

TODAY'S READINGS

Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)
Announcement: The Most High God requests the honor of your presence at the entry of his Son into the world. The unprecedented event will be followed by a joyous celebration in two locations: heaven and Earth. The event will take place on December 25, and you are encouraged to spend the next four weeks in preparation for the festivities.

Welcome to Advent—a season of hope and expectation! Over the course of the next month, many of us will be part of family gatherings. We will reenact time-honored traditions. Gifts will be bought. Homes will be decorated. Special meals will be prepared.

And to crown all these observances, Jesus himself will come and visit us. As today's Gospel reading tell us, we may not know when he will come, but he promises he will come. Right now, he is looking for new ways to touch our hearts. Right now, he is preparing special gifts of grace and blessing for us—Advent and Christmas presents that he will give to those who open their hearts to him.

What kind of gifts will he give? Reminders of his Father's love for us. A sense of hope as you face the challenges of life. New insights and wisdom that you can share with your loved ones. Freedom from guilt as you lay your sins and failings at his feet. And above all, peace and joy as he tells you that he has you in the palm of his hand.

So take up the invitation today! Do everything you can to be alert and ready to receive Jesus and his gifts. Try to spend a little more time in daily prayer and scripture reading. Go to confession so that you can get rid of anything that blocks you from receiving his love and his gifts.

Jesus wants to celebrate with you. And he's given you a whole month to get ready. Step by step, day by day you can draw closer to the Lord—and feel him draw closer to you!

"Jesus, I accept your invitation. By your Spirit and your grace, help me to get ready for your coming on Christmas Day."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 27th	Is 63:16-17,19; 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Mk 13:33-37
Monday 28th	Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11	
Tuesday 29th	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24	
Wednesday 30th	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22	
<i>St. Andrew</i>		
Thursday 1st	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27	
Friday 2nd	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31	
Saturday 3rd	Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35;10:1,5-8	
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>		
Sunday 4th	Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mt 1:1-8	
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>		

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús exhortaba a sus seguidores a permanecer vigilantes, porque nadie sabe cuándo vendrá el día del fin. ¿Por qué no le damos más importancia a esta idea de la Segunda Venida de Cristo en nuestra oración personal? Tal vez porque muchos sienten temor ante la idea del regreso del Señor, como si fuese algo que preferirían evitar.

¿Por qué sucede esto? Tal vez por las imágenes de horror que los artistas pintan o describen acerca del juicio final. ¿Están los cristianos tan confundidos que ya no reconocen que Aquel que viene es nuestro amado Salvador, que murió, resucitó y envió su Espíritu Santo para que todos los que crean puedan compartir su nueva vida? Los que le han rechazado por indiferencia o por tener el corazón endurecido, temerán sin duda su venida, pero los que lo hemos aceptado debiéramos esperar con ansias el retorno del Señor.

De este pasaje de San Marcos podemos deducir que no hay que malgastar el tiempo, como si la vida no tuviera sentido; al contrario, debemos vivir cada momento con paciencia y alegría esperando el retorno del Señor.

Es muy acertado recordar en el Adviento la Segunda Venida de Cristo, mientras nos preparamos para celebrar su primera venida. El Adviento es relativamente corto, por lo tanto, conviene darse cuenta de si en años anteriores nos hemos dejado arrastrar tanto por los ajetreos, los preparativos y los compromisos de Navidad que no nos ha quedado tiempo para estar bien preparados para la venida del Señor.

Dediquémonos, pues, a esperar la manifestación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, porque Él mismo vendrá y nos mantendrá firmes hasta el fin. Mientras avanzamos en este tiempo del Adviento, acudamos continuamente a Jesús e invitémosle a venir a nuestro corazón, para que nos purifique y nos fortalezca; así estaremos preparados para su venida.

"Amado Señor, desde hoy comienzo a esperar alegremente tu venida en Navidad. Que esta misma alegría y expectación llene mi corazón mientras espero tu gloriosa Segunda Venida, cuando vengas a buscar a tus fieles como hermanos tuyos."

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Hospitality
Receptions

will be held after
all Masses next
weekend,

December 3-4,
except the 7am
Sunday Mass
in the North
Conference Room.

Come by for
fellowship, grab a
snack and vote in
the Parish Pastoral
Council elections!

ADVENT 2011

THE SEASON OF HOPE & PREPARATION

Today Sunday, **November 27** is the first Sunday of the Holy Season of Advent. While Christ seeks us, we too must seek him, prepare for his coming and invite him in. St. Maximus reminds us that “the Word of God . . . is always willing to be born spiritually in those who desire him.” This twelfth-century confessor and abbot likens the star in the East to God’s Holy Word, leading us to Christ Jesus as no earthly knowledge can:



Christ is God, for he had given all things their being out of nothing. Yet he is born as man by taking to himself our nature, flesh endowed with intelligent spirit. A star glitters by day in the East and leads the wise men to the place where the incarnate Word lies, to show that the Word, contained in the Law and the Prophets, surpasses in a mystical way knowledge derived from the senses, and to lead the Gentiles to the full light of knowledge.

For surely the word of the Law and the Prophets when it is understood with faith is like a star which leads those who are called by the power of grace in accordance with his decree to recognize the Word incarnate.

Among the many ways to prepare during this holy season to receive Christ are these:

- Commit to daily prayer, and visit the Blessed Sacrament or come for an occasional daily Mass.
- Plan for daily Scripture or other spiritual reading. Check our website front page for a link to brief daily reflections throughout Advent. You also may pick up the Advent edition of either *Five Minutes with the Word* or *The Word Among Us* at the church entrance.
- Attend our Advent Day of Recollection on **December 3**, "Come and See..." (John 1:39), presented by Sr. Patricia Parachini, SNJM, DMin (see the flyer).
- Reconcile with the Father, the Church and yourself in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Note our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, **December 20**.
- Give to St. Matthew’s Adopt-a-Family program (see the flyer) or perform other good works.

