

## TODAY'S READINGS

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

With these ten words, Paul begins to summarize the points he has been making so far in his Letter to the Romans. In fact, all of chapter 8 can be seen as a summary—a rousing, inspiring conclusion to the explanation of the gospel message Paul wrote about in chapters 1 through 7. So let's take a look at some of these summary points.

First, Paul says that we are no less than beloved, adopted children of God. Just as Jesus taught us to call God “Our Father,” so Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit is constantly at work to convince us that we belong to God. He is always trying to show us that God is “for us” just as much as a father is “for” his own children (Romans 8:15-16,31).

Second, Paul talks about how the Holy Spirit “comes to the aid of our weakness” (Romans 8:26). Life will have its times of struggle, temptation, and suffering. But Paul wants us to be assured that even in our lowest moments, God is still for us. He is still with us, offering us his strength, his guidance, and his consolation.

Finally, Paul tells us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to save us (Romans 8:32). This is the clearest proof that God is for us. It is the clearest evidence of how deeply God values us and how dearly he wants us to be by his side. He gave us none other than Jesus himself to be our Redeemer, our Savior, and our closest Friend.

Now, it's not always easy to trust in these words—especially when things aren't going very well. But that doesn't really matter. For even if we don't believe that God is for us, it is still true. He is faithful. He is always standing by our side, ready to give us his strength and comfort.

Yes, your heavenly Father is on your side. He is for you. So rejoice today in this awesome truth!

*“Father, you are my hope, my joy, and my strength! I will believe in you today!”*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 4th** Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 /  
*Second Sunday of Lent* Mk 9:2-10

**Monday 5th** Dt 9:4-10 / Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday 6th** Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday 7th** Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday 8th** Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

**Friday 9th** Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday 10th** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**Sunday 11th** Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

*Third Sunday of Lent*

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Los apóstoles Pedro, Santiago y Juan subieron con Jesús al monte de la Transfiguración. Allí el aspecto humano de Jesús se transformó en celestial, y ellos vieron el resplandor que emanaba de sus vestiduras. Ante los ojos de sus apóstoles más cercanos, el cuerpo humano de Jesús se transfiguró, como anticipo y garantía de lo que vendría más tarde.

Después de esta manifestación de la gloria de Jesús, los tres apóstoles se llenaron de un nuevo sentido de propósito y determinación. Habiendo visto la luz de la gloria, ellos seguirían al Señor sin importarles cuánto les costara.

Esta visión de Cristo tuvo precisamente la finalidad de infundir esperanza y valor a los apóstoles, a fin de que fueran capaces de enfrentar el futuro, que ciertamente les depararía tantas dificultades. Ellos sufrirían tribulación y persecución; algunos serían encarcelados, flagelados y ejecutados. Semejante fidelidad a Jesús y a su misión solo es posible para quien haya tenido una apreciación cada vez más profunda de la gloria del Señor.

Jesús reveló su gloria a los tres apóstoles, para que ellos caminaran fielmente hacia la cruz. A los fieles de hoy también nos permite vislumbrar su gloria con el mismo objetivo. Cuando empezamos a comprender la gloria del Señor, adquirimos fortaleza para seguirlo incluso hasta la cruz, donde podemos morir a nuestro antiguo yo y resucitar a la vida nueva, es decir, actualizar en la práctica la gracia del Bautismo.

El Espíritu Santo nos permite ver la gloria de Jesús en nuestro diario caminar a la luz del Evangelio, y lo hacemos cuando experimentamos la plenitud de su amor, su perdón y su abundancia; y participamos en ella cuando dejamos que nuestro ser interior sea transformado por su gracia, que recibimos en la oración y en el servicio a Dios y al prójimo.

*“Señor, Espíritu Santo, te pedimos que nos manifiestes la gloria de Cristo para que, al verla, recibamos fortaleza para caminar con Él, abrazar la cruz y recibir la vida nueva que Él ganó para nosotros.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 4** Gén 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 /  
*Segundo domingo de Cuaresma* Mc 9:2-10

**Lunes 5** Dn 9:4-10 / Lc 6:36-38

**Martes 6** Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

**Miércoles 7** Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

**Jueves 8** Jer 17:5-10 / Lc 16:19-31

**Viernes 9** Gén 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Sábado 10** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lc 15:1-3,11-32

**Domingo 11** Éx 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

*Tercer domingo de Cuaresma*

**JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION**—The annual celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 3** at 2pm, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Cardinal Wuerl will be the celebrant. To register from St. Matthew's, call 202-587-5143 by **April 12**.

