

## TODAY'S READINGS

**H**e saw and believed. (John 20:8)  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Father, we exult in your glory!  
We rejoice, turning our thoughts to the One who lives, who is seated at your right hand above every power and authority and dominion.

He's alive! Mary's thoughts spun at the empty tomb: Jesus is missing! What happened? Who took his body? But we fix our eyes on the living Christ. Our thoughts don't have to spin fruitlessly, hopelessly grasping at "reasonable" explanations. Because Jesus lives, we have hope. We are a new creation. We can look at life through new eyes, think with life-giving thoughts, and speak words of wisdom and understanding. Because he lives, we have peace. The unknown doesn't have to shake us. God is for us, and nothing can separate us from his love.

He's alive! Peter's thoughts, perhaps, churned in regret: "I failed him. I said I would die for him, but I ran away. Now he's gone." But there is now no condemnation. Jesus has reconciled us to himself. We are seated with him at God's right hand. Because he is alive, we are free from the law of sin and death. We are forgiven. Period. Jesus' blood has cleansed us, and because he lives eternally, this cleansing is powerful. Though our lives are hidden in Christ now, one day we will appear with him in glory.

He's alive! John saw the same empty tomb—and believed. He might not have understood fully, but still he believed. He recalled Jesus' promises, and seeing the evidence of the empty tomb, he trusted them more than his own thoughts.

He's alive! What about you? Jesus' promise of life that never ends, a life full of grace and glory, freedom and endless joy. Though for a time (like Lent) we endure want and difficulties, we still fix our eyes on what is above, knowing what the empty tomb really points to. Christ is risen, and in him we now share in the promise of eternal life!

*"Jesus, you're alive! In you I live and move and have my being! Alleluia!"*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 31st</b>	Act 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8 / <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i> Jn 20:1-9
<b>Monday 1st</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b>	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday 4th</b>	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday 5th</b>	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	Act 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-13,17-19 / Jn 20:19-31
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

**Y**a brillan los sagrados fulgores de la luz de Cristo, la luz diáfana del espíritu purísimo resplandece y los tesoros celestiales de la gloria y la divinidad se despliegan. Las tinieblas fueron sorbidas; la oscuridad impenetrable quedó disipada en Él, las sombras amenazantes de la muerte fueron cubiertas de luz. Mientras la vida se derrama sobre todas las cosas, éstas brillan con luz radiante; el amanecer de los amaneceres alumbró todo el universo. Aquel que es anterior al lucero matinal, el gran Cristo, inmortal e inconmensurable, resplandece sobre toda la creación, con luz más potente que la del sol.

Por esta razón, un día esplendoroso, grandioso, eterno e imperecedero amanece para todos los que han creído en Él. Llega la Pascua mística, prefigurada por la Ley pero hecha realidad en Cristo; la maravillosa Pascua, que manifiesta la excelencia de Dios y las obras de su poder; un memorial festivo y eterno; brota de la mortalidad, la inmortalidad; de la muerte, la vida; de la herida, la curación; de la caída, la elevación; del descenso, el ascenso. Así realiza Dios sus obras poderosas, creando maravillas de la adversidad, para que se sepa que solo Él puede hacer todo cuanto se propone.

Que celebren gozosos los primeros en recibir el divino Espíritu; que los ángeles y arcángeles del cielo se alegren; que todas las cortes celestiales y los ejércitos angélicos exulten de gozo al ver que su Jefe Supremo viene en cuerpo y alma al mundo. Que los coros de estrellas aplaudan, anunciando al que aparece antes que el lucero de la mañana. Que toda la tierra se gloríe, bañada en la preciosa sangre del Cordero. Que toda alma humana cante ¡Aleluya! llena de gozo por tan magnífico suceso y reanimada ya por la resurrección para el nuevo nacimiento.

*"Amado y glorioso Señor Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador Resucitado, Rey de reyes y Señor de señores, te alabamos, te bendecimos y te damos gracias porque nos amaste hasta el fin y hasta derramar tu sangre preciosa por nosotros, los pecadores. Úngenos, Señor, para que siempre seamos testigos dignos de tu gloriosa resurrección."*

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is truly risen! Alleluia!  
Wishing you a joyful Easter! Rejoice!



Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic family! At the Easter Vigil, we welcomed fourteen adults into the Church. As a parish community, we are called to help them to deepen their relationship with God and with the Church. Please welcome them, and keep them in your prayers. **Those who received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:** Christopher Chalke, Joshua Funk, Tyler Martin, Matthew Schumaker, Aimee Stoltz, Ploykarat Sung, and Katherine Wilmeth. **Those who were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church:** Gwen Fraker, Charlene Frink, Kelly Hanson, Charles King, and Lane Major. **Baptized Catholics who completed the Sacraments of Initiation:** Anmari Borja and Allison Creagan-Frank.

