

Readings for November 25

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (John 18:36)
According to Scripture, Cain, who killed his brother Abel, also founded the first city (Genesis 4:17). From that point on, violence has been a part of every kingdom in history. Just about any ruler you can name has used some form of violence in order to “keep the peace” and hold onto their power. Even the great King David advised his son Solomon to assassinate his political opponent as a way of consolidating Solomon’s rule after David’s death (1 Kings 2).

No wonder Jesus said his kingdom was not of “this world” (John 18:36)! He came as the “Prince of Peace,” not a calculating dictator (Isaiah 9:5). This is what makes today’s Feast of Christ the King so special. It’s the celebration of a new kind of King, who is ushering in a new kind of kingdom.

Jesus’ kingship is unlike any we have ever seen. Instead of exerting power over his people, he submitted himself to their power—even if it meant letting them put him to death. And because he refused the temptation to lord it over his people, God raised him up and established him as the one true King over all of creation.

And the kingdom Jesus rules? It’s a kingdom of converted hearts. It’s a kingdom of people who have renounced sin and violence and who are striving to live in peace and justice.

Of course, we’re not perfect. We still commit sins. We still resort to violence—even subtle forms of violence—to get our way. But rather than use the threat of external violence to force us to behave, Jesus our King treats us with kindness and unexpected, undeserved, scandalous mercy. He softens our hearts and asks us to love each other as he loves us—humbly, preferring each other to ourselves.

Jesus, King of the Universe, has come to overthrow sin through love, violence through peace, and injustice through mercy. This kingdom is not of this world. It’s far more glorious!

“Jesus, you are my King! Come reign in my heart.”

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This Week’s Readings

Sunday 25 Dn 7:13-14 / Rev 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday 26 Rev 14:1-3,4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 27 Rev 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 28 Rev 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 29 Rev 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a / Lk 21:20-28

Friday 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
St. Andrew, Apostle

Saturday 1 Rev 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 2 Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 /
First Sunday of Advent Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Parish Calendar November 25 – December 2

Sunday 25—The Little Sisters of the Poor accept donations after all Masses.
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.

Monday 26—The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 27—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 28—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.
RCIA Mystagogy meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.
Sacred Page meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 29—The Morality class session, rescheduled from two weeks ago, meets at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room.

Friday 30—A bilingual 5:30pm Mass for World AIDS Day is followed by a Prayer Vigil on the Cathedral steps, then refreshments in the North Conference Room.

Saturday 1—An Advent Day of Recollection is held at 10am in the Great Hall.
First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Sunday 2—First Sunday of Advent
A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.
Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30am and the 1pm Masses, with a Holy Land gift sale.
Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.
Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) tendrá una Sección de Escucha con el Físico General Racine se llevará a cabo en el salón del Oeste a las 2:30 de la tarde.
RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.
Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

News & Notes



*Our **Advent & Christmas brochure** is available in the pew racks, at Cathedral entrances, and at the rectory office. You also may download the brochure by clicking [here for English](#) or [here for Spanish \(en español\)](#) or visiting our website front page at www.stmatthewscathedral.org. The schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day also can be found on the website, or by clicking [here for English and Spanish \(en español\)](#).*

Friends of the Cathedral Christmas Mailing – Join us for a fun and festive morning of refreshments and envelope stuffing at our annual fundraising mailing to donors across the country. We will gather in the rectory on Tuesday, **November 27** at 8:30am. If you can give an hour or two that morning to support this critical appeal, please contact Maureen Hurley at 202-347-3215 or Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org.

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions – Join us for First Saturday Devotions on **December 1** after the 12:10pm Mass, and for First Friday Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **December 7** following the 12:10pm Mass, until 5pm.

Hospitality Sunday – Join us for hospitality in the North Conference Room next Sunday, **December 2**, the First Sunday of Advent, after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. In addition to great company, you will find unique gifts from the Holy Land for purchase (see below). We hope to see you there! Questions? Email StMattsHospitality@gmail.com.