Please also pick up an Advent & Christmas brochure listing all our liturgies and events at the church entrance or in the pews. Take a few extra to share with family and friends as you make your holiday rounds!

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT—*BE A STAR* AND LEAD OTHERS TO HIM

Join parishioners from all over the archdiocese in the second year of an exciting Advent Evangelization campaign to invite people to reconsider the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Jesus, the perfect gift, changes lives. Parishioners are placing signs in their yards or windows that read “FindthePerfectGift.org.” On that website are a series of short reflections inviting people to think about the meaning of gift-giving. The signs remind us that just as the star in the East led the Wise Men to Jesus, we too can guide people to an encounter with our Lord. **Call the rectory at 202-347-3215 to receive a sign and post it in your yard or window, or pick one up at Mass this weekend.** Use it as an opportunity to talk with neighbors and friends about the feast of Christmas and the gift Jesus has been for you.

Watch for *Find the Perfect Gift* TV spots on WJLA and Comcast—we hear that the commercial is super!



FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

EXPOSITION & DEVOTIONS

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm this Friday, **December 2** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located to the left of the sanctuary. On Saturday, **December 3**, all are welcome to participate in First Saturday Devotions, led by Fr. Regan after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

MARIAN FEASTS

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. Masses will be at 5:30pm (Vigil) on Monday, **December 7**, and at 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are welcome to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe here at the Cathedral on Sunday, **December 11** at the 1pm Spanish Mass, followed by refreshments and music in the West Conference Room.

Bishop Francisco González will celebrate a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, **December 10** at 2:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The procession from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (3211 Pine St., NW) to the Basilica will begin at 12 Noon. For more information, contact Manuel Aliaga at the archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Pastoral Affairs at 301-853-4567.

NEWS & NOTES

FESTIVAL SINGER AUDITIONS

Every year we invite experienced singers of the parish to join the *Schola Cantorum* for our Advent Lessons and Carols and the 10pm Christmas Eve Mass. Singers must attend all rehearsals but are not obligated to sing for both liturgies. We need singers with an ability to read music, a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively. The rehearsal schedule is below:

Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 7:45–9pm—Rehearsal
Monday, Dec 5, 6:45–8:45pm—Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec 11, 7:30–9pm—*Advent Lessons and Carols*
(6:30pm arrival)

Wednesdays, Dec 14 & 21, 6:45–8:45pm—Rehearsal
Monday, Dec 19, 6:45–8:45pm—Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec 24, 9:15pm–11:15pm—*10pm Christmas Eve Mass* (8pm arrival)

To schedule an audition or for more information, contact Mr. Thomas Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Community of Sant' Egidio in Washington, DC is joining the World Day of Cities for Life on Wednesday **November 30**, with a prayer vigil at 6:30pm here at the Cathedral. The event is part of a worldwide initiative against the death penalty. More than 1,300 cities and 87 countries are participating. All are welcome. For more information call 1-917-583-3993 or e-mail santegidiodc@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MAILING

We invite you to lend a hand with our annual Christmas mailing to the Cathedral Friends on Tuesday, **December 6** in the North Conference Room at 6pm, immediately after the 5:30pm Mass! This mailing is our way of staying in touch with Cathedral supporters across the country, sharing news of our parish ministries, and inviting them to contribute financially to St. Matthew's mission. Email us at Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org or call 202-587-5143 if you can help. Thank you!

CATHEDRAL CLUB NEWS

The Cathedral Club will hold its Christmas Brunch at Front Page (1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW) on Sunday, **December 11** from 1 until 3pm. There will be no regular December meeting. For information, contact Mary Latka at 202-232-3261.

FAITH FORMATION

BOOK CLUB: *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*

All are invited to join the St. Matthew's Book Club for its next meeting Monday, **December 12**. We will discuss Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, perhaps the most famous Christmas related novel ever produced. We will explore the religious dimensions of the work as well as many other aspects of this famous tale. The club meets in the West Conference Room at 6:45pm. Please contact Paul Zummo at pzummo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic, St. Matthew's offers Inquiry, a casual, ongoing conversation about the Catholic faith, once a month. Inquiry is the first step in the process of discerning one's commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. A brief overview of the entire adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally in June each year, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be held Wednesday, **December 14**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

November 27 – December 4

SUNDAY—First Sunday of Advent

El retiro de Adviento en español empieza a las 8:30 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Norte para adultos y en el salón de conferencia del Oeste para niños.

MONDAY—The Social Justice & Community Services

Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

TUESDAY—Las Reflexiones de Adviento comienzan hoy a las

7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

A prayer vigil is held in the Cathedral at 6:30pm.

FRIDAY—First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

SATURDAY—The Parish Advent Day of Recollection is held at 9am in the North Conference Room.

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

SUNDAY—Second Sunday of Advent

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am Mass.

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

FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS

**Led by
Sister Patricia A. Parachini,
SNJM, DMin**

**Adjunct Faculty,
Washington Theological Union**

Advent prepares us for Christmas, the celebration of the Christ Child coming to us in Bethlehem, and calls us to direct our hearts and minds to await Christ's coming again at the end of time.

