

TODAY'S READINGS

Stay awake! . . . Be prepared. (Matthew 24:42, 44)
 Today marks the beginning of the Advent season. History tells us that Advent has been observed since around the fourth century AD. Initially, Advent was seen as a time of preparation, both for new believers to be baptized and for all believers to look forward to Jesus' return in glory. As time went on, the emphasis on the Second Coming and baptism remained, and a new emphasis on Jesus' first coming as a baby grew along with it.

Today, it seems that Advent is much more about celebrating Jesus' first coming rather than anticipating his Second Coming. Still, the Church reminds us to use this time to prepare for Christmas and to let it "renew [our] ardent desire for [Jesus'] second coming" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 524).

So with this double goal of celebration and anticipation in mind, Advent has become a season of hope—hope that the baby born in Bethlehem will return one day and usher in the kingdom of God.

Hope is what helps us step out and believe in what we cannot see. Hope is God's grace to accept that there is a certain amount of mystery to our faith and to still be confident that God can work in our lives.

This is not a blind hope, and it's not all an impossible mystery that we will never understand. In the midst of all the mysteries of our faith, we can still believe because of what we do understand: that God's Son came to us on Christmas in order to save us from our sins and fill us with his Holy Spirit.

So for the next four weeks, let's set our hearts on preparing—first, for Christmas and, second, for Jesus' return in glory. And let's do it filled with confidence and hope. Let's tell Jesus, "This world is not my permanent home. I long for a heavenly home. I long to be with you forever. Come, Lord Jesus."

"O come, O come, Emmanuel!"

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<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	
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Tuesday 29	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday 30	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
<i>St. Andrew</i>	
Thursday 1	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday 2	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
Saturday 3	Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1,5-8
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	
Sunday 4	Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country or the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you 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 27 – December 4

Sunday 27—First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 28—The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 29—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias Oeste.

Wednesday 30—RCIA meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Sacred Page, Sunday Scripture Reflections meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 1—A prayer vigil for Word Aids Day is held after the 5:30pm Mass, followed by refreshments in the North Conference Room.

Friday 2—First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 3—First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Retiro de Adviento en Español a las 9:30 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Norte. An Advent morning of Recollection is held at 10am in the Great Hall.

Sunday 4—Second Sunday of Advent

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am and 5:30pm Masses, with gifts from the Holy Land available for purchase.

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.

ADVENT LITURGIES & EVENTS

For a full schedule of liturgies and events, see our [Advent & Christmas brochure \(en español\)](#), 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!

A Festival of Lessons and Carols



Including

**The Great O Antiphons
in Latin Chant**

*Followed by a Christmas Carol
Sing-along in the Great Hall*

**Sunday, December 11
7:30pm**

Join us for our annual, much-anticipated evening of splendid choral music, hymns and songs and inspiring readings presented by the *Schola Cantorum*, Saint Matthew's Festival Singers and the Cathedral Lectors.

Free and open to the public.

Donations will be gladly accepted

Find the Perfect Gift – As we celebrate this 1st Sunday of Advent, our parish and others across the Archdiocese of Washington also begin the *Find the Perfect Gift* invitation. Through *Find the Perfect Gift*, we are challenged to invite family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers who are not currently practicing their faith to join us for Christmas Mass to experience the love and joy of Jesus, our Perfect Gift. Find Christmas invitations, additional resources, and parish Mass times at www.FindthePerfectGift.org.

First Friday and First Saturday – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **December 2** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord. On Saturday, **December 3** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Thursday, **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 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish) 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 11** 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. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **December 19** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Thomas Davenport, OP will preside and give a short reflection. Fr. Barbieri will be available for confessions in English and Spanish.

NEWS AND NOTES

Holy Land Gifts at Hospitality Sunday – Our next hospitality event will be held in the North Conference Room on **December 4** after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. In addition to great company, you will find gifts from

the Holy Land for purchase and holiday cards to sign for our sick and homebound friends. Meet fellow parishioners, find unique gifts for Christmas, and help spread holiday cheer to those in need. We hope to see you there! Email StMattsHospitality@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanksgiving Drive – Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Drive in helping 60 families in need from the Adopt-a-Family program. We are grateful to all who contributed gift cards or donated money to purchase more cards, and to our volunteers who helped to organize and collect gifts. Any remaining donations will be used to assist families throughout the year.