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation – Please join us in offering help and hope to Holy Land Christians next Sunday, **December 2**, as we welcome visitors from [The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation \(www.HCEE.org\)](http://www.HCEE.org). They will speak about the plight of the dwindling number of Christians in the Holy Land and their mission to preserve the presence of the ‘Living Stones’ – the first followers of Jesus Christ. They also will have olive wood crafts for sale, handmade by Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Saturday, **December 8** is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 5:30pm (Vigil) on **December 7**, and at 8am and 12:10pm on **December 8**. Join us for this feast so fittingly celebrated during Advent.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – St. Matthew’s will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, **December 9** at the 1pm Spanish Mass, and with refreshments and music following the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room. The celebration continues on Wednesday, **December 12**, the actual feast day, when **Bishop Mario Dorsonville** celebrates a bilingual Mass at 7pm, followed by music and refreshments in the North Conference Room. All are welcome on both dates.

Outreach



See more photos from our 2019 Health Fair on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)

Thanksgiving Drive – Thank you! – Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Drive, which helped more than 65 families from the Adopt-a-Family Program! We are very grateful to all who contributed gift cards or donated money to purchase more cards to help families in need. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped to organize and collect donations. Thanks to your generosity, our brothers and sisters will enjoy a wholesome dinner with their loved ones.

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gift Drive – We are very grateful to all who are participating in our Christmas Drive. If you have taken a gift tag, be sure to bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass by Sunday, **December 2**, or drop it off at the rectory office during the week by Wednesday, **December 5**. If you have any questions about the Christmas drive or are no longer able to purchase your gift, please contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com. You may also call Norma Canedo or Fr. Agustín at the rectory office at 202-347-3215. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

Archdiocesan News

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/>.

Faith Formation

Congratulations! – Ms. Kathy Lester, 4th Grade Catechist for Children’s Sunday Faith Formation, received her Certification as an Archdiocesan Certified Catechist! We are all very proud of Kathy’s accomplishment in earning this competency-based certification.

Sacred Page - Study Sunday’s Readings! – All are welcome to [Sacred Page](#) Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30pm in the West Conference Room with our seminarians.

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 be able to 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 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)

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) 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. 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](#).

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 for more information.

2019 Confirmation Registration Open!

Lecturas del 25 de Noviembre

En 1925, el Papa Pio XI instituyó la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, con la que se inicia la última semana del año litúrgico.

El objetivo de esta fiesta es celebrar la soberanía universal de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, cuyo Reino es para nosotros la salvación del engaño mortal del pecado que abunda en el mundo, así como la revelación de Dios y nuestra reconciliación con él.

El Reino de Jesucristo no es de este mundo, pero es el Reino de la paz y el amor que él estableció en la tierra y a todos los creyentes nos invita a entrar en él. Cristo Rey anuncia la verdad y la verdad es la luz que ilumina el camino angosto, pero recto, que él, con su Vía Crucis, nos abrió hacia el Reino de Dios.

Pero qué es el año litúrgico. El año litúrgico es el calendario de los diversos tiempos y solemnidades que celebra la Iglesia según la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo y las celebraciones de los santos durante el año. Es un camino de fe que nos adentra en el misterio de la salvación.

El año litúrgico comprende los distintos tiempos de la Iglesia, de acuerdo con la celebración de alguno de los misterios de la vida de Cristo, a saber: Comienza con el Adviento y sigue con la Navidad, Epifanía, primer Tiempo Ordinario, Cuaresma, Semana Santa y Triduo Pascual, Tiempo Pascual, Pentecostés, segundo Tiempo Ordinario, para terminar con la Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.

En cada tiempo litúrgico, la casulla del sacerdote es de un color diferente: blanco en el tiempo de Navidad y Pascua, verde en el Tiempo Ordinario, morado en Adviento, Cuaresma y Semana Santa y rojo en las fiestas de los santos mártires y Pentecostés.

Ahora, al concluir el año litúrgico, conviene hacerse un examen personal para ver si durante el tiempo transcurrido hemos vivido de acuerdo con la voluntad y el ejemplo de nuestro Rey. Preguntémonos: ¿Estoy yo contribuyendo a la evangelización de la sociedad, estoy buscando mi santificación personal y la de mis seres queridos, y estoy glorificando a Dios con mis actos y palabras?

