

TODAY'S READINGS

They left their nets and followed him.” (Mark 1:18)
 In his unending creativity, God calls us to know him and to serve him in a way that is unique to each of us. In today’s first reading, we see Jonah, a fearful prophet, first resisting God’s call but then giving in—resulting in the conversion of the entire city of Nineveh (Jonah 3:10). And in today’s Gospel, we see Jesus calling his disciples to set out on an adventure that challenged all their assumptions. They too resisted at times, but eventually became impassioned preachers of the gospel (Mark 1:16-20).

In both instances, the almighty Creator reached down and called finite, fallen people to follow him—and it touched them to the depths of their hearts. We shouldn’t be surprised at this. In fact, we should expect God’s intervention to cause some sort of disturbance. Jonah was challenged to move beyond what he thought were his capabilities. The disciples also struggled for a long time to understand Jesus and his calling. Yet in both situations, God formed them into true servants.

Our Father wants each of us to be witnesses to his gospel and servants of his kingdom. No matter how well-educated or how dedicated we may be, God’s call will inspire us to go further. It may not be as dramatic as it was for the disciples or for Jonah. It may occur over the course of many months, or even years. But it will happen. One by one, our thoughts will be challenged. One by one, our ideas will change to match Jesus’ ideas.

This process of transformation may not always be enjoyable, but it will be fruitful! If we try our best to be faithful in the little things God asks of us each day, we will be changed over time. God will form us into disciples capable of making a difference in the world, just as the apostles and prophets did. All he’s looking for are humble, open hearts.

“Thank you, Jesus, for calling me to be your disciple. With joy, and knowing my life will never be the same, I take up your call. I trust that you will be with me.”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 22nd Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20
Monday 23rd 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 / Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday 24th 2 Sm 6:12-15,17-19 / Mk 3:31-35
St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday 25th Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18
The Conversion of St. Paul
Thursday 26th 2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25
St. Timothy & St. Titus
Friday 27th 2 Sm 11:1-10,13-17 / Mk 4:26-34
St. Angela Merici
Saturday 28th 2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17 / Mk 4:35-41
St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 29th Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús comenzó su ministerio anunciando que el Reino de Dios había llegado. En esos tiempos, el judaísmo afirmaba que el Reino de Dios llegaría con la manifestación futura del juicio, el poder y la majestad de Dios sobre toda la creación. Pero Jesús vino a Galilea “a anunciar las buenas noticias de parte de Dios” (Marcos 1,14). En Jesús, el futuro llegaba ahora, porque Él anunciaba e instituía el Reino de Dios en la tierra mediante su vida, su muerte y su resurrección.

En la narración del llamado de los primeros cuatro discípulos, San Marcos ofrece un modelo de respuesta a Cristo: ellos lo dejaron todo voluntariamente, familias, trabajos y negocios, para seguir a Jesús. Tan convencidos estaban de la urgencia de las palabras de Cristo, que lo siguieron sin vacilar.

Jesús quiso que estos pescadores fuesen sus discípulos y ellos recibieron la tarea de instaurar el Reino de Dios predicando la buena nueva y transformándose en pescadores de hombres. En el Antiguo Testamento, la metáfora de los pescadores conllevaba un desastroso sentido de juicio (Amós 4,2; Habacuc 1,14-15; Jeremías 16,16); por eso, se advierte un dejo de urgencia que suele faltar en nuestro entendimiento de lo que debe ser el pescador de hombres, vale decir, el evangelizador. La vocación de pescador de hombres es un llamado a participar en la obra de reunir al pueblo en preparación para el juicio de Dios, que se aproxima.

Por la fe y el Bautismo, a nosotros también se nos ha llamado a ser discípulos de Cristo y participar en la reunión del pueblo de Dios. Jesús nos ha dado la responsabilidad de evangelizar a otras personas, para que ellas también se salven cuando su Reino venga en plenitud, con poder y gran gloria. El Reino de Dios ha irrumpido en el mundo; por eso la obra de congregar al pueblo es urgente.

