

TODAY'S READINGS

Be vigilant at all times... Your redemption is at hand. (Luke 21:36, 28)

So begins another Advent—with words of warning to stay alert, but also with words of confident reassurance. Isn't it funny how we are so quick to focus on the verses that sound threatening but lose sight of the ones that remind us how faithful God is and how deeply committed he is to us?

Do you believe that right now, God wants nothing but good things for you? After all, he has been pouring out grace on his people for millennia. From the very beginning, he has been leading us to the day of our "redemption," so why would he stop now (Luke 21:28)?

In today's first reading, we see St. Paul praying that the people of Thessalonika will deepen in their love for each other as they wait for the Lord's return (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13). Paul didn't say this because he thought that the Thessalonians were doing poorly. Quite the opposite—he begins his letter by praising them for their "work of faith and labor of love" (1:3). Paul wasn't correcting them or admonishing them; he was congratulating them and urging them to keep up the good work!

The same is true for you. God isn't upset that your faith in him or your love for other people isn't greater than it is. He knows your heart; he knows how much you want to please him. He delights in the faith and love that you do have—incomplete though it may be. Now he is urging you to take another step so that you can be even more faith-filled and loving.

We are entering Advent, a season of grace when God invites us to journey deeper into his love and his presence. Over the next four weeks, you'll find numerous opportunities to connect with the Lord, whether it is at Mass, in prayer, or in your encounters with other people. Make the most of them. Trust that each situation is another opportunity for your redemption to unfold even more.

"Lord, draw me closer to you this Advent!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday 30 <i>St. Andrew</i>	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday 1	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday 2	Is 25:6-10 / Mt 15:29-37
Thursday 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday 4 <i>St. John of Damascene</i>	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
Saturday 5	Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1,5,6-8
Sunday 6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

175 ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE SHRINES OF FRANCE



Msgr. Jameson invites parishioners and friends to join him on pilgrimage from **April 13-22, 2016** to 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 or view the brochure at http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/docs/france_brochure_2016.pdf. Let 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. Join us!

PARISH CALENDAR

November 29 – December 6

Sunday 29—First

Sunday of Advent

No hay Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar



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

Wednesday 2—A Catholic Business Network Christmas party is held from 6 to 8pm in the Great Hall.

Friday 4—**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 5—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room. An Advent Afternoon of Recollection is held at 1:30pm in the Great Hall.

Sunday 6—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.

LITURGIES & EVENTS

Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.)

– Please join CBN-D.C. for an evening Christmas reception, Wednesday, **December 2**, 6-8pm in the Great Hall of the Rectory to celebrate the success of their second year, as they award approximately \$70,000 in grants to DC Catholic schools! For more information or to register, visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

First Friday and First Saturday – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **December 4** 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 5** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Hospitality Sunday – Hospitality receptions will be held in the North Conference Room on **December 6** after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. In addition to our usual great company and the chance to meet fellow parishioners, you will find gifts from the Holy Land available for purchase and holiday cards to sign for our sick and homebound friends. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, email StMattsHospitality@gmail.com.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Tuesday, **December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish). On **December 7**, Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the 5:30pm Vigil Mass, at which a Holy Door will be opened in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis (see next page). Join us for this feast that is so fittingly celebrated during Advent.

Come Home for Christmas – Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, **December 15**, when more than 15 priests will be available for confessions in several languages. There will be no 11am confessions that day.

Advent Confessions – During the third week of Advent, on **December 14 – 18** (except **December 15** (see above)), and the fourth week of Advent, on **December 21 – 24**, two priests will be available in the Cathedral from 11am to Noon to hear confessions.

Find the Perfect Gift this Advent - Christmas celebrates the Perfect Gift, the fulfillment of God's love in Jesus. Take time out of the busyness of the season to find true peace. Find out more, and sign up to receive daily Advent reflections by text or email at www.FindThePerfectGift.org.

NEWS & NOTES

Thanksgiving Drive – Thank you! – Thank you to all who participated in our Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Drive! We are very grateful to all donors and volunteers. Thanks to your generosity, our brothers and sisters will enjoy a wholesome Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones. Any remaining donations will be used to assist the families throughout the year.

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gift Drive – We are very grateful to all who are participating in our Christmas Drive. Please bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass by Sunday, **December 6**, or to the rectory by Tuesday, **December 8**. If you are no longer able to purchase your gift, please contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com, or Norma Canedo or Fr. Barbieri at the rectory office at 202-347-3215. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

Christmas Flowers – Each year every effort is made to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas in a way that truly reflects the noble simplicity of that holy season. Your generous support is needed again. You may mail your Christmas flower offering to the rectory, drop it in the offertory, or donate online or via Faith Direct. Many requests are made this time of year, so please be assured of our gratitude for all gifts.

