

## TODAY'S READINGS

Quiet!" (Mark 1:25)  
 Today's Gospel warns us to be on guard because evil spirits are constantly at work tempting us and harassing us. This warning is even more urgent today, as the world has practically dismissed the reality of evil spirits. Evil spirits are always on the prowl. They whisper lies and half-truths to us and try to confuse us. They try to influence us to do things we know are wrong—even things we don't want to do. We have all felt their influence at different times. We know how they have tried to sow division, to make us fearful, to get us down on ourselves, to lie, to manipulate people, or to doubt God's love.

Yes, we have a free will. Yes, we make the final choices for our lives. But these choices are never made in isolation. They are always influenced by the people around us, by the media, by the Holy Spirit, and by Satan.

All this may sound intimidating, but we shouldn't be afraid. Jesus overcame one evil spirit in today's Gospel, and he overcame them all on the cross. We just have to be more alert to what is coming into our minds, especially more alert to the devil's tactics.

Another thing we can do is begin every day by praying for protection against evil spirits. All we have to do is say the words that Jesus taught us: "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Finally, we should believe in the power of the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us how St. Paul, in dealing with an evil spirit that was harassing a woman, commanded: "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And the spirit left immediately (Acts 16:18). Likewise, we need to call on the name of Jesus throughout the day, especially when we are feeling tempted or harassed.

*"In the name of Jesus, I command all evil spirits to be quiet and to depart from me and from every member of my family. Lord, deliver us from the lies of the evil one and help us to be ever more alert."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 29th** Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28  
**Monday 30th** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday 31st** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3 /  
*St. John Bosco* Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday 1st** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday 2nd** Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
**Friday 3rd** Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29  
*St. Blaise and St. Ansgar*  
**Saturday 4th** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday 5th** Jb 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús enseñaba con una autoridad y un poder que no poseían los escribas. Éstos interpretaban la ley de Moisés según sus tradiciones y explicaban lo que sus predecesores habían enseñado antes que ellos. Pero el pueblo se quedaba "admirado" al escuchar lo que Jesús enseñaba, porque hablaba con la seguridad y la autoridad de Dios; sus palabras eran proféticas y revelaban el pensamiento y los sentimientos de Dios de un modo claramente comprensible.

En el pasaje que leemos hoy, quedó ratificada la autoridad de su enseñanza por el poder con que expulsó al espíritu impuro: Bastó una sola palabra (Marcos 1,25-26). La autoridad de Cristo era tan rotunda que incluso perdonaba los pecados (Lucas 7,1216). No era simplemente un maestro elocuente, sino que hablaba y actuaba con la autoridad y

el poder de Dios.

La Palabra de Dios es eficaz y cumple su propósito en la tierra (Isaías 55,10-11); la voz del Señor es imponente (Salmo 29,4), y ante ella nos llenamos de temor y admiración. La Palabra de Dios es vital para su pueblo, porque nos muestra la condición que tenemos ante el Todopoderoso (Hebreos 4,12). Su voz satisface las necesidades y anhelos más profundos del corazón humano (Salmo 19,8; 119,72).

¿Somos capaces de retener las enseñanzas de la Palabra de Dios que leemos en la Escritura o escuchamos en la Liturgia? El Señor nos aconseja: "Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan su corazón" (Salmo 95,8). Es común endurecer el corazón porque pensamos que Dios no puede o no quiere actuar en la vida de uno. A veces nos interesamos más por nuestros propios asuntos que por conocer y obedecer la Palabra de Dios, y nos entregamos a la pereza o la pasividad, y así dejamos que los afanes del mundo ahoguen en nosotros la gracia de Dios. Si esto te sucede a ti, hermano, ¿no crees que es tiempo de cambiar?

*"Jesús, Señor y Dios mío, elevo a Ti mis ojos para que el poder de tu Palabra penetre en mi corazón y fructifique en buenas obras para tu mayor gloria y honor."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 29** Deut 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mc 1:21-28  
**Lunes 30** 2 Sam 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mc 5:1-20  
**Martes 31** 2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3 / Mc 5:21-43  
*San Juan Bosco*  
**Miércoles 1** 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 / Mc 6:1-6  
**Jueves 2** Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lc 2:22-40  
*La Presentación del Señor*  
**Viernes 3** Ec 47:2-11 / Mc 6:14-29  
*San Blaise*  
**Sábado 4** 1 Re 3:4-13 / Mc 6:30-34  
**Domingo 5** Job 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mc 1:29-39

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

### ENROLL BY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

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 29 - February 5

- SUNDAY**—Las clases de Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
- MONDAY**—**Eucharistic Adoration** is held in the Cathedral from 6pm until 7pm.  
The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.  
Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm 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.
- WEDNESDAY**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- FRIDAY**—A blessing of throats takes place after all Masses on this memorial of St. Blaise.  
**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**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.  
Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am Mass.  
Las clases de Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

### 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 January 16 federal holiday). The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the hour.

