

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Y**ou have heard of the stewardship of God's grace.  
(Ephesians 3:2)

Have you ever been entrusted with an important message to deliver to someone? If so, you probably worked hard to make sure it was delivered properly. That's how Paul must have felt about the gospel he preached. It was a universal, revolutionary message: Salvation is available to Gentiles and Jews alike! No one is outside of God's power to save, heal, and transform!

Two thousand years later, God is still looking for people willing to become stewards of his grace. He is calling you to proclaim the surprising news of salvation.

Why talk about our call to evangelize on the Feast of the Epiphany? Because today we celebrate the way Jesus' glory was revealed to the Magi. Today we celebrate the way the Magi saw something special in this boy from Nazareth—something special enough to make them want to offer him valuable gifts.

In a similar way, when we share with people the message of Jesus—the universal, revolutionary message of salvation—we are showing them something glorious. We are proclaiming the greatest, most awe-inspiring news in history: Heaven is open! Salvation has come!

This is a high calling indeed! Every time we share the message of God's grace, we offer people a chance to have their own epiphany. We can go so far as to say that just by living out the gospel, our lives can become an epiphany—a glorious manifestation of the power of God to transform human hearts!

So as it turns out, St. Paul is not the only one privileged to be called a steward of God's grace. That title belongs to each of us. So let's treasure our role in God's plan—and, above all else, let's treasure the salvation that we have received!

*"Lord, I am in awe of how vast your plan is! Thank you for sending Jesus to redeem all of us. Help me to become a shining example of your love and healing power today."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 8th** Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**Monday 9th** Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Mk 1:7-11

*The Baptism of the Lord*

**Tuesday 10th** 1 Sam 1:1-8, 9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday 11th** 1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday 12th** 1 Sam 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

**Friday 13th** 1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22 / Mk 2:1-12

*St. Hilary*

**Saturday 14th** 1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday 15th** 1 Sam 3:3-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

**D**espués de los efectos devastadores del pecado y de la oscuridad en que quedó sumida la humanidad, y tras siglos de preparación, guerras, divisiones, exilios y dominaciones extranjeras, finalmente se manifestaba a las naciones el eterno Hijo de Dios. Así amaneció la luz de la salvación sobre la tierra, y los sabios de tierras lejanas reconocieron a Aquel en quien reside toda la sabiduría, el dominio y el poder y le rindieron honor.

Los reyes sabios venidos del Oriente salieron de la comodidad de sus reinos, fascinados por el nuevo Rey que nacía. ¿Qué fue lo que les hizo abandonar sus palacios y emprender semejante travesía? Sólo la obra de Dios, que los movió a reconocer quién era Aquel a quien venían a adorar.



Los Padres de la Iglesia han afirmado que los regalos que portaban los sabios revelaban la gran importancia de este Niño: El oro era tributo de los reyes; el incienso se ofrecía como alabanza a Dios, y la mirra era un ungüento medicinal para aliviar los dolores. Estos tres regalos fueron dados a Jesús,

porque en su condición de verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, Él había recibido toda autoridad y dominio como Rey y Señor. Ofreciéndole estos tres regalos, los reyes magos reconocieron la autoridad de Jesús, su divinidad y el hecho de que la salvación del mundo, tan largamente esperada, sólo vendría mediante su pasión y su muerte.

¡Qué inmensamente fructífero resultó ser el viaje de estos magos! Tras su visita, generación tras generación de reyes y sabios han inclinado la cabeza ante el humilde Niño de Nazaret. Hombres y mujeres de todas las épocas han depositado sus tesoros a los pies de Cristo renunciando a los aparentes caudales de este mundo para abrazar el verdadero tesoro que se revela en el arrepentimiento, la fe y la humildad.

*"Señor, Salvador del mundo, queremos imitar la fe y la confianza de los primeros sabios. Espíritu Santo, permítenos ver a Cristo, te rogamos, y ayúdanos a poner las riquezas de nuestro corazón a los pies de Jesús y aceptar su salvación y su misericordia."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 8** Is 60:1-6 / Ef 3:2-3,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

*La Epifanía del Señor*

**Lunes 9** Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Mc 1:7-11

*El Bautismo del Señor*

**Martes 10** 1 Sam 1:1-8, 9-20 / Mc 1:21-28

**Miércoles 11** 1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20 / Mc 1:29-39

**Jueves 12** 1 Sam 4:1-11 / Mc 1:40-45

**Viernes 13** 1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22 / Mc 2:1-12

*Santa Hilary*

**Sábado 14** 1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1 / Mc 2:13-17

**Domingo 15** 1 Sam 3:3-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

January 8 – January 15

### 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.

The Cathedral Young Adults meet at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

**MONDAY**—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**TUESDAY**—El Grupo de oración en español se reunirá a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

The Communications and Evangelization Committee meets at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room.

