

TODAY'S READINGS

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman . . . so that we might receive adoption. (Galatians 4:4-5)

Our mothers usually know what's best for us—and that's especially true of our mother Mary. So on a day when we celebrate her feast day and make New Year's resolutions, let's ask Mary what she would want us to do. What is the one transforming truth that Mary would want us to carry with us throughout this new year?

Perhaps she would echo Paul's words from today's second reading: through baptism we have become sons and daughters of God. Most of us have already heard this truth, but does it sustain us in our daily lives? Has it become one of the central guiding principles of our lives? To answer that question it may help to explore what it means to be a child of our heavenly Father.

First and foremost, being children of God means that we aren't orphans, left alone in the world to fend for ourselves. No, God loves and treasure us more than we can ever comprehend. He has called us his own, and he will never forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Second, being a child of God means that we carry the "family name." This is our identity. Not only does it define who we are, it also tells us what we can become as we learn to cooperate with God's grace. It even tells us that we can come to bear a resemblance to our heavenly Father because we are sharing in his very nature (2 Peter 1:4)!

So while you're formulating your New Year's resolutions today, ask Mary to guide you. Each day of this coming year, make it a point to remind yourself of who you are, where you came from, and where you are going. Live as the son or daughter that you are. It will make your Mother very happy!

"Mary, pray for me throughout this year so that I can walk in the dignity that your Son has won for me!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 1st Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday 2nd 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday 3rd 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday 4th 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday 5th 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
St. John Neumann

Friday 6th 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11
St. André Bessette

Saturday 7th 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-12
St. Raymond of Penyafort

Sunday 8th Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
The Epiphany of the Lord

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

El misterio de la Virgen María en el plan salvífico de Dios, se manifiesta en el honor que la Iglesia primitiva le rindió llamándola "Madre de Dios" casi desde el principio. Con este título, la Iglesia proclamó la verdad esencial de que "Dios envió a su Hijo, que nació de una mujer... para rescatarnos... y concedernos gozar de los derechos de hijos de Dios" (Gálatas 4,4-5). Tanto amó Dios al mundo que envió a su único Hijo para que por su muerte y resurrección, todos llegásemos a disfrutar de la vida eterna.

Cuando declaramos que la Virgen María es la Madre de Dios, descubrimos una gran revelación tanto acerca de Jesús como de ella misma. Cada suceso de la vida de Cristo, desde su encarnación hasta su cruz, resurrección y ascensión al trono del Padre, es prueba del infinito amor de Jesús por los seres humanos, como también de su condición divina. Las Escrituras dicen que María guardaba todas estas cosas en su interior, meditándolas en su corazón (Lucas 2,19), y lo hacía así porque atesoraba aquellos acontecimientos como revelaciones de Dios.

Ella tenía una fe profunda en Dios que la había llamado de un modo tan especial, de manera que no debíamos pensar que el meditar en los misterios de Dios fuese algo nuevo para la Virgen. Ella cooperó de buena gana con el plan divino de salvación, demostrando así que se había consagrado a Dios incluso desde antes que el ángel la visitara. Lo hizo porque tenía el profundo deseo de que se cumplieran a cabalidad los designios del Altísimo.

La vida de la Virgen María encierra una gran enseñanza. Es preciso que, en la oración, reflexionemos sobre las verdades de Dios y las atesoremos en el corazón, para que también nosotros seamos portadores de la Palabra de vida para la salvación del mundo y la de nuestros seres queridos.

"Santísima Virgen María, te pido que me ayudes a ser fiel a tu Hijo, mi Salvador, y para ello me propongo dedicar al menos diez minutos diariamente a la oración personal, hacerme un examen de conciencia y arrepentirme de mis pecados."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 1 Núm 6:22-27 / Gál 4:4-7 / Lc 2:16-21
La Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios

Lunes 2 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
San Basilio y San Gregorio Nacianceno

Martes 3 1 Jn 2:29; 3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús

Miércoles 4 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
Santa Isabel Ana Seton

Jueves 5 1 Jn 3:11-25 / Jn 1:43-51
San Juan Neumann

Viernes 6 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mc 1:7-11
San André Bessette

Sábado 7 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11
San Raimundo de Peñafort

Domingo 8 Is 60:1-6 / Ef 3:2-3,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
La Epifanía del Señor

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

January 1 – January 8

SUNDAY—Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Cardinal

Wuerl is the celebrant and homilist at the 11:30am Mass.

