

TODAY'S READINGS

... with a demonstration of spirit and power. (1 Corinthians 2:4)
Christians are called to be kind and generous, to serve those in need, and to be honest and fair in all of their dealings. But that's not at the heart of what sets a Christian apart. What really makes us different is our faith in Christ and our ability to demonstrate the power of God in this world. For without this, Christianity would be nothing more than a good philosophy.

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that when he came to them, it was with these demonstrations of power so that their faith would rest on "the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5). Now, we might think that these demonstrations of power were all miracles. And we'd be right—to a certain extent.

Certainly Paul performed some mighty miracles, but that doesn't seem to be what he is saying here. The demonstrations that Paul writes about also include a revelation of "the mystery of God," the message of "Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1, 2). They include his preaching that we can know God personally, feel his boundless love for us, and begin to grasp all that he has accomplished for us through his Son, Jesus.

These demonstrations didn't end with St. Paul. Every prayer time, every Mass offers us an opportunity to have our eyes opened to see Jesus more clearly. All we have to do is be alert and fix our hearts on him. All we have to do is ask the Spirit to help us, and we will get a new taste of God's love.

So whenever you pray or receive the sacraments, try to sense the Spirit at work. You may feel love for Jesus rising up in your heart. You may feel moved to repair a wounded relationship or to tell your family that you love them more often. God wants to give us demonstrations like these so that we can all become greater witnesses to his power in the world.

"Come, Holy Spirit, and show me your power today!"

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Ustedes son la sal de la tierra... Ustedes son la luz del mundo. (Mateo 5, 13. 14)

Jesús enseñaba que, así como la sal es un elemento vital para la vida diaria, también el testimonio de Dios que dan los discípulos es vital para el mundo, que necesita adquirir sabor, preservar su integridad espiritual y

recibir sanación. Aparte de esto, el Señor añadió que si la sal perdiera su sabor, no serviría para nada; es decir, si el testimonio de vida de sus discípulos no era

distinguible del estilo de vida de los paganos, significaba que ellos habrían perdido el sentido de su condición de discípulos y ya no sería válido su anuncio de que en efecto el Reino de Dios había llegado al mundo.

Del mismo modo, Jesús afirmó que sus fieles eran "la luz del mundo". La luz espiritual es la revelación de Dios o la llegada del Reino de los cielos. La luz tiene la cualidad propia de iluminar y hacer visibles las cosas, por lo cual, los discípulos tenían el deber dar un testimonio de vida que hiciera claramente visible el Reino en medio de la oscuridad del mundo, como una ciudad en una colina que es visible desde todos lados.

Pero esto no quiere decir que los fieles llamen la atención sobre sí mismos, sino que han de ser como "carteles luminosos" que señalan hacia la presencia del Señor y dan así gloria al Padre.

Hermano, ¿te parece que en tu conducta eres "sal de la tierra" y "luz del mundo"? Probablemente digas que no, pero lo importante es que trates de serlo, y que hagas algo para lograrlo, como profundizar tu oración, estudiar más la Sagrada Escritura, recibir asiduamente los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía y la Confesión, y hablar del Señor con tus familiares y conocidos. Aunque no te parezca que lo haces, así estarás dando sabor e iluminando tu propia vida y la de los demás.

"Padre celestial, dame la fuerza del Espíritu Santo para propagar tu Reino y ayúdame a vivir de tal modo que yo sepa dar a conocer la manifestación de tu divina presencia."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 9	Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16
Monday 10	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 / Mk 6:53-56
<i>St. Scholastica</i>	
Tuesday 11	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 / Mk 7:1-13
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	
Wednesday 12	1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 13	1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30
Friday 14	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mk 7:31-37
<i>St. Cyril & St. Methodius</i>	
Saturday 15	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10
Sunday 16	Si 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

NEWS AND NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS

– Kyle Ratuiste, a seminarian assigned to St. Matthew's, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine on Saturday, **February 15** at 9:30am by the Most Rev. Blase Cupich, Bishop of Spokane. Hailing from the Diocese of Spokane, WA, Kyle is a third-year theologian at Theological College. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved in Hispanic RCIA, assisting at the 1pm Spanish Mass, and preparation of couples for marriage. Kyle graduated from Gonzaga University and Bishop White Seminary in Spokane with degrees in philosophy and biochemistry. He has organized a summer vocations camp for his diocese, tutored chemistry at Archbishop Carroll High School, and worked at Georgetown University Hospital.