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, **February 2** is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a joyful event told in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. “Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.” On this feast celebrating Christ, the light to the nations, enough candles are blessed to last the whole year. At St. Matthew’s, candles will be blessed at the 8am Mass with words that remind us that Jesus’ presentation fulfilled the law of Moses and at the same time signified his going out to meet his faithful people. Let us be like Simeon and Anna, recognizing Christ’s presence and carrying His light to every corner of our lives!

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm this Friday, **February 3** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located to the left of the sanctuary. On Saturday, **February 4** 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.

## VOCATIONS NEWS

### MEN’S VOCATION RETREAT

Cardinal Wuerl is sponsoring a Vocation Retreat for men in their 20s to 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood, to 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).

### LITTLE SISTERS’ VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for a vocation discernment weekend, from 5:30pm on Friday, **February 17** until 3pm on Sunday, **February 19**. The weekend is open to single, Catholic women 18–35 years of age and will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a guided experience of lectio divina, sharing with Little Sisters and young women in formation, and an exposure to service of the elderly. Contact: Sr. Camille Rose at [vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or 202-269-1831.

## FAITH FORMATION

### BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF MARK

Father Regan's series on the Gospel of Mark continues Saturday, **February 11** from 10 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**. Contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost for *active Catholics who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist*. 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 sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings -- **April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17** -- and a Saturday retreat on **May 19**. You must be able to be attend the Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 27** (2pm check in followed by 3pm Mass). To register, please pick up an information sheet and registration form in the Cathedral rectory, or download and print both on the Cathedral website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)). The information sheet explains the materials to be submitted with your completed registration form. Registration materials are due to Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, in the Cathedral rectory no later than Friday, **March 23**. Questions? Contact Heather at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## NEWS AND NOTES

### NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following new Parish Pastoral Council officers for the 2011-2012 term:

Sherri Hughes - Chair  
Carmen Iezzi- Vice Chair  
Grace Alcivar - Secretary

### HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, **February 4-5**, all are invited to stop by the hospitality receptions to be held in the North Conference Room after all Masses except the 7am Sunday Mass. Enjoy a snack and parish fellowship. All are welcome.

### JOIN THE CATHEDRAL CLUB

You are invited to St. Matthew's Cathedral Club Meeting on **February 12** (and on the second Sunday of every month) in the West Conference Room at 1 pm. Coffee will be served.

### YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

In an effort to go "green," Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared only upon request. To obtain a summary of your 2011 contributions, contact Gloria Harrington at [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.com](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.com) or 202-347-3215 x517.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next WWME weekends are **February 17-19** and **April 20-22**. Contact: 301-541-7007 or [wwme@whalenfamily.com](http://wwme@whalenfamily.com) or visit [wwmes4.org](http://wwmes4.org).

## 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: [stmatssesprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmatssesprogram@gmail.com).

### LUNCHMAKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please join us tonight, Sunday, **January 29** after the 5:30pm Mass to make lunches for our Monday Morning Homeless Ministry Program. We will gather at the back of the Cathedral after Mass and then go to the West Conference Room. We have the supplies but need help putting the lunches together. Contact: Olivia Crosby at 301-806-1292 or Norma Canedo at 202-615-5977. Thank you!

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### ¿HA ESTADO USTED EN FÁTIMA?

Mons. Jameson les invita a que se unan a él y a otros feligreses y amigos de San Mateo a un viaje fabuloso de peregrinación a Madrid, Fátima y Lisboa en abril de 2012! ¡Esta es una oportunidad de una vez en la vida! El itinerario está designado a mostrar lo mejor de Madrid dejando tiempo libre para explorar a su propio paso. Pase tiempo en el lugar famoso de Fátima donde Nuestra Señora se apareció seis veces a Lucia, Jacinta y Francisco, con tiempo para reflexión, y oración. Finalmente, descubrir partes interesantes de Lisboa y ciudades de los alrededores. Experimente todo esto, al mismo tiempo que conoce a sus compañeros peregrinos y hace nuevos amigos. El grupo saldrá de Washington, el miércoles 11 de abril de 2012, y regresará el domingo 22 de abril de 2012. La fecha final para inscribirse será el **1 de febrero**.