Therefore, Advent is an appropriate time for adult believers to spend some time deepening our relationship to the One whom we await. You are invited to our parish Advent Morning of Recollection to "Come and See..." (John 1:39) – to spend time with Jesus and learn how you are called to follow his Way in your present life circumstances. With time for prayer, input, discussion and reflection, you will begin the Advent season with a posture of receptivity that readies you for the wonderful gifts God offers you through the coming of Jesus! The celebration of the Eucharist will conclude our time together.

Sister Patricia A. Parachini, a Sister of the Holy Names, holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Catholic University of America. A pastoral theologian, educator and a spiritual director, Sister Parachini has ministered in a variety of contexts for more than 40 years. In addition to her teaching and formation ministry at Washington Theological Union, her most recent ministries have included: Religious Literacy Project Coordinator at Georgetown University; staff chaplain in pediatrics and a faculty associate of the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University Hospital. As a faculty member at both St. Mary's Seminary and University and the Catholic University of America, Sister Parachini taught preaching and pastoral theology. Sister Parachini has taught preaching in summer institutes at St. Elizabeth College, CUA and Aquinas Institute. She has directed retreats, supervised ministers and spiritual directors in training and worked as a campus minister, a parish director of religious education and a teacher in both middle school and high school. For two years, she was the assistant to the director of the diocesan Catechetical Center in Kyoto, Japan.

**Prepare for the coming of Christ in our lives and
in our world by joining us for our annual
Advent Morning of Recollection! All are welcome!**

Parish Morning of Recollection

**DATE:
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2011**

**TIME:
9:00AM – 1:00PM**

**PLACE:
NORTH CONFERENCE
ROOM**

No cost to attend...
donations accepted & appreciated

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Parking: Street parking or \$5 flat
fee in garage next to Cathedral

Please RSVP no later than
Sunday, November 27 to
hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.



St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program Christmas 2011



St. Matthew's is again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family program to provide assistance to low-income families in our parish community. We help meet families' basic needs by providing grocery certificates, household items, clothing, and toys for the children, among other gifts. Last year we provided over 1,000 gifts to 35 families.

You can help by participating in the **Giving Tree** during Masses in November or by making a **financial contribution**:

- 1) To participate in the **Giving Tree**, choose as many gift tags as you like from the table in the back of the Cathedral after mass the weekends of **November 12th & 13th, November 19th & 20th, November 26th and 27th**. Please purchase the specific item(s), and return wrapped gift(s) as described on the cards.
- 2) You can make a **financial contribution** of any amount. Checks are welcome! Please write checks to St. Matthew's Cathedral (add "Adopt-A-Family" in the note line) and put your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Adopt-A-Family Christmas**. Envelopes are available in the back of the Cathedral.

You can drop off the envelopes in the baskets at the back of the Cathedral after mass the weekends of **November 12th & 13th, November 19th & 20th, November 26th and 27th**. Your financial contribution can also be sent directly to the Rectory.

We would like to receive donations by **December 12th** to allow time for shopping before Christmas. Any donations that we receive above what is needed for Christmas will be used to assist the families with grocery gift cards and other emergency assistance during the year.

For more information, please contact Fr. Evelio or Jillian McMahon at jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com.

What would Christmas be without your help?



Embracing Change in the Liturgy



For many people, change does not come easy. Change requires us to stop doing things a certain way in order to do something else. Many people find comfort in familiar routines and known ways of acting. Change interrupts those familiar routines. But change is also an opportunity to stop and reflect on what we are doing and to come to a better understanding of God, who does not change.

Why does the Church change the Liturgy?

In its Liturgy, the Church always attempts to follow the “norm of the holy Fathers.” This effort “requires not only the preservation of what our immediate forebears have handed on to us, but also an understanding and a more profound pondering of the Church’s entire past. . . . this broader view allows us to see how the Holy Spirit endows the People of God with a marvelous fidelity in preserving the unalterable deposit of faith, even though there is a very great variety of prayers and rites” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 9).

The Liturgy must, therefore, always celebrate and make present the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ—his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. However, over time, it may become necessary to make certain changes, such as adding prayers for recently canonized saints and adding texts that reflect the needs that the People of God wish to bring to God in prayer. The third edition of the *Roman Missal* makes such additions and provides a fresh translation of the Latin texts of the existing content of the *Missal*.

Who decides that the Liturgy should change?

Pope John Paul II approved the promulgation of the third edition of the *Missale Romanum*, the Latin text, on April 20, 2000. The final Latin edition of the revised text was published in March 2002. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments was responsible for preparing the text. The Congregation is the Vatican office that the pope has charged with overseeing all matters related to the Liturgy and the sacraments. Any changes in the words of the sacramental formulas—the essential words in the celebration of each of the sacraments (either in Latin or in vernacular translations)—must be approved by the Holy Father personally. In addition, church law also gives to conferences

of bishops (such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) as well as individual bishops certain responsibilities with regard to the Liturgy.

What exactly is changing?

The structure of the Mass (the order of the elements, the actions of the priest celebrant, and so forth) remains unchanged in the new edition of the *Roman Missal*. However, the translation of the prayer texts will change to more closely reflect the original Latin texts. In some cases, new options for prayers may be available, and some old options may no longer be present.

Will the changes be noticeable?

In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, almost every prayer in the Mass—those spoken by the priest and those spoken by the people—has been retranslated from the Latin to English. Some prayers now recited by memory will need to be relearned, and the familiar language of many prayers recited by the priest will change.

In preparing the new translation, the translators were asked to make the English texts conform more closely to the Latin originals and to retain traditional theological vocabulary that communicates important concepts of the faith. The language that the faithful will hear and pray is more formal and somewhat more complex than the language of ordinary conversation. It conveys rich theological concepts and retains biblical language and images.

How can I prepare for the change?

