

TODAY'S READINGS

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
(Matthew 3:11)

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

In this verse, Paul is saying that at our baptism, we are "buried" with Jesus and then "raised" to a new life with him. He tells us that the outward signs of baptism—water, oil, light, a white robe—are intricately tied to the inward work of regeneration that God does in everyone at their baptism. Each of us becomes "dead to sin and living for God" (Romans 6:11).

In today's Gospel passage, John the Baptist talks about baptism as well. Only here he is saying that Jesus has come to baptize us not with water, but "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). So what's the difference?

Water baptism washes us from original sin and brings us into a new relationship with God. Baptism "in the Spirit" is what happened to the apostles on Pentecost, when they were filled with the power and boldness of God. They were baptized—immersed or plunged—into the life of the Holy Spirit, who then worked his wonders in them and through them, just as he wants to do for us.

Scripture tells us that our God is a "consuming fire" (Exodus 24:17; Isaiah 33:14; Hebrews 12:29). This baptism by the Spirit and fire is God's way of setting a fire in our hearts so that we will want to go out and share his love. It's his way of making us more like Jesus, who wanted to please the Father in everything he said and did. It's his way of building his Church—by empowering his people to do the works that Jesus did. What an honor to receive the Spirit this way!

"Holy Spirit, come and purify me. Set my heart on fire so that I can be your witness today."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 4 Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
Second Sunday of Advent

Monday 5 Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 6 Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday 7 Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
St. Nicholas

Thursday 8 Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
St. Ambrose
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9 Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 10 Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9-13
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Sunday 11 Is 35:1-6,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
Third Sunday of Advent

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!

ADVENT

See our [Advent & Christmas brochure \(en español\)](#), available in the Cathedral and on the parish website. Take extra copies to share!



"Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace." (St. Charles Borromeo)

Find the Perfect Gift – Christmas celebrates the Perfect Gift of God's love in Jesus, and Advent is the time when we prepare our hearts to welcome this gift. This week, take time out of the busyness of the season to slow down and reflect on the miracle of God becoming man. After some quiet reflection, share your joy and inspiration with someone you love or on social media to spread the Perfect Gift of Jesus this Christmas season. To find Christmas resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington, visit [FindthePerfectGift.org](#).

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, 12:10pm, 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.

PARISH CALENDAR December 4 – 11

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. Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center.

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.

Monday 5—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 6—The Faith Formation Committee holds a planning retreat at 6pm in the East Conference Room.

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

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

Thursday 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) on December 7, and at 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (in Spanish) on December 8.

Sunday 11—Third Sunday of Advent

A second collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken at all Masses.

Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated at the 1pm Mass, with refreshments and

music following the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room. Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

Lessons and Carols is presented in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, followed by a sing-along in the Great Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers Needed for Faith

Formation Committee – The Faith Formation Committee needs your assistance in planning events to effectively reach our Cathedral community. We would love your help as a greeter for events, to plan one-time events such as lectures, small faith sharing groups, retreats or other events, or to provide counsel during monthly committee meetings. All are welcome; we especially seek 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 202-587-5139, or Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.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.

Adult Confirmation 2017

Preparation – Each spring, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Registration forms are available in the rectory and on the parish website. The registration deadline is April 24, 2017. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at left) for more information.

MUSIC



Saint Matthew's Festival Singers

Auditions – Each year we invite experienced singers of the parish to join the Schola Cantorum for the *Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Mass*. Singers must be able to attend all rehearsals (listed below). We look for singers who can read music and have a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively.

- 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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection – The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held next weekend, **December 10-11** in the Archdiocese of Washington. This parish-based appeal, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Participation in this collection provides an opportunity to witness to our Lord's love and mercy for the religious men and women who have contributed so much to faith formation in the United States. Please be generous as you are able.

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, meets Sunday, **December 11** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

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.

Christmas Offering – During Advent, we reflect upon the many blessings of the Lord, including those graces experienced at St. Matthew's. Your generous response 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, or give via Faith Direct or 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.

