

TODAY'S READINGS

“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” (John 15:5)

How comforting it is to know that we do not walk alone through this life! No matter how isolated or weak we may feel, the truth is that Jesus is with us and will never abandon us. With Jesus as “the vine,” we can be assured that we will receive everything we need to nourish and sustain us. With the Father as the “vine grower,” all the circumstances of our lives—both pleasant and difficult—become his instruments as he prunes us and molds us into his image.

As an example of the effect that abiding in Christ can have, consider the early church as St. Luke describes it in today’s first reading. Where did Saul receive the courage not only to forego his former persecution of the church but to become one of its foremost apostles? His personal encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed him radically, but there were still layers of pride, prejudice, and fear that God had to strip away so that he could become more and more effective. More than likely, this pruning process was difficult, but Saul embraced it because the treasure of intimacy with Christ was so precious to him.

Think also of the disciples in Jerusalem when Saul attempted to join them. How did they overcome their fear and mistrust of their onetime persecutor? Again, they let the Lord lead them, guide them, and prune them where necessary. Certainly this was not an easy thing to do, but they came to trust that God could bring life from death, and so they were able to take the risk.

God is deeply committed to us, just as he was to those first believers. If we try our best to stay connected with him during our days, he will prune us as well. It won’t always be enjoyable, but it will be fruitful! Our lives will never be the same; they will keep getting better and better and better.

“Heavenly Father, make my heart one with you and your Son, so that I may bear fruit that brings you glory and honor.”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 6th	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8
Monday 7th	Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday 8th	Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday 9th	Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
Thursday 10th	Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
<i>St. Damian de Veuster</i>	
Friday 11th	Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
Saturday 12th	Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
<i>Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras</i>	
Sunday 13th	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Vivir unidos a Jesús es fundamentalmente una actitud del corazón, es cuestión de corresponder al amor de Cristo de una manera personal y decisiva. El Señor desea ser nuestro confidente y amigo más íntimo, la Persona con quien compartimos todo, lo bueno y lo malo, lo agradable y lo desagradable de nuestra vida.

Cuando abrimos el corazón delante de Dios de esta manera, el Señor nos hace ver si entre nuestras motivaciones hay egoísmo; nos consuela en los pesares y nos da a conocer todo aquello que es contrario a su amor y su voluntad. Jesús se alegra sobremedida cuando simplemente le contamos cómo ha sido nuestro día; se regocija de nuestras pequeñas victorias sobre el pecado y recibe con agrado las expresiones de gratitud y alabanza que le ofrecemos.

Pero no siempre es fácil entregarle al Señor todo lo que nos sucede; se requiere decisión y confianza en que Él proveerá para nuestras necesidades. En realidad, se requiere la constante determinación de pedirle que nos ayude a discernir lo bueno y lo malo que hay en nuestra vida. Hasta cierto punto, esto se facilita con el tiempo, pero jamás llega a realizarse sin esfuerzo alguno. Por eso, Jesús nos pide que permanezcamos unidos a Él, aunque sabemos que si nos apartamos, siempre podremos regresar a su lado, seguros de que Él nos perdona y no nos guarda rencor.

El verdadero fruto de permanecer en Cristo es llegar a una comunión cada vez más profunda con Dios. Piensa en la persona con quien tengas la relación más agradable y satisfactoria de todas, y luego imagínate que el amor que impregna esa relación se multiplica infinitamente. Eso no es más que una sombra tenue del amor perfecto que todos podemos descubrir si permanecemos en Cristo.

“Señor mío Jesucristo, quiero permanecer siempre unido a Ti. Quitá de mí todo brote de autosuficiencia que me impida llegar a una profunda comunión contigo, y permíteme, Señor, que tu amor eche fuera todo temor, mientras se purifica mi corazón.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 6	He 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8
Lunes 7	He 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
Martes 8	He 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31
Miércoles 9	He 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
Jueves 10	He 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
<i>San Damián de Molakai</i>	
Viernes 11	He 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
Sábado 12	He 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
<i>San Nereo, San Aquiles y San Pancracio</i>	
Domingo 13	He 10:21-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

FAITH IN ACTION

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT OF LENTEN PROGRAMS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Share in Hope Food Drive and Operation Rice Bowl, two Archdiocesan programs that became part of our parish's Lenten observance.