Kyle has greatly appreciated his time at the Cathedral and looks forward to returning to St. Matthew's during his fourth year of theology. He will serve as deacon and preach for the first time at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **February 16**. All are welcome! Please keep Kyle and all our seminarians in your prayers.



ALWAYS GOD'S CHILDREN – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's gay and lesbian ministry, will meet this afternoon at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

2013 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS – In an effort to go “green”, Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared only upon request. To receive a summary of your 2013 contributions, contact Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 x 517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org.

AL-ANON – Friends and relatives of those with alcohol or drug addictions are invited to the Circle of Hope Al-anon meetings on Thursdays at 1:15pm in the West Conference Room (enter via the alley).

PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHEDULE – On Monday, **February 17**, Presidents' Day, the Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There will be no Confessions, and the Rectory offices will be closed. **Note that our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, normally held on the third Monday of the month, is rescheduled to Monday, February 24.**

HOSPITALITY IN THE NEW YEAR – St. Matthew's Hospitality Committee traditionally has hosted a hospitality event after Masses on the first Sunday of each month to provide parishioners and visitors with an opportunity to meet others within our community. Before we can host any Hospitality Sundays this year, we need more volunteers! If you're thinking, “why would I want to help with Hospitality Sunday?” let us help you with a few reasons:

- you would like to meet more people in the parish,
- you would like to improve parish activities, or
- you have had such a great time at St. Matthew's that you feel very strongly about welcoming new and potential parishioners!

Whatever the reason, we encourage you to consider volunteering with your families or friends. Email us at stmatthospitality@gmail.com if you're interested, and let us know which Mass you generally attend along with any suggestions concerning these events. This is your chance to give back to your parish, and to make an impact here at St. Matthew's! Once again, we will not be hosting Hospitality Sunday until we have enough volunteers. Thank you for your time and attention, and we hope to hear from you soon! *“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” (Hebrews 13:2)*

PARISH CALENDAR

February 9–16

SUNDAY 9—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. The Cathedral Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room.

Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

A Children's Bloodmobile is parked in front of the Cathedral from 9am to 2pm for a blood drive.

MONDAY 10—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

TUESDAY 11—El grupo de Oración comienza a las 7 de la tarde con el rosario, y a continuación, empezamos el taller de Oración y Vida el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 12—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 13—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

SATURDAY 15—A Mass with Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at 12:10pm.

SUNDAY 16—Lithuanian Independence Day is remembered at the 10am Mass.

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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, **February 12**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (**May 1, 8, 15 & 22**) and one Saturday (**May 17**). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2014 will occur at a special Mass on Ascension Sunday, **June 1**. Registration forms are available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website beginning this weekend. The deadline to register is Friday, **April 4**. Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MORNING OF

RECOLLECTION – Oblate of St. Francis de Sales Father Michael Murray will return to lead our Lenten Morning of Recollection on Saturday, **March 8** in the North Conference Room. This year's theme is "Reconciled: Salesian Perspectives on Mercy, Humility, and Forgiveness." Watch the bulletin for more information.

BOOK CLUB: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS – "THE DUMB OX" – All are welcome to join the Book Club on Monday, **March 10** when for a discussion of *Saint Thomas Aquinas – "The Dumb Ox"* by G. K. Chesterton. Published in 1933, this book is recognized as one of the finest introductions to St. Thomas Aquinas and his scholarly works. The Book Club will meet at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room (accessible via the alley to the left of the front of the Cathedral).

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT – Ensemble 42, a DC-based wind-strings chamber music ensemble, will perform Johannes Brahms' youthful Serenade No. 1 on Sunday, **March 2** at 7pm, following the 5:30pm Mass. The piece, which Brahms later rearranged for a larger orchestra, bursts with the energy and passion of the young Brahms, while hinting at the reflective depth of his later years. Ensemble 42 also has performed the Schubert Octet and the Beethoven Septet, and recorded both pieces. The 45-minute concert is free and open to the public.

