

## TODAY'S READINGS

“We are God’s children.” (1 John 3:2)  
 What a radical statement! How awesome it is that we mere mortals are children of the eternal, almighty God! What could be more wonderful than having the Creator of the universe as your own dad? Being a child of God is not just a matter of doctrine or intellectual faith but of relationship—a *relationship founded on love*: “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God” (1 John 3:1).

Being his daughter, being his son, is a reality that God wants each of us to know intellectually and experience emotionally. Even during those times when we don’t feel particularly loved—as happens with any child at one point or another—we can still hold our heads up high and smile. Why? Because our God is the “Father of compassion and God of all encouragement” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

One of the greatest privileges of living the Christian life is that we can embrace both the “already” and the “not yet” of our identity as children of God. Because we are already children of God now, we can enjoy the blessings of having such a devoted and caring Father. And when we face trials or feel abandoned, we can fix our hearts on heaven, where we will finally see our Father face-to-face and where he will wipe away every tear from our eyes and set us free from everything that weighs us down.

Make this the theme of your prayer today. You have a Father who loves you not because of how good you are or what you do but simply because you are his. You have a Father who likes to give you good gifts, a Father who cares about you so much that he has counted every hair on your head (Matthew 7:11; Luke 12:7). You have a Father who walks with you through every storm, always reminding you of his promises and his provision.

*“Heavenly Father, the best of all fathers, what a privilege it is to be your child! I put my trust in you, for your love is steadfast and unfailing.”*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 29th</b>	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
<b>Monday 30th</b>	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
<i>St. Pius V</i>	
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	Acts 12:24—13:5 / Jn 12:44-50
<i>St. Athanasius</i>	
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
<i>St. Philip and St. James</i>	
<b>Friday 4th</b>	Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday 5th</b>	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Para conocer de verdad a alguien, hay que tener una relación personal y de íntima confianza con esa persona. Jesús amaba al Padre con todo su corazón, su mente y sus fuerzas, y confiaba plenamente en Él. Nunca habló ni actuó sin buscar primero la voluntad paterna. Por su parte, el Padre reconocía el amor, la confianza y la obediencia de su Hijo; lo colmaba de amor perfecto y le revelaba sus pensamientos y sus planes. De esta forma, Jesús conocía a su Padre. Incluso en el Calvario, Cristo supo que podía confiar en que su Padre cumpliría el plan de salvación para todo el mundo.

Jesús dijo que nuestra relación con Él, como nuestro Buen Pastor, debía ser como la que Él tenía con el Padre, es decir que nosotros (las ovejas) debemos depender en todo de Jesús (el Buen Pastor), y buscarlo en toda circunstancia. Esto no significa que los cristianos tengan que ser débiles o tímidos, sino más bien reconocer la inutilidad de confiar en nuestros propios razonamientos y fuerzas cuando queremos servir a Dios: “Sin mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada” (Juan 15,5). Al Señor lo podemos conocer recibiendo la Sagrada Eucaristía, en la oración profunda, en la meditación de las Escrituras, y pidiéndole que se nos revele.

Jesús predice que llegará un día en que muchos serán rechazados de la vida eterna con las fatídicas palabras “Nunca los conocí” (Mateo 7,23). Pero nada tenemos que temer si diariamente continuamos afianzando nuestra relación con Cristo. Podríamos preguntarnos: “¿Conozco a Jesús como el Buen Pastor que da su vida por mí? ¿Soy para Él un discípulo que lo ama, le obedece y busca su voluntad en todo?” En su unión con el Padre, Jesús nos da ejemplo de cómo quiere que sea nuestra relación con Él. Si nos empeñamos por imitar al Señor, llegaremos a conocerlo de verdad.