As a parish, we collected a bountiful supply of 1,718 pounds of food for the Share in Hope Food Drive. The food was donated to the Capital Area Food Bank, to then be distributed to charitable groups who serve those in need throughout the DC area.

The Cathedral also participated in Operation Rice Bowl. We collected coin, cash and check donations that totaled \$1018.85! Donations from the Archdiocese's involvement in Operation Rice Bowl will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, and a portion will be utilized to address hunger and poverty through the efforts of local parish programs. Thanks again to all who participated!

SINGLE SERVINGS OF SERVICE

While St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry provides for the physical and spiritual needs of homeless adults on Monday mornings, our neighbor in Columbia Heights, Christ House, provides 24-hour personal care for sick, homeless people to help break the cycle of homelessness. On Saturday, **May 12** from 5pm to 7pm we will help prepare dinner for their patients. To participate, contact Chris at StMattservice@gmail.com.

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 for more information.

ST. MATTHEW'S HOMELESS MINISTRY

Every Monday from 7:30 to 11am, 55 - 70 homeless men and women come for an hour of prayer and Scripture lessons, light breakfast, and distribution of toiletries, underclothing and lunches. To contribute food for our Homeless Ministry, to be dropped off in the West Conference Room by 7:30am on Mondays, contact James Walsh at jameswalsh1530@gmail.com. Food donors normally sign up to bring donations every other Monday. We continue to distribute socks, underwear and toiletries purchased from Poor Box donations. You can help by giving to the Poor Box or sending donations to the Rectory. Thank you for your support!

† THANKS AND PRAYERS † FOR DEACON JOSEPH!

Deacon Joseph Goldsmith serves his last Mass as a deacon at the Cathedral today, Sunday, **May 6** at the 1pm Spanish Mass. He will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Richmond on **June 2** and will return to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral on Sunday, **June 17** at 1pm. Please keep Deacon Joseph and Deacon Augustine in your prayers as they prepare for their ordinations (see the flyer for more information).

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

May 6 – May 13

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.

MONDAY—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm 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.

SATURDAY—Fr. Hurley delivers the final lecture in his series on the Wisdom Books at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

SUNDAY—A Mother's Day blessing is given at all Masses.

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.

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

A C†YA Meet-and-Greet is held after the 5:30pm Mass, at 6:30pm, in the East Conference Room.

The Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir presents a concert at 7pm in the Cathedral.

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.

BIBLE LECTURES ON WISDOM BOOKS

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

VOCATIONS

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER

The Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Priest Vocations will hold a discernment dinner for men in their 20s-40s on Sunday, **May 20**, 4-8pm, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (6001 Western Avenue, NW). The evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other DC area young men. Participants should be practicing Catholics, single and either college-age, post-graduates or professionals. Questions? Contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

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.



BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE

The Cathedral's Respect Life Ministry will hold a baby supplies drive on Sunday, **May 20**. Before and after all Masses, volunteers will collect donations of diapers, wipes, baby formula, car seats and strollers for the Northwest Pregnancy Center, a community outreach program that assists low-income mothers and their children by providing them with counseling, material assistance, housing, and educational opportunities, among other vital services. Monetary donations to Northwest Pregnancy Center also are welcome. For more information, contact the Respect Life Ministry Co-coordinator, Justin Silver, at 202-957-5188 or stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ABORTED DUE TO A POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

Were you happy to be pregnant and looking forward to a family? Were your hopes and dreams for a new little one replaced with incredible fear as medical staff told you that your child had "zero compatibility with life" and recommended an induction? Come to an *Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing* and meet other couples with the same experience on **May 19**, 9am-5pm. Project Rachel Ministry Team will help you through this day retreat with time for Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Saturday Vigil Mass. The location is disclosed only to retreatants upon registering. All contacts are confidential. Contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565 or shelavaj@adw.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

C†YA ON THE SIDELINES – Sundays through June 24 – Come cheer for the C†YA kickball team! Games will be played near the Washington Monument at 17th & Constitution from 3 to 4pm on Sundays through June 24 (4-5pm on **June 17**). Contact Carolyn cwait.10@gmail.com with questions.