“Señor y Rey mío, Jesucristo, toma tu lugar en el trono de mi corazón para que ejerzas allí tu soberanía, te lo ruego.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 25 Dn 7:13-14 / Apoc 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33-37

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Lunes 26 Apoc 14:1-3,4-5 / Lc 21:1-4

Martes 27 Apoc 14:14-19 / Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles 28 Apoc 15:1-4 / Lc 21:12-19

Jueves 29 Apoc 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9 / Lc 21:20-28

Viernes 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

San Andrés Apóstol

Sábado 1 Apoc 22:1-7 / Lc 21:34-36

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

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

November 25 – December 2

Sunday, November 25

5:30pm Vigil (Nov 24) – All Souls

7am – All Souls

8:30am – Lloyd Underwood

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Robert Ryan

1pm – Wilhem Plate (living)

5:30pm – Carlos Upson

Monday, November 26

7am – Tom Marmet

8am – Palma M Giancarlo

12:10pm – Conrado Sabelino

5:30pm – All Souls

Tuesday, November 27

7am – All Souls

8am – Danuta Lopatko

12:10pm – Michael A. Giancarlo

5:30pm – Charles James Lange

Wednesday, November 28

7am – Charles Kelly, Sr.

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Susan Eid

5:30pm – Sandra Carroro Piacentini (living)

Thursday, November 29

7am – Dinah Nash Britnell

8am – Mario Simian

12:10pm – All Souls

5:30pm – All Souls

Friday, November 30

7am – Francis P. Salwa

8am – Ellen Bautista

12:10pm – Marie Morrison

5:30pm – All Souls

Saturday, December 1

8am – Bertha Desorcy

12:10pm – Nancy Sotelo (living)

5:30pm – Mary Rita O'Brien

Sunday, December 2

7am – Leland Heath

8:30am – David Anderson

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Manuel Erice

1pm – Gabriela Sotelo

5:30pm – Rose Coster

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – El

sábado **1 de diciembre** todos son

bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía.

Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **7 de diciembre** en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario.

Noticias de la Parroquia



Folleto de Adviento y Navidad está disponible en las bancas, en las entradas de la Catedral y en la oficina parroquial. Usted puede descargar el folleto haciendo clic [aquí para español](#) o [aquí para inglés](#) o visite nuestra página principal www.stmatthewscathedral.org. El horario de Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad también se puede encontrar en la página digital o haciendo clic [aquí \(inglés y español\)](#).

Colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias – ¡Gracias! – ¡Les agradecemos a todos quienes ayudaron a más de 65 familias con nuestra exitosa colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias para el programa de Adopte-una-Familia! Estamos muy agradecidos a las donaciones de tarjetas de regalo y donaciones monetarias para ayudar a todas las familias en necesidad. También queremos reconocer a todos los voluntarios quienes ayudaron a organizar la colecta y quienes ayudaron a recoger las donaciones.

Sesión de Escucha en San Mateo - Fiscal General Racine y la Comunidad Inmigrante – Nuestra parroquia es miembro de la red de comunidades de fe llamada *Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)*. Mediante nuestra membresía con WIN, nos reuniremos con otras comunidades de inmigrantes, y amigos quienes apoyan a los inmigrantes, para una sesión de escucha con el Fiscal General Racine. El evento se llevará a cabo el domingo, **2 de diciembre** en el Salón del Oeste, de 2:30 a 4:00 de la tarde. Si tiene alguna pregunta o quiere compartir su experiencia con el Fiscal General, por favor llame a la rectoría y pregunte por el padre Agustín, Norma Canedo o Fatima Aybar, al 202-347-3215. También puede mandar un email a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Adopte-una-Familia coleta Navideña de regalos – Estamos muy agradecidos con quienes están participando en la colecta Navideña de este año. Si usted ha recogido una etiqueta de regalo, por favor no se olvide traer su regalo nuevo, envuelto en papel de regalo y con su etiqueta a la misa para el domingo **2 de diciembre**. Para entregar su regalo durante la semana, por favor traerlo a la rectoría hasta el miércoles **5 de diciembre**. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la colecta Navideña o si no puede comprar su regalo, por favor llame a la rectoría y pregunte por Norma Canedo o el padre Agustín al 202-347-3215. También puede mandar un correo electrónico a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad en ayudar a los necesitados!