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

March 31– April 7

### SUNDAY 31—The Resurrection of the Lord

The regular Sunday schedule of Masses is observed, and the Rectory is closed.

**Donald Cardinal Wuerl** celebrates the 10am Mass in English.

**MONDAY 1**—The Rectory offices are closed. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no confessions.

**TUESDAY 2**—El Grupo de Oración en Español tendrá una hora de reflexión a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY 3**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**THURSDAY 4**—Circle of Hope Al-Anon meeting is held at 1:15pm in the West Conference Room (enter via the alley).

Evening prayer with the Sant'Egidio Community is held in the St. Anthony Chapel at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation in the West Conference Room.

Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

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

**SATURDAY 6**—A lecture on “The Resurrection in Scripture” is given at 10:30am in the North Conference Room.

**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

St. Joseph University Singers (Philadelphia) provide music at the 5:30pm Mass.

### SUNDAY 7—Divine Mercy Sunday

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held after all Masses except 7am in the North Conference Room.

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

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration immediately following the 1pm Mass (approximately 2:15pm), and the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed in English and Spanish at 3pm, concluding with Benediction (see the flyer).

## MARRIAGE

**“JustMarried” DINNER & DISCUSSION** – St. Matthew's "JustMarried" group brings together newly married couples (within three years) for fellowship and service projects. On Thursday, **April 11** join us for dinner and discussion with a “Cathedral Couple.” Will Young and Beth Garcia met, dated and married at St. Matthew's and are living “happily ever after” with their 3 young children, whom they are raising in the faith . . . and it all began here at the Cathedral!

*Time:* 6:30pm – social & heavy hors d'oeuvres followed at 7pm by discussion and fellowship

*Location:* Great Hall of the Cathedral Rectory (enter via Rectory)

*RSVP* to Susan Allen at

[justmarried.stmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:justmarried.stmatthews@gmail.com).

Please sign up to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

**BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES** – On Sunday, **April 28** a blessing of engaged couples will be given at the 11:30am Mass. All engaged couples are invited to receive the blessing. To participate, email [Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION** – The annual jubilarian celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 16** at 2pm, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Wuerl will be the Mass celebrant. To register from the parish, call 202-587-5143 by **April 12**.

## FAITH FORMATION

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?** – For those who are thinking about becoming Catholic, St. Matthew's offers Inquiry, an ongoing conversation about the faith, on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. Inquiry is the first step for those who are discerning their commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. The next Inquiry will be Wednesday, **April 10**. Contact: Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**BOOK CLUB: APRIL 1865: THE MONTH THAT SAVED AMERICA** – Please join the Book Club on **April 22** when we will discuss *April 1865: The Month That Saved America* by Jay Winik. Winik recounts perhaps the most important month in American history, one that saw the culmination of the Civil War as well as the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Winik's detailed account provides incredible background on the events that transpired and how they shaped the future of our country. The Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. Contact: Paul Zummo [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com).

## FAITH IN ACTION

**THANK YOU!** – The Social Justice Committee would like to thank everyone who generously contributed to the **Adopt-A-Family Easter Drive**. Your donations will provide over 53 families in need, including many from our parish, with a bountiful and hearty meal this Easter. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the planning and success of this drive.

The Committee also would like to thank all parishioners who participated in this year's **Share in Hope Food Drive**. As a parish, we were able to collect a bountiful supply of 1,434 pounds of food! Most of the donations were delivered to the Capital Area Food Bank, to then be distributed to charitable groups that serve those in need throughout the DC area. This year, we kept 150 items for our Homeless Ministry, including healthy snacks, juice, canned fruit and oatmeal. If you are interested in becoming a breakfast donor or volunteering with St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry, please email Jim Walsh at [jameswalsh1530@gmail.com](mailto:jameswalsh1530@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity!



### REMINDER FOR CRS RICE BOWLS –

Thank you to all who participated in the CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program that raises funds to help those in need. This is a reminder that

volunteers will collect Rice Bowls next weekend, **April 6-7**, at the main entrance of the Cathedral. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. For more information, visit: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** – Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 23 & 30 and May 7 – 6pm (happy hour) / 7 PM (talk) – Buffalo Billiards (1330 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW / Dupont) – The Archdiocese's Office of Young Adult Ministry is bringing back Theology on Tap at a new location. Join young adults from St. Matthew's and all around the city for food, drinks, fellowship, great speakers, and discussions on topics ranging from faith and entrepreneurship to media and the Church to Cardinal Wuerl's experience at the conclave! Learn more at [Facebook.com/ DCYoungAdult](https://www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult), and contact Jonathan yam@adw.org with questions.

