

TODAY'S READINGS

M*y Lord and my God! (John 20:28)*
When a child is conceived in the mother's womb, one cell is knitted to another. The parents' genes combine in a way that can never be separated, and they create an entirely new DNA—a new being is created that is special and unique. This is an appropriate image for today, a day set aside to celebrate God's divine mercy.

In modern usage, the word "mercy" is usually identified with compassion and forgiveness. When we offend someone or make a mistake, we hope that the other person will forgive us—will have mercy on us. But divine mercy goes much deeper than a pardon for our sins. In fact, the Hebrew word for "mercy," *rahamin*, speaks of the intimate attachment between two people. And so as we honor God's mercy today, we celebrate not only our forgiveness but the bond that our Father has with us. We celebrate the fact that we are so important to God that he wants to be knitted to us in an intimate, unbreakable bond.

Today, imagine God saying, "I've forgiven you, my child. Now won't you come back to me? You are flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone. You belong to me, and I belong to you. So let's make our relationship right. Let's make our relationship go deeper than before. Let me shower you with my mercy, even as you offer me your praise and your love."

So come to Jesus and welcome his mercy. Rest in his presence and let him rest in your presence. Commit yourself to him and let him bind himself to you. Imagine him weaving his heart with yours. Listen to your own heart beating and know that his heart is there as well. Believe, even if you don't see the evidence right now, that he is filling you with his Spirit. Believe that he has hope, joy, and peace waiting for you. Hear him telling you that even if a mother could possibly forget her nursing child, he will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15).

"Jesus, I trust in you. Knit yourself into my being."

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Sunday 7th	Act 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-13,17-19 / Jn 20:19-31 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
Monday 8th	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tuesday 9th	Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7-15
Wednesday 10th	Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
Thursday 11th	Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36 <i>St. Stanislaus</i>
Friday 12th	Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15
Saturday 13th	Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21 <i>St. Martin I</i>
Sunday 14th	Act 5:27-32,40-41 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

M*i Señor y mi Dios! (Juan 20,28)*
Tomás pronunció estas palabras cuando vio al Señor resucitado. Ahora sí podía unir su voz a la proclamación apostólica de que Jesús había vuelto a la vida, porque había llegado a la misma fe pascual que transformó a María Magdalena, Pedro, Juan y los demás apóstoles.

Tomás adquiere una singular importancia para nosotros, porque es el vínculo entre aquellos que vieron físicamente a Jesús y todas las generaciones posteriores que creerían en Cristo por el testimonio de los apóstoles y sus sucesores. Así como Tomás escuchó la noticia de la resurrección primero de sus compañeros apóstoles y luego tuvo su encuentro personal con Cristo, así también nos sucede a nosotros hoy.

Pero, ¿qué significa realmente que Jesús haya resucitado? En primer lugar, que la resurrección de Cristo demostraba que todas las promesas que Dios había hecho al pueblo de Israel eran válidas y ciertas, y que se cumplían en la Persona de Jesús. Significaba que Dios nos había redimido y nos había salvado de la condenación eterna.

¿No es esto motivo de enorme júbilo y gran alegría para todas las generaciones? Lo es indudablemente, porque en ello vemos el gran amor y la increíble misericordia que el Señor ha tenido con sus hijos pecadores.

Hoy se celebra el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia de Dios, que se manifestó real y visible-mente en la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor, y el instrumento que Dios utilizó para enseñarnos a reconocer su misericordia divina y propagar la devoción fue Santa Faustina Kowalska.

Hagamos hoy, pues, oraciones especiales de adoración, arrepentimiento y gratitud a nuestro Señor rezando la Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia:

"Padre eterno, te ofrezco el cuerpo, la sangre, el alma y la divinidad de tu amadísimo Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, para el perdón de nuestros pecados y los del mundo entero. Por su dolorosa pasión, ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero."

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HOSPITALITY

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

NEWS AND NOTES

THANK YOU FROM THE RECTOR – On behalf of the entire parish community, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers who decorated the Cathedral for Easter, the lectors, hospitality ministers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, sacristans, RCIA sponsors, parish staff, priests, deacons, and all who contributed time and talent to the Cathedral during Holy Week and Easter. Please be assured of my gratitude and best wishes for a very blessed Easter season.