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Drive – We are very grateful to all participants in our Christmas Drive. If you have taken a gift tag, please bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass by Sunday, **December 3** or drop it off at the rectory by Tuesday, **December 6**. For questions or if you find you can no longer purchase your gift, contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com, or Norma Canedo or Fr. Barbieri at 202-347-3215.



Friends Mailing Party – Thank you to those who gathered in the Great Hall of the Rectory to prepare the annual Friends of the Cathedral Christmas mailing (photo above). We really appreciate your time and presence as we reach out to our supporters across the country with this mailing.

FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers Needed for Faith Formation Committee – The Faith Formation Committee needs your assistance to plan events to effectively reach our Cathedral community. We would love your help to serve as a greeter for events, plan one-time events such as lectures, small faith sharing groups, retreats or other events, or provide counsel during monthly committee meetings. All are welcome; we are especially seeking new volunteers for a diverse and fresh perspective on how to reach members of our community who may not attend Mass regularly. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gamil.com if you are interested.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We extend an open invitation to join other parishioners during this weekly Bible Study led by our Cathedral Seminarians Wednesdays at 7pm in the West Conference Room, to spiritually prepare for Sunday Mass!

RCIA – Do you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above) for more information.

LITURGY

Liturgy Evaluation Program – The evaluation of the four parts of the Mass by a select team of parishioners, begun earlier this year, continues. We previously reported on the team's review of the

Introductory Rite and the specific changes, acceptable according to the liturgical norms in the Church's General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

The team has now completed its review of the **Liturgy of the Word** that consists of the scripture readings and responses, the homily, the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. By and large, the reviews were very positive regarding how the Word is proclaimed, the responses sung by the cantor, choir and assembly, the recitation of the Creed and the praying of the assembly intercessions. Improvements will be made to the microphone adjustment at the ambo, the clarity, pace and the pauses appropriate to the readings, the homily and the intercessions, minimizing seating during the readings, more thoughtful and expressive pacing for the Creed, more deliberate movements by the particular ministers in approaching and leaving the table of the Word (ambo), and additional enhancements to encourage assembly attention to readings and responses.

The review of the third part of the Mass (**Liturgy of the Eucharist**) will be completed in December.

OUTREACH

SOAR Reauthorization – Please sign the [Help All DC Children petition](#), which calls for the authorization of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act (SOAR). SOAR is a crucial piece of education legislation that strengthens the city's education sector via its support for public, public charter, and private school education, including the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). Sign the petition at www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/help-all-dc-children.

MUSIC

Saint Matthew's Festival Singers Auditions – Each year we invite experienced singers of the parish to join the Schola Cantorum for our *Advent Lessons and Carols* and *Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Mass*. Singers must be able to attend all rehearsals for an event but are not obligated to sing on both dates. We look for singers who can read music and have a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively.

Lessons and Carols

- Mondays, **November 28** and **December 5**, 7:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- Wednesdays, **November 30** and **December 7**, 8:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- Sunday, **December 11**, 7:30-9pm: *Advent Lessons and Carols* (6:30pm arrival)

Christmas Eve

- Monday, **December 12**, 7:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- Wednesday, **December 14**, 8:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- Monday, **December 19**, 7:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- Wednesday, **December 21**: 7:10-9:10pm: Rehearsal
- **Christmas Eve**: 9:15pm *Prelude*; 10pm *Mass* (8pm arrival)

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

Rectory Volunteer – Msgr. Jameson seeks a reliable rectory volunteer with office experience and proficiency in Microsoft Word, Outlook and use of the internet. The position requires a commitment on most Fridays from September through May. Contact Maureen Hurley at mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hoy comienza el venturoso tiempo del Adviento, cuyo principal propósito es prepararnos para la Navidad, vale decir, para la gloriosa venida al mundo de nuestro Salvador en la humildad del pesebre de Belén.

En el Adviento contemplamos la promesa de su primera venida, cuando recién se anunció el plan de Dios, y luego dirigimos la mirada hacia la segunda venida del Señor, aquella gloriosa época cuando el plan de Dios llegue a su consumación.

Las lecturas de esta primera semana de Adviento presentan el tema de la luz. San Pablo dice: "La noche está avanzada y se acerca el día" y nos insta a salir de la oscuridad del pecado y vivir en la luz. A su vez, el profeta Isaías nos exhorta diciéndonos "caminemos a la luz del Señor."

