

TODAY'S READINGS

If you are the Son of God ... (Matthew 4:3)
Imagine if Jesus came up to you today, embraced you, and said, "You are my greatest treasure!" Wouldn't you be shocked and speechless? Well, during this Lenten season, you will have numerous opportunities for this to happen. Day after day, in prayer and in the Scriptures, you will have the chance to let Jesus show you your true dignity and identity as his beloved brother or sister.

In today's Gospel, we read how Satan tried to get Jesus to question his identity. He prefaced his temptations by saying, "If you are the Son of God ..." He knew that if Jesus became unsure of his Father's love and wisdom, it was much more likely that he would walk away from the plan God had laid out for him. But Satan's plan didn't work. Jesus knew who he was, and he clung to the word of God so that he could stay focused on his Father.

God wants you to stand firm on the truth just as Jesus did. He wants to convince you that you belong to him. He wants to make it clear that he is completely committed to you. It sounds easy, doesn't it? But we all can point to ways that the devil tries to knock us off our foundation in Christ. There seems to be no end to his attempts to discourage us and trap us in our fears and weaknesses so that we won't bother to pray.

When these temptations come, follow Jesus' example, and hold on to Scripture. You are God's child, born of the incorruptible seed of his own word (1 Peter 1:23). You are part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (2:9). You have been made alive with Jesus (Ephesians 2:5) and set free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). Your heavenly Father will supply all your needs out of the riches of his own glory (Philippians 4:19).

There are so many promises. Hold on to them! Believe them—and watch the devil flee!

"Thank you, Lord, for claiming me as your own!"

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Sunday 9 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

First Sunday of Lent

Monday 10 Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 11 Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday 12 Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 13 Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Friday 14 Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 15 Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sunday 16 Gn 12:1-4 / 2 Tm 1:8-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Second Sunday of Lent

LECTURAS DE HOY

¿Por qué los autores de los evangelios incluyeron este relato de las tentaciones de Jesús? Posiblemente para enseñarnos cómo actúa el demonio. Analicémoslo con más detenimiento.

Manda que estas piedras se conviertan en panes. Tal como Satanás quiso tentar a Jesús a desentenderse de la Palabra de Dios, ahora quiere convencernos de que, para vivir, los humanos no necesitamos más que nuestra propia sabiduría; que no necesitamos los mandatos de nuestro Padre ni confiar en la abundancia de su generosidad y su providencia.

Échate para abajo... sus ángeles... te tomarán en sus manos. El demonio pretendía

que Jesús abusara de la bondad de Dios, y del mismo modo quiere que los cristianos le restemos importancia al llamamiento a la santidad. En situaciones importantes o triviales, el demonio trata de convencernos de que no sufriremos consecuencia alguna si preferimos vivir apartados de Jesús, sin cumplir sus mandatos.

Te daré todo esto, si te postras y me adoras. ¡Qué fuerte puede resultar la tentación de dejar que la falsa gloria del mundo eclipse la verdadera gloria que nos pertenece en Cristo! Eso es exactamente lo que quiere Satanás. No hay nada intrínsecamente malo en el dinero, los bienes materiales o la comodidad; el problema surge cuando nos dejamos convencer por el demonio de que la verdadera seguridad y el valor de nuestra vida dependen de cuántos bienes, poder o placer tengamos en esta vida.

Hermanos, es vital reconocer al enemigo. ¿De qué otra manera podemos saber cómo rechazar sus ataques? Sin embargo, aun cuando estemos aprendiendo a luchar, no tenemos por qué temer. ¡Jesús venció a Satanás tanto en el desierto como en la cruz! Todo lo que ahora nos pide el Señor es ponernos la coraza de la fe y someternos a Dios. ¡La victoria también puede ser nuestra ahora mismo!

"Toda alabanza a ti, Señor Jesús, porque venciste al demonio. Enséñame a reconocer las estrategias del enemigo, te ruego, y vencerlas con fe y confianza en ti."

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The Light is ON For You!
Confessions are heard in English and Spanish on Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30pm to 8pm.
For confession times at other parishes, visit TheLightisOn.org.

LIVING LENT ✕

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! *“Let us not forget this word: God never, ever tires of forgiving us! He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let us never tire...! He is the loving Father who always pardons, who has that heart of mercy for us all”* (Pope Francis).

We all know the story: “Then Peter approaching asked [Jesus], “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” (Matthew 18:21). No doubt, Peter thought he was being generous, going well beyond the “three strikes and you’re out” rule that many use.

“Jesus answered, ‘I say to you not seven times but seventy-seven times’” (v. 22). In other words, Our Lord demands of us limitless forgiveness.

