

TODAY'S READINGS

Behold, the Lamb of God.” (John 1:36)
Most of us became Catholics as infants, when our parents presented us to the church for baptism. That makes us “cradle Catholics,” a term that has positive and negative connotations. On the positive side, our hearts were opened to the gospel at a very early age. But on the negative side, being brought up in a Catholic environment, we may assume that we are doing just fine without questioning our faith or deciding for ourselves whether we really do believe in Jesus.

The truth is, we all need to choose for Jesus at some point in our lives. We all need to proclaim in our hearts: “I have found the Messiah” (John 1:41). This is what happened to Andrew and Peter in today’s Gospel, and this is what ought to happen to every one of us.

What motivated these two men and all the other disciples to follow Jesus so radically? Simply put, they came to realize who he was. They came to see him as Lord and Savior, Messiah and Redeemer, and that realization changed their lives forever. Those of us who are cradle Catholics can use today’s Gospel as a catalyst to ask ourselves: “Who do I think Jesus is?”

Because they took up Jesus’ invitation to come and see, Andrew and Peter’s hearts were changed (John 1:39). And that change of heart initiated a process of change in their minds as well. They began to think and act differently. Jesus wants to have the same impact on our lives. He wants to change the way we think and act. This renewal of our minds may take a lifetime, as it did for these apostles. But just as it happened for them, so must it happen for us: Every “mind-change” process begins with a “heart change.” We have to meet Jesus.

As Catholics, it is not enough to be “born into” the church because of our parents’ wishes. Each of us has to be able to say on our own: “I have found the Messiah!”

“Lord, open my eyes. I want to come and see you.”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 15th	1 Sm 3:3-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42
Monday 16th	1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 17th	1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28 <i>St. Anthony</i>
Wednesday 18th	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Mk 3:1-6
Thursday 19th	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12
Friday 20th	1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19 <i>St. Fabian and St. Sebastian</i>
Saturday 21st	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 / Mk 3:20-21 <i>St. Agnes</i>
Sunday 22nd	Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Dios se hizo hombre con el fin de salvar a la humanidad, pero cada cual debe dar su consentimiento personal para recibir plenamente el don de la salvación. Si deseamos recibir la gloria para la que fuimos creados, debemos conocer personalmente a Jesús y ser transformados por su gracia. Cristo comenzó a rodearse de seguidores para que ellos aprendieran a conocer el amor de Dios y luego lo difundieran.

**Spain &
Portugal –
Enroll by
February 1!**

Poco después de su Bautismo, Jesús llamó a sus dos primeros discípulos. Eran seguidores de

Juan el Bautista, que los preparaba para reconocer al Mesías. Ellos no poseían aún la plenitud de la verdad que buscaban; sabiéndolo, Jesús los invitó a quedarse con Él ese mismo día (Juan 1,39). Lo que les habló durante las primeras horas del discipulado debe haber sido algo sin duda impresionante y de gran eficacia, porque San Juan, en su Evangelio, señala que al comenzar el día le llamaron “Maestro” a Jesús, pero terminaron diciendo: “Hemos encontrado al Mesías” (Juan 1,41); el concepto que tenían pasó de considerarlo solamente un maestro hasta reconocerlo como el Mesías (Juan 1,38-41).

La fe de Andrés creció al punto de que buscó a su hermano Pedro, para contarle que habían conocido a Jesús. Acerca de este incidente San Juan Crisóstomo escribió lo siguiente: “Andrés se quedó con Jesús un largo rato y aprendió mucho conversando con Él, pero no se guardó el tesoro para sí mismo, sino que fue de prisa a buscar a su hermano para compartirlo con él... ¡Cuánto fue lo que aprendió en tan poco tiempo!... Las palabras le brotaron del corazón, porque ansiaba presenciar la venida del Mesías y... mientras esperaba estuvo deseoso de predicar la buena nueva” (*Homilias*, 19).

