

TODAY'S READINGS

Be perfect. (Matthew 5:48)
Perfect? Isn't that impossible? Let's take a look. Before Jesus spoke these words, a workable system was already in place: "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Deuteronomy 19:21). This system was based on a kind of justice that helped to limit retribution. No double or triple damage claims were allowed. I couldn't kill someone if he simply stole my camel. The most he would have to do is lose one of his camels to make everything "even." But Jesus wanted more than this equal-retribution approach. He wanted mercy to become the law of the land.

This new standard can seem unfair because it involves turning the other cheek, going an extra mile, and loving our enemies. We don't always do this with our family members; how are we supposed to do it with people who hate us?

When we are at odds with someone, unforgiveness is usually at the heart of the matter. So Jesus calls us to forgive. Of course, he doesn't expect us to feel the same amount of affection for everyone. But he does want us to treat everyone, even our enemies and those who have hurt us, as God treats them: with compassion, mercy, and patience. He wants us to pray for them and to wish them well.

This kind of love not only releases grace to the other person; it also releases God's grace upon us. Recent psychological studies back this up, in fact. They show that holding unforgiveness can lead to depression. It can fill us with resentment, make us cynical, and even affect our physical health. But people who practice forgiveness tend to be healthier and more at peace. So the more we try to follow Jesus' teaching, the more we benefit as well!

Do you want to be perfect? Try your best to forgive. It may seem impossible, but with God's help, all things are possible.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your mercy and peace!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Domingo 23	Lev 19:1-2,17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48
Monday 24	Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday 25	Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday 26	Jas 4:13-17 / Mk 9:38-40
Thursday 27	Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:41-50
Friday 28	Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12
Saturday 1	Jas 5:13-20 / Mt 10:13-16
Sunday 2	Is 49:14-15 / 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Mt 6:24-34

LECTURAS DE HOY

En las relaciones personales, y especialmente en el matrimonio, es probablemente donde ocurren las ofensas o perjuicios más dolorosos, situaciones que dan lugar a resentimientos que los injuriados

terminan guardando por años, sin darse cuenta de que son ellos mismos los que sufren los efectos más nocivos.

Jesús no vino a abolir la ley, sino a perfeccionarla y elevarla a un plano muy superior, al plano del amor de Dios, cuando dijo: "Hagan el bien a los que los odian" (Mateo 5, 44), un principio que todavía nos sigue resultando extraño, exagerado o "ilusorio". Pero este es precisamente el amor divino, el amor que sana, el amor que reconcilia y el que desarma al enemigo.

Sí, es difícil hacerlo, sin duda, pero en lugar de quedarnos pensando en que no podemos hacerlo, demos gracias a Dios por todas las veces que hemos actuado con amor y hemos podido perdonar a otros, soportar una herida sin rencor o disculpar los errores ajenos. Para la mayoría de las personas, estos "triumfos" de la gracia

son más comunes de lo que se imaginan, y cada uno es motivo de gozo para nuestro Señor y de eterna recompensa para nosotros.

Todos sabemos que aún nos queda mucho por hacer en lo que se refiere al amor genuino y verdadero. ¿Cómo podemos desear el bien a quienes nos calumnian o acusan falsamente? ¿Perdonar de verdad cuando tenemos heridas que aún sangran? Es un error pensar que los traumas recibidos, las heridas aún abiertas o la dificultad de amar nos excusan de nuestra obligación cristiana; más bien, seamos dóciles a la acción del Espíritu Santo que habita en tu corazón, porque él está siempre actuando para hacer que su templo vivo (tú) esté adornado de hermosura y amor.

"Espíritu Santo, Señor, te pido me concedas fortaleza para ser capaz de perdonar de corazón a quienes me han herido, rezar por ellos, desearles el bien, olvidar la ofensa y no guardar ningún resentimiento."