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 Decorating – On Friday, **December 23**, following the 8am and

12:10pm Masses, we will decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. We need volunteers to unwrap, prepare and place poinsettias, put lights on the trees, and assemble the crèche. To volunteer, contact Pam Erwin at 202-347-3215 X 537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Christmas Cards – You may purchase Christmas cards featuring the Cathedral crèche (in boxed sets of 10 with envelopes) in the rectory. For delivery by mail, contact Pam Erwin at perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

OUTREACH

Reminder: Gifts for Christmas Drive – If you have taken a gift tag, please bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass today or drop it off at the rectory no later than Tuesday, **December 6** (rectory closes at 8pm). If you have any questions or are no longer able to purchase your gift, please contact

Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com. You may also call Norma Canedo at the rectory office at 202-347-3215. Thank you for your generosity!

SOAR Reauthorization – Please sign the [Help All DC Children petition](http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/help-all-dc-children) 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. Sign the petition at www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/help-all-dc-children.



Trot Benefits SOME – Members of our parish Social Justice committee ran the annual Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving to raise \$250 for So Others Might Eat (see photos above). SOME is an interfaith group that helps the poor and homeless in our nation's capital. Interested in learning more about the work of our Social Justice ministry? Email socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org to learn more.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Cuando San Juan Bautista apareció proclamando el Reino de Dios, sus palabras resonaron como un trueno en la vida cotidiana de los judíos. Israel no tenía profetas desde hacía 400 años y la gente se aglomeraba para escuchar el mensaje: “¡Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos!” (Mateo 3, 2).

Juan no tenía deferencias especiales para los ricos y poderosos y condenaba el pecado dondequiera lo encontraba: en la corte real, en el templo o en la gente. Sus contemporáneos creían que bastaba ser judío para tener el favor de Dios, pero Juan les aseguraba que no por ser descendientes de Abraham escaparían de la ira divina. Por eso reprendía a los saduceos y fariseos que iban a bautizarse sin arrepentirse de corazón, y recalca que el solo hecho de cumplir los rituales no los libraría de las consecuencias del pecado (Mateo 3, 7-10).

Este mensaje es tan válido hoy como lo fue entonces.

En la Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos (capítulo 15) encontramos pautas muy útiles para preparar el camino del Señor en nuestro corazón. Primero, haciendo oración y leyendo la Palabra de Dios, que nos fue dada para instruirnos y animarnos. Luego, recibiendo los Sacramentos, especialmente los de la Confesión y la Sagrada Eucaristía. También, viviendo unidos en la familia, con la comunidad cristiana y con Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor. Siendo tolerantes y solidarios con el prójimo. Ayudándonos fraternalmente unos a otros, como Cristo nos acepta y nos ayuda a nosotros, y pidiéndole fortaleza a Dios, porque sólo con su amor es posible aceptar y perdonar a nuestros semejantes y especialmente a quienes nos han ofendido o perjudicado.

Además, podemos pedirle al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de su fuerza para amar y servir a los demás. Dios, que es siempre fiel, nos dará la gracia necesaria para reformar nuestra vida de acuerdo a su voluntad.

“Señor Jesús, queremos pedirte que nos concedas el regalo de aceptar dócilmente la voluntad de nuestro Padre en este Adviento, para hacerla con fe y gratitud.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 4

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Lunes 5

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Martes 6

San Nicolás

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles 7

San Ambrosio

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Jueves 8

Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Gén 3:9-15,20 / Ef 1:3-6,11-12 / Lc 1:26-38

Viernes 9

San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Sábado 10

Ecl 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:10-13

Domingo 11

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Is 35:1-6,10 / Stgo 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

INTENCIONES DE MISAS
MASS INTENTIONS

December 4 – 11

Sunday, December 4

5:30pm Vigil (December 3) – Brooksie, Betsy & Myrtle Banks
7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Maria Almeida
10am – Walter & Mary Orzechowski
11:30am – Thomas Srsich
1pm – Gabriela Sotelo
5:30pm – James Paravati

Monday, December 5

7am – Teresita Bernabe
8am – Acción de Gracias
12:10pm – Gerry Tinlin
5:30pm – Jean Alexander (living)

Tuesday, December 6

7am – Carolina Sulbarán
8am – Frank Clark
12:10pm – Jordan Foley
5:30pm – Winifred D. Chevalier

Wednesday, December 7

7am – Joseph Minore (living)
8am – Keith A. Henderson, Jr.
12:10pm – Ellan Jackson
5:30pm – Julio Cesar Villatoro