*“Amado Jesús, queremos conocerte no sólo de oídas, sino en forma personal, directa, íntima; queremos saber cómo piensas y reaccionas, para poder imitarte y cambiar nuestra conducta. Ayúdanos a ser tus fieles seguidores.”*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 29</b>	He 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
<b>Lunes 30</b>	He 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
<i>San Pío</i>	
<b>Martes 1</b>	He 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
<i>San José Obrero</i>	
<b>Miércoles 2</b>	He 12:24—13:5 / Jn 12:44-50
<i>San Atanasio</i>	
<b>Jueves 3</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
<i>San Felipe y San Santiago</i>	
<b>Viernes 4</b>	He 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
<b>Sábado 5</b>	He 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
<b>Domingo 6</b>	He 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

## HOSPITALITY

All are invited for fellowship and a snack at the Hospitality receptions after next weekend’s Masses except Sunday at 7am.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

### WELCOME HOME PILGRIMS!

Our parish pilgrims, led by Msgr. Jameson, returned home safely last Sunday, **April 22** after ten days of touring the cities of Madrid, Toledo, Escorial, Avila and Salamanca in Spain, and Fatima, Santarem, Lisbon, Estoril and Sintra in Portugal. Below, they are photographed in front of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, also known as the Fatima Shrine.

Check our parish website for additional photos and a link (available through May 5) to Msgr. Jameson celebrating Mass at the Church of St. Anthony in Lisbon.



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

### BOOK CLUB: *BURST*

All are welcome to join the St. Matthew's Book Club this Monday, **April 30** when they will discuss *Burst* by Kevin Wells. Wells describes how a life-changing event caused him to turn to God for solace and comfort. This is a beautifully written spiritual memoir that offers comfort to others experiencing difficult times. They will meet in the East Conference Room at 6:45pm. Please contact Paul Zummo at [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

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

### BIBLE STUDY ON WISDOM BOOKS

Father Hurley's series on the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament continues Saturday, **May 5** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. This session will focus on Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs. Please bring a Bible, and consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

## EVANGELIZATION

### PARISH VITALITY SURVEY UPDATE

During the month of March, about 425 parishioners were invited to participate in a special survey on the vitality of the parish in connection with our parish evangelization effort. Of that 425 invited, 62 took the survey, or 14% of those asked. Of this rather limited number of responders, 69% were women, 65% were single, 69% have been registered 5 years or less, and 60% live outside DC. Even with the limited response, we received many helpful narrative comments. Consideration is being given to running the survey again in hopes of gaining a larger response. Again many thanks to those who did participate in the survey!

—Deacon Merella

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

April 29 – May 6

**SUNDAY**—Las clases de Confirmación continúan hoy a las 9 de la mañana.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar se reúnen a las 11 de la mañana.

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

The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

**TUESDAY**—El Grupo de Oración en Español está cancelado hoy.

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

**FRIDAY**—**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

**SATURDAY**—Fr. Hurley's study on the Wisdom Books is held at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**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.

No hay clases de Confirmación hoy, continúan el próximo domingo 13 de mayo.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar se reúnen a las 11 de la mañana.

A blessing of engaged couples is given at the 11:30am Mass.

The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am.

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### CLASES DE CONVERSACIÓN EN INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

- ¿Cuándo? **5 de junio – 1 de agosto** (9 semanas)  
Los martes y miércoles de 6:30–8:30 de la noche
- ¿Dónde? Centro Educacional de San Mateo  
1726 calle N, NW, Washington, DC
- Enfocándose en: Conversación en Inglés
- ¿Costo? \$25

Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en persona, martes o miércoles en la noche; las inscripciones comienzan el **5 de junio**, entre 6:30 y 8:00 de la noche, en el Centro Educacional de San Mateo (en la dirección de arriba). Durante la inscripción los nuevos estudiantes recibirán un breve examen para determinar cuál es el nivel de clases más apropiado para ellos. Los estudiantes podrán registrarse hasta el 20 de junio. Para más información, ponerse en contacto con el coordinador del Programa ESL a: [stmatthesprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthesprogram@gmail.com) ó llame al: 202-347-3215.

### OFRECIMIENTO DE MISAS

Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español. La primera misa disponible es el domingo 12 de agosto.