YOUNG ADULTS

We Need Your Opinion! – To better serve you, we want to know more about you and what you want from the Cathedral Young Adults. Please help us by taking a brief survey online at <http://goo.gl/YgD5EO> by Sunday, **February 16**. In exchange for about 10 minutes of your time, you can enter for a chance to win a \$25 check card. Contact Carolyn (cawait.10@gmail.com) with questions.

Wine and Wisdom – Monday, February 10 – 7 to 8:30pm – North Conference Room – All

young women are invited to attend our faith sharing group for a discussion on this month's topic, the Book of Esther (no advance reading required). For questions or to RSVP, email wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com.

Volunteering at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, February 11 – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights) – The Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and raise healthy babies. Each month, C†YA assists with odd jobs like sorting donations, cleaning, or doing yard work. Come once or every month! Contact Natalie Committee at natalie.committee@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

C†YA for a Discussion: Conversations on Beauty Thursday, February 20 – 7 to 8:30pm – Cathedral North Conference Room – This month we will examine the topic of "Born of the Virgin" through works of art. No knowledge or experience with art needed! All are invited to attend and discuss or just listen. The evening will end with a half hour of adoration and prayer in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Br. Gabriel at ztorretta@gmail.com.



Young adults with Fr. Kevin Regan worked on the playground at Holy Family School in Hillcrest Heights, MD on DCCatholic Day of Service, February 1.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 9 Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16
Lunes 10 1 Re 8:1-7,9-13 / Mc 6:53-56
Santa Escolástica
Martes 11 1 Re 8:22-23,27-30 / Mc 7:1-13
Nuestra Señora de Lourdes
Miércoles 12 1 Re 10:1-10 / Mc 7:14-23
Jueves 13 1 Re 11:4-13 / Mc 7:24-30
Viernes 14 1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mc 7:31-37
San Cirilo y San Metodio
Sábado 15 1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mc 8:1-10
Domingo 16 Si 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

FELICITACIONES Y ORACIONES – Kyle Ratuiste, un seminarista que fue asignado a San Mateo, será ordenado a diácono de transición en una de las Criptas de la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción el sábado, **15 de febrero** a las 9:30 de la mañana por el Obispo Blase Cupich de Spokane. Él vino de la Diócesis de Spokane, WA; Kyle está estudiando su tercer año de teología en la Universidad Teológica. Aquí en la Catedral él ha estado envuelto especialmente con el programa RICA, ayudando en la misa de español y preparando a parejas para el matrimonio. Kyle se graduó de la universidad de Gonzaga y el Seminario de Bishop White en Spokane, con maestrías de filosofía y bioquímica. Entre sus ministerios anteriores, él organizó un campamento de verano de vocaciones para su diócesis, enseña química en la escuela secundaria de Arzobispo Carroll e hizo trabajo de capellanía en el Hospital de la Universidad de Georgetown.



Kyle ha disfrutado su tiempo aquí en la Catedral. Él espera participar más con su tiempo en la Catedral durante su cuarto año de teología. Kyle servirá como diácono, y predicará por primera vez en la misa de 8:30 de la mañana en inglés el domingo **16 de febrero**. Todos están invitados. Por favor ténganlo presente en sus oraciones a él y a todos los seminaristas.

TALLER DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA – Sí quieres tener una relación personal con el Señor, ven, aprende a orar en un taller de Oración y Vida. Un método creado por el padre Ignacio Larrañaga. Aprende a entrar en íntima relación con nuestro Señor Jesucristo, desde los primeros pasos hasta las alturas de la contemplación.

Profundiza tu vida de fe, libérate de miedos y angustias y encuentra la paz en medio de las dificultades de la vida diaria. El taller es gratuito y comienza el martes **11 de febrero**, después del rosario. 7:30 a 9:30 de la noche. El taller se ofrecerá en el salón de conferencias del Oeste (donde se reúne el Grupo de Oración).

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS – Se celebrará una misa de Unción de los Enfermos en la Catedral el **15 de febrero** a las 12:10 del mediodía. La registración previa es requerida para nosotros asistirle mejor. Hoy en el boletín encontrara el formulario para inscribirse.