But if God requires such mercy from us—who are weak and sinful—then how can he, who is love (cf. 1 John 7-12), ever tire of forgiving sinners? Was it not from his Cross that Our Lord said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34)?

Come and rediscover our heavenly Father’s heart of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE – Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, and Good Friday, **April 18**, are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years of age are bound to observe the fast, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday must observe days of abstinence, during which no meat may be eaten. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

– The Via Crucis is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (cf Lk 1: 49-50) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross, in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II, will be prayed each **Friday** during Lent in English at 6pm, each **Sunday** during Lent in Spanish at 2:15pm, and on **Good Friday** at 7:30pm.

Join us for this beautiful devotion, which is particularly fitting for Lent.

CRS RICE BOWL – CRS Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and be reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters from all around the world, and that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people. To contribute to this Lenten collection, please pick up a “Rice Bowl,” a cardboard box that can be used to collect change during Lent, at the main entrance of the Cathedral and the rectory. For more information, visit www.crsricebowl.org.

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS – The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in this year’s Simple Lenten Meals program, every Friday evening in the North Conference Room after the 6pm Stations of the Cross. Each week, a simple meal will be prepared and served by a different parish group, while a local charity will speak briefly on the services they provide in our community. Donations collected will benefit the featured charity. This week’s meal, on **March 14**, will be prepared by the RCIA catechumens. All are welcome!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE – Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our food drive will take place the weekend of **March 22-23**. Bags for your donations will be provided next weekend if you wish to use them. Our donations will benefit the Capital Area Food Bank and our parish Homeless Ministry. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

SOLEMN GREGORIAN VESPERS – The Schola Cantorum on Sunday, **March 30** at 4pm will present the Office of Vespers for Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Office will be sung entirely in Latin, in Gregorian chant and polyphony. Music selections include a renaissance polyphonic Magnificat, and renaissance and later motets with Lenten themes. The liturgy will be presented according to the Roman *Liturgia Horarum*, complete with the censuring of the altar during the singing of the Magnificat. Complete texts and translations will be provided. The annual celebration of Gregorian Vespers is one of the most beloved musical events at the Cathedral each year. Join us and deepen your Lenten experience with the timeless beauty of Gregorian chant!.

FAITH FORMATION

RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

– This Sunday, **March 9**, our parish catechumens and candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Cardinal Wuerl at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Those whom Cardinal Wuerl will call to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist become known as the Elect. They are Clarissa Birk, Baylee Crone, Linda Huynh, Emily Hytha, Nancy Jang, Marko Mijic, Kelly Miller, Jacob Robles, and Robert (Alec) Robles. Those whom Cardinal Wuerl will recognize for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are Carol Chirolas, Lydia Clegg, Erin Cromer, Timothy Hyland, Ethan McClelland, Courtney Rosellini, Paul Shakotko, and Jeremy (Britton) Whitbeck. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

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 rectory and on the parish website. The deadline to register is Friday, **April 4**. Contact: Heather Kinney (see above for contact info).

PARISH CALENDAR

March 9 – March 16

SUNDAY 9—First Sunday of Lent

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.

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

Always God’s Children meets in the West Conference room at 3:30pm.

MONDAY 10—The Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

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

TUESDAY 11—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 12—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Confessions are heard from 6:30 to 8pm in English and Spanish.

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

The first Lenten lecture is given at 7pm in the North Conference.

FRIDAY 7—Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

SATURDAY 15—Fr. Hurley’s Bible study begins at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Retiro de Cuaresma de 8:30 de la mañana en el salón de conferencia de Norte.

Retiro de Parejas a la misma hora, en el salón de conferencia del Norte,

SUNDAY 16—The second collection is taken for the Church in the Developing World.

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

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.

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 National Shrine. Call 202-587-5143 to register by Monday, April 14.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS – La Cuaresma es época del año en que, como Iglesia, meditamos más intensamente sobre el significado del sacrificio de Nuestro Señor Jesús. Jesús dio su vida libremente para que todos pudiéramos recibir su gracia y el regalo de la vida eterna. Aprovecha este tiempo de Cuaresma para participar en el Sacramento de la Confesión, y así, poder recibir a Jesús más profundamente en la eucaristía. No olvides las palabras del Papa Francisco “Dios no se cansa nunca de perdonar, somos nosotros los que nos cansamos de acudir a su misericordia”.

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TÍ – Te invitamos a participar en el programa anual la “Luz Está Encendida para Ti” de la Arquidiócesis de Washington. Es la oportunidad perfecta para profundizar tu fe y tu relación con Dios en anticipación de la Pascua. Nuestra parroquia y todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis ofrecerán el Sacramento de Reconciliación todos los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche, tendremos confesiones en inglés y español. Para más información visite www.laluzENCENDIDA.org.