### DÍA DE ORACIÓN Y SANACIÓN

¿Se alegró usted mucho al recibir la noticia que estaba embarazada porque iba a tener un bebé? Entonces, al visitar al doctor sus esperanzas y sus sueños fueron reemplazados por un increíble miedo porque el personal médico le decía: “Su bebé tiene cero compatibilidad de vida, por eso nosotros le recomendamos una inducción” Venga a un Día de Oración y Sanación, el **19 de mayo** de 9:00 de la mañana a 5:00 de la tarde y conozca a otras parejas que tuvieron la misma experiencia que usted. El equipo del Ministerio Proyecto Raquel le facilitará un día de retiro con adoración eucarística; el sacramento de la confesión estará disponible, y la misa de vigilia del sábado. La dirección donde va a ser el evento, se le dará solamente a las personas que van a asistir. Todos nuestros contactos son confidenciales. Llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Luz Menjivar: 301-853-4565 [menjivarl@adw.org](mailto:menjivarl@adw.org).

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN –

#### NO HAY REUNIÓN ESTA SEMANA

El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 7:00 de la tarde, en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar en nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Para más información llame a la rectoría y deje un mensaje a Fátima Aybar 202-347-3215 x543. Les hacemos saber que el grupo de oración no se reunirá el **1 de mayo**.

### SOLEMNIDADES EN MAYO Y JUNIO

- Domingo **20 de Mayo** – La Ascensión del Señor  
Domingo **27 de Mayo** – Pentecostés  
Domingo **3 de Junio** – La Santísima Trinidad  
Domingo **10 de Junio** – El Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo  
Domingo **24 de Junio** – La Natividad de San Juan Bautista  
Viernes **29 de Junio** – San Pedro y San Pablo

## NEWS & NOTES

### CATHEDRAL MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS

To all active Cathedral ministers or volunteers: if you did not receive an invitation to this Tuesday's volunteer reception, please contact your ministry or volunteer liaison for information by Monday, **April 30**.

### BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES

Next Sunday, **May 6** Msgr. Jameson and other St. Matthew's clergy will confer a blessing of engaged couples at the 11:30am Mass. Couples who will be married in the Cathedral or are receiving marriage preparation at St. Matthew's will be invited into the sanctuary after the homily for the blessing (a great photo op!). All are invited for Hospitality after Mass in the North Conference Room. Couples who plan to attend are asked to send an email to [Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### CONCERT BY ROYAL CHAPEL CHOIR

The Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir will present a concert in the Cathedral on Sunday, **May 13** at 7pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. Free-will offerings gratefully accepted. Check next week's bulletin or our parish website for details.

### SACRED WORDS EXHIBIT

St. Matthew's parishioners are invited to an exhibit of interfaith works of art and a reception at the Lithuanian Embassy this Thursday, **May 3**, 6:30-8:30pm. RSVP by May 1 to [culture.us@urn.lt](mailto:culture.us@urn.lt) or 202-234-5860.

### SOLEMNITIES IN MAY AND JUNE

- Sunday, **May 20** – The Ascension of the Lord  
Sunday, **May 27** – Pentecost  
Sunday, **June 3** – The Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday, **June 10** – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Sunday, **June 24** – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Friday, **June 29** – St. Peter and St. Paul

## VOCATIONS

### ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Two seminarians who actively minister at St. Matthew's soon will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ—Deacon Joseph Goldsmith, who resides at Theological College and Deacon Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP, a Dominican brother who resides at the Dominican House of Studies. Br. Augustine will be ordained on **May 25** and will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Matthew's Cathedral at 5:30pm on Saturday, **May 26** (the Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost), and also the 8:30am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, **May 27**. Deacon Goldsmith will serve as a deacon at his last Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, **May 6**. He will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Richmond on **June 2**. For more information on and photographs of our deacons, visit our website or check the flyer in next weekend's bulletin. Please keep these men in your prayers!



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called to remain faithful to the grace of God.

As we celebrate this feast today, we pray for fidelity to our vocations. The Church invites us to honor the vocation of all Christians given at baptism. May we who have dedicated our lives to God through the vocations of marriage, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and the single life remain faithful to our commitments. May those who are discerning their life vocation rely on the grace of God to guide them.