—Msgr. Jameson

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

COME—LET US ADORE HIM! – All are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration next Monday, **April 15** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Nickel will preside. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the hour.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – On DC Emancipation Day, Tuesday, **April 16**, the Rectory offices will be closed. 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LECTOR? – An orientation and training session for those wishing to become lectors at the Cathedral will be held Saturday, **April 27** in the East Conference Room from 9:30am until 1pm. We welcome the participation of both registered parishioners and our “weekday parishioners”—members of other parishes who work in the downtown area and attend weekday Masses at the Cathedral. Those attending also will be asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. Candidates who are invited to become lectors will be asked to commit to reading at Mass at least twice each month. To register for the session, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x517 by Wednesday, **April 23**. We look forward to seeing you.

EXERCISE FOR OLDER ADULTS – All are welcome to the Dupont Circle Village Live and Learn Seminar with Dr. Loretta DiPietro on the clinical and psychological benefits of exercise on Monday, **April 22** in the North Conference Room. Dr. DiPietro, Chair of the Department of Exercise Science at George Washington University, will explain current findings in the clinical and psychological benefits of exercise and will demonstrate specific exercises. The seminar will be held from 3:30 to 5pm. For reservations, contact Linda Harsh, 202-234-2567, or lindajkh@mac.com. The talk is free for Village members and St. Matthew’s parishioners and \$10 for others.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

April 7– April 14

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).

MONDAY 8—The Liturgy

Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 9—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

El Grupo de Oración en Español continúa con las reflexiones en este Año de la Fe a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 10—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 11—Circle of Hope Al-Anon meeting is held at 1:15pm in the West Conference Room (enter via the alley). Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

SATURDAY 13—A lecture on “Making Sense of the Resurrection with the Fathers of the Church” is given by Br. Sebastian White, O.P. at 10:30am in the North Conference Room.

SUNDAY 14—Las clases de preparación para la Confirmación, empezarán a las 11:00 de la mañana, hasta las 12:15 del mediodía en el salón del Oeste. The Cathedral Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room. Always Our Children meets at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room. The Cathedral Young Adults Meet-and-Greet is held after the 5:30pm Mass in the East Conference Room.



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.

BOOK CLUB: APRIL 1865: THE MONTH THAT SAVED AMERICA – Please join the Book Club on **April 22** when we 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.

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.

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

BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES – On Sunday, **April 28** Msgr. Jameson and other St. Matthew's clergy will confer a blessing of engaged couples at the 11:30am Mass. All engaged couples being prepared for marriage by St. Matthew's clergy or who will be married at the Cathedral are invited to receive the blessing. After the homily, the couples will be invited into the sanctuary for the blessing, after which they will return to their pews. To participate, email 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**.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament so that it may reflect the Love of Jesus. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Archdiocese of Washington on **May 17-19**. For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or contact us at 301-541-7007 or wwme@whalenfamily.com.

FAITH IN ACTION

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, 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.

THANK YOU – The Social Justice Committee thanks everyone who participated in this year's Simple Lenten Meals Program. Thank you to all the parishioners who joined us in prayer, almsgiving, and fellowship. Together we raised donations for local charities that provide essential services to the community: Joseph's House, Home of St. Francis of Assisi, L'Arche Community of Greater Washington, the Northwest Pregnancy Center, Prison Outreach Ministry, and our parish Social Justice & Community Services ministries. Thanks to our visitors from these charities for sharing with us about the vital services they provide. A special thank you to the Cathedral's RCIA Catechumens, the Hispanic community, Young Adults, Knights of Columbus, and the Liturgy Committee for preparing and serving the meals, and to Bertucci's Restaurant for their donation of dinner rolls.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 7	He 5:12-16 / Apoc 1:9-13,17-19 / Jn 20:19-31 <i>Domingo de la Divina Misericordia</i>
Lunes 8	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lc 1:26-38 <i>La Anunciación del Señor</i>
Martes 9	He 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7-15
Miércoles 10	He 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
Jueves 11	He 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36 <i>San Estanislao</i>
Viernes 12	He 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15
Sábado 13	He 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21 <i>San Martin I</i>
Domingo 14	He 5:27-32,40-41 / Apoc 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19

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, hoy 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 inglés) concluyendo con la Bendición.

