr. (living)

12:10pm – Michel Tardif

5:30pm – All Souls

#### Sunday, November 25

7am – All Souls

8:30am – Lloyd Underwood

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Robert Ryan

1pm – Wilhem Plate (living)

5:30pm – Carlos Upson

Para ofrecer una intención de misa, deberá hablar con nuestra recepcionista en la rectoría. No es necesario hacer un pago, pero una ofrenda es habitual. Fechas especiales tienen que reservarse con antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the rectory office. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

## Noticias de la Parroquia



**Celebración de la Reina de la Paz, Patrona de El Salvador** – Todos están invitados a la celebración de La Reina de la Paz, patrona de El Salvador, hoy domingo **18 de noviembre**, después de la misa en español en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Habrá tamales, pupusas, música folklorica y representantes del Consulado. Todos están invitados!

### **Noviembre Misas por Nuestros Difuntos** –

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 de cada día durante el mes de noviembre, los encontrarán en los bancos de la Catedral. Estos sobres se pondrán en el altar de la Capilla Nupcial.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **19 de noviembre** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones durante la hora en (inglés solamente).

**Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias** – Únanse a la celebración bilingüe (en inglés y español) de la Misa de Acción de Gracias el jueves **22 de noviembre** a las 10:00 de la mañana. Monseñor Jameson será el celebrante, padre Agustín dará la homilía y nuestros padres de la parroquia concelebrando. Juntos demos gracias a Dios, el dador de todo bien, por las muchas bendiciones que ha derramado sobre nosotros a través del año.

**Día de Acción de Gracias – Caminata por el Hambre para SOME** – Todos están invitados a correr, caminar o donar para el equipo de San Mateo en la caminata por el hambre. El evento beneficiará a So Others Might Eat (SOME). Inscríbese o done en la página [trotforhunger.org](http://trotforhunger.org) y entre a “St. Matthew’s Cathedral” como su equipo. Nos encontraremos en la Catedral a las 8:00 de la mañana y caminaremos juntos a Freedom Plaza (Calle 13 y Pennsylvania Ave., NW). La caminata para niños de 1K empezará a las 8:30 de la mañana, y 5k correr o caminar empezará a las 9:00 de la mañana. Años anteriores, los participantes pudieron regresar a la Catedral para la misa de Acción de Gracias de las 10:00 de la mañana. Para más información, contacte a Franz Kuo a [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com).

**Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol Programa de Adopte-una Familia Navidad 2018** – El comité de Justicia Social de nuevo está organizando el programa de Adopte-una-Familia para ofrecer ayuda a familias de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran en tiempos difíciles. El año pasado, proveímos regalos para 65 familias, más de 100 visitantes de nuestro programa para Personas Sin Hogar, niños del Proyecto *Playtime* del Albergue de DC General y regalos de hogar para la Comunidad de L’Arche.

### **Puede ayudar haciendo lo siguiente:**

1. Puede acercarse al **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 18 y noviembre 25**. Por favor compre los regalos específicos que estén descritos en las etiquetas y tráigalos a la Catedral envueltos y con sus etiquetas. **Por favor no recoja una etiqueta si usted no puede comprar el regalo y traerlo a la Catedral a tiempo. Muchas gracias.**
2. También puede dar una **contribución monetaria** de cualquier cantidad. 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. Puede mandar o entregar su contribución monetaria directamente a la rectoría. Les pedimos que entreguen sus contribuciones (monetarias y regalos) hasta el domingo, **2 de diciembre** para que podamos comprar lo que nos falte. Cualquier donación que sobre, será usada para apoyar a las familias durante los meses que se aproximan. 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 al padre López en la rectoría al 202-347-3215. Muchas gracias por su generosidad!


**Las Hermanas de los Pobres nos Visitan** – Las Hermanas de los pobres, visitarán la Catedral el próximo fin de semana, **24 – 25 de noviembre** para aceptar donaciones después de todas las misas en las puertas de la Catedral. Agradecerán cualquier ayuda que puedan ofrecerles a ellas.