**C†YA FOR HOSPITALITY** – Sunday, April 7 – following 5:30pm Mass – Cathedral North Conference Room – Join the Cathedral Young Adults and St. Matthew's parishioners for free food and fellowship after Mass. Then, stick around to hang out and play a round of BINGO. Contact: Jillian at [jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:jillian.mcmahon@gmail.com).

**C†YA at Mass – Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – Cathedral** – Don't sit alone at Mass! Instead, celebrate with other young adult parishioners. We are no longer meeting in the back of the Cathedral, but please join us in our section near the front of the church on the right of the nave, in front of the choir – look for the "reserved" signs on the pews. Contact: Lara at [lara.ericson@gmail.com](mailto:lara.ericson@gmail.com).

### CONNECT WITH THE CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS!

– Whether you're visiting from another church, brand new to St. Matthew's, or a parishioner trying to become involved beyond attending Mass, consider connecting with the Cathedral Young Adults! All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to participate in any or all of our events. Check out our webpage <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cy> a and join our Google group listserv to receive email updates. Contact: Carolyn at [cwait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cwait.10@gmail.com).

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 31</b>	He 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9 <i>Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor</i>
<b>Lunes 1</b>	He 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
<b>Martes 2</b>	He 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
<b>Miércoles 3</b>	He 3:1-10 / Lc 24:13-35
<b>Jueves 4</b>	He 3:11-26 / Lc 24:35-48
<b>Viernes 5</b>	He 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
<b>Sábado 6</b>	He 4:13-21 / Mc 16:9-15
<b>Domingo 7</b>	He 5:12-16 / Apoc 1:9-13,17-19 / Jn 20:19-31 <i>Domingo de la Divina Misericordia</i>

**PRÓXIMAMENTE** – El lunes de Pascua **1 de abril** y el martes **16 de abril** día de la Emancipación de DC, las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas.

**¡GRACIAS!** – El Comité de Justicia Social quiere agradecer a todos quienes contribuyeron generosamente al proyecto Pascual de **Adopte-Una-Familia**. Sus donaciones proveerán a más de 53 familias en necesidad, incluso muchas de nuestra parroquia, con una cena substancial esta Pascua. Gracias a los voluntarios quienes ayudaron con la planificación y el éxito de esta colecta.

El Comité también quiere agradecer a todos los feligreses quienes participaron en la Colecta de Comida, **Comparte en la Esperanza**. ¡La parroquia pudo recoger una abundante colecta de 1,434 libras de alimentos! La mayoría de las donaciones fueron entregados al *Capital Area Food Bank*, un banco de alimentos que distribuye comida a caridades locales quienes sirven a personas en necesidad. Este año, nos quedamos con 150 artículos de comida para nuestro Ministerio Para Personas Sin Hogar, incluyendo meriendas saludables, jugo, fruta enlatada y harina de avena. Si estás interesado en ser donante de desayuno o ser voluntario con el Ministerio Para Personas Sin Hogar, por favor llame a Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

**RECORDATORIO PARA CRS PLATO DE ARROZ** – Gracias a todos quienes están participando en CRS Plato de Arroz, el programa cuaresmal de *Catholic Relief Services* que recauda fondos para ayudar a gente en necesidad. Esto es un recordatorio para dejarlos saber que voluntarios recogerán las cajas de cartón (Platos de Arroz) el fin de semana del **7 de abril**, en la entrada principal de la Catedral. Sus oraciones, el ayuno y el dar limosna durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, ayudará a los servicios de socorro, de *Catholic Relief Services* el poder continuar a proveer ayuda que se ofrece en casi 100 países. Para más información, visite: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). Para preguntas sobre la participación de nuestra parroquia, contacte a Norma en la rectoría.

### DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA –



*Jesucristo es la misericordia divina en persona.* (Papa Benedicto XVI) Únase a su familia parroquial para la devoción de la Divina Misericordia en la Catedral, el próximo domingo **7 de abril** a las 2 de la tarde. Venga a la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento inmediatamente después de la misa de la 1 en español

(aproximadamente a la 2:15), a las 3 de la tarde recitación de la coronilla (alternando en español e ingles) concluyendo con la Bendición.