MONDAY—The parish offices are closed.

TUESDAY—El Grupo de oración en Español se reunirá 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.

FRIDAY—First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

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

SUNDAY—Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Cardinal

Wuerl is the celebrant and homilist at the 11:30am Mass.

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

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

The Cathedral Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room.

Always Our Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

RESPECT LIFE

RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE

Adults and families of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to **register online now** (registration required) at <http://AdultRallyForLife.EventBrite.com> for the Rally & Mass for Life to be held at St. Matthew's Cathedral on **January 23**, the day of the Annual March for Life. The Rally & Mass will mark remembrance of the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Gather in prayer for an end to abortion and a renewed recognition that "[m]an has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself." (John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n. 34)

The Rally will kick off at 9am with prayer, music and inspirational speakers including Loretta Fleming from the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, and the St. Margaret of Scotland Gospel Choir. Most Rev. Francisco González, S.F., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will celebrate Mass at 10am. After Mass, many will gather for the Rally on the National Mall and the March for Life.

PROJECT RACHEL SUPPORT GROUPS

Having unresolved feelings after abortion? Feeling that God could never really forgive you, nor can you forgive yourself? Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting support groups for women who feel shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions over an abortion experience. The groups are forming in DC and Southern Maryland and will meet either Sunday afternoons or Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565.

FAITH FORMATION

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those 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. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30pm, in the East Conference Room. An overview of the adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally each June, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be Wednesday, **January 11**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

BOOK CLUB:

THE STORIES OF J.F. POWERS

Please join St. Matthew's Book Club for its next meeting Monday, **January 23**. The group will discuss *The Stories of J.F. Powers*, a single volume collection of all of J.F. Powers' short stories. Flannery O'Connor ranked Powers "among our greatest living storytellers." His short stories covered a variety of issues, but his most famous works focus on the lives of priests in the Midwest. The book club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. Contact Paul Zummo at pzummo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for *active Catholics who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist* in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost. The celebration of adult Confirmation occurs at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, which will be May 27 in 2012 (Memorial Day weekend). The preparation includes five weekly sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings -- tentatively set for April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 -- and a Saturday retreat tentatively set for May 19. Registration will begin in January, so please follow announcements in the parish bulletin and on the parish website beginning in mid-January for information on how to register.

YOUNG ADULTS

C†YA AT HAPPY HOUR – Friday, January 20 – 6 to 8pm – James Hoban’s (1 Dupont Circle NW)

Bring your friends or come on your own to meet other young adults at St. Matt’s. Either way, we hope to see you for the first Cathedral Young Adults (C†YA) happy hour of 2012.

SNOW TUBING – Saturday, January 21 – Time & Location TBA Mark your calendar! C†YA and the Archdiocese Young Adult Ministry are teaming up to plan a fun-filled trip likely to include Mass and dinner in addition to nighttime snow tubing. Details to come in the weeks ahead.

VOCATIONS NEWS

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated **January 9-14** this year. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated next Monday, **January 9**, marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. With the celebration of this feast, we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism, we too are the Beloved of God, commissioned to proclaim the Good News with our lives. For more information on prayers and reflections for families or schools, visit the Events Calendar page at www.vocationawareness.org.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

You are invited on Saturday, **January 21** to a Day of Reflection, 9am-2pm, at Annunciation Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). The day will include Mass, Reflection, Adoration, and Confession. Lunch is provided free of charge. The Office of Priest Vocations and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society sponsor the day. Contact Maris Moriarty at 202-636-9020 or moriartym@adw.org for information and lunch reservation.