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EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH CONFESSIONS

Monday,
February 24
6-7pm

Fr. Rafael available for confession.
Deacon Sebastian White reflecting on Luke 2:22-32, a passage that includes the Song of Simeon. Simeon has finally seen the long-expected Messiah being presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

ORDINATION NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS – Br. Gabriel Torretta, O.P., a Dominican student brother assigned to St. Matthew's Cathedral, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on **March 8** at 10:30am at the Dominican House of Studies. Br. Gabriel entered the Order of Preachers in 2008; before that, he was studying Japanese literature at Columbia University in New York. Here at the Cathedral, Br. Gabriel has been assisting in an adult catechesis program and has been working with the Cathedral Young Adults, in particular helping to run the C+YA for a Discussion series, *Who Is God?* He will continue to serve at the Cathedral until May 2015, when he will be ordained to the priesthood.

Br. Gabriel would like to thank the parishioners, staff, and priests of St. Matthew's for their generous welcome this year, and for the opportunity to pray and witness to the faith of Jesus Christ together. Please keep him and the other men studying for the priesthood here in Washington, D.C. in your prayers.

PARISH CALENDAR

February 23 – March 2

SUNDAY 23—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana

MONDAY 24—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions available. The Development & Stewardship Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 25—El grupo de Oración comienza a las 7 de la tarde con el rosario, y a continuación el taller de Oración y Vida en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 26—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 27—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

SATURDAY 1—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

SUNDAY 2—HCEF offers gifts for sale from the Holy Land after Masses.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. Ensemble 42 presents a concert at 7pm in the Cathedral.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2014

*Seek first
the Kingdom
of God*

—Matthew 6:33

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE – Last week you received the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and tabloid. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the tabloid and see the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we are conducting our in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (LITURGICAL) NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is **March 5**. Please consider volunteering as a Minister of Hospitality at one of the following Ash Wednesday Masses (with distribution of ashes): 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm (Cardinal Wuerl, celebrant), 1:15pm & 5:30pm.

What do Hospitality Ministers do?

- greet and hand out programs and Lenten brochures
- collect the Offertory
- guide lines for distribution of ashes
- guide lines for Holy Communion

If you can help, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 or send an email to reply@stmatthewscathedral.org. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

BOOK CLUB: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS – “THE DUMB OX” – All are welcome to join the Book Club on Monday, **March 10** 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).

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, **March 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, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

C†YA AT MASS – Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – Cathedral – Don’t sit alone at Mass! Instead, celebrate with other young adult parishioners. Please join us in our section in the first few rows on the right of the nave, in front of the pulpit near the choir – look for the “reserved” signs on the pews. Contact Lara at lara.ericson@gmail.com for more information.

C†YA for Supper – Thursday, February 27 – 7pm – Diego (2100 14th Street NW / U Street Metro) – Young adults, friends, and fellow foodies are welcome to our monthly suppers! This month, mingle over Mexican food. RSVP by **February 24** at <http://goo.gl/TtP6JA>. Contact Carolyn at cwait.10@gmail.com with questions.

Cathedral Young Adults Spring Retreat – Saturday, April 5 to Sunday, April 6 – Bellarmine Retreat Center – Get away for the weekend and take some time for prayer this Lent! See all of the details and register at <http://goo.gl/OtXmLz>. *Stay up to date with all of the Cathedral Young Adult events by checking out our website at www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya, and joining our listserv. Want to learn more? Email stmattsyam@gmail.com.*

FAITH IN ACTION

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS – St. Matthew’s Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in this year’s Simple Lenten Meals program. Join us every Friday evening in the North Conference Room, following the 5:30pm Mass and Stations of the Cross. A simple meal will be prepared and served by a different parish group every week. Every evening, a local charity will make a brief presentation on the services they provide to our surrounding community. Donations will be collected to benefit that evening’s featured charity. The first meal, to be served **March 7**, will be prepared by the Social Justice Committee. Donations will benefit the Cathedral’s Emergency Assistance program that helps parish families.