### MISA ANUAL DE JUBILEO MATRIMONIAL –

Donald Cardenal Wuerl estará presidiendo la misa anual para celebrar a las parejas que están conmemorando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **16 de junio** a las 2:00 de la tarde, en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción. Por favor llame a la Recto-ría al 202-347-3215. Todas las parejas que desean participar tienen que estar inscritas el **12 de abril**.

### CLASES PARA LA CONFIRMACION DE

**ADULTOS** – Las personas adultas que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación el **12 de mayo**, tienen que recibir unas clases que se ofrecerán los domingos 14 de abril, 21 de abril, 28 de abril y 5 de mayo y tener la partida de bautismo vigente. Para más información llame a la rectoría y deje un mensaje para Fátima Aybar 202-347-3215 ext 543.

### DÍA DE ORACIÓN Y SANACIÓN –

Las mujeres que han tenido un aborto en sus vidas están invitadas a un día de Oración y Sanación el sábado **27 de abril**. Se va a sentir en un ambiente de paz y confianza para poder sanar de la vergüenza y otras emociones negativas que llegan después de un aborto. El lugar es confidencial se les dirá el día de su inscripción. Para más información puede llamar al Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel: 301-853-4565. Pregunte por Luz Menjivar. Recuerde que todos nuestros contactos son confidenciales [ProyectoRaquel@adw.org](mailto:ProyectoRaquel@adw.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

March 31– April 7

**Sunday, March 31**

7am – Patricia Casson  
 8:30am – Margaret Cahill Hurley  
 10am – Joseph & Carol Pruncal  
 11:30am – Joseph Le  
 1pm – Hugo Galindo (living)  
 5:30pm – Julius Egoego NWA

**Monday, April 1**

8am – Adelaide De Montlaur  
 12:10pm – Ben Burdick

**Tuesday, April 2**

7am – Mr. Peter Faherty  
 8am – André Labat  
 12:10pm – Rosemarie Teisl  
 5:30pm – Olivier Burbano

**Wednesday, April 3**

7am – Cyril Mejac  
 8am – Beverly J. Martino  
 12:10pm – Raymond D. Stehle  
 5:30pm – Jacques Delpi

**Thursday, April 4**

7am – Samira Nejjar (living)  
 8am – André Labat  
 12:10pm – Nora Lomero  
 5:30pm – Moisés López

**Friday, April 5**

7am – Lidia & Luis Ramirez (living)  
 8am – Abasali & Farrah Motie  
 12:10pm – Angelina Maratzo  
 5:30pm – Bud King (living)

**Saturday, April 6**

8am – Nancy & Fabio Della Manna (living)  
 12:10pm – John Beal, Jr.  
 5:30pm – Barbara K. Trevett

**Sunday, April 7**

7am – All Parishioners  
 8:30am – Angela Talak (living)  
 10am – Emily Barlow  
 11:30am – Frantiska Lyskova & family (living)  
 1pm – Agradecimiento a la Virgen de Guadalupe  
 5:30pm – George Colantonio

*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.*

**NEWS AND NOTES****HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** – On Easter

Monday, **April 1** and on DC Emancipation Day, Tuesday, **April 16**, the Rectory offices will be closed. On both days, the Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm, Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm, and there will be no Confessions.



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY APRIL 7** – All are welcome for fellowship and a snack at the Hospitality receptions after next Sunday's Masses except the 7am Mass!

**ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN** – Always Our Children, the Gay and Lesbian Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, will hold a confidential meeting on Sunday, **April 14**, 3:30-5:15pm, in the West Conference Room.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE**

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.

**CELEBRATING BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org or 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 GIFTS**

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church featuring the Cathedral's history, art and architecture with photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree.

Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and CD recordings of the Schola Cantorum.

Items may be purchased in the Rectory or by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Rectory hours are Monday to Thursday from 9am until 8pm and Friday through Sunday from 9am until 4pm.

*Our Dominican deacons present:*  
**“DEATH, BE NOT PROUD”**  
*An Easter Lecture Series*

Saturday, *April 6*

**The Eyewitness Accounts: The Resurrection in Scripture**

Br. Albert Duggan, O.P.

What happened on Easter morning? The gospels have handed down several distinct eyewitness accounts of the Resurrection. While the details of each account differ, they all point to the same glorious reality of Christ's victory over sin and death. In this lecture, Br. Albert will lead an examination of the scriptural testimony about the Resurrection.

Saturday, *April 13*

**Making Sense of the Resurrection with the Fathers of the Church**

Br. Sebastian White, O.P.