There are many ways in which you can prepare for the changes in the Mass:

- ✠ Make a conscious effort to participate more fully in the Mass each Sunday and holy day.
- ✠ Take advantage of any special catechetical sessions offered by your parish or diocese.
- ✠ Visit the *Roman Missal* Web site (www.usccb.org/romanmissal) to study the new texts and to learn more about the changes.
- ✠ Read the new texts of the people’s parts at Mass. Begin to study them so that you will be able to pray them well when the new *Roman Missal* is implemented.
- ✠ Pray for a renewal of love for the Liturgy in your parish and in the Church.

What difference will these changes make in my parish?

Some of the differences will be obvious immediately. We will have to learn new musical settings for the various parts of the Mass. We will learn new words for common prayers, such as the Creed. Those of us who began saying the Mass prayers by heart long ago will need to rely on printed texts again, at least for a while. In the early months of the transition, we may find it more challenging to pray with one voice as people adjust to the new texts and gradually commit them to their hearts.

But these surface differences will give way to deeper and more significant changes. If we use the time of preparation well, we will make the changes with a deeper understanding of the Liturgy and a renewed reverence for and appreciation of the Mass. We will hear the prayers with new ears and with new hearts. Our Liturgy will be filled with new life and new spirit as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ made present for us.

Where can I turn for help in understanding these changes?

The first stop for catechesis and formation regarding these changes is your parish and diocese. All the faithful are encouraged to take advantage of parish efforts. You can attend catechetical sessions, read articles in the parish bulletin or newsletter or the diocesan newspaper, listen closely to homilies that help explain the changes, and come early to Mass to practice new musical settings for the prayers.

In addition, many dioceses, schools, universities, and retreat centers will offer programs to help people understand and appreciate the new translation. You can take advantage of these programs where possible.

The official Web site for the third edition of the *Roman Missal* is found at www.usccb.org/romanmissal. A variety of resources will be posted that may help you.

Catholic publishers and national organizations will publish many resources, in print and online, to help you negotiate this time of change. Check out your parish book rack or your local Catholic bookstore to see what is available.

What if I don't like the new translation?

For most people, the unfamiliar is always uncomfortable, at least at first. The more familiar the old is, the more challenging it may be to accept and embrace the new. It is completely normal to feel uncomfortable as you begin studying and reading the new texts. Taking steps to become more familiar

with the texts can help a great deal. At the same time, be open to the possibility that you will find things to appreciate in the rich language of the new texts. The more you read them and study them and pray them, the more familiar and comfortable they will become and the more you will appreciate the theological depth they convey.

Taking the time to learn more about your faith, including the Mass and Scripture, can help you appreciate the new texts more fully. Using the catechetical opportunities made available by your parish and diocese can help you overcome concerns about the changes.

Finally, you can take your concerns to God in prayer. Pray for a deeper understanding of the meaning of these texts and for an open heart to grow in communion with the Church.

What can I do to make the process of change a good one for my parish?

Everyone has a role to play in preparing to use the new translations:

- ✘ Study the new texts with an open heart and an open mind so that you will be ready to use them in the Liturgy.
- ✘ Take advantage of opportunities to learn more about the new texts by attending catechetical programs and reading articles about the new texts.
- ✘ Offer to assist your pastor or parish director of religious education in preparing parish catechetical events.
- ✘ If you are a parent, teach your children the new prayers and help them to understand the changes. Encourage them to participate in the Mass fully and to learn more about their faith.
- ✘ Be very intentional about celebrating the Liturgy each Sunday and holy day. Arrive on time (or a bit early). Pray and sing with attentiveness. Stay focused on the action of the Liturgy rather than letting your mind wander. Hold the Sacrament of the Eucharist in great reverence. Finally, give thanks to God in your heart for so great a gift.

Times of change are always a challenge. But from this challenge can come a deeper appreciation of who we are as the Body of Christ, gathering to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.

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THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Parish Pastoral Council