MEN’S VOCATION RETREAT

Cardinal Wuerl is sponsoring a Men’s Vocation Retreat in February 2012 for men in their 20s to 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat weekend will be held at Blessed John Paul II Seminary beginning Friday evening, **February 10** and ending on Sunday, **February 12** at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God’s call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Father Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

NEWS AND NOTES

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm this Friday, **January 6** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located to the left of the sanctuary. On Saturday, **January 7** 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.

SUNDAY 8:30AM ORGANIST TRANSITIONS

Assistant Organist Suzanne Bechamps will be leaving the service of the Cathedral with her final Mass at 8:30am Sunday, **January 8**. We thank her for her dedicated service. She has been a valuable member of the music ministry for years, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!

Thank you for your support, prayers, encouragement and involvement in St. Matthew’s Cathedral parish this past year. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure make the Cathedral a center of worship and faith in the downtown community. I ask for your commitment once again as we enter the New Year, with its new challenges, so we can continue to manifest Christ’s presence downtown. On behalf of the Cathedral staff, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy New Year.

—Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2012 is “We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” (*cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58*). During this week and throughout 2012, join Christians everywhere in praying “that they may all be one,” joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, visit www.geii.org.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE – GOD’S ABIDING LOVE

The Ignatian Retreat Team of Holy Trinity Church will offer a Scripture-based retreat from **January 29 to February 4**. This is a retreat in daily life, so you continue with daily activities at home and work. From Monday to Friday, participants spend 30 minutes daily reflecting with a suggested Scripture passage and meet privately for 30 minutes with a trained spiritual director who will be available at St. Matthew’s between 11am and 2pm daily. The retreat will begin with a group meeting on Sunday, **January 29** from 3pm to 5pm and end with a second group meeting on Saturday, **February 4** from 8:30 to 10:30am. Group meetings will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 3513 N St., NW. For more information, contact Martina O’Shea at 202-903-2810 or moshea@holyltrinitydc.org. Register by **January 17**.

New Dates! * See Below! *** New Dates! *** See Below!**

The Faith Formation Committee presents:

THE GOSPEL OF MARK:
A GOSPEL FOR THE
NEW EVANGELIZATION



Time: 10:00 to 11:45am

Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

******Dates: Saturdays, January 21, 28 & February 11, 18***

Come any or all Saturdays.

Place: North Conference Room

Facilitator: Father Kevin Regan

Join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark, the first written of the Gospels. Particular attention will be given to the themes and unique characteristics of Mark.

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation,
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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Make a free and fresh beginning

Turning a new page on the calendar always invites a fresh perspective—even more so when it's a brand new calendar! So lose your chains. You're invited today to let go of the old year, both "what we have done" and "what we have failed to do." Time to give and receive pardon for offenses. Time to craft resolutions and adopt new habits. Time to become people of justice and peace. On this eighth and final day of Christmas, accept the gift of your true identity: a free child of God, heir to a land of relentless hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18)*

"You are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God."

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 FEAST OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

There is strength in numbers

After finishing his education, Saint Basil went on a tour of the desert dwelling places of the first Christian hermits. While he admired their holiness, it seemed like a good idea to him for such people to have a common life together, sharing work, study, and prayer in obedience to a superior. So when he was done with his trip, he and his friend Saint Gregory began what was one of the first monastic communities. Basil recognized long ago that two—or more—Christians can do more than one. Your local church community offers many ways to participate in the living Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205)*

"Now, children, remain in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

What's in a name?