Thursday, December 8

7am – Brooksie, Betsy & Myrtle Banks
8am – Helena Onrubia
11am – Clara Van Hissenhoven
12:10pm – Thanksgiving to Our Lady
5:30pm – Rosa Muzo
7pm – Jose Luz Mendez

Friday, December 9

7am – Bridget Therese Mora (living)
8am – Luis A. Carrillo
12:10pm – Lang Huy Ngo
5:30pm – David P. Mora (living)

Saturday, December 10

8am – Edna De León (living)
12:10pm – Robert Bowker
5:30pm – Salvador Hife

Sunday, December 11

7am – Maximo Roque, Sr.
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Soderberg Anniversary (living)
11:30am – Carol Norquist
1pm – Enrique Arnal
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

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.



Encuentra el Regalo Perfecto – Navidad celebra el regalo perfecto del amor de Dios en Jesús, y el Adviento es el tiempo en el que preparamos nuestros corazones para la

bienvenida de ese regalo. Esta semana tomemos un tiempo de nuestras atareadas ocupaciones de la temporada y reflexionemos en el milagro de Dios hecho hombre. Para encontrar recursos y horarios de misas en toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington, visite: www.RegaloPerfecto.org.

Se les recuerda: Regalos para la colecta Navideña – Si usted ha recogido una etiqueta de regalo, por favor no se olvide de traer su regalo nuevo, envuelto en papel de regalo y con su etiqueta a la misa de hoy. Para entregar su regalo durante la semana, puede traerlo a la rectoría hasta el martes, **6 de diciembre** (cerramos a las 8 de la noche). Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la colecta navideña o no puede comprar su regalo, por favor póngase en contacto con la rectoría y pregunte por Norma Canedo al: 202-347-3215 o mande un correo electrónico a: socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

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**.

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – Únase a nosotros a la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe aquí en la Catedral en la misa de español a las 1:00 de la tarde el domingo **11 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. ¡Todos están invitados!

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Los invitamos el lunes **19 de diciembre** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de la confesión estará disponible en inglés y español durante esa hora.

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. Les 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.



Caminando con María, Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – Todos están invitados a la celebración arquidiocesana el sábado **10 de**

diciembre, fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, con peregrinaciones desde el Santuario del Sagrado Corazón y la iglesia del Santo Nombre en DC a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional, donde la Misa será celebrada por el Cardenal Wuerl. Las procesiones de las dos parroquias comienzan al mediodía. En la Basílica, el sacramento de la confesión comienza a las 1:00 de la tarde, seguido por el rosario a las 1:30 y misa 2:30 de la tarde. Más información visite: culturaldiversity@adw.org.



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Come Home for Christmas—

Advent Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

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, French, and American Sign.

Questions?

Contact the Rectory at 202-347-3215
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Vuelve a Casa Para Navidad

Servicio Comunitario de la Penitencia de Adviento

**Martes 20 de diciembre,
12:10 del mediodía**



Les invitamos a que experimenten el amor de Jesucristo a través del sacramento de la Reconciliación en nuestro Servicio Comunitario de la Penitencia de Adviento.

Experimente el poder del sacramento, que nos devuelve a la gracia de Dios y nos une en una amistad íntima con Él.

Únete a los feligreses y amigos a reconocer nuestra necesidad de perdón del pecado y de la reconciliación con Dios en la preparación para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo en la Navidad. Sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis estarán disponibles para las confesiones en distintos idiomas: inglés, español, portugués e intérprete para sordos.

Preguntas
Llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215
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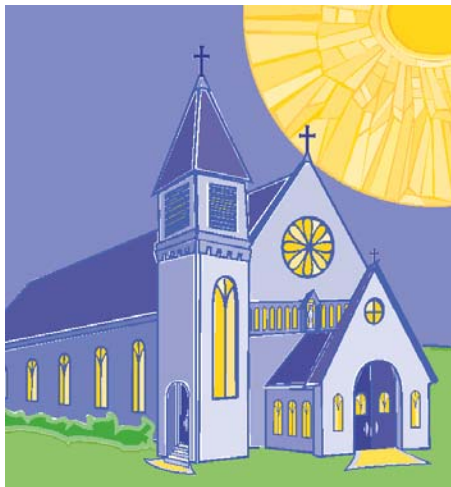
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When do transactions take place?



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

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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.

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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: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.