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2012 PARISH COUNCIL YEAR

 <p>Iker Rodrigo Aceves Vincent</p>	<p>I lived most of my growing years in Guadalajara, Jalisco where I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara. I also have post-degree studies from Universities in Mexico City, Madrid and Paris. I worked for almost 17 years in a prestigious restaurant in the city. Currently I teach English to Hispanic immigrants. I've been a regular parishioner in St. Mathews Cathedral to the 11:30 Mass in the beginning and to the 8:30 for the last few years. Lately I developed a very close relationship with both Father Kevin Regan and Father Evelio Menjivar whom have become a very strong spiritual support to me. Thanks to the flexibility of my new schedules and spare time, I feel in the capacity to participate in the voluntary work of our Parish so I offer my services to the extent of my possibilities... after all I've gotten marvelous things from this beautiful community.</p>
 <p>Grace Alvicar</p>	<p>My name is Grace Alcivar and I have been an active member of St, Matthew's Cathedral for more than three years. Presently, I serve as an EMC. Almost two years ago I got married to my wonderful husband Rodnie Barbosa, who also serves at St. Matthew's as an EMC and an Usher. Professionally, I am a sales director at Alcatel-Lucent. I am a very personable, outgoing, straight-forward, and dynamic individual. I believe in getting things done as effectively and efficiently as possible to benefit of customers. I wish to broaden my commitment to our community by serving as a member of our Parish Council. I believe I can apply my talents and my considerable experience to further the mission of our Church within our parish. As a member of St. Matthew's Parish Council, I want to ensure that we can provide and sustain the needs of our parishioners and our community at large.</p>
 <p>Jeff Bedia</p>	<p>St. Matthew's has been my home since 2002 shortly after transferring from Toronto, Canada. I've been an altar-server for 2 years, also an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and Lector when help is needed. "IF YOU'RE NOT IN TOUCH WITH THE POOR, YOU'RE DETACHED FROM GOD" – that's my motto. While at De la Salle University in Manila, Philippines, I taught Catechism and tutored children living in the slums. I'm a member of the Cathedral's Reparation Society of Mary's Immaculate Heart. There are many wounds that need healing in the Church and by the Church. Serving at the Parish Pastoral Council can help the community do just that.</p>
 <p>Jeff Collman</p>	<p>Lilliam and I joined St Matthew's on Easter Vigil night, 2006. RCIA led us to return the blessing by sponsoring other new members through their initiation into the faith. I now serve the parish helping with collections. Through Georgetown University, I began the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, an experience that greatly strengthened my faith and understanding of the church. After a year's retreat in daily life, I entered the Magis retreat program of the Maryland Province of the Jesuits. I now serve on the Magis retreat planning committee. I hope to join these experiences of faith through serving on the St. Matthew's parish council.</p>
 <p>Dan Evans</p>	<p>Dan Evans has been a St. Matthew's Parishioner for more than twenty years. An alumnus of the RCIA program, he was baptized and confirmed in the Cathedral. His service to the Parish includes many years as an altar server and extraordinary minister of communion, as well as a previous term on the Parish Council. He was a founding member of the HIV/AIDS ministry. He regularly attends the 5:30 Sunday Mass and is a big fan of the Contemporary Choir. Dan works as a government analyst, and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP®).</p>
 <p>Jillian McMahan</p>	<p>I have been a member of the St. Matthews Cathedral parish since moving to Washington, D.C. from Texas over three years ago. I have had the privilege of serving on Parish Council this past year as an appointed member. I am running this year for a full three-year term. I have worked over the last few months to create a revitalized Young Adult Ministry, develop new communication tools for the Cathedral and promote stewardship throughout our parish. I would love the opportunity to continue to spread the new evangelization at St. Matthews by serving on our Parish Council.</p>
<p>Ana Montiel</p>	<p>No Biography Available</p>
 <p>Felix Fernandez Pizzi</p>	<p>As a member of the PPC, I commit to actively participate in its activities, working to find opportunities to integrate the diverse communities who come to our Cathedral, regardless of language or origin, to offer them hospitality and support for their specific needs, both spiritual and social. I met my wife while on summer missions in underprivileged communities in the south of Argentina. Once married, we participated as a family in different base communities as catechists, faith formation, marriage and liturgical groups. I've been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and have been a member of the Cathedral's Hispanic Choir for 5 years. I retired from the Inter-American Development Bank in 2007 and currently participate as a project volunteer at the Spanish Catholic Center.</p>