How you talk about someone by name shows the regard—or lack of it—you have for them. God gave the Israelites the commandment: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Honoring the name of God, though, means more than not using it casually. It also involves showing respect for whom the name represents. That there is a feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus should come as no surprise. Devotion to Jesus' name goes back many centuries, and the Franciscan saints Bernardine of Siena and John of Capistrano helped to make it popular. Honoring the name honors Jesus the person and his presence in your everyday life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:29; John 1:29-34 (206)*

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

FEAST OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

How religious men and women speak God's language

Within Catholic life there are many ways to serve and dedicate one's life to God. Some choose a commitment like marriage. Entering a community as a religious sister or brother, a monk or nun is another way. From the sixth-century monastic Saint Benedict in Italy to Mother Seton, who founded the first congregation of religious sisters in the United States, religious communities have striven to "signify the very charity of God in the

language of our time" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 926). That can mean educating young people, sheltering the homeless, presenting gospel values in corporate boardrooms, or caring for persons with AIDS. What are the religious communities in your neighborhood up to?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207)*

"Jesus said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 FEAST OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Stewardship makes for a seasoned leader

There's a time to build and a time to tear down, the Book of Ecclesiastes says. Bishop John Neumann led the diocese of Philadelphia in the 1850s, a time of explosive growth in the immigrant Catholic population in the U.S. Under his leadership the number of Catholic schools increased from 1 to 200 and on average a new parish opened every month! We live in another era, one in which Catholic schools and parishes are being consolidated, closed, or otherwise changed in many parts of the nation. Each age calls for different gifts but good stewardship is never out of season. Pray that church leaders will be good and faithful stewards of the great legacy entrusted to their care.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208)*

"You will see greater things than this."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 FEAST OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Passionate about the Passion

The 20th-century French-Canadian Holy Cross brother André Bessette spent much of his life counseling troubled people. He also had a special devotion to the Passion of Jesus, and when confronted with those who had crises of faith or serious shortcomings in their Christian life, he would deliver lengthy and emotional retellings of the Passion story. "Rarely," wrote one of his Holy Cross brothers, "could a sinner resist the authority of the frail old man who, with tears in his eyes, talked about the Passion of the Lord." Let the story of how Jesus so loved the world that he was willing to give his life for it inspire your own love and sacrifices.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 23-38 (209)*

"This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and Blood."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 FEAST OF RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

Live with one foot in the future

When Raymond of Penyafort (1175-1275) was born, the average life expectancy was around 35 years. Hence, when Raymond joined the Dominicans at age 47, he might reasonably have expected to have only a few more years to live. Instead, he lived to be 100! We don't know how long we have on earth, so we must make the most of every day. That includes preparing for the future. "If you do not make plans, you leave the future an empty field of chance . . . forfeit to your own unpredictable moods," cautions author Robert Grudin in *Time and the Art of Living*. He continues: "The future will do much for us, [but] we must do much for it." What will you do today to prepare for your future?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11 (21)*

"My hour has not yet come."

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS LES BENDIGA!

Me gustaría darles las gracias por su apoyo, oraciones, confianza y apoyo a San Mateo en este año pasado. Su contribución de tiempo, talento y tesoro, hace que la Catedral sea el centro de fe en nuestra comunidad en la ciudad. Les pido que se comprometan de nuevo en este Año Nuevo, con sus nuevos desafíos, para que continuemos la manifestación de la presencia de Cristo en la ciudad y sus alrededores. En nombre del Personal de la Catedral, les deseo a ustedes y sus familias un ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! —Rev. Mons. W. Ronald Jameson

CATEQUESIS

Les dejamos saber que las clases se reanudarán el domingo **8 de enero** con el mismo horario. Les deseamos ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

CLASES DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

El nuevo semestre de inglés comienza el **martes 17 de enero hasta el jueves 29 de marzo**. Las clases serán de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. Nuevos alumnos necesitan venir el miércoles 11 de enero, entre las 6:30 y 8:00 de la noche, en el Centro Educativo St. Matthew, que queda en 1726 N Street, NW y deberán tomar un examen que determinará el nivel de clase que les corresponde. El costo es de \$40 por el programa de 11-semanas. Para más información, contactar al Coordinador de ESL al siguiente correo electrónico: stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