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

**SUNDAY**—A second collection to benefit the Missions within the USA is taken at all Masses.

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

## 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 begin 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., 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

Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting support groups for women who experience difficult emotions over an abortion experience. Groups are forming in DC and Southern Maryland and will meet on 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 interested. The next Inquiry will be Wednesday, **January 11**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto: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** to 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 story-tellers." 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](mailto: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 later in January, so please continue to follow parish bulletin and website announcements for information on how to register.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**C†YA MINISTRY MEETING – Sunday, Jan 8 – 4 to 5pm – East Conference Room** All are welcome to discuss the C†YA ministry, share ideas and plan upcoming activities. Contacts: Carolyn at cewait.10@gmail.com or Jillian at jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com.

**C†YA AT HAPPY HOUR – Friday, Jan 20 – 6 to 8pm – James Hoban's (1 Dupont Circle NW)** Come hang out with your friends and meet other young adults from St. Matt's and St. Thomas the Apostle. Contact: Sara at zick.sarah@gmail.com.

**SNOW TUBING – Saturday, Jan 21 – 2pm to Midnight – Liberty Mountain Resort, Emmitsburg, PA** Join young adults from St. Matt's and across the Archdiocese for a day trip to include Mass, dinner and two hours of snow tubing for only \$28 plus the cost of your dinner. Carpooling is available. Sign up at <http://2012escape.eventbrite.com/>. Contact: Katrina at keflerek@gmail.com.

## 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](http://www.vocationawareness.org).

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

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

### MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT

Cardinal Wuerl is sponsoring a Men's Vocation Retreat in February 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. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. Contact: Father Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

## NEWS AND NOTES

### SUNDAY 8:30AM ORGANIST TRANSITIONS

Assistant Organist Suzanne Bechamps will leave the service of the Cathedral with her final Mass at 8:30am today, 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.

### FEDERAL HOLIDAY /

#### EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR RESCHEDULED

Monday, **January 16** is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions and no Eucharistic Holy Hour that evening (Eucharistic Holy Hour rescheduled to Monday, January 30). The Rectory offices will be closed.

### 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](http://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. 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 available at St. Matthew's between 11am and 2pm daily. The retreat begins with a group meeting on Sunday, January 29, 3-5pm, and ends with a group meeting on Saturday, February 4, 8:30-10:30am, at Holy Trinity (3513 N St., NW). Contact: Martina O'Shea at 202-903-2810 or [moshea@holytrinitydc.org](mailto:moshea@holytrinitydc.org). Register by January 17.

### MLK, JR CONCERT & MASS

All are welcome to a celebration of the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, **January 14** at St. Jerome Church (5205 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD), sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Black Catholics. A 6pm concert by the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir will be followed by Mass at 7:30pm by Most Rev. Leonard J. Olivier, S.V.D., Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington (retired), and a fellowship reception. Contact: Deacon Al Turner at 301-853-5371 or [turnera@adw.org](mailto:turnera@adw.org).



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### One who is for all

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord gets easily swamped by the song “We Three Kings” and the typical crèche scene that includes three royally robed monarchs. While scripture specifies three gifts, though, it does not specify as many persons. Nor are they kings; nor are they necessarily all men. The key, of course, is the actual name of the feast: *Epiphany*—a sudden burst of understanding, a revelation, a light. But even that is not enough. The light who is Christ is called a “light to the nations,” which in Bible-speak means “all the world.” The new translation of the Mass proclaims Jesus’ salvation “for many” rather than “for all,” as we used to say. Words matter, but the point is to celebrate the absolute and pure light that dawns upon all the world in the Incarnation of Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 6-5; Matthew 2:1-12 (20)*

*“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come.”*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 9 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD;

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS

### The start of something big

John the Baptist preached a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. When Jesus presented himself for baptism, the stakes got higher: He saw the heavens open and heard a voice proclaim him the beloved Son of God. His public ministry began immediately afterward. The sacrament of Baptism also calls the followers of Christ to something big: repentance and service. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to think about how you will live out your call to greatness—in your chosen vocation or in the vocation you are still contemplating. By your baptism you were anointed with the Holy Spirit, which gives you the power to act with justice and compassion.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11 (21)*

*“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing.”*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

### Ask an authority on the subject

Jesus astounded the people who met him along the way not only by the great deeds and signs that he performed and by what he taught—to love one’s enemies or forgive countless times. The amazement of the crowds was also due to the authority with which he spoke, not citing other rabbis or scholars but teaching from his own soul. In the church we often identify “authority” only with the teaching office, the Catechism, the decrees of popes, or the sense of the faithful. But the authority with which each baptized person testifies to Christ is also the authority, the authenticity, of his or her own life of faith, justice, and mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306)*

*“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.”*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

### Appearances aren’t always deceiving

You don’t have to look very hard into Catholic tradition to find stories of supernatural appearances of Jesus, the saints, and especially Mary to believers through the centuries. These kinds of occurrences really go back to biblical times. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit “appeared” in the form of a dove at Jesus’

baptism, Jesus himself appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection, and the risen Christ made a decisive personal intervention in the life of Saint Paul, to name a few examples. Officially the church treads lightly on the subject and does not require Catholics to believe in a particular apparition. Most of us will never have such an experience, but we can indeed learn to make ourselves aware of the presence and guidance of God.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307)*

*“Speak, for your servant is listening.”*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

### Everybody needs some healing

Some days it can be really tough to know and feel that God is with us. Though we believe God is there, it can sometimes feel as though we are miles away from God. Think about a time when you’ve been there; hardship, suffering, grief, and sickness can exacerbate that feeling, yet it is in these times when God draws especially close to us. The church honors such points in life with the Sacrament of Anointing. The sacrament is not only for people near death but for all in need of healing. It is a way in which you can acknowledge and place your pain and fear in the presence of a loving God and your community of faith. In what ways could you use a bit of anointing in your life?