Many modern intellectuals think it childish and unreasonable to have firm belief in the Resurrection of the Lord. The earliest theologians and scholars of the Church not only believed in the historical fact of the Resurrection but also reflected on the various meanings and effects of the Resurrection for every Christian. Br. Sebastian will lead us through some of the important lessons from these great thinkers.

Saturday, *April 20*

**Seeing the Risen Christ: The Resurrection in Art**

Br. Albert Duggan, O.P.

Even those who were not eyewitnesses have been able to see the risen Christ with the eyes of faith. The divine gift of faith can transform artistic skill into a truly theological enterprise. In this lecture, Br. Albert will explore how art and iconography have profoundly enriched our own view of the Resurrection.

Saturday, *April 27*

**Rise Heart, Thy Lord Is Risen: The Resurrection in Poetry**

Br. Sebastian White, O.P.

Many find poetry either hopelessly opaque or embarrassingly romantic and feel it is better left to English majors or wooing lovers. However, there are many beautiful, accessible, and theological poems. Br. Sebastian will discuss some of the English language's best examples of the Resurrection in verse.

**All talks are from 10:30 to 11:45am in the North Conference Room.**

*(From inside: Go through side door by Cathedral organ and downstairs.*

*From outside: Enter through glass-and-iron door at driveway to right of Cathedral.)*

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*All are welcome. Come any or all Saturdays. No RSVP necessary.*

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation – [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org)



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person. (Pope Benedict XVI)*

Join your parish family for Divine Mercy Devotions in the Cathedral next Sunday, **April 7**. Come for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass (approximately 2:15pm) and the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (alternating in Spanish and English) at 3 pm, concluding with Benediction.

The Second Sunday of Easter is **Divine Mercy Sunday**, established by Pope John Paul II on the day that he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska in Rome (April 30, 2000). The special devotion to the divine mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina. On the day of his election as Pope, Benedict XVI spoke about the devotion of Pope John Paul II to the divine mercy, saying: "We listen with joy to the proclamation of the year of mercy... *Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person: To find Christ means to find the mercy of God...* The day of vengeance and the year of favor coincide in the paschal mystery, in Christ, dead and risen. This is the vengeance of God: He himself, in the person of the Son, suffered for us. The more we are touched by the mercy of the Lord, the more we are in solidarity with his suffering, the more disposed we are to complete in our flesh 'what is lacking in Christ's afflictions' (Colossians 1:24)."

To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday and the indulgences attached to devotions in honor of the divine mercy, visit <http://thedivinemercy.org> or <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm>.

In his Encyclical on the Mercy of God, *Dives in Misericordia* (Latin for "Rich in Mercy"), Pope John Paul II wrote: "Although God 'dwells in unapproachable light,' He speaks to man by means of the whole of the universe: 'Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.' This indirect and imperfect knowledge, achieved by the intellect seeking God by means of creatures through the visible world, falls short of 'vision of the Father.' 'No one has ever seen God,' writes St. John, in order to stress the truth that 'the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.' This 'making known' reveals God in the most profound mystery of His being, one and three, surrounded by 'unapproachable light.' Nevertheless, through this 'making known' by Christ we know God above all in His relationship of love for man: in His 'philanthropy.' It is precisely here that 'His invisible nature' becomes in a special way 'visible,' incomparably more visible than through all the other 'things that have been made': it becomes visible in Christ and through Christ, through His actions and His words, and finally through His death on the cross and His resurrection." (Pope John Paul II, from "Dives in Misericordia," November 30, 1980.)



## Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

*Faith Direct* is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

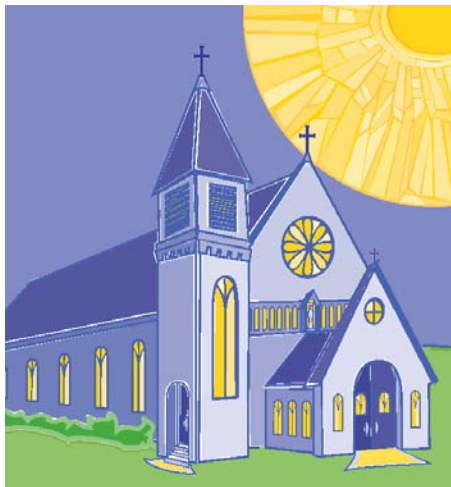
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

### *How does Faith Direct work?*

*Faith Direct* is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

### *When do transactions take place?*



Transactions take place once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

### *Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?*

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net).

### *How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?*

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

**If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**

# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



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*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)*

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.  
The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed as part of the regular monthly transaction.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

\* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

**If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.**

**For Checking Account Debit:** Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

**For Credit Card Debit:** Please complete the following...  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name as Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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