DIA DE LOS PRESIDENTES – El lunes **17 de febrero** es día de los Presidentes. Fiesta federal. 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. La adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se celebra el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el siguiente lunes, **24 de febrero**.

HOSPITALIDAD ESTE NUEVO AÑO – El comité de hospitalidad de la Catedral de San Mateo generalmente tiene hospitalidad el primer domingo de mes después de cada misa, para proporcionar a los feligreses y visitantes la oportunidad de conocer a otras personas dentro de nuestra comunidad. Pero antes de que podamos proveer cualquier hospitalidad este año los domingos, necesitamos voluntarios adicionales. Si usted está pensando, "¿Para qué quiero ayudar con la hospitalidad el domingo?" permítanos ayudarle con unas cuantas razones:

- le gustaría conocer más a la gente de la parroquia,
- le gustaría mejorar las actividades aquí en la parroquia, o
- usted ha tenido una gran experiencia aquí en San Mateo, y dar la bienvenida a los nuevos feligreses es importante.

Le animo a usted y a sus familiares o amigos ayudarnos con estos eventos. Por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros tan pronto como sea posible si usted está interesado; envíe un correo electrónico a: stmattshospitality@gmail.com, y háganos saber a qué misa asiste por lo general, junto con alguna idea o sugerencia que tenga para nosotros sobre estos acontecimientos. ¡Esta es su oportunidad no sólo para dar algo a su parroquia, sino también para hacer un impacto aquí en la Catedral de San Mateo! Y una vez más, no vamos a tener hospitalidad los domingos, hasta que tengamos un número suficiente de voluntarios. ¡Gracias por su tiempo y atención, y esperamos oír de usted pronto!

MASS INTENTIONS February 9 – 16

Sunday, February 9

7am – Alfonso Araque
(living)
8:30am – Anna Charnick
10am – Dr. Perry Inhofe
11:30am – Ricardina Rios
1pm – Porfirio Gonzalez
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Monday, February 10

7am – Jose Saad
12:10pm – Honorine
Maussavou
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 11

7am – Gasse family (living)
8am – Ferrante family
(living)
12:10pm – Melone family
(living)
5:30pm – Martin De León
(living)

Wednesday, February 12

7am – Marjorie Lutz
12:10pm – Helen Bonk
5:30pm – Kwame Ayivor

Thursday, February 13

8am – Beverly Fleming
(living)
12:10pm – Moen family
(living)
5:30pm – Virgen de
Guadalupe

Friday, February 14

8am – James P. McDonald
12:10pm – Odile Mboomba

Saturday, February 15

8am – Robert J. Kaler
12:10pm – Josiane Kwaou
5:30pm – Paul Leonard

Sunday, February 16

7am – Ronald Steffensen
8:30am – Anna & Leo
Charnick
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Deacon John Jay
McClay
1pm – Javier Amaya (living)
5:30pm – Alice Watson Cobb

“In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the LORD is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold. (Sirach 35:7-12)

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.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor.

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

AROUND THE AREA

JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY DAY OF RECOLLECTION – On **February 22** from 9am to 5pm, Father James J. Greenfield, OSFS, will lead the John Carroll Society's Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection at the Washington Retreat House (4000 Harewood Rd, NE). An overnight option is available beginning at 6pm on February 21. For more information or to register, visit www.johncarrollsociety.org or call 301-654-4399.

LENTEN SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN – *Peace, the Promised Gift – Accepted and Shared* is the theme of a silent weekend retreat for women to be held **March 14-16** at Dominican Retreat in McLean, VA. The retreat will be directed by Franciscan Father Michael Heine, with a focus on allowing God's Peace to speak in our hearts, claiming it for ourselves and implementing its practice in our lives. For details and to register, call the Retreat at 703-356-4243 or visit www.dominicanretreat.org.