In sharing his hopes for the future of vocations, our Holy Father writes: "It is my hope that the local Churches and all the various groups within them, will become places where vocations are carefully discerned and their authenticity tested, places where young men and women are offered wise and strong spiritual direction. In this way, the Christian community itself becomes a manifestation of the Love of God in which every calling is contained.... Within the family, 'a community of life and love' (Gaudium et Spes, 48), young people can have a wonderful experience of this self-giving love. Indeed, families are not only the privileged place for human and Christian formation; they can also be 'the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God' (Familiaris Consortio, 53), by helping their members to see, precisely within the family, the beauty and the importance of the priesthood and the consecrated life. May pastors and all the lay faithful always cooperate so that in the Church these 'homes and schools of communion' may multiply, modelled on the Holy Family of Nazareth, the harmonious reflection on earth of the life of the Most Holy Trinity." (*Message of Pope Benedict XVI for the 49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*)

### MARINE CORPS MARATHON & 10K— CALLING ALL RUNNERS, WALKERS & SUPPORTERS!

Once again, St. Matthew's will organize a team to take part in Run for Vocations, the yearly campaign that raises money for seminarians. Although the Marine Corps Marathon & 10km Race are not until October, lots of related events and voluntary training runs are happening in Spring and Summer. If you are interested in potentially running, walking or supporting, please email Krista at kristatuomi@gmail.com.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### ADULT ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

**When?** **June 5 – August 1** (9 weeks)  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm  
**Where?** St. Matthew's Education Center  
1726 N Street, NW  
Washington, DC  
**Focus?** Conversing in English  
**Cost?** \$25

Students may register in person on Tuesdays or Wednesdays starting Tuesday, **June 5**, between 6:30 and 8:30pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center. Contact the ESL Program Coordinator at [stmattseslprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com) for more information, or call the Rectory at 202-347-3215.

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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, **May 9**. Contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, April 29**

5:30pm (vigil) – Bill O'Bryan  
 7am – Deacon Boyd Work (living)  
 8:30am – Cassiel Webster  
 10am – Sheila Collins  
 11:30am – Enidia Sitthikul  
 1pm – Maria Natividad Pineda  
 5:30pm – Gabbie De Lara (living)

**Monday, April 30**

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn  
 8am – Ed Bastia (living)  
 12:10pm – Benjamin & Maria Jaimes  
 5:30pm – Marco Cera

**Tuesday, May 1**

7am – Lucien Troxler (living)  
 8am – Potenciano Bernabe  
 12:10 – Peter Augustine Schwenkler  
 5:30pm – Michael Riccio

**Wednesday, May 2**

7am – Anne Bachi (living)  
 8am – Michael Vinkler  
 12:10pm – Mary Catherine Smith  
 5:30pm – Pat Gonsalves

**Thursday, May 3**

7am – Maureen Koch (living)  
 8am – Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 12:10pm – Moises Lopez  
 5:30pm – Josephine Klug Kuhn

**Friday, May 4**

7am – Special Intention  
 8am – Robert & Betty Tippeconnic  
 12:10 – Rita Le Beau  
 5:30pm – Sarah Brunelle (living)

**Saturday, May 5**

8am – Special Intentions  
 12:10pm – Verlena Castillo  
 5:30pm – Virgilio Marcos Da Silva

**Sunday, May 6**

7am – Msgr. Edward Buckley  
 8:30am – Joaquin J. Piedras Salgueiro  
 10am – Brooksie, Myrtle, Bessie Banks  
 11:30am – Dorothy  
 1pm – Maria Mendes dos Santos  
 5:30pm – Rosalba Zuluaga & Family

*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.

**VISITS & PILGRIMAGES**

Individuals, families and groups from around the country and around the world visit the Cathedral to join us in prayer, at Mass or to celebrate Mass in one of our chapels. We invite you to plan a visit or pilgrimage to our Cathedral—all are welcome. Once you have a date in mind, let us know so we can arrange to accommodate you. Contact us at 202-347-3215 x512 or 202-587-5143 or mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**VOLUNTEERING AT CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK – Saturday, May 5 – 1 to 4pm – Capital Area Food Bank.** Young adults are needed to help sort and package food at the Capital Area Food Bank's warehouse. Contact: Carolyn at cewait.10@gmail.com.