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308)*

*“Woe to us! This has never happened before.”*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

FEAST OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### A both/and, not an either/or situation

While we might not remember much about the heresies that roiled the early church, in their day they were the subject of some hard-ball religious conflict. Why all the fuss? Because most of these false beliefs challenged the basic tenets of Christian faith, like the divinity of Jesus. If we believe in one God, some said, how can we also believe that both the Father and Jesus are God? Isn’t that two Gods? Saint Hilary, a church leader who defended the orthodox doctrine, wrote: “Whatever is in the Father is also in the Son; whatever is in the unbegotten is also in the only-begotten.” Have faith in a God who would be so gracious and loving as to take the form of a human being, Jesus.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309)*

*“Who but God alone can forgive sins?”*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

### Righteousness tests should be left behind

Ever considered serving the church via a vocation to religious life only to conclude you couldn’t “measure up” to the challenge or that you somehow were not “worthy” of the calling? It is no accident that Vocation Awareness Week closes with a gospel passage in today’s Mass readings highlighting the fact that Jesus called to discipleship those whom his society and its religious leaders considered to be unworthy sinners and outcasts. The truth is, all are called to serve in some way. There is no test for righteousness you have to pass first. Rather than focus on your shortcomings, take some time to consider how your gifts, skills, and interests can serve humanity and the church.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17 (310)*

*“Many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples.”*

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**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!**

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## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### FIESTA FEDERAL /

#### ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO CAMBIO DE FECHA

El lunes, **16 de enero**, es Martín Luther King, Jr. fiesta federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se hace el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el lunes 30 de enero.

### 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 el 1726 de la calle N; 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](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com).

### SEMANA DE ORACIÓN POR LA UNIDAD

Este **18-25 de enero** de 2012, señala en este año, la observación de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana. El tema elegido para el 2012 es "Seremos todos cambiados por la victoria de nuestro Señor Jesucristo" (cf. 1 Corintios 15:51-58). A través del 2012, únase a los cristianos de todo el mundo en oración "para que todos sean uno," uniendo nuestra oración con la de Dios, Jesucristo. Para más información visite [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org).

### 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." (J. P. 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.

### RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS

Es usted: 1) un adulto sin bautizar que les gustaría ser católico, 2) bautizado en otra religión cristiana que quiere profesar su fe como cristiano católico, 3) un adulto bautizado católico que desea completar su iniciación en la Iglesia Católica. Para más información, llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x543.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 \$25 for the textbook. Student registrations will be accepted until January 24. For more information, contact the SSL Program Coordinator at [stmattseslprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, January 8**

5:30pm (vigil) – Leonides Yap, Sr.  
 7am – Mary McGraw  
 8:30am – All Parishioners  
 10am – Matthew Cosgrave  
 11:30am – Msgr. William Farrell  
 1pm – Angelica De León  
 5:30pm – Mary Malinowski

**Monday, January 9**

7am – Tracy Lovollo (living)  
 8am – Jose Silvio Abad  
 12:10pm – Lorlai Kinder  
 5:30pm – John Weldon Hinton

**Tuesday, January 10**

7am – David, Bridget, Gloria Mora  
 (living)  
 8am – Robert E. Mousseau  
 12:10pm – Esperance Biegel  
 5:30pm – Jean Alexander (living)

**Wednesday, January 11**

7am – Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 8am – Irene Flores Yap  
 12:10pm – Daniel Gallagher  
 5:30pm – Elsie Leonard

**Thursday, January 12**

7am – Nancy Ryan  
 8am – Tracy Lovollo (living)  
 12:10pm – Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30pm – Michael Hayes

**Friday, January 13**

7am – Msgr. Cartwright  
 8am – Alvaro Urribarri  
 12:10pm – Commodore L. Neepor  
 5:30am – Dean Schultz

**Saturday, January 14**

8am – Flor Urribarri  
 12:10pm – Anka King (living)  
 5:30pm – Dr. Marjorie Collier

**Sunday, January 15**

7am – Andres Agcaoili (living)  
 8:30am – Raymond Carpenter  
 10am – Virginia & Leo Lanahan  
 11:30am – All Parishioners  
 1pm – Miembros familia Herrera  
 5:30pm – Paul Michael Guevara  
 (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](mailto:mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org).

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

[www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://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](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org). MasterCard and Visa are accepted.