C†YA FOR SUPPER – Thursday, May 31 – 7:30pm – Levante's – Calling all foodies and friends for the first monthly C†YA supper club! Please RSVP to Eileen mckeowneileen@gmail.com by May 27.

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

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

GRACIAS Y ORACIONES PARA EL DIÁCONO JOSEPH

El diácono Joseph Goldsmith sirve su última misa como diácono en la Catedral hoy, domingo, **6 de mayo** en la misa de 1:00 de la tarde en español. Él será ordenado como sacerdote para la diócesis de Richmond el **2 de junio** y volverá para celebrar una misa de Acción de Gracias en la Catedral el domingo, **17 de junio** a la 1:00 de la tarde. Por favor mantenga al diácono Joseph y al diácono Agustín en sus oraciones ya que ellos se preparan para su ordenación.

GRACIAS POR EL APOYO A LOS PROGRAMAS DE CUARESMA

Gracias a todos los que participaron este año en los programas Hope Food Drive y Taza de Arroz; dos programas de la Arquidiócesis que pasaron a formar parte de nuestra parroquia en Cuaresma.

Como una parroquia, pudimos recoger una cantidad favorable de 1718 libras de alimentos para Share in Hope Food Drive. La comida fue donada al Capital Area Food Bank. Ellos las distribuyeron a grupos de caridad que ayudan a los más necesitados de nuestra área.

La Catedral también participó en el programa Taza de Arroz y pudimos recoger la cantidad de \$1018.85; la mayoría de estos fondos serán enviados a Servicios Católicos de Socorro, mientras que una porción menor serán utilizados para combatir el hambre y la pobreza a través de los esfuerzos de los programas locales de las parroquias. ¡Gracias otra vez a todos los que participaron!

COLECTA DE ARTÍCULOS PARA BEBES

El Comité de Respeto a la Vida de la Catedral tendrá una colecta de artículos para bebés el domingo **20 de mayo**. Antes y después de todas las misas, voluntarios estarán recogiendo pañales, toallitas húmedas de bebé, fórmula, asientos de bebés y coches de bebés para el Centro del Embarazo del Noroeste, un programa que ofrece ayuda a madres de bajos recursos, y a sus hijos a proveerles consejería, asistencia material, vivienda y oportunidades educativas, entre otros servicios vitales. Donaciones monetarias son bienvenidas. Para más información puede contactar al coordinador del Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, Justin Silver al: stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com o llame al 202-957-5188.

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

¿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: stmatthewsprogram@gmail.com

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.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

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.

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS***Sunday, May 6***

5:30pm (vigil) – Virgilio Marcos Da Silva
 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

Monday, May 7

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn
 8am – Felisa Bernabe
 12:10pm – Dr. Thomas Clary
 5:30pm – Bridget Therese Mora (living)

Tuesday, May 8

7am – Sam Agati
 8am – Mabel Pollard
 12:10 – Vinicio Urribarri
 5:30pm – Barbara Reyes & Walter Rios
 (living)

Wednesday, May 9

7am – Thanksgiving
 8am – Benjamin T. Romualdez
 12:10pm – Louis & Rita Rodriguez (living)
 5:30pm – Lolita Ferraro

Thursday, May 10

7am – Juan U. Tria
 8am – Angelica de León
 12:10pm – Patricia Degges
 5:30pm – Leonard Zelonis (living)

Friday, May 11

7am – Ann Madden Brazil
 8am – José Alday
 12:10 – Mr. Vincent Jacobs
 5:30pm – Leslie Zolbe

Saturday, May 12

8am – Pacita Dizon de Gomez
 12:10pm – Mary Eleanor Flynn
 5:30pm – Lira Calahorrano

Sunday, May 13

7am – Rita T. Zelonis (living)
 8:30am – Thanksgiving to Our Lady of
 Fatima
 10am – Graciela de Tejada & Maria Rivera
 11:30am – Jean Malvicini
 1pm – Maria M. dos Santos y Familia
 5:30pm – Victor Escorpizo

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.



