

TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. (Revelation 1:5)

What a beautiful picture John paints of Jesus, the King we celebrate today! He is the "firstborn," "faithful," "ruler" who has "made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:5, 6). Reading this passage, we might come away with the idea that as King, Jesus has everything sewn up. He is enthroned in glory, and we are enjoying our life in his kingdom.

But that's not exactly how things are, is it? We know there is still suffering in the world. We know there is still sin in the world. We even know there is still sin and temptation in our own lives! It seems like a contradiction, doesn't it?

Not really. While Jesus truly is the King of kings and Lord of lords, he has not yet come back to take full possession of his kingdom. And that means that his enemy, the devil, is still out there, engaging us in a battle with his lies and temptations. His main strategy is to conquer us through complacency. He knows that if he can fill our minds with doubt, worry, and self-centered thoughts, we'll become indifferent to God. We'll also become dull to the Holy Spirit's presence and live only for ourselves.

This is why the Mass is so important. At Mass, we remember and celebrate the power of Jesus' resurrection. But even more than that, we receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine. He comes to feed us with his grace and his power so that we can be strengthened for the battle. His word helps us stay clear-minded, and his Body and Blood give us divine grace and favor.

So when you come to Mass today, come with an open heart. Come before your King, and let him feed your heart and your mind. Come and confess that his grace is the only way you can possibly win the battle. Call on him, and he will come to your defense.

"All hail to you, King Jesus! You are my comfort in affliction and my strength in battle!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday 23 Dn 1:1-6,8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

St. Clement, St. Columba & Blessed Miguel Agustin

Tuesday 24 Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions

Wednesday 25 Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday 26 Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28

Friday 27 Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 28 Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 29 Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 /

First Sunday of Advent Lk 21:25-28,34-36

WELCOME!

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

PARISH CALENDAR

November 22 – 29

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

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan 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.

Monday 23—The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 24—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 26—Thanksgiving Day. A bilingual (English & Spanish) 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 parish offices are closed.

Friday 27—The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no Confessions.

The parish offices are closed.

Sunday 29—First Sunday of Advent.

No hay Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar.

NEWS & NOTES



Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Thursday, November 26
10:00am**

**Bilingual Liturgy
(English and Spanish)**

Pilgrimage to Shrines of France April 13 - 22, 2016

Msgr. Jameson invites you to join him and other parishioners and friends for the 2016 St. Matthew Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France from April 13-22, 2016. The group 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**. For more information, visit www.stmatthewscathedral.org. 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!

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.

The Season of Hope & Preparation
Next Sunday, **November 29**, is the first Sunday of Advent. Consider a few ways to prepare to receive Christ during this holy season:

- Commit to daily prayer, weekly visits to the Blessed Sacrament or daily Mass when the Spirit moves you.
- Attend our Advent Day of Recollection on **December 5**.
- Celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Tuesday, **December 8**, or at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on **December 7** (with the opening of a Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy).
- Give to St. Matthew's Adopt-a-Family program or perform other works of charity.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, **December 15**.

For a full schedule of liturgies and events, see our Advent brochure, available at the main entrance, in the pews, and via a link on the front page of the website. Take extra copies to share with family and friends as you make your holiday rounds!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 22 - 29

Sunday, November 22

5:30pm (November 21 Vigil) – Somarsingh Family (living)
7am – Faustino & Ricardina Rios
8:30am – All Souls
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Thanksgiving
1pm – Adrian Ramirez
5:30pm – Paul Repetti

Monday, November 23

7am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
8am – Yenny Vicente De León
12:10pm – All Souls
5:30pm – Mary Jeane Black

Tuesday, November 24

7am – Dorothea Rush
8am – Ella Wilson
12:10pm – George Barry
5:30pm – All Souls

Wednesday, November 25

7am – All Souls
8am – Bonni McCormack (living)
12:10pm – Carlos Moore
5:30pm – Alberto Umberto Salerno

Thursday, November 26

10am – All Souls

Friday, November 27

8am – All Souls
12:10pm – Conrado Sabelino

Saturday, November 28

8am – All Souls
12:10pm – Reynaldo Reyes-Retana Manero
5:30pm – Dorothea Rush

Sunday, November 29

7am – Luciano E. Valdez
8:30am – Ellma A. Rios
10am – All Souls
11:30am – All Parishioners
1pm – Eugenia W. Mendez
5:30pm – Mary Clancy

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectory.