“Señor Jesús, ayúdame a reconocer la importancia de reunir al pueblo de Dios, para que todos conozcan la salvación. Que tu Espíritu me dé fuerzas para ser pescador de hombres.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 22 Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mc 1:14-20
Lunes 23 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 / Mc 3:22-30
Martes 24 2 Sm 6:12-15,17-19 / Mc 3:31-35
St. Francis de Sales
Miércoles 25 He 22:3-16 / Mc 16:15-18
La Conversión del apóstol san Pablo
Jueves 26 2 Tim 1:1-8 / Mc 4:21-25
San Timoteo y San Tito
Viernes 27 2 Sm 11:1-10,13-17 / Mc 4:26-34
Santa Angela de Mércil
Sábado 28 2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17 / Mc 4:35-41
San Tomas Aquinas
Domingo 29 Deut 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mc 1:21-28

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.



RESPECT LIFE

RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE

Rally and Mass in the Cathedral. 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 this Monday, **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.

Join St. Matthew's Group for the March for Life. A group from the Cathedral led by Fr. Evelio Menjivar will gather after the 10am Mass to take the Metro to the Rally for Life on the National Mall and the March for Life along Constitution Avenue. **To join the group, meet on the sidewalk in front of St. Matthew's Rectory (located three doors to the right of the Cathedral) right after the 10am Mass.** All are welcome.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT

The Washington D.C./ Maryland Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Team will host a healing retreat the weekend of **March 2-4** that provides the opportunity to work through unresolved pain and grief associated with abortion. Through a personal and intimate encounter with our Lord, one comes to understand that God loves us despite our human failures and weaknesses. This retreat is offered in both Spanish and English, and to both men and women. Registration inquiries are strictly confidential. Contact: Deborah Penzak at 240-423-6083 or dpenzak@hotmail.com.

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.

VOCATIONS NEWS

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF MARK

Father Regan's series on the Gospel of Mark continues Saturday, **January 28** from 10am to 11:45am in the North Conference Room. Bring a Bible and your own morning beverage, and consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

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 be 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.

NEWS AND NOTES

COME—LET US ADORE HIM!

You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, **January 30**, 6–7pm (rescheduled from the third Monday of the month due to the federal holiday.) The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the hour.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

In an effort to go "green", Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared only upon request. If you would like a summary of your 2011 contributions, please contact Gloria Harrington at gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.com or 202-347-3215 x517. Happy New Year!

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, **February 11**, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, Msgr. Jameson will celebrate a Mass of Anointing at 12:10pm. Check next week's bulletin for more information and an invitation to register to attend and receive anointing.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" The Lord wants us to call upon Him daily so that He can guide us and teach us. Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? 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.

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*).

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.

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.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

January 22 January 29

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

MONDAY—A Rally for Life begins in the Cathedral at 9am. At 10am, **Bishop Francisco González, S.F.** celebrates a special Mass for Life. Right after the 10am Mass, parishioners and friends meet with Fr. Evelio in front of the rectory to take the Metro to the Rally on the Mall and the March for Life. **There are no Confessions.**

The Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room

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.

SATURDAY—Fr. Regan's study of the Gospel of Mark meets at 10am in the North Conference Room.

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

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

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 1al 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 stmatthesprogram@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

Manifestación y Misa en la Catedral. 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.

Únase al grupo de San Mateo a la Marcha por la Vida. El grupo de la Catedral dirigido por el Padre Evelio Menjivar, se reunirá después de la misa, y tomarán el metro para ir al National Mall a la Marcha por la Vida a lo largo de la Constitution Avenue. **Para unirse al grupo, venga a la acera frente a la Rectoría de San Mateo (localizada tres puertas a su derecha de la Catedral) después de la misa de 10 de mañana.** Todos son bienvenidos.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Debido a que el tercer lunes fue fiesta federal, la Adoración al Santísimo se cambió a este lunes *30 de enero*. Les invitamos después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la Adoración.