## LIVING LENT 2012 ✝

### PENITENTIAL RITE FOR BAPTIZED CANDIDATES

This Sunday, **March 4** at the 11:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Penitential Rite, marking the Lenten purification of our baptized candidates who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This rite also helps to prepare them to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for the first time, which they will do later in Lent. Please keep these thirteen women and men in your prayers.

### A QUESTION ON LENTEN ABSTINENCE

Most Catholics are familiar with the Church's rule on abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent. This rule is addressed in #1251 of Canon Law. How is this principle applied to Catholics who are vegetarians and do not eat meat at all? Canon 1251 says ".....abstinence from meat or another food is to be observed ....." In that phrase "or another food," the Church recognizes that meat is not universally a food that is the normal mainstay of a person's daily meal. The U. S. bishops have identified meat as the principal food substance that should be avoided on Fridays, especially during Lent. However, vegetarian Catholics should apply the abstinence principle to whatever is considered their daily main food substance. The point is to deny ourselves something of principal importance to us especially on this day, mindful of Christ's suffering and death on the cross. —*Deacon Merella*

### WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. At St. Matthew's, Wednesday confessions will be heard in English and Spanish from 6:30 to 8pm in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions (weekdays, 11am-Noon and Saturdays, 4-5pm). Plan now to come this Wednesday, **March 7**, and experience forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father through the Son!

### FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN MEAL TO BENEFIT SPANISH CATHOLIC CENTER

The Stations of the Cross in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II will be prayed in English this Friday, **March 9** (and every Friday of Lent) at 6pm, immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. Join us afterwards for a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room—this week's meal will be organized by members of our parish Hispanic community, who will collect alms to benefit the Spanish Catholic Center. The speakers from the Center will be Nick Despotidis, Assistant to the Director and Christina Villella, Assistant to the Medical Director. All are welcome for all or any part of this evening of prayer, fellowship and almsgiving!

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Will you give an hour for life? 40 Days for Life needs you to pray, fast, and be a presence outside the downtown Planned Parenthood facility (1108 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW). Join this national and international prayer campaign that has saved and transformed the lives of thousands of mothers, children, and even abortion industry workers. These 40 Days began **February 22** and will end **April 1**. To sign up for an hour, email [40daysforlifedc@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifedc@gmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/washington](http://www.40daysforlife.com/washington).

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY EASTER GIFT CARD DRIVE

St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Services Committee will collect grocery gift cards for our adopted families for Easter. On **March 11**, envelopes will be available after all the Masses, including Saturday's vigil Mass. To participate, purchase a \$20-\$25 Giant or Safeway gift card by **March 25** and drop it off at the Cathedral before or after Mass. You also may mail your gift card or monetary donation to the Rectory or drop it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## EVANGELIZATION

### PARISH SURVEY PROGRESS

On February 18, about 425 of our parishioners were randomly selected to participate in the survey of parish vitality as a lead-off to our efforts in evangelization. We are happy to report that about 200 responses have been received so far. Those invited but who have not yet taken the survey are encouraged to do so and have until **March 31** to complete the survey. If you were not one of the randomly selected parishioners and do wish to participate, send an email to Deacon Merella at [merella@wtu.edu](mailto:merella@wtu.edu). Again these responses are key to identifying the strengths and weaknesses of parish life that need our attention in promoting the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

## MUSIC

### CHORAL CONCERT

On Saturday, **March 11** the premier 40-member touring ensemble of Trinity University, conducted by Gary Seighman, will perform works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Veljo Tormis, Francis Poulenc, Georg Schumann, Johannes Brahms, G.P. Palestrina, and others at 7:30pm in the Cathedral. The Trinity Choir has long enjoyed a national reputation, including past performances for the National Collegiate Choral Organization, the Music Educator's National Conference, the Texas Music Educators Association Convention, and collaborations with the San Antonio Symphony and Walden Chamber Players of Boston. Admission is free.

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

March 4 – March 11

*The Rectory office hours for March 4-8 are:*

*Sunday*

*Closed*

*Monday-Thursday*

*9am – 4:30pm*

**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 7am and 1pm.

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

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

The Rectory offices are closed.

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

**TUESDAY**—A screening of the film “The 13th Day” is held in the North Conference Room at 6:40pm.

Las Reflexiones de Cuaresma continúan hoy a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY**—A Lenten lecture is given at 12:45pm in the North Conference Room.

Confessions are held in English and Spanish from 6:30 to 8pm.