Pero, la oscuridad sigue marcando nuestra vida de varias maneras. Cualquier clase de división, violencia, falta de perdón, resentimiento persistente, conducta inmoral o adicción es una manifestación de la oscuridad, de la dominación del pecado.

Lo primero que tenemos que hacer es reconocer la oscuridad que llevamos en el corazón; pero se requiere honestidad y coraje para admitir las consecuencias de la oscuridad y tomar la decisión de cambiar. En realidad, el que practica el pecado vive en la oscuridad sin paz ni alegría, y siempre tiene presentes el remordimiento y el sentido de culpa. En cambio, la gracia de Cristo nos libra de la oscuridad y nos lleva a la paz y la alegría de la luz.

Hermano, ¿no sería maravilloso que al final de este Adviento tú pudieras decir sinceramente que, con la ayuda de Dios, te has despojado de la oscuridad que había en tu vida, y que la luz de Cristo empieza a brillar ahora en tu alma donde antes había oscuridad? ¡Claro! Porque así estarás mejor preparado para encontrarte con el Señor de la Luz, en cuya presencia no puede existir tiniebla alguna.

"Señor mío Jesucristo, ahora que empiezo a prepararme para celebrar tu venida en la Navidad, ayúdame a reconocer la oscuridad en mi vida y en mi familia para que nos libres a mí y a los míos."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 27 Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44
Primer Domingo de Adviento

Lunes 28 Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

Martes 29 Is 11:1-10 / Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
San Andrés

Jueves 1 Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

Viernes 2 Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

Sábado 3 Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1,5-8
San Francisco Javier

Domingo 4 Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
Segundo Domingo de Adviento

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

MASS INTENTIONS

November 27 – December 4

Sunday, November 27

5:30pm Vigil (November 26) – Paddy Hennigan

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – John Stout (living)

10am – All Souls

11:30am – Ruth Farrow

1pm – Santa Gonzalez

5:30pm – Joseph Minore (living)

Monday, November 28

7am – All Souls

8am – Joe Martyn

12:10pm – Myrna V. Centend

5:30pm – Maria Nazare

Tuesday, November 29

7am – Manang

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Lito R. Gorospe & Parents

5:30pm – Joseph Minore (living)

Wednesday, November 30

7am – Aurea Santayana (living)

8am – Nicholas Accurso

12:10pm – Detta Shanahan

5:30pm – All Souls

Thursday, December 1

7am – Bertha Desorcy

8am – Gertrude Dimal (living)

12:10pm – Ellen B. Bautista

5:30pm – Maximo Roque, Sr.

Friday, December 2

7am – Marie Scrimenti

8am – Jimmie Lee Booker

12:10pm – Lelan Heath

5:30pm – Phil Rogers (living)

Saturday, December 3

8am – Clarisabel Billini

12:10pm – Anthony Tombolillo

5:30pm – Brooksie, Betsy & Myrtle Banks

Sunday, December 4

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Maria Almeida

10am – Walter & Mary Orzechowski

11:30am – Thomas Srsich

1pm – Gabriela Sotelo

5:30pm – James Paravati

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!

Oprima [aquí](#) para ver nuestro folleto de Adviento y Navidad.

Colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias! – Gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra exitosa colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias ayudamos a 60 familias necesitadas del programa Adopt-a-Family. Agradecemos a todos los que contribuyeron tarjetas de regalo o donaciones monetarias para comprar más tarjetas y a nuestros voluntarios que ayudaron a organizar y recoger los regalos. Las donaciones adicionales se usarán para ayudar a las familias durante todo el año.

Encuentra el Regalo Perfecto – Este domingo, además de celebrar el 1º Domingo de Adviento, también comenzamos la iniciativa *Encuentra el Regalo Perfecto* contando con las parroquias de toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington para alentarnos y con los que actualmente no practican su fe para celebrar la alegría de Jesús, nuestro Regalo Perfecto, esta Navidad. Encuentra invitaciones, recursos, y horarios de las Misas de Navidad en el sitio: www.RegaloPerfecto.org.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. El Tema es: **“Ser Católico Hoy.”** Estas charlas están basadas en la carta pastoral del **Cardenal Wuerl**. La próxima charla: **¿Qué es ser cristiano?** Será el martes **29 de noviembre**, en el salón de conferencia del Oeste. Padre Rafael Barbieri impartirá la charla.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes, Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **2 de diciembre** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del

santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.