SPEAK OUT FOR THOSE IN NEED – In anticipation of the DC mayoral primary on April 1, the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) will hold events to encourage the candidates to focus on improving the lives of DC’s homeless and impoverished families and individuals. As a WIN member, St. Matthew’s seeks parishioners to attend these events, which present great opportunities to share thoughts on homelessness with DC’s mayoral candidates and hear about plans for enacting change. WIN’s second campaign is an action led by young voters under 35 and living in DC. (All who are young at heart are invited to attend!) The campaign, aimed at showing that young DC voters care about local issues and are a formidable voting bloc, will be held on **March 6** at 6:30pm at All Souls Church (1500 Harvard Street, NW). If you would like to participate or have questions, contact Tyler Martin at stmattsadvocacy@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK – The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) is an independent organization bringing together businesses and individual professionals to create valuable networking opportunities through monthly networking receptions and an annual gala. Please join CBN-D.C. for a reception on Thursday, **February 27**, 5:30-7:30pm at the University Club (business attire requested). RSVP at www.cbndc.org or to Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Martes 25	Stgo 4:1-10 / Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles 26	Stgo 4:13-17 / Mc 9:38-40
Jueves 27	Stgo 5:1-6 / Mc 9:41-50
Viernes 28	Stgo 5:9-12 / Mc 10:1-12
Sábado 1	Stgo 5:13-20 / Mc 10:13-16
Domingo 2	Is 49:14-15 / 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Mt 6:24-34

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO – Les invitamos el **lunes 24 de febrero** 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.

Busquen primero el Reino de Dios

—Mateo 6,33

CAMPAÑA DEL CARDENAL 2014 – TIEMPO DE REFLEXIÓN Y RESPUESTA – La semana pasada recibió el folleto de la Petición del Cardenal y la hoja de información. El lema de la campaña es el siguiente: “Busquen primero el reino de Dios” (Mateo 6, 33).

La *Campaña del Cardenal* es muy diferente a una colecta especial realizada una sola vez. Es una campaña donde usted puede hacer una donación pagadera a lo largo de diez meses.

Una donación importante para la Campaña del Cardenal toca la vida de muchas personas de una manera muy positiva. Al revisar la hoja puede ver lo que es posible gracias a su contribución, le pedimos que reflexione sobre los dones que Dios le ha concedido. Él le ha dado todo lo que usted posee. Sus donaciones a nuestra parroquia, a la arquidiócesis y a la obra de la Iglesia en todo el mundo deben ser en gratitud por los continuos dones que Dios le concede.

Algunas veces es difícil imaginar cómo es posible que un compromiso de donación pueda ayudar a una organización de la dimensión de nuestra arquidiócesis, cómo puede marcar una verdadera diferencia. Sin embargo, cada compromiso efectivamente marca una diferencia porque todas las parroquias participan en la campaña y las donaciones de muchos le permiten a la arquidiócesis proporcionar los ministerios y los servicios que se necesitan.

Nuestras donaciones, tomadas en conjunto, no solo son muestra de nuestra gratitud a Dios, sino que además nos permiten glorificarlo, a través de la obra de nuestra arquidiócesis, y agradecerle por todos los dones que Él nos concede.

Si usted recibió un formulario de compromiso por correo el mes pasado, complételo y devuélvalo por ese medio o bien llévelo a Misa el próximo fin de semana. Si no recibió ningún envío por correo o lo recibió, pero no tuvo tiempo de responder, estamos llevando a cabo nosotros nuestro proceso de en todas las Misas de este fin de semana y el próximo fin de semana.

Gracias por considerar esta propuesta en oración y por su generosa respuesta.

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 comienza con el rosario. 7:00 de la noche y a continuación el taller. El taller se ofrece en el salón de conferencias del Oeste (donde se reúne el Grupo de Oración).

CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de Cenas Simples de Cuaresma. Únase con nosotros cada viernes por la tarde en el salón del Norte, después de la misa de las 5:30pm y el Vía Crucis (en inglés). Cada semana una cena simple será servida por un grupo diferente de la parroquia. Cada semana, una organización caritativa será invitada a dar una breve presentación sobre los servicios que ellos ofrecen a la comunidad local. La donación será entregada a la organización que presente esa noche. La primera cena será preparada por el comité de Justicia Social y se llevará a cabo el **viernes 7 de marzo**, la donación que se recoja esa tarde será para el programa de asistencia de emergencia de la Catedral que ayuda a las familias de la parroquia.

MASS INTENTIONS**February 23– March 2**

7am – Leyda B. Uran Torres
 8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Mary & Bruce Louiselle
 (living)
 11:30am – Mael Escudero
 1pm – Hector Aviles
 5:30pm – Thomas Patrick Melady

Monday, February 24

7am – Luisa Soto
 8am – Thomas Catalano
 12:10pm – 35th Wedding
 Anniversary of David & Helen
 Stever Amiver (living)
 5:30pm – Henry Munn

Tuesday, February 25

7am – John Shilling
 8am – Bridget Miller (living)
 12:10pm – Linh-Thong Nguyen
 5:30pm – Ada Kennedy

Wednesday, February 26

7am – Amy C. Magness Baird
 8am – John & Carol Saeman
 (living)
 12:10pm – Bridget T. Mora &
 Family (living)
 5:30pm – Phyllis & Francis Pozzo

Thursday, February 27

7am – Juan Cayrampoma (living)
 8am – Ray Lemanski
 12:10pm – Dominador Latuño
 5:30pm – Virgen de Guadalupe

Friday, February 28

7am – Michael Corr
 8am – Thérèse Bermphohl (living)
 12:10pm – Daniel Mathieu
 Bâoumar

Saturday, March 1

12:10pm – Sarah & James
 Tressler (living)
 5:30pm – Joaquin J. Piedras
 Salgueiro

Sunday, March 2

7am – All Parishioners
 8:30am – Juan Contalba
 10am – Jim Anthony
 11:30am – Raymonde Grossman
 Haim
 1pm – Acción de Gracia
 5:30pm – Jim Anthony

NEWS AND NOTES

HOLY LAND GIFT SALE – Next Sunday, **March 2**, we will welcome visitors from the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, who will speak about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and their mission of support through Christian education, job creation, housing rehabilitation and more. Hand-made olivewood crafts from Bethlehem will be offered for sale after all Masses.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Women parishioners and friends are invited on the weekend of **March 21-23** to St. Matthew's annual Women's Retreat at the Washington Retreat House (4000 Harewood Road, NE). We are blessed to have as Retreat Director Rev. Paul Henry, Spiritual Director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and adjunct retreat director for the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. The retreat will include talks by Fr. Henry, daily Mass, opportunity for confession, and time to pray and rest. An information flyer with registration form is available at the rectory and on the parish website.

BRING YOUR OLD PALMS – Please bring your old palms to the Sacristy and give them to the Sacristan. They will be used to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. If the Sacristy is closed, please place the palms in the basket outside the Sacristy door.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – St. Matthew's Hospitality Committee has hosted hospitality receptions after Masses on the first Sunday of each

month to give parishioners and visitors an opportunity to meet and mingle. Before we can host any such events 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 want to welcome new and potential parishioners!

Contact the committee at stmatthospitality@gmail.com if you're interested, and let them know which Mass you generally attend along with any suggestions for these events. Thank you, and we hope to hear from you soon!

MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – 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.

2014 ANNUAL JUBILIAN MASS – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, **June 15** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call 202-587-5143 to register by Monday, **April 14**.