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

**THURSDAY**—A Lenten lecture is given at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

**FRIDAY**—**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

**SATURDAY**—Day Light Savings Time starts, so turn your clocks one hour forward before going to bed tonight.

Cambio de hora y ahorro de luz, recuerde de adelantar una hora su reloj esta noche antes de ir a dormir.

Altar server training is held in the Cathedral at 3pm.

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

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

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

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

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### CONFESIONES LOS MIÉRCOLES DE CUARESMA

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Catedral de San Mateo tendrá confesiones disponibles los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8 de la noche, tendremos confesiones en inglés y español, exceptuando el Miércoles de Ceniza y Miércoles Santo, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes a viernes, 11-12 y sábados 4-5 de la tarde).

### CICLO DE CONFERENCIAS DE CUARESMA 2012

Las reflexiones de Cuaresma de este año toman como base las Siete Palabras que Jesús pronunció desde la cruz; continúan este martes en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

#### Semana 2: TE LO ASEGURO: HOY ESTARÁS CONMIGO EN EL PARAÍSO

Martes *6 de marzo* a las 7:00 de la noche

#### EL VIA CRUCIS Y CENA QUE BENEFICIARÁ AL CENTRO CATÓLICO HISPANO

El Vía Crucis, en la forma adaptada por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en inglés este viernes, *9 de marzo* a las 6:00 de la tarde, inmediatamente después de la misa de 5:30. Acompañenos después para una comida simple de Cuaresma servida en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Esta semana la cena será organizada por los miembros de nuestra comunidad hispana, las donaciones que se reciban beneficiaran al Centro Católico Hispano. Nick Despotidis, ayudante del Director & Christina Vilella, ayudante del Director Médico, dirán unas palabras acerca de la organización

#### CLASES PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTOS

Las personas adultas que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación el *27 de mayo*, día de Pentecostés, tienen que recibir unas clases que se ofrecerán los domingos 15, 22 y 29 de abril; 13 y 20 de mayo a las 10:30 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Oeste y tener la partida de bautismo vigente. Deben venir a la rectoría para inscribirse antes del 15 de marzo. También se les invita al retiro de Cuaresma el domingo 18 de marzo de 8:30 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía.

#### TARJETAS DE REGALO PARA EL PROGRAMA ADOPTE UNA FAMILIA

Los comités de Justicia Social y Servicios Comunitarios de San Mateo estarán recogiendo tarjetas de tiendas de comida para distribuir a nuestras familias del programa Adopte Una Familia que están en necesidad en esta época de Pascua. El *11 de marzo* habrá sobres disponibles en la Catedral después de todas las misas, incluyendo la misa de 5:30 del sábado. Pueden llevarse estos sobres y traerlo con su donación. Para participar, compre una tarjeta del Safeway o Giant de \$20-\$25, y el *25 de marzo* traerlos a la Catedral antes o después de las misas. También puede enviar su tarjeta de regalo o donación monetaria a San Mateo o depositar en la cesta de la colecta durante las misas. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

## FAITH FORMATION

### BOOK CLUB: *JESUS OF NAZARETH (PART 2)*

All are welcome to join the St. Matthew's Book Club for their next meeting on Monday, **March 12** to discuss *Jesus of Nazareth (Part 2)* by Pope Benedict XVI. This book is the second installment in Pope Benedict's spiritual reflections on the life of Christ. In it, Pope Benedict focuses on the events that we now celebrate during Holy Week. The Book Club meets in the West Conference Room at 6:45pm. Please contact Paul Zummo at [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com) with 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, **March 14**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP IN SCRIPTURE

Bro. Albert Duggan, OP, one of our Dominican deacons, will give a talk on "The Beloved Disciple" on Saturday, **March 17** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the North Conference Room. Please join us as we reflect on the Gospel of St. John and his other writings and the essence of discipleship.

### REGISTER NOW FOR

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION!

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost for *active, baptized Catholics who have received First Eucharist but not Confirmation*. 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 from 7 to 8:30pm on Thursdays, **April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17** and a Saturday retreat on **May 19**. To register, pick up a registration packet in the Rectory or download and print it on the Cathedral website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)). Registration materials are due to Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, in the Rectory by Friday, **March 23**. Questions? Contact Heather at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## NEWS & NOTES

### TRAINING SESSION FOR SERVERS

Are you interested in serving the Lord at the altar? Come to our training on **March 10** at 3pm in the Cathedral. We are looking for recruits of all ages, both men and women, to join our dedicated team of servers. No experience is necessary—only a desire to serve God. Have a busy schedule? No problem—we are quite flexible. Contact: Tony Annett at [aannett@imf.org](mailto:aannett@imf.org).

### ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN

Always Our Children, St. Matthew's Gay and Lesbian Ministry, will have a get-together on Sunday, **March 11** from 3:30 to 5:15pm in the West Conference Room. Come and share your experience of being a GLBT Catholic. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Msgr. Jameson at 202-347-3215 or send an email to [adamzeny@verizon.net](mailto:adamzeny@verizon.net).

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SOCIETY'S SPRING LECTURE

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will deliver the John Carroll Society's Spring Lecture at Church of the Little Flower, 5607 Massachusetts Ave. Bethesda, MD on Sunday, **March 11** at 3pm. The topic of the lecture is "Catholic Conscience Today." Come and hear Cardinal Wuerl speak on this timely topic. Admission is free. Visit [www.johncarrollsociety.org](http://www.johncarrollsociety.org) for more information, or call 301-654-4399.

### FR. GREENFIELD AT ST. HUGH'S 40 HOURS

Father Jim will be the guest homilist **March 13 and 14** during 40 Hours Devotion at St. Hugh of Grenoble Parish (135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD). At 7pm both evenings there will be a Eucharistic Service of Prayer & Praise during which Fr. Greenfield will speak. All are welcome. Questions? Call 301-474-4322.

### 9TH ANNUAL "LIVE JESUS"

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to attend the ninth annual "Live Jesus," a morning of Lenten reflection and renewal through the lens of Salesian spirituality, on Saturday, **March 17** from 8am to 12:30pm at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington DC. The theme is "Hospitality of the Heart: Welcoming Our Friends and Our Enemies." Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8am, and the program will begin at 9am with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS, Oblate Provincial. Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted for the support of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and their ministries. Register at [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, March 4**

5:30pm (vigil) –

Labibeh Abou-Assi

7am – Nestor &amp; Teofila Palomino

8:30am – James Burke

10am – Mable Baca

11:30am – Jason Warren (living)

1pm – Moises, Esteban y Adelina Lopez

5:30pm – All Parishioners

**Monday, March 5**

7am – William Middendorf

8am – Rev. Harry Stokes (living)

12:10pm – Claudette G. Faulkner

5:30pm – Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, March 6**

7am – Margaret Brown

8am – Poor Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm – Marissa Streyle (living)

5:30pm – Alma Lizetta

**Wednesday, March 7**

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – John Kelly

12:10pm – Guadalupe Garcia

5:30pm – Martin Murphy

**Thursday, March 8**

7am – Deacon Anthony W. Moll

8am – Charles Rini

12:10pm – Dr. Jorge Salvador

5:30pm – Michael &amp; Jean Bachi (living)

**Friday, March 9**

7am – Father of Darlene Iglesias

8am – Peter Patrick Wright

12:10pm – Maurene Bell

5:30am – Benedicta Adotevi

**Saturday, March 10**

8am – Polly Brown (living)

12:10pm – Estrella P. Librojo

5:30pm – All Parishioners

**Sunday, March 11**

7am – Jack Monteith

8:30am – Michael Sonk

10am – Mary Wade (living)

11:30am – Meg Elstner (living)

1pm – Dora Aguirre

5:30pm – Mario Devena

*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.*

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR CATHEDRAL PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

*For more information, please contact Msgr. Jameson.*

**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).

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**CYA LENTEN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION – Sunday, March 11 – 3 to 5:30pm - Cathedral (meet in Our Lady's Chapel on left of nave)** this mini-retreat will include guided meditation, the rosary, time for personal prayer, and the opportunity for confession.

Contact Tiffany at [tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com) for more information

**CYA SPRING KICKBALL TEAM – Sundays, April 22 to June 17 – 2 to 3pm – the Washington Monument (17th St NW & Constitution)**

Join the Cathedral Young Adults team in the WAKA DC Monument kickball league. The cost is \$65 per person, which covers a team shirt, equipment, park fees, and league party. No athletic ability required – we're just out to have fun! Contact co-captain Brandon at [bjameshines@gmail.com](mailto:bjameshines@gmail.com) for details on how to register.

**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*.

Items may be purchased 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.



# Lenten Lecture Series

## Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

### **PRAY ALL — WAYS**

*The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer.*

*In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exhorts: “**Pray without ceasing**” (5:17).*

*This year’s Lenten Lecture Series will focus on cultivating a richer attitude and practice of prayer in our daily lives.*

Our Lenten Lecture Series continues this week with a talk on

# **PRAYING TOGETHER**

This second talk of our series will address communal and liturgical prayer.