Después de quedarse el día con Jesús, Andrés descubrió que de discípulo había pasado a ser apóstol, es decir, uno que dedica su vida a llevar a otros a conocer a Jesús. Y no es menos lo que Cristo desea hacer de nosotros.

“Amado Jesús, permite que la presencia de tu Espíritu Santo nos transforme interiormente y suscite en nosotros el deseo de difundir la buena noticia, no sólo en estos días, sino durante todo el año.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 15	1 Sm 3:3-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42
Lunes 16	1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mc 2:18-22
Martes 17	1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mc 2:23-28 <i>San Antonio</i>
Miércoles 18	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Mc 3:1-6
Jueves 19	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mc 3:7-12
Viernes 20	1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mc 3:13-19 <i>San Fabián, San Sebastián</i>
Sábado 21	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 / Mc 3:20-21 <i>Santa Inés</i>
Domingo 22	Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mc 1:14-20

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE—
ENROLL THROUGH FEBRUARY 1ST!

Join Msgr. Jameson and fellow parishioners and friends on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Fatima and Lisbon in April 2012! The itinerary is designed to



showcase 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 and enrollment form on the parish website, pick one up at the rectory or call Msgr. Jameson.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

January 15 – January 22

- 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.
- MONDAY**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes after the 12:10pm Mass. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there are no Confessions. The Rectory offices are closed. **Eucharistic Adoration is not held this evening.**
- TUESDAY**—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room. 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.
- THURSDAY**—The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.
- SATURDAY**—Fr. Regan's study on the Gospel of Mark begins at 10am in the North Conference Room.
- SUNDAY**—Las clases de Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

FEDERAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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. The Rectory offices will be closed.

Our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour is rescheduled to Monday, **January 30**.

FAITH FORMATION

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 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, **February 8**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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** (Memorial Day weekend). The preparation includes five weekly sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings -- set for **April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17** -- and a Saturday retreat set for **May 19**. You must be able to attend the Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 27** (2pm check in followed by 3pm Mass). Registration will begin later in January, so please continue to follow parish bulletin and website announcements for information on how to register.

VOCATIONS NEWS

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.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

REGISTER NOW FOR A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE – GOD'S ABIDING LOVE

With Spiritual Direction at St. Matthew's

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@holyltrinitydc.org. Register by *January 17*.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that we are a temple of the Holy Spirit! Do your lives and marriage relationship reflect this truth? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the tools needed to let God be glorified in your marriage. The next WWME weekends are *February 17-19* and *April 20-22*. Contact: 301-541-7007 or wwme@whalenfamily.com or visit wwmes4.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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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. Below are several Archdiocesan and other local events marking observance of this special week.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 14th and Quincy Streets, NE, Washington, DC, will feature as speaker Rev. John Crossin, OSFS, PhD, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the USCCB, at the Evening Prayer for Christian Unity on Tuesday, *January 17* at 7pm. Contact: 202-526-6800 or www.myfranciscan.com.

Riderwood Village, 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, will host a daily Christian Unity prayer service at 7pm, *January 18-25*, at Riderwood Chapel. Contact: Bob Merikangas, 301-890-0287.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, will host a Unity Service on Sunday, *January 29*, at 3pm. Contact: 301-622-1122.

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 6900 River Road, Bethesda, will host a Christian Unity Service on Sunday, *January 29*, at 3pm. Contact: 301-229-7933.

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.

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

Las clases del semestre de primavera del programa de ESL comienza el **martes 17 de enero hasta el jueves 29 de marzo**, las clases serán los martes, miércoles y jueves por las noches, 6:30-8:30; con tutoría 6:00-6:30. Se impartirá enseñanza en los niveles del 1 al 5. Estudiantes pueden inscribirse en la clase durante las noches de clases, 6:30-8:30 de la noche, en el Centro Educativo St. Matthews, en el 1726 de la calle N. Al momento de inscribirse cada estudiante deberá tomar un examen que determinará el nivel de clase que les corresponde. Se aceptarán inscripciones hasta el 2 de febrero. El costo es de \$40 por el programa de 11 semanas. Contactar: al coordinador del programa ESL correo electrónico 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.