### 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.

### LUZ DE GLORIA

Cuarenta días después del nacimiento de Jesús, María y José presentan al Niño en el templo para cumplir la Ley de Moisés. Ellos hacen lo que deben hacer. Allí nos ve el anciano Simeón, quien reconoce al Niño como “la luz de las naciones” y Ana, quien habla de la salvación de Jerusalén. Incluso en el templo de Dios, se presenta y acepta a Jesús como el Salvador de los Judíos y los gentiles. Venimos en procesión—en el día de la Candelaria—, con las velas y luz bendecidas para encontrar a Jesús, “la luz de gloria” que nos alimenta en la Eucaristía. ¿Eres suficientemente transparente para que la Gloria de Dios te traspase y tú la reflejes?

### INSCRIPCIÓN DE LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

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 inserto en el boletín de esta semana. Es necesario inscribirse para asistir y recibir el sacramento.

### 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](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.com). ¡Feliz año nuevo!

## MUSIC NOTES

### CHORAL CONCERT

St. Matthew's Cathedral Concerts Series presents *From Darkness to Light*, a performance by the Countertop Ensemble, Sunday, **February 5** at 7pm. From the quiet, contemplative days of winter to the season of rebirth and renewal, this premier early music vocal group will give a performance celebrating this special time of year featuring works by Thomas Tallis, Pablo Casals, Charles Parry, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, Giovanni Gabrieli, Bob Chilcott and others. This fundraising concert will support the ensemble's upcoming East Coast tour. Suggested donation: \$25

### SCHOLA CANTORUM VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Did you know that half or more of the Cathedral's highly-acclaimed *Schola Cantorum* members are volunteer parishioners and friends of the cathedral? For the coming liturgical season (February 15– June 10), there are a limited number of openings in all voice parts for experienced choral singers. Members sing for both the 10am (Latin) and 11:30am (English) Sunday Eucharists. Because of the nature of the music (Gregorian chant, renaissance polyphony and later anthems), and the amount of repertoire, singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and Holy Week. Extra singing opportunities include Archdiocesan liturgies, civic and community functions and concerts. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 6:45-8:45pm, in weeks when the choir sings. If you have the experience and desire to serve our parish community in this very special way, contact Tom Stehle, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, January 29**

5:30pm (vigil) –

All Parishioners

7am – Annabelle Kindred

8:30am – Richard Long

10am – Brian Andrew Governale

11:30am – Rev. Arthur Danks

1pm – Luisa Bazan

5:30pm – Luis Cortes Sanchez

**Monday, January 30**

7am – Msgr. John Kuhn

8am – Richard Land (living)

12:10pm – Richard Land (living)

5:30pm – Gregorio Coello

**Tuesday, January 31**

7am – Brooksie, Myrtle, Bessie Banks

8am – Claudine Bikah

12:10pm – Rev. Jerome M. Hall, Sr.

5:30pm – Kelly Family

**Wednesday, February 1**

7am – Marylou Gomez

8am – William Shaw (living)

12:10pm – Mary &amp; Chuck Handl

5:30pm – Pogacer Family

**Thursday, February 2**

7am – Anne Bachi

8am – Barbara Kosmas (living)

12:10pm – Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm – Juillett Family

**Friday, February 3**

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – Ted Van Der Meid (living)

12:10pm – Moises Lopez

5:30am – Ricardo Cancio, Sr.

**Saturday, February 4**

8am – Mr. &amp; Mrs. John R. Cumbie

12:10pm – Armand Scala

5:30pm – Jerome Gaskins

**Sunday, February 5**

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – E. Ralph Hostetter (living)

10am – Tyron Elliott

11:30am – Sean C. Ferry

1pm – Luis Fernando Bedon

5:30pm – Romaine Matthews

*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)**

**YOUNG ADULTS****ESCAPE TO EMMITSBURG SNOW****TUBING TRIP -- RESCHEDULED --**

**Saturday, February 4 – 2pm to 12 midnight - Liberty Mountain Resort, Carroll Valley, PA** Due to warm

weather, the trip was postponed. Don't miss your second chance to sign up for this fun day trip to include Mass, dinner and two hours of snow tubing with young adults from across the Archdiocese. It's just \$28 plus the cost of your dinner.

Carpooling is available. Register at <http://2012escape-take2.eventbrite.com/>

**C+YA SUPER BOWL PARTY – Sunday, February 5 – 6 pm – Cathedral Rectory (1725 Rhode Island Ave NW)**

Join the Cathedral Young Adults to watch the game (or just the commercials). Please bring a snack or drinks to share. Space is limited, so sign up at <http://cyasuperbowl.eventbrite.com/>. Contact: Natalie natalieloureiro@gmail.com.