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH C†YA** – Join the Cathedral Young Adult's Google group (<http://groups.google.com/group/StMatts-YAM>) to join our listserv and get email updates on all C†YA events. Also check out our facebook page, [www.facebook.com/CYAdc](http://www.facebook.com/CYAdc).

**TOURS**

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or to take 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 our Rectory receptionist. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at 202-587-5143 or mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

**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 [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

# CATHOLICISM with Father Robert Barron

## *Journey to the Heart of the Catholic Faith*

Answering the call for the New Evangelization, this multimedia educational program reveals the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith in an unprecedented way. It uses art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

*Come learn what Catholics believe and why.*

The Faith Formation Committee will host a screening and discussion of this documentary for ten consecutive weeks.

**Join us for any or all Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the North Conference Room.**

All are welcome. No RSVP required.

May 24	“Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Became Man”
May 31	“Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus”
June 7	“That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God”
June 14	“Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God”
June 21	“The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure”
June 28	“A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of the Christ and the Church”
July 5	“Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist”
July 12	“A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints”
July 19	“The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit”
July 26	“World Without End: The Last Things”

*Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian. He is the Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, a nonprofit global media organization that supports Catholic evangelical preaching, particularly the work of Father Barron ([www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)). The John Carroll Society hosted Father Barron for its annual lecture at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in 2011.*



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**GOOD FAITH COMMUNITIES COALITION  
“MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL” CAMPAIGN**

**Mayor Gray’s 2013 Budget Proposal: Inadequate Funding for Housing and Homeless Services.** In his proposed budget Mayor Gray has recommended additional funding for many high priorities. However, programs for homeless services and to increase the availability of affordable housing did not receive new funding. In fact, in many cases the current funding was reduced.

Good Faith Communities Coalition, an organization of faith communities in the District, including the Cathedral, is holding a letter-writing campaign to ask the City Council to restore funds which have been cut from the Mayor’s budget proposal, namely for Homeless Services (\$7M) and the Housing Production Trust Fund (\$20M).

Make your voice for a just and inclusive community heard at this critical time! Those interested are asked to e-mail or write the Council from April 28-May 6. An easy way to support this is via the Coalition’s website -- [www.goodfaithdc.org](http://www.goodfaithdc.org). Form letters will also be made available after Masses on April 29 & May 6.

For more information on the District’s proposed budget for housing and homeless services, please visit [www.goodfaithdc.org](http://www.goodfaithdc.org).



**COALICIÓN DE COMUNIDADES DE BUENA FE  
CAMPAÑA “MENSAJE AL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL”**

**Proyecto del alcalde Vincent Gray para el Presupuesto 2013: Financiación insuficiente para viviendas y servicios a los desamparados**

En su proyecto de presupuesto, el alcalde Vincent Gray ha recomendado fondos adicionales para muchos programas de alta prioridad. Sin embargo, los programas de servicios a los desamparados y para aumentar la disponibilidad de viviendas asequibles no recibieron aumentos. De hecho, en muchos casos, los presupuestos actuales han sido reducidos.

La Coalición de Comunidades de Buena Fe (GoodFaithCommunitiesCoalition), una organización de comunidades religiosas en el Distrito, de la cual la Catedral forma parte, está organizando una campaña de escribir cartas al Consejo Municipal para pedir la restauración de fondos recortados en el presupuesto del alcalde, sobre todo para personas sin hogar (\$7M) y para el Fondo Fiduciario de Viviendas (\$20M).

¡Que se oiga su voz por una comunidad justa e inclusiva en este momento crítico! A aquellos interesados se les pide escribir cartas y mensajes de correo electrónico al Consejo entre el 28 de abril al 6 de mayo. Una forma fácil de apoyar esta campaña es a través del sitio de Internet de la Coalición – [www.goodfaithdc.org](http://www.goodfaithdc.org). También tendremos cartas modelo después de las misas el 29 de abril y 6 de mayo.

Para mayor información sobre el proyecto de presupuesto para viviendas y servicios a los desamparados, favor visitar [www.goodfaithdc.org](http://www.goodfaithdc.org).