PARROQUIA DE LA CATEDRAL DE SAN MATEO APOSTOL
Consejo Pastoral Parroquial

NOMINACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS PARA EL CONSEJO PARROQUIAL DEL AÑO 2012

 Iker Rodrigo Aceves Vincent	<p>Viví la mayoría de mis años formativos en Guadalajara, Jalisco y me gradué como licenciado en ingeniería civil de la Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara. También cursé estudios de post-gradó en universidades en las ciudades de México, Madrid y París. Luego trabajé casi 17 años en un prestigioso restaurante de la ciudad. Actualmente imparto cursos de inglés a inmigrantes hispanos. He sido feligrés de la Catedral de San Mateo, al principio en la misa de las 11:30, y en los últimos años en la de las 8:30. Últimamente, me he acercado mucho a los padres Kevin Regan y Evelio Menjivar, quienes han sido para mí un fuerte apoyo espiritual. Gracias a la flexibilidad de mis nuevos horarios y el tiempo libre del que dispongo, me siento capaz de participar en las labores voluntarias de nuestra parroquia, y por lo tanto ofrezco mis servicios al máximo de mis posibilidades. Después de todo, son muchas las maravillas que he recibido de esta hermosa comunidad.</p>
 Grace Alvicar	<p>Mi nombre es Grace Alcivar y he sido miembro activo de la Catedral de San Mateo por más de tres años. Actualmente sirvo como Ministro Extraordinario de la Comunión. Hace más de dos años me casé con mi maravilloso esposo, Rodnie Barbosa, quien también sirve como Ministro de Hospitalidad y de la Comunión. En lo profesional, soy directora de ventas de Alcatel-Lucent. Soy muy agradable, sociable, directa y dinámica. Creo en hacer las cosas de la forma más eficaz y eficiente posible para beneficio del cliente. Deseo ampliar mi compromiso a la comunidad sirviendo como miembro del Consejo Parroquial. Creo que puedo aplicar mis talentos y mi experiencia considerable para avanzar la misión de nuestra iglesia dentro de la parroquia. Como miembro del Consejo Parroquial de San Mateo, quiero procurar que podamos brindar y mantener soluciones a las necesidades de nuestros feligreses y de la comunidad en general.</p>
 Jeff Bedia	<p>San Mateo ha sido mi hogar desde el 2002, poco después de mi traslado desde Toronto, Canadá. He sido servidor del altar por 2 años y también Ministro Extraordinario de la Comunión y Lector cuando hace falta. Mi lema es “SI NO ESTÁS EN CONTACTO CON EL POBRE, ESTÁS APARTADO DE DIOS.” Durante mis estudios en la Universidad de La Salle en Manila, Filipinas, fui instructor de catecismo y aconsejé a niños de barrios marginales. Soy miembro de la sociedad para la Reparación al Inmaculado Corazón de María en la parroquia. Son muchas las heridas por sanar dentro de la iglesia y por parte de la iglesia. Sirviendo en el Consejo Parroquial, puedo ayudar a la comunidad precisamente con esto.</p>
 Jeff Collman	<p>Lilliam y yo nos afiliamos a San Mateo a partir de la Vigilia de Pascua de 2006. El programa de RICA nos guió a corresponder esta bendición como padrinos de candidatos para iniciación en la fe. Actualmente sirvo a la parroquia ayudando como ujier para las colectas. A través de la Universidad de Georgetown, comencé los ejercicios espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola, una experiencia que fortaleció fuertemente mi fe y mi conocimiento de la iglesia. Luego de completar un retiro en vida cotidiana de un año, entré en el programa de retiro MAGIS de la Provincia Jesuita de Maryland, y ahora soy miembro del comité de planificación de retiros MAGIS. Espero unir estas experiencias de fe a través de mi servicio al consejo parroquial.</p>
 Dan Evans	<p>Dan Evans ha sido feligrés de San Mateo por más de veinte años. El vino del programa de RICA, fue bautizado y confirmado en la Catedral. Su servicio a la parroquia incluye muchos años como servidor del altar, ministro extraordinario de la comunión y un plazo anterior como miembro del Consejo Parroquial. Fue miembro fundador del ministerio de VIH/SIDA. Asiste regularmente a la misa dominical de las 5:30 y es muy fanático del Coro Contemporáneo. Dan trabaja como analista del gobierno y ha sido certificado como profesional en gestión de proyectos.</p>
 Jillian McMahon	<p>He sido miembro de la parroquia de la Catedral de San Mateo desde hace más de tres años cuando me mudé a Washington, proveniente de Texas. He tenido el privilegio de servir en el Consejo Parroquial este año como miembro designado y ahora me postulo para un periodo completo de tres años. He trabajado durante los últimos meses para lograr un Ministerio de Adultos Jóvenes revitalizado, desarrollar nuevas herramientas de comunicación para la Catedral y promover la Corresponsabilidad a lo largo de la parroquia. Me encantaría tener la oportunidad de continuar la difusión de la nueva evangelización como parte del Consejo Parroquial.</p>
Ana Montiel	biografía no disponible
 Felix Fernandez Pizzi	<p>Como miembro del CPP, me comprometo a participar activamente en todas sus actividades, tratando de descubrir oportunidades que sirvan de integración entre las comunidades que atienden nuestra Catedral, cualquiera sea su idioma y procedencia, para brindarles hospitalidad y apoyo en las necesidades específicas que requieren, tanto espirituales como sociales.</p> <p>Conocí a mi esposa haciendo misiones apostólicas y de apoyo social durante los veranos en comunidades marginales del sur de Argentina. Una vez casados, participamos como familia en distintos grupos de base como catequistas, cantores, grupos de formación, grupos matrimoniales y grupos de liturgia. He sido Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía y soy miembro del Coro Hispano de la Catedral desde hace 5 años. Me retiré del Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo en 2007 y actualmente participo como voluntario en proyectos del Centro Católico Hispano.</p>

YOUR LIGHT

**"IN THE SAME WAY, YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE BEFORE MEN SO THAT THEY MAY ALL SEE GOODNESS IN YOUR ACTS."
MATTHEW 5:13-16**

Serve one another as Good Stewards

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am so excited to be part of the first Stewardship Newsletter here at St Matthew's Cathedral. We hope this gives you a deeper understanding of Stewardship in your lives. Stewardship is all around us – in our parish community at St Matthew's, in our homes and throughout the world. Over this past year I have been reflecting on the many ways I have seen Stewardship throughout my experiences.

The first experience I would like to mention happened back in the Spring. I was really touched by a visitor who came to St Matthew's on his way to Italy for a tour overseas with his family. At the beginning of mass, Msgr Jameson welcomed this man and his family and shared a brief story about his daughter, Sarah. Sarah had been an altar server here at St Matthew's and passed away at 10 years old. As I looked over at Sarah's father you could see how touched he was for Sarah to be mentioned but you could really see how proud he was of his daughter. What a powerful message for us all that at the young age of 10, Sarah had already embraced Stewardship and was eager to share her time and talents at mass on Sundays.

The next experience worth mentioning was the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. I was amazed to hear even more stories of people helping others at the Pentagon, Flight 77 and the Twin Towers. What transcends these stories is the instinctive nature of so many people to embrace the aspects of Stewardship at a moment's notice. So many fellow Americans were reaching out to save lives of strangers. Can you remember the last time you instinctively reached out to someone in need? Do you remember how you felt? It warmed my heart to hear all the stories and sacrifice of so many people on that day and days forward.

Last month I took my elderly Aunt Margie to shop for an ironing board. She was thrilled for a shopping excursion. We found her an ironing board and of course we took some time to browse so she could find a few other things. When we were finished, she said to me, "Marie, thank-you so much for taking me shopping and being so patient with me. I love to shop with you because you never rush me." I had to chuckle to myself because in my entire

adult life, patience has never been an attribute of mine. Ask my Family! I have found the times when I spend with my elderly aunt, I am able to turn off my phone, forget my "To Do" list and "Just Be." There is something about spending time with the elderly that slows your pace and can bring a sense of calm and peace.

In conclusion, consider sharing a bit of your time to bring a little sunshine to a fellow parishioner in need.

As we continue celebrating National Stewardship Day, I hope that you can reach inside your heart and prayerfully consider sharing your time, talent or treasure for your St. Matthew's Community.

On behalf of the entire Stewardship and Development Committee, peace and blessings to you.