FECHA PARA GUARDAR

El sábado *11 de febrero* conmemorando el día de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y el día mundial del enfermo, Monseñor Jameson celebrará una misa de Unción de los Enfermos a las 12:10 del mediodía. Vea el boletín de la próxima semana para obtener más información y una invitación a inscribirse; para asistir y recibir el sacramento.

DECLARACIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIÓN DE FIN DE AÑO

En un esfuerzo por ir "verde", las declaraciones de contribución de fin de año estarán disponibles a petición. Si desea un resumen de contribución del año 2011, por favor llame a Gloria al 202-347-3215 o envíe un correo electrónico a gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.com. ¡Feliz año nuevo!

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, January 22**

5:30pm (vigil) –

Kathleen Mahady (living)

7am – Tiffany Foley

8:30am – Malcom MacDermid

10am – Karol Thiele

11:30am – Rose Skrabak

1pm – Janet Torres

5:30pm – All Parishioners

Monday, January 23

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Richard Long

5:30pm – Marianna Bower (living)

Tuesday, January 24

7am – Rita Flowerman

8am – Josephine Dito

12:10pm – Daniel Donahue

5:30pm – Helen K. Collier

Wednesday, January 25

7am – Rafaela Ugarte

8am –

Frances & Edmund Leddy (living)

12:10pm – Robert J. Miller

5:30pm – All Souls

Thursday, January 26

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – Barbara Kosmas (living)

12:10pm –

5:30pm – Lillian Pickard

Friday, January 27

7am – Susan McNally

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Mr. Thanh Le

5:30am – John & Bridget Kekeh

Saturday, January 28

8am – Claire Arrowsmith Kisper

12:10pm – Jason Difenderfer

5:30pm – All Parishioners

Sunday, January 29

7am – Annabelle Kindred

8:30am – Richard Long

10am – Brian Andrew Governale

11:30am – Fr. Arthur Danks

1pm – Luisa Bazan

5:30pm – Luis Cortes Sanchez

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

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT (C†YA) MINISTRY MEETING Sunday, February 12 – 4 to 5pm – Cathedral East Conference Room

All are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss the C†YA ministry, share ideas, and plan upcoming activities Contact: Carolyn at cwait.10@gmail.com or Jillian at jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS

GOOGLE GROUP & EMAILS Want to stay up-to-date on all of the Cathedral Young Adults 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.

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

Thank you for your patronage!

*Seek first
the Kingdom of*
GOD

MATTHEW 6:33

2012 CARDINAL'S APPEAL BEGINS

Many of our parishioners received a mailing this week from Cardinal Wuerl. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Cardinal's Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish, including rental assistance, Catholic Charities, the Spanish Catholic Center, seminarian activities, continuing education of priests and school tuition assistance.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first the kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us. How does this happen? Through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2012 Cardinal's Appeal.

Busquen primero el Reino de **DIOS**

MATEO 6,33

COMIENZA LA PETICIÓN DEL CARDENAL 2012

Muchos de nuestros feligreses han recibido una carta por correo en esta semana, del Cardenal Wuerl, donde se les pide que asuman un compromiso de contribución a la Petición del Cardenal de 2012.

La Campaña no solo respalda financieramente, las operaciones de la Arquidiócesis, sino también servicios que son de gran ayuda para los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. Por ejemplo asistencia de vivienda, caridades católicas, Centro Católico Hispano, seminaristas, estudios superiores para los sacerdotes y asistencia para la educación escolar.

Este año, el tema de la Campaña es: “Busquen primero el Reino de Dios” (Mateo 6:33). Mientras buscamos primero el reino de Dios, tenemos la capacidad de ayudar a que esté presente en nuestras vidas y en las vidas de quienes nos rodean. ¿Cómo sucede esto? A través de nuestras obras de caridad, obras de amor y compasión. Donar para la Campaña del Cardenal, nos ofrece, a cada uno de nosotros la oportunidad de responder a las necesidades de nuestro prójimo, promoviendo ministerios y servicios que tocan las vidas de miles de persona

Les rogamos que considere con devoción un compromiso de contribución generoso para la Campaña del Cardenal 2012.