MARCHA Y MISA POR LA VIDA

Adultos y familias de la Arquidiócesis de Washington están invitados a registrarse en la página <http://AdultRallyForLife.EventBrite.com> para la Misa y la marcha por la Vida que se celebrará en la Catedral de San Mateo el **23 de enero**, día de la marcha anual por la Vida. (es necesario inscribirse para asistir). La Misa y manifestación marcan el 39 aniversario de la Corte Suprema en la decisión *Roe v. Wade*. Planea en unirse en oración para poner fin al aborto y un reconocimiento renovado que "los humanos han sido dados una dignidad sublime, basada en el vínculo íntimo que lo une a su Creador: en el hombre brilla un reflejo de Dios." (Juan Pablo II, el Evangelio de la Vida, n. 34)

La Marcha se iniciará a las 9 de la mañana con oraciones, música y oradores inspirados. Oradores incluyen a Loretta Fleming del Comité Nacional para una enmienda de la Vida humana y St. Margaret of Scotland Gospel Choir. La Misa comienza a las 10 de la mañana. Después de la misa, muchos se reunirán para la manifestación en el National Mall y la marcha por la Vida.

PROYECTO RAQUEL

El Proyecto Raquel, un Ministerio patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis de Washington, provee apoyo a mujeres que sienten culpabilidad, tristeza y otras emociones difíciles que llegan después de un aborto. Las reuniones del grupo de apoyo serán los domingos de 4:00 a 6:30 de la tarde. La primera reunión será el **22 de enero**. Para información, incluyendo el lugar donde se llevará a cabo puede llamar a Luz Menjívar 301-853-4565 o enviar un correo electrónico a ProyectoRaquel@adw.org. Todos los contactos son confidenciales.

FAITH IN ACTION

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES – FOR ADULTS

Classes in the upcoming Spring semester of our ESL Program will be held **January 17 to March 29** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, with optional tutoring 6-6:30pm. Students may register, in person, Wednesday, January 11 between 6:30 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. At registration each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level. Student registrations will be accepted until February 2. The cost of the 11-week program is \$40. For more information, contact the ESL Program Coordinator at stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL PROGRAM – TEACHERS, TUTORS & PERSONS OF HOSPITALITY

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Spring semester of our ESL Program, which will run **January 17 to March 29** (see above for more details.) While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect their native language to be English. Classes will be taught in English only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the ESL Program Coordinator at stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (SSL) PROGRAM – FOR ADULTS

Classes in the upcoming Spring semester of our SSL Program will be held **January 17 to March 29** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6-8:30pm, with optional tutoring 6-6:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 only. Students may register, in person, Wednesday, January 11 between 6:30 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost of the 11-week program is \$50, plus \$30 for the textbook. Student registrations will be accepted until January 24. For more information, contact the SSL Program Coordinator at stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS***Sunday, January 1***

5:30pm (vigil) – María Laura Seña
 7am – All Parishioners
 8:30am – Lawrence A. Mora & Family (living)
 10am – Dorothea V. Derba
 11:30am – Fr. Leo Creamer
 1pm – Lola & Aura Benavides
 5:30pm – Faye Regan

Monday, January 2

8am – Everett Hutchinson
 12:10pm –
 DeWitt A. Dillon, Jr. & family (living)

Tuesday, January 3

7am – All Souls
 8am – Conrado Sabelino
 12:10pm – Moises Lopez
 5:30pm – Laura Schrockman

Wednesday, January 4

7am – Joan Bartlett
 8am – Angélica De León
 12:10pm – Margaret Todaro
 5:30pm – Rodney & Kimberly Wilson (living)

Thursday, January 5

7am – Shirley Rudney (living)
 8am – Mrs. Josephine Leonard
 12:10pm – José Antonio Romero (living)
 5:30pm – Gilbert D. Lapres

Friday, January 6

7am – Ann Doyle
 8am – Robert William Hicks
 12:10pm – Debra Mabasa Qui
 5:30am – Sandra Panchak

Saturday, January 7

8am – Elizabeth Goodwin Peacock
 12:10pm – Edward Bachi (living)
 5:30pm – Leonides Yap, Sr.

Sunday, January 8

7am – Mary McGraw
 8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Matthew Cosgrave
 11:30am – Msgr. William Farrell
 1pm – Angélica de León
 5:30pm – Mary Malinowski

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.

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.

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.