*E. Marie Mattingly
Chair, Stewardship and Development Committee*

The Stewardship and Development Committee promotes a spirit of giving within the parish and in the surrounding community. As Christians we are called to share our gifts in service of others and God's mission on earth to be stewards of those gifts and God's grace. The committee identifies stewardship opportunities of the ministries, programs, and activities of the parish and encourages parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure to meet those needs. If you are interested please contact the Parish office or attend our meeting each third Monday of the Month.



Stewardship Prayer of the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

*Generous God,
I give thanks to you for the gifts you have
given me - my life, my family, my friends -
time, talents, and material possessions.
All that I have comes from you.
Help me to remember this and rejoice in
your goodness.
Walk with me, my God.
Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I
may constantly renew my relationship with
you and all the good people in St. Matthew's
parish and throughout our community.
Renew in me your Spirit.
Give me the strength and courage to become
a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple.
Help me hear the call to "Come, Follow Me."
I give glory to you, my God, as I make
stewardship a way of life.
Amen.*

Good Deeds, Good Works Create Stewardship

Stewardship refers to the responsible and accountable management of our time, talent, and treasure, and recognizing that these are God-given gifts. The United States Catholic bishops in their 1992 pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, defined a Christian steward as "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord." (UCCSB 2002 ed.)

Catholic Stewardship is not just about financial responsibility. It addresses all aspects of our lives, which are themselves a gift from God. "Stewardship [...] provides a place for the simplest individual gesture of kindness as well as stewardship communities working for systemic justice and peace." *Id.* As the "Good stewards live in communion with Christ and through Christ and the Spirit strive to return all gifts to the Father "with an increase." *Id.*

Be Faithful to Our Gifts

As the holiday season begins, please take time to reflect on the following scripture passage and consider how you can create a path to becoming a good steward. "*Men should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God... Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a person be found faithful to his gifts.* 1 Corinthians 4:1

Be a Good Steward of your Parish. Volunteer to take the elderly to mass; Bring your spare change and put it in the poor box; Participate in a Single Serving of Service; Pray at the monthly Adoration; Sign up for Faith Direct; Come help feed the homeless on Monday mornings; Provide desktop publishing skills to the parish; Pray for our priests.

Be a Good Steward at Home. Tell your spouse you love him or her every day, and tell them why; Make time to keep in touch with distant family members; Make wise choices about how you spend money; Choose a volunteer opportunity for the family to participate in together.

Be a Good Steward at Work. Consider how to give more of your time, talents, or treasures to the positions that you hold; Consider whether how you can serve as a witness of Christ's love in your daily job; Smile at your co-workers.

Be a Good Steward of the Environment. Pick up trash you may see on the street; make an effort to recycle.

Have an Attitude of Gratitude. Stewardship is a recognition that God is the giver of all gifts. Try listing three reasons why you are grateful to Him; and share that with someone else today.

The Stewardship & Development Committee would like to offer thanks to all of the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle stewards that have shared God's gifts with the parish community throughout the year. You are all a true blessing to this parish!



NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

ADOPTA-UNA-FAMILIA

Todas las Navidades, la Catedral de San Mateo patrocina el programa "Adopta una Familia." Este programa ayuda con regalos a familias necesitadas de la parroquia por medio del "Árbol Navideño (Giving Tree)" y la participación de empresas y grupos que auspician a las familias.

Participación en el "Árbol Navideño". No se olvide de recoger su tarjeta del "árbol navideño" al comienzo del Adviento. Todos los regalos van a ayudar a las familias necesitadas de nuestra área para Navidad o al programa de los Desamparados de San Mateo. Todas las tarjetas están marcadas claramente para ambos programas. Regalos nuevos, sin envolver, tienen que estar de vuelta en San Mateo para el miércoles **12 de diciembre**. Si no tiene tiempo para comprar el regalo, considere contribuir con una donación monetaria. Contamos con su generosidad para continuar sirviendo a nuestros vecinos a través de estos programas. ¡Gracias!

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Venga y únase a nosotros a la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe aquí en la Catedral en la misa de español de 1 de la tarde el domingo **11 de diciembre**. Después de la misa habrá refrescos y música en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. ¡Todos están invitados!

El Obispo Francisco González nos invita a la celebración anual de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el sábado **10 de diciembre** a las 2:30 de la tarde en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción (400 Michigan Ave, NE). La procesión anual saldrá del Santuario del Sagrado Corazón (3211 Pine St., NW) a las 12 del mediodía hacia la Basílica. Para más información llamar a Manuel Aliaga a la Oficina de Asuntos Pastorales Hispanos a 301-853-4567.

¿HA ESTADO USTED EN FÁTIMA?

Mons. Jameson les invita a que se unan a él y a otros feligreses y amigos de San Mateo a un viaje fabuloso de peregrinación a Madrid, Fátima y Lisboa en Abril de 2012! El itinerario está designado a mostrar lo mejor de Madrid dejando tiempo libre para explorar a su propio paso. Pase tiempo en el lugar famoso de Fátima donde Nuestra Señora se apareció seis veces a Lucia, Jacinta y Francisco, con tiempo para reflexión, y oración. Finalmente, descubrir partes interesantes de Lisboa y ciudades de los alrededores. El grupo saldrá de Washington, el miércoles **11 de abril de 2012**, y regresará el domingo **22 de abril de 2012**. La fecha final para inscribirse será el **1 de febrero de 2012**. Para más información, recoja un folleto en la rectoría, también pueden llamar a Mons. Jameson al 202-347-3215.

REFLEXIONES DE ADVIENTO

Los martes comenzando el **29 de noviembre** a las 7:30 de la noche en el salón de conferencias del Oeste tendremos las reflexiones de Adviento, tomando como referencia las promesas mesiánicas del profeta Isaías. Esperamos nos ayuden a prepararnos para celebrar la Navidad con un corazón renovado y bien dispuesto.