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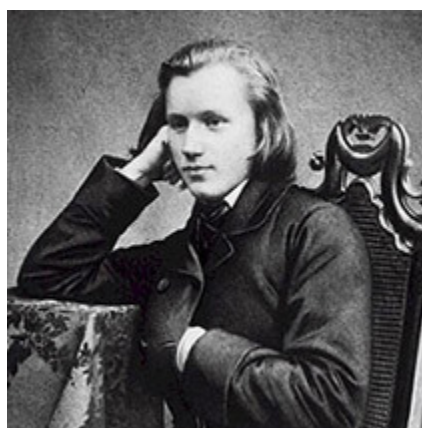
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Serenade No. 1



Johannes Brahms

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. In the past, Ensemble 42 had also performed the Schubert Octet and the Beethoven Septet, and had also recorded both pieces. The 45 minute concert is free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

*For more information, please contact the Office of Music Ministry
at 202/587-5141*

RECONCILED: SALESIAN PERSPECTIVES ON MERCY, HUMILITY, AND FORGIVENESS

Parish Lenten Morning of Recollection

with Father Michael Murray, OSFS

Lent is the forty-day liturgical season during which the Church invites all Christians to renewal and reconciliation. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we journey with our Lord Jesus to the Cross on Good Friday and to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Join us the morning of Saturday, **March 8**, as Father Michael Murray, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, returns to lead our annual Lenten Morning of Recollection. The morning will include presentations by Father Murray, time for private reflection, opportunities to mingle, and Mass to close our time together.

Prepare to proclaim Christ's glorious Resurrection this Easter by joining us for our annual Lenten Morning of Recollection!

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014
TIME: 9AM – 1PM (includes 12:10pm Mass)
PLACE: NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

*Please register no later than Sunday, **March 2** to hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org
(subject line: Lenten Morning of Recollection RSVP) or 202-347-3215 x530.*

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Father Michael Murray, OSFS is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who currently serves as the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center in Wilmington, Delaware. Father Murray previously spent fourteen years in secondary school ministry at Father Judge High School in Philadelphia, Salesianum School in Wilmington, and Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He also led St. Matthew's Advent Day of Recollection – "Everyday Holiness: Salesian Perspectives on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew" – in 2013. In addition to his ministerial activities, Father Murray is a freelance writer and photographer.



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*In his apostolic exhortation **Evangelii Gaudium**, Pope Francis writes, “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew” (1). This year’s Lenten Lecture Series will highlight ways in which we can strive to draw closer to Jesus Christ in our everyday lives and share the power of those encounters with others.*

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Our four-part series will include talks on:

- Where Do We Meet Jesus?
- Encountering Jesus in the Word
- Encountering Jesus in the Sacraments
- Encountering Jesus in Works of Charity

*The series begins on **Thursday, March 13** and continues every following Wednesday and Thursday **through the first week in April** in the **North Conference Room**. **Wednesday** lectures will be given from **12:45pm to 1:45pm**, and **Thursday** lectures will be given from **7pm to 8pm**. All are welcome at any or all lectures. No registration required and no cost to attend.*

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Time: 10:30 to 11:45am

(Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.)

Dates: Saturdays, March 15, 22 & April 5

Place: East Conference Room

Facilitator: Father Jack Hurley

March 15 – The Last Supper

March 22 – The Passion

April 5 – The Resurrection

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation
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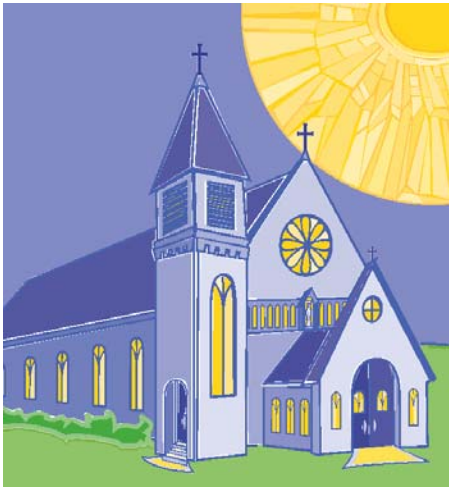
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When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th 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, or by logging in to your account through 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, 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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