El sábado **3 de diciembre** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Retiro de Adviento – El sábado **3 de diciembre**, tendremos el Retiro de Adviento, todos están invitados. Tema: *Prepare el Camino del Señor*. El retiro se ofrece en el salón del Norte, 9:30 de la mañana-4:00 de la tarde.



Adopte una Familia colecta Navideña – Estamos muy agradecidos con todos los que participan en nuestra colecta navideña este año. Si usted ha recogido una

etiqueta de regalo, por favor asegúrese de traer su regalo nuevo, envuelto y con su etiqueta a la misa el domingo, **3 de diciembre**, o dejarlo en la rectoría el martes **6 de diciembre**. Preguntas o si no puedes comprar el regalo, por favor contactar a: Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com, a Norma Canedo o el padre Barbieri at 202-347-3215.

Hospitalidad el Domingo – ¡Tenemos muchas cosas la próxima semana en la hospitalidad! Nuestro próximo evento de hospitalidad será el domingo **4 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.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción – El jueves **8 de diciembre** es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, día de precepto. Las misas se celebrarán a las 7:00, 8:00, 11:00 de la mañana, 12:10 del mediodía, 5:30 de la tarde y 7:00 de la noche en español. Misa de vigilia a las 5:30 de la tarde el miércoles **7 de diciembre**.

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

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

Thursday, December 1, 2016
Join us for Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)
Prayer vigil from 6:00pm - 6:30pm
On the steps of the Cathedral


Jueves, 1 de diciembre de 2016
Únase a nosotros por la Misa de las 5:30 (Bilingüe)
La vigilia 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
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Rectory Office: Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215



Advent Day of Reflection

THE BEAUTY OF FAITH: SEEING WITH ADVENT HOPE

using the *Lection Divina* approach for art appreciation

WHEN:

Saturday, December 3

10:00am – 3:00pm (with a break for the 12:10pm Mass)

WHERE:

St. Matthew's Cathedral, Great Hall

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

*Two blocks north of the Farragut North Metro station,
four blocks north of the Farragut West Metro station.*

DIRECTED BY:

Dr. Jem Sullivan, Ph.D.



Dr. Jem Sullivan, wife and mother, holds a doctorate from The Catholic University of America. For some fifteen years she has served on the faculty of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, teaching graduate courses on Catholic education and the documents of Vatican II.

Jem is the author of three books published by Our Sunday Visitor: *A Study Guide to the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, *The Beauty of Faith: Christian Art at the Service of the Gospel*, and *Opening the Door of Faith: A Catechist's Guide to the New Evangelization*. As catechetical consultant, she has authored adult faith formation programs for various dioceses. She writes for a variety of Catholic publications, including *Magnificat*, as a regular contributor of art essays. Jem is also a frequent guest commentator on EWTN's News Nightly television program, discussing masterpieces from the National Gallery of Art.

Jem has served as docent at the National Gallery of Art where she led public tours of the museum's masterpiece collections. Masterpiece paintings related to Advent themes will be the focus of this Advent Day of Recollection.

Following the Day of Recollection, Dr. Sullivan will sign copies of her recent book, *The Beauty of Faith: Christian Art at the Service of the Gospel*, which will be available for purchase for \$10.00.

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

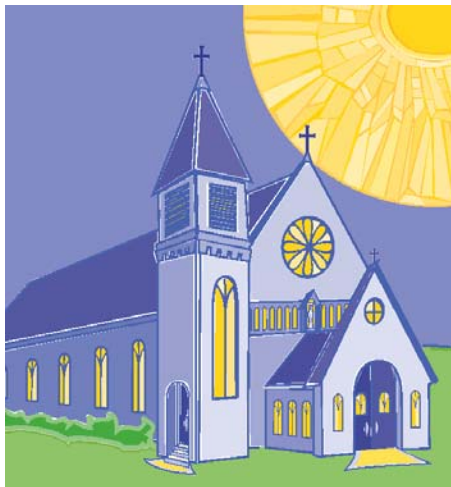
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

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

When do transactions take place?



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

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

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

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

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"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	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) _____

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: _____

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