Christmas Offering – During Advent, we reflect upon the many blessings of the Lord, including those graces experienced at St. Matthew's. It is your generous response that enables the building up the Kingdom of God in our parish and community. You may mail your Christmas offering to the rectory, drop it in the offertory, donate via Faith Direct, or donate online at www.stmatthewscathedral.org. (Choose *Make a Gift* on the front page, then *Donate* under *Make a One-Time Gift*. After typing address and card information, click *Review Donation* and *Continue*. Choose *Comments*, and in the window type "Christmas."). We truly appreciate your generosity and pray for many blessings for you and your loved ones this Christmas.

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 – RCIA will not convene on Sunday, **November 29** due to the Thanksgiving recess. RCIA resumes on Sunday, December 6 at the 11:30am Mass.

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 will not meet Sunday, **November 29** due to the Thanksgiving recess.

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!”

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. 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

1945 – August 15:
President Harry S. Truman announces Japan’s surrender, ending World War II. V-J Day (Victory in Japan Day) is declared on September 2. Great crowds of people enter St. Matthew’s for prayers of thanksgiving for the ending of World War II.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Es impresionante como San Lucas presenta la gloriosa Segunda Venida de Cristo. Sin bien hace alusión al pánico que se apoderara de las personas aquel día, describe principalmente la majestuosa venida del Hijo del Hombre. ¿Pero qué relación tienen estas reflexiones sobre la segunda venida de Cristo con el comienzo de este tiempo de Adviento?

El Adviento nos prepara para celebrar la primera venida de Jesús, pero también nos invita a elevar la mirada hacia su Segunda venida. Y así debe ser, porque es preciso estar conscientes del destino que nos aguarda en esa esplendorosa ocasión, si celebramos debidamente su primera venida.

Queramos o no, la venida del Señor en gloria nos obliga a examinar la vida que llevamos, y si pensamos seriamente en esto en los días venideros, evitaremos que el Adviento y la Navidad no pasen de ser meros ejercicios de alegría superficial y sentimentalismo. Es preciso dejar que la Palabra de Dios nos interpele y nos transforme.

Por ejemplo, las palabras que leemos hoy nos ayudan a poner en la debida perspectiva el pasaje de San Lucas. El profeta Jeremías dijo que en los tiempos del Mesías, Judá estaría a salvo y Jerusalén viviría segura, y la llamarían “el Señor es nuestra justicia” porque Dios estaría allí presente (Jeremías 33,16). De modo que para estar listos y dispuestos a encontrar al Señor cuando venga, podemos hacer nuestra la plegaria del salmista, de que el Señor, que es nuestra justicia nos guíe en su verdad y nos enseñe a ser justos y correctos.

Así se nos transformara el corazón y seremos capaces de vivir actuando siempre con amor y justicia. Así estaremos preparados para recibir a Jesús en su segunda venida, y podremos celebrar su primera venida con el corazón deseoso de recibir la vida nueva que él vino a darnos.

“Amado Señor Jesús, te pedimos que fortalezcas nuestra fe y hagas rebosar el amor entre nosotros, para que llevemos una vida digna e irreprochable ante Dios”

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias – ¡Gracias! – ¡Los agradecemos a todos quienes ayudaron con nuestra Colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias para el programa de Adopte-una-Familia! Estamos muy agradecidos con los que contribuyeron y voluntarios. Por su generosidad, hermanos podrán disfrutar de una cena deliciosa con sus seres queridos. Las donaciones que sobren se usarán para ayudar a las familias durante el año.

Regalo Perfecto – Navidad celebra con alegría el regalo perfecto, el cumplimiento del amor de Dios en Jesús. Este Adviento, tomar tiempo fuera del ajetreo de la temporada para encontrar la verdadera paz. Infórmate e insíbete para recibir diariamente reflexiones de Adviento por texto o por correo electrónico al www.RegaloPerfecto.org.

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 este viernes **4 de diciembre** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. El sábado **5 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.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción – El martes **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 **7 de diciembre** Cardenal Wuerl (inglés) y es la apertura del Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia.

Ofrenda de Navidad – Durante el Adviento, tenemos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones del Señor, en particular los dones que se experimentan en San Mateo. Dependemos de su generosidad, la cual nos permite construir el Reino de Dios en nuestra parroquia y en nuestra comunidad. Los invitamos a que manden su donación de Navidad a la rectoría, ponerla en la cesta de la colecta, o donar vía www.stmatthewscathedral.org. Agradecemos sinceramente su generosidad y pido a Dios que esta Navidad traiga muchas bendiciones a usted y toda su familia.



Ofrendas Florales – Cada año se hacen todos los esfuerzos posibles para decorar la Catedral para la Navidad de una manera que refleje verdaderamente la noble sencillez de esta época. Para hacerlo de nuevo, necesitamos de su apoyo generoso. Usted puede mandar su ofrenda de flores a la rectoría, ponerla en la cesta de la colecta, o donar en la página digital de la Catedral. Sabemos que en esta época, hay muchas solicitudes, por eso apreciamos cualquier donación.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Adopte-una-Familia, Coleta Navideña – Estamos muy agradecidos con todos que participan 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, **6 de diciembre** o traerlo a la rectoría a más tardar el martes, **8 de diciembre**. Si usted no puede comprar el regalo, por favor póngase en contacto con Pam Quinn al pquinn505@aol.com o Norma Canedo o el padre Barbieri al 202-347-3215. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad en ayudar a los necesitados!