¡ ¡ ¡ **GRACIAS !!!** – En nombre de toda la comunidad parroquial, quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a los voluntarios que ayudaron a decorar la Catedral: lectores, ujieres, monaguillos, ministros de la Eucaristía, músicos, sacristanes, padrinos del RICA, el personal de la Catedral, sacerdotes, diáconos y a todos los que contribuyeron con su tiempo y talento durante la Semana Santa y Pascua. Su esfuerzo hizo una gran diferencia. Estoy muy agradecido y les deseo una feliz época de Pascua. —*Monseñor Jameson*

GRACIAS POR SU APOYO AL PROGRAMA DE CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA – El Comité de Justicia Social quisiera agradecerles a todos quienes participaron en las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma de este año. Gracias a todos los feligreses quienes nos acompañaron en oración, dando limosna, y compartiendo en compañía de los demás. Juntos pudimos recaudar donaciones para caridades locales quienes proveen servicios esenciales a la comunidad: *Joseph's House*, Hogar San Francisco de Asís, Comunidad L'Arche de Washington, *Northwest Pregnancy Center*, *Prison Outreach Ministry*, y nuestros ministerios de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de la parroquia. Quisiéramos agradecer a nuestros visitantes de estas caridades por haber compartido con nosotros sobre los servicios vitales que ellos proveen. Un agradecimiento especial a los grupos de la Catedral de Catecúmenos de RICA, la comunidad hispana, Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral, Caballeros de Colon, y el Comité de Liturgia por haber preparado y servido las cenas. También estamos muy agradecidos por la donación de panes del Restaurante Bertucci's.

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 Rectoría 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. Las clases se ofrecen a las 11 de la mañana, en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. Para más información llame a la rectoría y deje un mensaje para Fátima Aybar 202-347-3215 ext 543.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO – Les invitamos el lunes **15 de abril** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la adoración.

PRÓXIMAMENTE – 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.

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 y 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 7 – April 14

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

Monday, April 8

7am – Concensa A. Bongolan (living)
 8am – Dolores Lopez
 12:10pm – Ellen B. Lewis
 5:30pm – Ricardina & Fausto Rios

Tuesday, April 9

7am – All Souls
 8am – Thanksgiving
 12:10pm – Humberto Jose Barbosa
 5:30pm – Alberto Senar (living)

Wednesday, April 10

7am – Stollas Roach
 8am – Father Larry Swink (living)
 12:10pm – Peter Redmond, Sr.
 5:30pm – Alex & Laura Reyes (living)

Thursday, April 11

7am – Ducan Packer
 8am – Andrew S. Latka
 12:10pm – Mary Rodgers
 5:30pm – Daryoush Motie (living)

Friday, April 12

7am – Jose & Belinda Barahona (living)
 8am – Gloria Molina
 12:10pm – Gloria Mora (living)
 5:30pm – Barbara Reyes (living)

Saturday, April 13

8am – Tracey Marshall
 12:10pm – William Anderson
 5:30pm – William Joseph Biche

Sunday, April 14

7am – Cassiel Webster
 8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Paul Schratweiser
 11:30am – Jessie Levy
 1pm – Carlos Neuhaus
 5:30pm – Twee Nguyen & family (living)

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.

VISITS & TOURS

People from around the country and around the world are drawn to the Cathedral by its history, art and architecture and its invitation to prayer and worship. We invite you to plan a visit or pilgrimage—all are welcome. Schedule a guided tour or to take a self-guided tour using the color brochures available at the Cathedral entrance. Contact us at 202-587-5143 or mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULTS**THEOLOGY ON TAP –**

Tuesdays, April 9, 23 & 30 and May 7 – 6pm (happy hour) / 7pm (talk) – Buffalo Billiards (1330 19th 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 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 lara.ericson@gmail.com for more information.

C†YA FOR A HAPPY HOUR / STAY HAPPY (HOUR) – Friday, April 19 – 6 to 8 pm – Madhatter (1319 Connecticut Avenue NW / Farragut North) We're partnering with the young adults at St. Thomas for another fun happy hour! Bring your coworkers and friends, or just come on your own to meet other young Catholics in DC. Contact Sarah zick.sarah@gmail.com if you have questions.



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.)

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.)

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

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation – hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org



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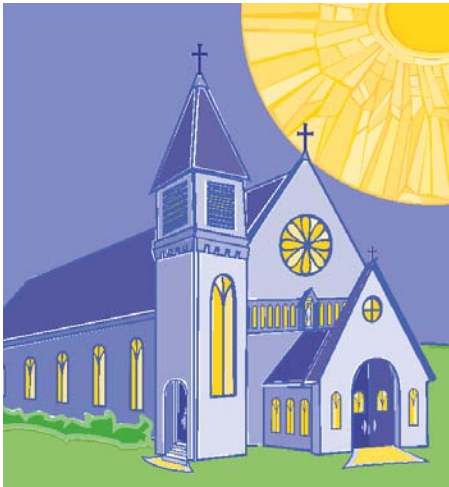
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The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

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, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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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 4th 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 4th 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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