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*. Planee 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

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

Classes in the 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. Language instruction will be provided at Levels 1 through 5. Students may register during class nights, 6:30-8:30pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. At registration each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level. Registrations will be accepted until February 2. The cost of the 11-week program is \$40. Contact: stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

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

Classes in the Spring semester of our SSL Program will be held **January 17 to March 29** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 only. Students may register during class nights, 6:30-8:30pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost of the 11-week program is \$50, plus \$25 for the textbook. Registrations will be accepted until January 31. Contact: stmattseslprogram@gmail.com.

SINGLE SERVINGS OF SERVICE

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." *Matthew 25:34*

DC Books to Prisons – Wednesday, January 18 – 6 to 9pm – DC Books to Prisons Project (www.bookstoprisons.org) provides a critical link to citizens who are incarcerated by providing them with donated reading material. Join us to read their letter requests for books, pick out the books, wrap and address them to the prisoners. Books to Prisons is located just a few blocks from the Cathedral. No need to arrive precisely at 6pm. Space is limited. Contact: stmattservice@gmail.com or Chris at 240-354-1304.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, January 15**

5:30pm (vigil) –

Dr. Marjorie Collier

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)**Monday, January 16**

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Fr. John Hurley (living)

Tuesday, January 17

7am – Cambra Family (living)

8am – Francisco Guevara

12:10pm – Julio Luna Muñoz

5:30pm – Jean Alexander (living)

Wednesday, January 18

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am –

Alfonso & Mercedes de Araque

12:10pm – Daniel Gallagher

5:30pm – Michael M. Mayo

Thursday, January 197am – Richard & Irma Frank
(living)

8am – Uldrich Nolte

12:10pm – Ranny Umberger

5:30pm – Vianella Veras Guichardo

Friday, January 20

7am – Maria Vicencio (living)

8am – Jose Ting - GF

12:10pm – Frank Garcia

5:30am – Eufrazio Santos

Saturday, January 218am – Nicolas & Kitty Brady
(living)

12:10pm – Arthur de los Santos

5:30pm – Kathleen Mahady (living)

Sunday, January 22

7am – Tiffany Foley

8:30am – Malcom MacDermid

10am – Karol Thiele

11:30am – Rose Skrabak

1pm – Janet Torres

5:30pm – All Parishioners

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

YOUNG ADULTS

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 fun 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: <http://2012escape.eventbrite.com/>. Contact: Katrina at keflorek@gmail.com.

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 garrison@stmatthewscathedral.org. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Thank you for your patronage!

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,
hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org

Happy Hour!

Join the Young Adults of St. Matt's
for some fun, and find out about
our future events!

Friday, Jan. 20th 6-8 pm



James Hoban's Irish Bar
One Dupont Circle, Washington DC 20036
202.223.8440

Questions? Email Sarah Zick at zick.sarah@gmail.com
stmatthewscathedral.org/join/young-adults



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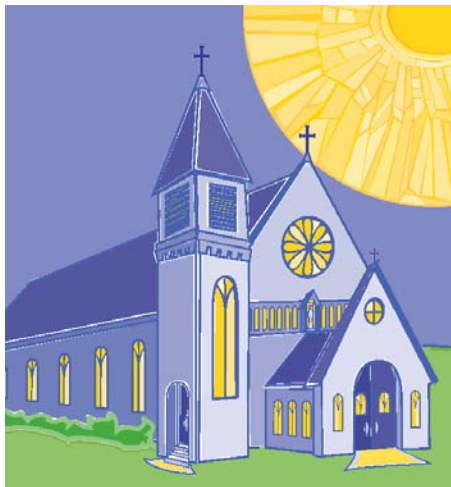
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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____

(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.
The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

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