**VOLUNTEERING AT CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK - Saturday, February 25 – 1 to 4pm – Capital Area Food Bank**

Help us to sort and package food at the Capital Area Food Bank's warehouse. A few slots are still open. Contact: Carolyn at [cwait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cwait.10@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 [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:g Harrington@stmatthewscathedral.org). MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

My dear parishioners,

*“If any one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again, and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven (James 5:14-15).”*

The Catholic Church professes and teaches that the Sacred Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven Sacraments of the New Testament, that it was instituted by Christ and recommended and promulgated to the faithful by St. James.

St. Matthew’s Cathedral will celebrate a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, **February 11** at 12:10pm. For those who would like to receive this sacrament, please complete the form below and mail or bring it to the Rectory. You may also call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 to register. As this sacrament is a sacrament of healing with the sacrament of penance, those who are to receive anointing may wish to go to confession in the week prior to the Mass.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson  
Rector



**REGISTRATION FOR  
MASS FOR THE  
ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11,  
12:10PM**



(Name)

(Phone number)

(Address)

(Email address)

## **Anointing of the Sick I: *The Mystery of Illness***

We get hurt. We wear out. The lungs, the eyes, the memory, and any of the many limbs and organs that compose us break or ache. Gloom comes over us then: pity for ourselves, sorrow, depression, anger. But hope can come, too, and courage, and sometimes peace.

All of this is marked and celebrated in the rites of our tradition. With a word and a deed, with touch and breath and spit and mud, Jesus heals those who ail. In every place and time, we who are the church remember and tell stories of healing, anoint the sick with oil and share the one bread even with those who cannot assemble for Mass. Thus the sick and the healthy, the homebound and the spry, saints and sinners are made one and remain one, a single body of many parts.

Anyone who is seriously ill can be anointed, including the elderly who become weaker, even if no illness is present; those waiting for surgery when a serious condition is the reason for the operation; sick children who have sufficient use of reason to be helped by the celebration; and those who are unconscious or who have lost the use of reason, provided that they probably would have asked for the sacrament had they the use of their faculties. Furthermore, many forms of mental illness are now known to be serious. So the mentally ill may be anointed, provided that they will be helped and not harmed by the rite. If you have questions, consult a priest or other parish leader.

The most complete celebration of the sacrament is a communal one, a celebration in which those to be anointed are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home, or in the house of the church (for those who can leave their beds and come here). In song and in silence, with scriptures and prayers, we strengthen the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than the most lethal disease and more powerful even than death.

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# THIRSTING FOR LIVING WATER

## Parish Lenten Day of Recollection

*with Sister Patricia A. Parachini, SNJM, DMin*

***“... those who drink of the water that I will give them  
will never be thirsty...” (John 4:14).***

Lent is the forty-day liturgical season during which the Church invites all Christians to renewal and reconciliation. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we journey with our Lord Jesus to the Cross on Good Friday and to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Join us the morning of Saturday, **February 25** for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection. Sister Patricia A. Parachini, SNJM, DMin returns to lead us in prayer and reflection on the gospel passage of John 4:5-42, the Woman at the Well, which has a long tradition of being proclaimed in the Church during the season of Lent. You will have the space and time to get in touch with your thirsts, your longings, your deepest desires, which we, in faith, believe only Jesus, the One who gives us eternal life, can satisfy. The morning will include presentations by Sister Parachini, time for private reflection, opportunities to mingle, and Mass to close our time together.

Prepare to proclaim Christ's glorious Resurrection this Easter by joining us for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection!

**JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

**TIME: 9:00AM – 1:00PM (includes 12:10pm Mass)**

**PLACE: NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM**

*Please register no later than Sunday, February 19 to [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org)  
(subject line: Lenten Day of Recollection RSVP) or 202-347-3215, x530.*

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*Sister Parachini, a Sister of the Holy Names, holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Catholic University of America. She has more than forty years of experience as a pastoral theologian, educator, and spiritual director. She currently teaches at Washington Theological Union.*



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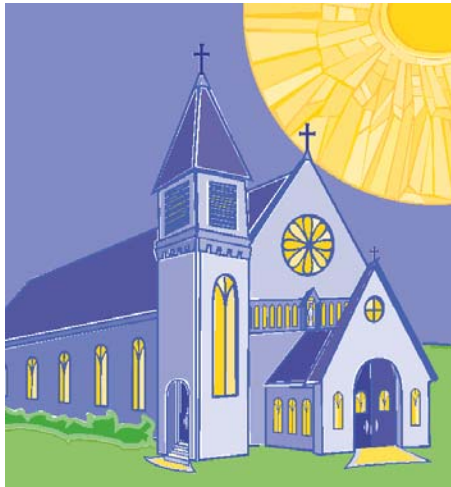
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
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<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
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