Semana 1. Martes **29 de noviembre**

¡Velad! y estar despiertos

Semana 2. Martes **6 de diciembre**

Consuelen a mi pueblo

Semana 3. Martes **13 de diciembre**

¡Alégrate! El Señor esta contigo

Obispo Francisco González, S.F.

Semana 4. Martes **20 de diciembre**

¡Levántate y brilla! que ha llegado tu Luz

Empecemos esta época del año con una buena preparación ¡Les esperamos!

ENCUENTRE EL REGALO PERFECTO

SEA UNA ESTRELLA Y GUIE A OTROS HACIA ÉL



Únase a los feligreses de toda la Arquidiócesis en el segundo año de la campaña de evangelización a invitar a gente a reconsiderar el significado espiritual de la Navidad. Jesús, el regalo perfecto, cambia la vida. Feligreses están colocando señales

en sus jardines o ventanas con el mensaje:

"RegaloPerfecto.org" En la página digital, se encontrarán pequeñas reflexiones invitando a la gente a pensar sobre el significado de los regalos. Este letrero nos recuerda de que al igual que la estrella guió a los Reyes Magos a Jesús, también nosotros podemos guiar a la gente a un encuentro con el Señor. **Llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 para obtener un letrero y colocarlo en su jardín o ventana o lo puede recoger durante la misa este fin de semana.** Úselo como una forma de evangelización y hable con sus vecinos y amigos de la fiesta de Navidad y el regalo que Jesús ha sido para usted. **Vea para encontrar el regalo perfecto TV spots en WJLA y Comcast, ¡escuchamos que el comercial es súper!**

YOUNG ADULTS

PIZZA SUNDAY - Sunday, December 4 - After

5:30pm Mass - North Conference Room - Please Join the Cathedral Young Adults (C+YA) for free food and fellowship after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Contact Carolyn at cewait.10@gmail.com or Jillian at jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com with any questions.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS GOOGLE GROUP & EMAILS - Want to stay up-to-date on all of the C+YA events and activities? Check out our Google

group: <http://groups.google.com/group/StMatts-YAM>. If you join the group, you'll automatically get the email updates.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, November 27**

5:30pm (vigil) – All Souls

7am – Roselina L. Rubio

8:30am –

Logan Joseph Cauthen

10am – All Souls

11:30am – Fr. Levester Jones

1pm – Acción de Gracias

5:30pm – Brigitte Kekeh

Monday, November 28

7am – Steven R. Hamilton

8am – Elizabeth Stafford Hutchinson

12:10pm – All Souls

5:30pm – Meghan E. Gallagher

Tuesday, November 29

7am – Iluminada Ledesma (living)

8am – Joselito Lee Ragos

12:10pm – Cyd Esquivel

5:30pm – All Souls

Wednesday, November 30

7am – All Souls

8am – Prudencia Palomino

12:10pm – James T. Molloy

5:30pm – Vincent P. Coluzzi

Thursday, December 1

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – Bertha Desorcy

12:10pm – Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona

5:30pm – Cecilia Cancio (living)

Friday, December 2

7am – Frantiska Lyskova (living)

8am – Dominator & Marcosa Cancio

12:10pm – Gabriela Sotelo

5:30ap – The Bork Family (living)

Saturday, December 3

8am – Brooksie, Myrtle, Bessie Banks

12:10pm – Moisés Lopéz

5:30pm – Jeannie Redmond

Sunday, December 4

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Britt Courtney

10am – Walter & Mary Orzechowski

11:30am – Msgr. Orville Griese

1pm – Francisco De León

5:30pm – David, Bridget & Gloria

Mora (living)

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

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

MARRIAGES

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding ceremony 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.

BAPTISMS

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to make contact with us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, at which time they may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. This early contact enables parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session before the child's baptism and allows time for sponsors to obtain letters from their parish pastor.

CATHEDRAL TOURS

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or to do a self-guided tour using the color brochures available at the inside entrance to the Cathedral. Guided tours are given free of charge. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or to our receptionist at the Rectory. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at 202-347-3215 x512 or 202-587-5143 or mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Please check our parish website regularly for updates on liturgies and events at St. Matthew's!

www.stmatthewscathedral.org

**** PARISH PILGRIMAGE **
TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL**

Join Msgr. Jameson and fellow parishioners and friends on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Fatima and Lisbon in April 2012! The itinerary showcases the best of Madrid while affording you time to explore the city. Spend time at the famous site in Fatima where Our Lady appeared six times to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco and take time to reflect and pray. Discover interesting, artsy and unique parts of Lisbon and hip surrounding towns. The group will leave Washington on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, and return on Sunday, April 22, 2012. Enroll by **February 1, 2012**. For more information, see the brochure on our website, pick one up at the rectory or call Msgr. Jameson.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS &
OTHER GIFT ITEMS**

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church written by Richard Schmidt and Claudia Rousseau, with Joseph Carey, Nancy McKinley and Elizabeth Sullivan. It features the Cathedral's history, art and architecture vividly portrayed through photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree.

Also available are sets of six note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of ten **Christmas cards** featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and several CD recordings of the Cathedral's *Schola Cantorum*. CD titles are listed on our website.



**St. Matthew's
Crèche -
Christmas cards
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boxed sets of 10
cards &
envelopes**

Items are available for purchase in the Rectory during office hours. Unless otherwise indicated in this bulletin, the Rectory is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until 8pm and Friday through Sunday from 9am until 4pm. You also may order items by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x 517 or at gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.