Misas por sus Difuntos – Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

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

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

Miércoles 2 Is 25:6-10 /
 Mt 15:29-37

Jueves 3 Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
San Francisco Javier

Viernes 4 Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
San Juan de Damasceno

Sábado 5 Is 30:19-21,23-26 /
 Mt 9:35—10:1,5,6-8

Domingo 6 Bar 5:1-9 /
Segundo 1 Fil 1:4-6,8-11 /
Domingo de Adviento Lc 3:1-6

CATHEDRAL GIFTS



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

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 or 202-347-3215 x517, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.

MUSIC

St. Matthew's Festival Singers Auditions –



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 but are not obligated to sing at both events. We look for singers with an ability to read music, a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively. Rehearsals includes most Mondays and Wednesdays. To schedule an audition or for more information, contact: Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

MASS INTENTIONS November 29 – December 6

Sunday, November 29

5:30pm (November 28 Vigil) – Dorothea Rush
 7am – Luciano E. Valdez
 8:30am – Ellma A. Rios
 10am – All Souls
 11:30am – All Parishioners
 1pm – Eugenia W. Mendez
 5:30pm – Mary Clancy

Monday, November 30

7am – All Souls
 8am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
 12:10pm – Michael Matsen
 5:30pm – George Schmitt (living)

Tuesday, December 1

7am – Helen Gray (living)
 8am – Ellen B. Bautista
 12:10pm – Mr. & Mrs. Fleming (living)
 5:30pm – Noressa Wright

Wednesday, December 2

7am – Ken Anderson
 8am – Bertha Desorcy
 12:10pm – Mary Eileen Wilkig
 5:30pm – Lourdes Iglesias (living)

Thursday, December 3

7am – Brooksie, Betsy & Myrtle Banks
 8am – Clarisabel Billini
 12:10pm – Moisés Lopez
 5:30pm – Tara Telesha (living)

Friday, December 4

7am – Joseph Laubert
 8am – Myrna Centeno
 12:10pm – Celia Bravo
 5:30pm – Jerry Storh (living)

Saturday, December 5

8am – Deacon James Brown
 12:10pm – Emmy Carlucci
 5:30pm – Francisco De León

Sunday, December 6

7am – Tracy Marshall
 8:30am – Carolina Sulbarán
 10am – Walter & Mary Orzechowski
 11:30am – James Evans Ginter
 1pm – Gabriela Sotelo
 5:30pm – All Parishioners

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

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

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

BECOME AN EVERYDAY EVANGELIZER TO PREPARE FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY Advent Afternoon of Reflection

"In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us, casting open the doors of his heart and repeating that he loves us."

Pope Francis

WHEN:

Saturday, December 5 from 1:30 – 3:30pm

WHERE:

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

Great Hall of the Rectory

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

www.stmatthewscathedral.org

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

DIRECTED BY:

Susan Timoney, STD

Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns

Archdiocese of Washington



Appointed by Cardinal Wuerl, **DR. SUSAN TIMONEY** is the first woman to hold this position which oversees the Office of pastoral planning, family life, youth and young adult ministry, ministry to persons with special needs and to the ethnic communities within the archdiocese. Susan earned her doctorate in theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Susan also serves as an Assistant Adjunct Professor at The Catholic University of America. Dr. Timoney was part of the core planning team for the archdiocese for the visit of Pope Francis to the United States.



All are invited to this event, free of charge. Free will offerings welcome.



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.

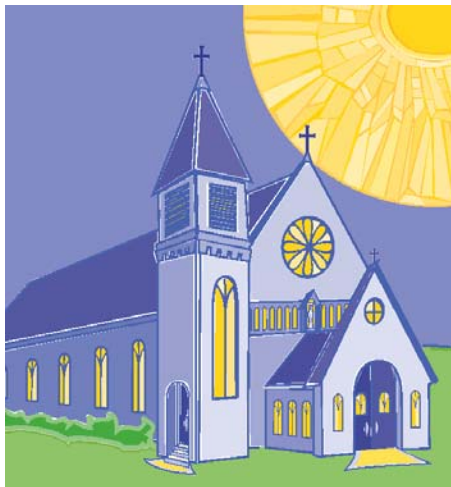
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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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.

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 & 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	\$ _____	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 (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

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Including

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

**Sunday, December 13, 2015
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Come Home for Christmas—

Advent Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

12:10 p.m



We invite you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Communal Penance Service, *Come Home for Christmas*.

Experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship.

Join parishioners and friends as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness from sin and reconciliation with God in preparation for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

Priests from around the Archdiocese will be available for individual confessions in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German and American Sign.

Questions?

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