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 OUR CATHEDRAL PARISH
 IN YOUR WILL.

For more information,
 please call
 Msgr. Jameson.

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 or 202-347-3215. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir

In Concert



Sunday, May 13, 7:00pm

**Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington DC 20036**

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more info: visit www.stmatthewscathedral.org or call 202-587-5141

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). The John Carroll Society hosted Father Barron for its annual lecture at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in 2011.



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For information about Faith Formation offerings at St. Matthew’s Cathedral, contact Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.



**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. 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.



**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. También tendremos cartas modelo después de las misas el 29 de abril y 6 de mayo.

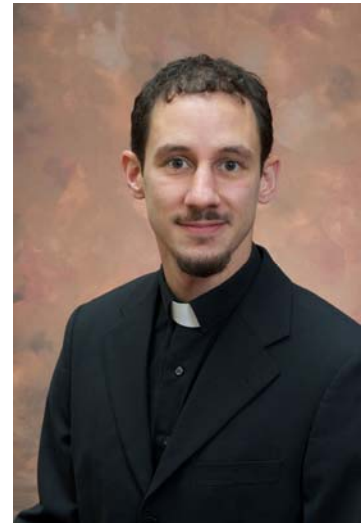
Para mayor información sobre el proyecto de presupuesto para viviendas y servicios a los desamparados, favor visitar www.goodfaithdc.org.

† ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD †



Br. Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP 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 5:30pm Vigil, 8:30am, and 5:30pm 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.

Deacon Joseph Goldsmith is completing his last year of seminary studies at Theological College of The Catholic University of America. He says that it has been a wonderful and grace-filled journey being prepared for the priesthood and meeting so many of God's people. In college he studied Chemical Engineering and also earned a minor in Business. After college, he worked for 5 years running his own small consulting business. During that time he continued to feel the call to discern priesthood. After many years wrestling with the call, he decided to apply for seminary. He was welcomed into seminary in 2006 and since that time he has had many beautiful experiences while growing in the Catholic faith. In a particular way, Deacon Joseph has been delighted to take voice lessons and sing in many choirs and groups at Catholic University. Over the past few years, he has increased his Spanish studies in order to better serve the Hispanic community. He currently works with the Hispanic community of St. Matthew's parish both as a teacher and a minister at Mass. Deacon Joseph enjoys exercise, rock-climbing, music, cooking, and most importantly sharing the faith. He will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Richmond on June 2, 2012 and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Matthew's Cathedral at 1pm on June 17, 2012.



El Diácono Joseph Goldsmith está completando su año final de estudios en el seminario Theological College Catholic University of America. Viene de la diócesis de Richmond en Virginia. Dice que ha tenido un programa maravilloso de preparación para el sacerdocio y de haber podido conocer a tanta gente católica. Originalmente obtuvo un bachillerato de ingeniería química y negocios. Después de la graduación fue dueño de un negocio pequeño de servicio de computadoras por cinco años. Durante ese tiempo sintió la llamada a la vocación sacerdotal. Ese proceso le fue difícil y duró varios años pero después de haber sido aceptado al seminario en 2006 todo cambió y encontró una alegría muy grande. Ha tenido muchas experiencias buenas en el seminario. De una manera particular disfrutó estudios adicionales de voz y canto. Ha cantado en coros y en varios grupos universitarios. Durante estos últimos años ha acrecentado sus estudios de español para servir mejor a la comunidad hispana. Al presente trabaja como maestro en la comunidad hispana de la Catedral de San Mateo. También sirve en las misas como diácono. Sus pasatiempos incluyen el hacer ejercicios, escalar rocas, cocinar, la música, y lo más importante: compartir la fe. Será ordenado como sacerdote en Richmond el 2 de Junio del 2012. Celebrará una misa en S. Mateo el domingo de 17 de Junio.

*Please pray for our deacons as they prepare for ordination!
Por favor, oren por nuestros diáconos mientras se preparan para la ordenación!*