There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

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.

Advent Afternoon of Reflection – Join us on Saturday, **December 5**, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, in the Great Hall for “**Becoming an Everyday Evangelizer in Preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy**,” led by Dr. Susan Timoney, S.T.D. Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns from the Archdiocese of Washington.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – RCIA is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Newcomers are 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 22**, 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.

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

Faith Foundations offers introductory courses on Sacred Scripture, The Creed, The Seven Sacraments, Catholic Morality, and Prayer. For more information and to register, visit:

www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw.

John Carr of Georgetown University has made available the PowerPoint presentation 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, compliments of Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Publishing Company. This short ebook is a great read and introduction to these 3 Popes. Find a link on the front page of our website.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Opening of the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year – **Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate the 5:30pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, **December 7**, at which a Holy Door will be opened in celebration of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** proclaimed by Pope Francis in [Misericordiae vultus](#) (April 11, 2015). “This ‘Door of Mercy,’ located at the ‘Mother Church’ of the Archdiocese, will serve as a portal through which anyone who enters can experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.” (Cardinal Wuerl, June 29, 2015)

The Jubilee Year begins on December 8, 2015, and ends on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Francis stated, “I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: ‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful’ (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!”

Prayer of Pope Francis for Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Para los no judíos el concepto de “rey” tenía una connotación puramente política. Pilato, que era representante del Imperio Romano, increpó a Jesús: “¿Eres tú el rey de los judíos?”, pregunta que tenía una dimensión claramente política. Un nuevo rey podría organizar una revuelta contra el emperador, cuyas consecuencias serían desastrosas para Pilato.

Para los judíos, en cambio, la idea era distinta. Su Mesías-Rey tendría una misión religiosa centrada en torno al pacto del pueblo escogido con Dios, y podría liberarlos de la dominación romana y restaurar el reino de Israel. Respondiendo a Pilato, Jesús explicó que su condición de rey no implicaba expectativa política alguna: “Mi reino no es de este mundo... He venido a este mundo... para dar testimonio de la verdad. Todo el que está de parte de la verdad, escucha mis palabras” (Juan 18, 36-37).

Jesús vino para llevar a todo ser humano al conocimiento de la verdad de que él es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y que la salvación se obtiene por la fe en su Persona. Los que escuchan y aceptan su palabra y la dejan arraigar en ellos, pueden experimentar el Reino de Dios y ser instrumentos del Señor para edificar, ahora y aquí, “el reino de la verdad y la vida, el reino de la santidad y la gracia, el reino de la justicia, el amor y la paz” (Prefacio de la Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo).

Cristo Rey inaugura el Reino de Dios entre los hombres y para ser leales súbditos de Jesús, tenemos que aceptar de corazón la obra que él vino a cumplir. Siendo ciudadanos del Reino de Dios por la fe y el Bautismo, aclamemos a Cristo Jesús como nuestro rey, y proclamemos que todos, nosotros y la humanidad entera, queremos vivir como fieles súbditos de nuestro glorioso Rey.

“Señor, tú eres nuestro Rey de reyes y Señor de señores, a ti toda alabanza y adoración, porque eres digno de ser amado, bendecido, exaltado y glorificado en lo más alto del cielo y en medio de todos los ángeles y arcángeles.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Lunes 23 Dn 1:1-6,8-20 / Lc 21:1-4
San Clemente, San Columbano y Beato Miguel Agustín

Martes 24 Dn 2:31-45 / Lc 21:5-11
San Andrés Dung-Lac y compañeros

Miércoles 25 Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Lc 21:12-19
Santa Catalina de Alejandría

Jueves 26 Dn 6:12-28 / Lc 21:20-28

Viernes 27 Dn 7:2-14 / Lc 21:29-33

Sábado 28 Dn 7:15-27 / Lc 21:34-36

Domingo 29 Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Tes 3:12—4:2 / Lc 21:25-28,34-36
Primer Domingo de Adviento

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

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 **24 de noviembre** tendremos el Rosario y una pequeña reflexión.

Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias – Únase a la celebración de la Misa de Acción de Gracias, que será bilingüe, el día **26 de noviembre** a las 10:00 de la mañana. Monseñor Jameson será el celebrante y predicador con 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 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@zgmail.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!

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.

175th PARISH ANNIVERSARY



Memories 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. **The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith.** Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years.

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

1940 – March 25: Archbishop Michael Curley is installed as Archbishop of Washington. The Archdiocese of Washington purchases 1717 to 1723 Rhode Island Avenue. 1723 Rhode becomes an addition to St. Matthews Rectory. 1721 & 1719 became chancery offices; 1717 is converted to the Calvert School. In this year, the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, a donation to the Cathedral, is constructed and dedicated.

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 marriage.

Banns of Marriage

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

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### Proclama de Matrimonio

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



Follow your Cathedral Parish on *Facebook* for the latest news & events!  
[https://www.facebook.com/st.matthews\\_cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/st.matthews_cathedral)

## BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at 202-347-3215 X555 or [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org). 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



*Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche are available now.*

*Advent begins next weekend!*

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 Discover are accepted.

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of the interior of the Cathedral of St. Matthew. The image shows the grand, ornate architecture of the cathedral, including the high, vaulted ceiling with intricate mosaics and frescoes. Large, arched windows are visible, and several ornate chandeliers hang from the ceiling. The pews are visible in the foreground, and the overall atmosphere is one of a grand, historic religious space.

# 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/  
Cathedral\\_of\\_St\\_Matt](http://soome.convio.net/goto/Cathedral_of_St_Matt)

**For more information contact:**

Tyler Martin at  
[tmartin2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu](mailto:tmartin2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu)





## 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.

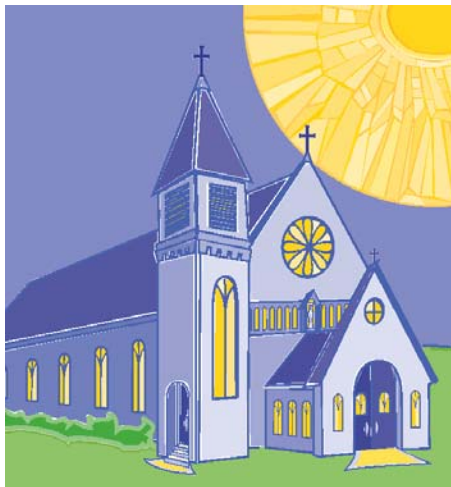
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

To enroll online, use code  
below or scan here: →

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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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net).

# CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

## World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil *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*

In solidarity with those affected by HIV/AIDS  
*En solidaridad con los afectados por el VIH/SIDA*

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**Join us for Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)**

**The prayer vigil will be from 6:00-6:30pm**

**On the steps of the Cathedral**

***Martes, 1 de diciembre de 2015***

***Únase a nosotros por la Misa de las 5:30 (Bilingüe)***

***La vigilia será de 6:00 - 6:30 de la tarde***

***En las gradas 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 West Conference Room  
*Se servirán refrescos en el Salón del Oeste*

**For more information | *Para más información***

St. Matthew's Respect Life Ministry | *Ministerio del Respeto a la Vida*

Justin Silvers, [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com)

Rectory Office: Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215





## 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. 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 once more this year by doing the following:

- 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 and labeled with its corresponding tag. *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. Thank you.*
- 2) You can make a **financial contribution** of any amount. 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 also 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 or at the rectory during the week. 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!*

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## 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 ofrecer ayuda a familias de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran en tiempos difíciles. 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.

### Puede ayudar una vez más este año, haciendo lo siguiente:

- 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 y con la etiqueta. *Por favor no recoja una etiqueta si usted no puede comprar el regalo y traerlo a la Catedral a tiempo. Muchas gracias por su consideración.*
- 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. 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!*