Hospitalidad el Domingo – Nuestro próximo evento de hospitalidad será el domingo **2 de diciembre** en el salón de conferencias del Norte después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde. Además de nosotros, encontrarán regalos de Tierra Santa disponible a la venta, tarjetas de navidad para firmar para nuestros amigos enfermos e incapacitados. Únase a nosotros para conocer a nuevos feligreses, encontrar algunos regalos para la Navidad y ayudar a difundir el espíritu navideño a los necesitados. ¡Esperamos verlos ahí! Preguntas, mande un correo electrónico a: StMattsHospitality@gmail.com.

Novena y Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe – El lunes **3 de diciembre**, comienza la novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe de 7:00 a 8:30 de la noche aquí en la iglesia de San Mateo, unos días será en el salón de conferencias del Oeste y otros en el Este. Esta novena durará hasta el martes 11 de diciembre. Esperamos que nos acompañen. Para más información llame a la rectoría a 202-347-3215 o pregúntele al diácono Cayrampoma.

Únase a nosotros a la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe aquí en la Catedral en la misa de español a la 1:00 de la tarde el domingo **9 de diciembre**. Después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde habrá refrescos y música en el salón de conferencias del Norte. La celebración continua el miércoles **12 de diciembre**, el día de la Virgen de Guadalupe, **Obispo Mario Dorsonville** celebrará una Misa bilingüe a las 7:00 de la tarde, seguida por música y refrigerios en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Todos son bienvenidos ambos días.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción – El sábado **8 de diciembre** es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, día de precepto. Misa de vigilia el viernes **7 de diciembre** a las 5:30 de la tarde, el sábado **8 de diciembre** a las 8:00 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía.

Retiro de Adviento – El sábado **8 de diciembre**, tendremos el Retiro de Adviento, todos están invitados. El retiro se ofrece en el salón del Norte, 8:30 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde.


Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde. El objetivo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. La próxima charla, el martes **11 de diciembre** esta reflexión será dirigida por el padre **Mariano Vicchi** en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

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.*

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

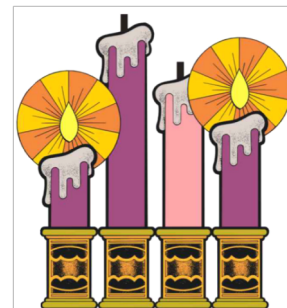


Advent Day of Recollection

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.



DIRECTED BY: Margaret Matijasevic

Margaret Matijasevic is the Executive Director of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. She worked in Diocesan and Parish roles in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for fourteen years, focusing on leadership through collaboration and the utilization of technology to spread the Gospel. Her BA is in Theological and Religious Studies from the University of San Diego, and her MA in Pastoral Theology from Loyola Marymount University. Margaret is the mother of two incredible children, Vincenzo and Elizabetta.

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 or at 202-587-5139.



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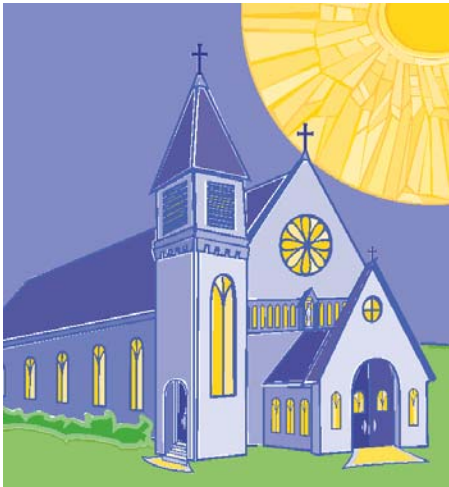
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



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?

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, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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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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