Subsequent talks will explore other particular topics related to prayer.

**Join us Wednesday, March 7 or Thursday, March 8**

Our speaker is

**Deacon Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP** (Dominican House of Studies).

Deacon Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP is a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and pursuing a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. He joined the Order of Preachers after completing his Master of Theological Studies (History of Christianity) at the University of Notre Dame in 2006. He has served at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in various ministries the past two years. Deacon Augustine is looking forward to ordination in May 2012, God willing, and to a lifetime of serving the people of God as a priest.

*Wednesday lectures: 12:45pm to 1:45pm*

*Thursday lectures: 7pm to 8pm*

*All lectures will be held in the North Conference Room.*

*Follow the directional signs to the lectures. Lectures are free and open to the public. Join us for any or all.*

*No RSVP necessary.*

Questions? Email [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org) or call 202-347-3215, x530.

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*Parking: limited metered street parking or*

*public garage next to Cathedral*

*(\$10 per hour before 4pm-\$16 daily max or*

*\$5 flat fee after 4pm)*

\*Complete series schedule available in Lenten brochure in pew racks\*

## † Ordinations of Our Dominican Seminarians †



Br. Albert Duggan, O.P. will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, *March 10, 2012* in the Priory Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies. Since last fall, he has been assisting with liturgical ministries at St. Matthew's Cathedral. He is also involved in marriage preparation for engaged couples and, with Deacon Augustine Reisenauer, O.P., he facilitates a discussion group for the parents of children in St. Matthew's religious education program. Originally from suburban Detroit, he graduated from Brown University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in biomedical ethics. He worked as a research coordinator in the Bioethics Institute at Johns Hopkins University before entering the Dominican Order in 2007. He is currently enrolled in theological studies at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies. Br. Albert will assist as a deacon for the first time at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, *March 11, 2012*.

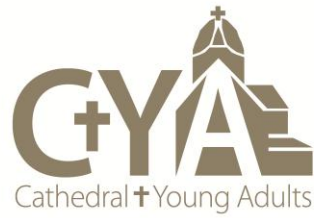
Br. Augustine Marie Reisenauer, O.P. will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, *May 25, 2012* at the Church of St. Dominic in Washington, DC. He has appreciated serving the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Matthew for the past two years, teaching parents and children of the English Religious Education Program, journeying with engaged couples in their preparations for marriage, serving weekly and preaching monthly at Sunday Masses (rotating among the 5:30 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses), celebrating baptisms of infants, and contributing to lecture series and bible studies. After completing his B.S. (2003) and M.T.S. (2006) degrees at the University of Notre Dame, Br. Augustine entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), made solemn profession on November 13, 2010, and was ordained a deacon on January 8, 2011. Br. Augustine will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Matthew's Cathedral at 5:30pm on Saturday, *May 26, 2012* (the Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost), and also the 8:30am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, *May 27, 2012*. All are most welcome to his ordination at St. Dominic's Church and to the Masses at St. Matthew's Cathedral.



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*Come and hear Br. Augustine and Br. Albert as they share the fruits of their seminarian studies with St. Matthew's parishioners in our Lenten lectures. Check the parish website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)) for details.*

*Please keep Br. Albert and Br. Augustine in your prayers as they prepare for their ordinations.*