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**  
**World AIDS Day Mass & Candlelight Vigil**  
*Misa & Vigilia de Oración para el Día Mundial del SIDA*



**"I am the light of the World" Jn 8:12**  
***"Yo soy la luz del mundo" Jn 8:12***

Join us in prayer for all who are in spiritual and physical crisis.  
Come and pray for all who are suffering, especially because of AIDS, addictions, or the loss of loved ones.

  
*Unámonos para rezar por todos aquellos que están en crisis  
espiritual o física. Vengan y recemos por los que sufren especialmente por causa del SIDA,  
las adicciones o por la pérdida de un ser querido.*

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**Friday, November 30, 2018**  
**Join us for Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)**  
**Candlelight Prayer Vigil from 6:00pm - 6:30pm**  
**On the steps of the Cathedral**

***Viernes, 30 de noviembre de 2018***  
***Únase a nosotros para la Misa de las 5:30 (Bilingüe)***  
***La vigilia con velas será de 6:00 - 6:30 de la tarde***  
***En los peldaños de la Catedral***

Join us for a bilingual service of reflection  
with readings and prayers.  
*Únase a nosotros para un servicio bilingüe de reflexión  
con lecturas y oraciones.*

Refreshments will follow in the North Conference Room  
*Se servirán refrescos en el salón del Norte después de la vigilia*

**For more information | Para más información**  
**St. Matthew's Respect Life Ministry | Ministerio del Respeto a la Vida**  
Justin Silvers, jsilvers@cbndc.org  
Rectory: Fr. Agustín López or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215

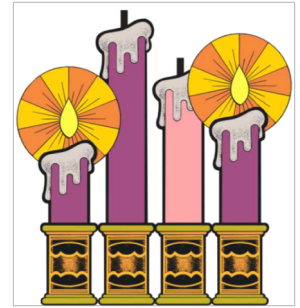


# Advent Day of Recollection

Uncovering the Advent themes of scripture while exploring our personal life journey.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 1, 2018  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
Mass at 12:10pm followed by a light lunch

**WHERE:** Cathedral of Matthew's  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Great Hall (entrance near the parking garage)  
Two blocks north of the Farragut North (Red Line) Metro station  
Four blocks north of the Farragut West (Orange, Silver and Blue Lines) Metro station



**CONFERENCE I:** Lifting our soul to the Lord in times of anxiety.

An introspection of our heart's longing, and its restlessness. Looking at the realities of our lives to recognize the signs of God's goodness and the invitation to discover the depths of God's love for us.

**CONFERENCE II:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

The living of our life allows for God's presence to be known. With a deep and intentional practice of prayer, one comes to recognize God's voice, God's hand, and God's intention for our life. Explore prayerful listening and dialogue in community to discover what God is asking of you.

**CONFERENCE III:** Our hearts are filled with expectation. What should we do?

Comparing the expectations of our heart to the realities of our lives. Holding in gentleness this contradiction. Inspired by John the Baptist and Mary, the Mother of God, we discern our profound yes to God's will.



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**All are invited to this event, free of charge.**

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





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*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.

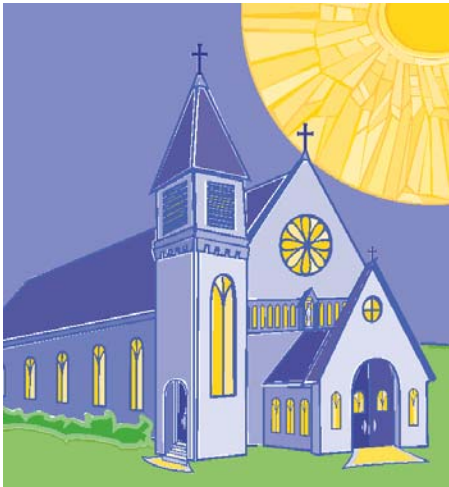
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



### *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.

**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



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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.

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"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

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

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

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

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

Name(s): *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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