LIVE JESUS 2014 – This Lent, prepare your heart for the celebration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter by attending the 11th annual *Live Jesus*—a morning of reflection, fellowship, and prayer with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. This year's program is "Francis and Francis – Living the Gospel Today – The Salesian Spirit of the Jesuit Pope." A featured speaker will be Father Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, who spoke in October at St. Matthew's on the Holy Spirit. *Live Jesus* will be held from 8am to 12:45pm on Saturday, **March 15** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna, VA. Find further details and register at www.oblates.org.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Of the seven sacraments, the Church classifies two of them as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (often known as Confession) and Anointing the Sick. Each of them involves healing the human person; one for our spiritual health and the other for our physical well-being. How these sacraments have been practiced in the life of the Church has differed over time. This brief summary is about the anointing of the sick. Historically, oil was widely used in the ancient world for a variety of life purposes: lighting, cooking, athletic preparation, special marking and especially healing wounds. So, it is not surprising that the New Testament includes reference to the use of oil, once in Mark's gospel and another in a letter of the apostle, James.

In the life of the early church, the common use of oil for healing was given a special blessing by the bishop to call upon God's power for the benefit of the sick. During the early centuries, the application of the blessed oil could be done by any of the baptized faithful, since it was primarily for the healing of physical defects. In later centuries, it began to be associated with the dying to heal the soul before death, especially as it was done concurrent with one's last confession. During these later centuries, this concurrent use of both sacraments led to limiting the sacramental anointing to those who were ordained, in particular, the priest.

All sacraments are for the benefit of the individual, but we are all members of the Body of Christ. So, when one member of the body is afflicted, so is the whole body. And as the physical body makes an effort to assist healing the afflicted part, so also the spiritual body is involved in healing the injured member. To reflect this theology, the Church encourages this sacrament to be administered as much as possible in a public way, even if administered in a hospital or nursing home. So, the sacramental ritual provides for celebrating the anointing as part of a community liturgy, such as Mass, much as we do for baptisms, first communions, and the other sacraments.

Moreover, the renewed rite now is more inclusive of who can be anointed regardless of age. The anointing can be administered to those preparing for serious surgery, the seriously ill, those suffering serious mental illness, those weakened by old age and others as judged prudent by the pastor (or chaplain).

This sacrament recognizes that the anointing is one aspect of pastoral care for the sick. Beyond the sacramental anointing, other visits to the sick are encouraged where scripture and holy communion can be provided to the sick and impaired. The communal connection is symbolized by the pastoral minister being dismissed from the Sunday or other Mass, taking the scripture of the day and a consecrated host from the Mass to those sick or otherwise unable to be at Mass.

At St. Matthew's, our communal celebration of the sacrament of anointing is normally scheduled for October and February; proximate to the feasts of St. Luke and Our Lady of Lourdes who are particularly associated with the sick. It is celebrated in bi-lingual form to enable our Hispanic parishioners to participate in this special semi-annual sacramental celebration. **See the bulletin for details about the anointing liturgy on Saturday, February 15 at 12:10pm.**

"If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him." (James 5: 14)

Deacon Bart Merella

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
Participation Form

“If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him.” (James 4: 14)

The sacrament will be celebrated in communal form at a special bi-lingual Mass on Saturday, February 15, at 12:10pm.

For those parishioners who would like to receive this sacrament or know a parishioner(s) who may wish to be contacted about receiving the sacrament, please complete this information form. If further information is needed, please contact Deacon Clayton Nickel (deaconnickel@me.com).

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ . _____ . _____

Please leave the completed form with a hospitality minister at Mass or at the rectory office.

I encourage all parishioners to join in this communal celebration of this sacrament and encourage as many as possible to receive the special sacramental anointing.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

Rector



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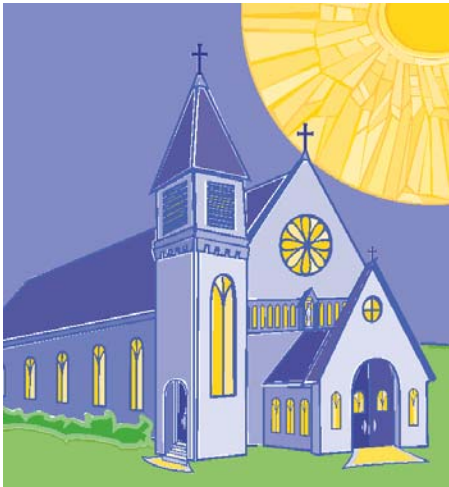
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(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

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: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.