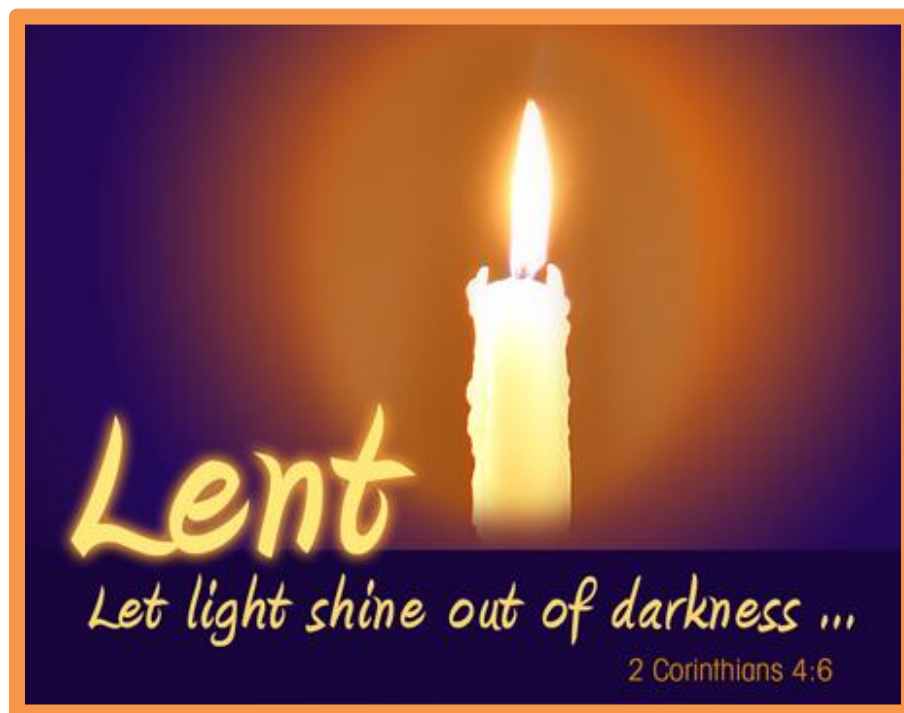
# Lenten Afternoon of Reflection

Sunday, March 11, 2012

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

(We will begin in the Our Lady Chapel on the left)



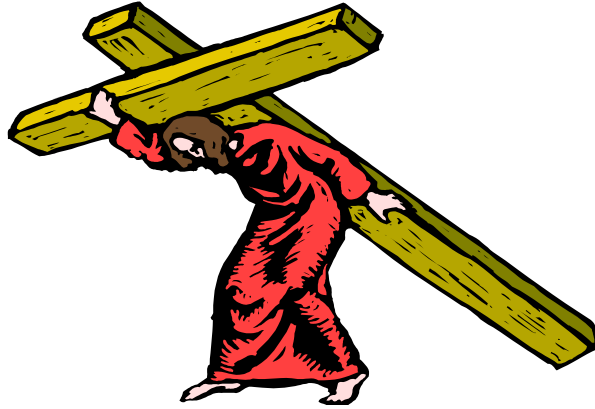
Join the Cathedral Young Adults for an afternoon for a guided Lenten meditation, personal reflection, rosary and opportunity for confession. We will end in time for all to attend the 5:30 pm Mass.

For further information or to RSVP please contact:

Tiffany Waits at [tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com)

# Simple Lenten Meals

SOUP \* BREAD \* WATER



## Every Friday during Lent

FOLLOWING THE 5:30pm MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL, NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship. Donations collected each week will help support a different DC-based charity.

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>: Mary House**

- Speaker—Bill Murphy, Executive Director
- Meal organizer—Social Justice Committee

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>: L'Arche Community of Greater Washington**

- Speaker—Sarah Ruskowski, Assistant from Ontario house & other members of L'Arche community
- Meal organizer—RCIA Catechumens

### **March 9<sup>th</sup>: Spanish Catholic Center**

- Speaker—Nick Despotidis, Assistant to the Director of the Spanish Catholic Center & Christina Villella, Assistant to the Medical Director
- Meal organizer—members of our Hispanic community

### **March 16<sup>th</sup>: Northwest Center**

- Speaker—Kim Cook, Pregnancy Center Director
- Meal organizer—Knights of Columbus

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Prison Outreach Ministry**

- Speaker—Sister Susan Van Baalen, O.P., Executive Director
- Meal organizer—Young Adults

### **March 30<sup>th</sup>: Home of St. Francis of Assisi, orphanage in Choclacayo, Perú**

- Speaker—Patricia Abad and other volunteers (TBA)
- Meal organizer—Parish Pastoral Council & Liturgy Committee

**\*\*A special thank you to our neighbors from Bertucci's Italian Restaurant for their donation of dinner rolls\*\***



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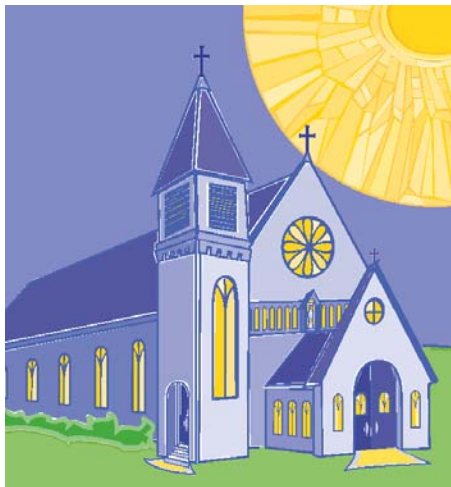
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COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic 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
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<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
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