AYUNAR – Miércoles de Ceniza (**5 de marzo**) y Viernes Santo (**18 de abril**) son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los católicos que ya llegaron a los 18 años de edad, pero que son menores de 60 años, están obligados al ayuno, que consiste en una sola comida completa durante el día. Todos los católicos que han cumplido 14 años están obligados a los días de abstinencia en los cuales no se debe de comer carne. Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

VIA CRUCIS – El Vía Crucis, revisado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en inglés los viernes a las 6 de la tarde y en español los domingos a las 2:15 de la tarde durante la Cuaresma. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en esta devoción cuaresmal.

CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de Cenas Simples de Cuaresma, cada viernes por la tarde en el salón del Norte después del Vía Crucis (en inglés) de las 6 de la tarde. Cada semana, una cena simple será preparada y servida por un grupo diferente de la parroquia, además una organización caritativa será invitada a dar una breve presentación sobre los servicios que ellos ofrecen a la comunidad. Las donaciones serán entregadas a la organización que presente esa noche. La cena de esta semana, del **14 de marzo**, será preparada por los candidatos de RICA.

PARTICIPE EN EL PLATO DE ARROZ – El programa de CRS Plato de Arroz nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica-social, *La Santidad y Dignidad del Ser Humano*, y se nos recuerda que nuestra dignidad inherente viene del ser creados hijos de Dios. Recemos por nuestros hermanos de todo el mundo, para que podamos respetar y mantener la santidad de la vida y dignidad de cada persona. Para contribuir a esta colecta, por favor recoja un “Plato de Arroz” una cajita de cartón para coleccionar monedas durante la cuaresma, se encuentran en la entrada central de la Catedral y en la rectoría. Más información: www.crsricebowl.org/.

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).

AYUDE A PREPARAR COMIDA PARA LOS NECESITADOS – Se necesitan voluntarios para preparar comida en el **D.C. Central Kitchen** (Cocina Central de DC) el próximo sábado, **15 de marzo** de 9:00 de la mañana a 12:00 del mediodía. La comida se prepara para distribución a agencias de servicios locales de diferentes partes de la ciudad y no se requiere experiencia para participar. Si le gustaría ayudar con esta actividad, por favor póngase en contacto con Franz Kuo por email a: stmattservice@gmail.com hasta el 13 de marzo.

COLECTA DE VÍVERES – El hambre es una realidad para muchos de nuestra comunidad. Las despensas de alimentos locales están experimentando una gran necesidad de comida. Para ayudar a reponer lo que se necesita, Caridades Católicas y la Arquidiócesis de Washington **auspician**, juntos durante esta Cuaresma una colecta especial. Recogeremos donaciones de comida el fin de semana del **23 de marzo**. Se distribuirán bolsas el próximo fin de semana si las necesitan. Nuestra colecta será donada al *Capital Area Food Bank* (despensa de alimentos) y nuestro Ministerio de las Personas sin Hogar. Muchas gracias por todo lo que hacen para ayudar a los más necesitados.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 9 – March 16

Sunday, March 9

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – George William Koch
10am – Dominador P. Santiago
(living)
11:30am – Rose Parrilli
1pm – Dora Aguirre
5:30pm – Maria Crisitina
Ponchon

Monday, March 10

7am – Patricia Rohrer
8am – Mrs. Agnes Poplaski
12:10pm – Oscar Africa
5:30pm – Sarah & Suzi Wolfe

Tuesday, March 11

7am – Désiré Ahouanmenou
8am – Marian Blawie
12:10pm – Betsy
Bartholomew
5:30pm – Amelia Ortiz Pineda

Wednesday, March 12

7am – Layla Shammas (living)
8am – Daniel Mathieu Ba-
Oumar (living)
12:10pm – Mary Otto
5:30pm – Fr. Bill Hines

Thursday, March 13

7am – Rosalie P. Gerber
8am – Virgen de Guadalupe
12:10pm – Carol Medsger
Green
5:30pm – Honorine
Moussavou

Friday, March 14

8am – Florentine Ba-Oumar
12:10pm – Toby James
5:30pm – JoAnne Finn (living)

Saturday, March 15

8am – Conrad Sabelino, Jr.
12:10pm – Manuel F. Castro
(living)
5:30pm – Clare & Luther
Bennett

Sunday, March 16

8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Ruth Ann Bennett
11:30am – Adelina Alves
1pm – Edgardo E. Orellana
5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 9 Gén 2:7-9; 3:1-7 /
Primer domingo Rom 5:12-19 /
de Cuaresma Mt 4:1-11
Lunes 10 Lev 19:1-2,11-18 /
Mt 25:31-46
Martes 11 Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles 12 Jo 3:1-10 /
Lc 11:29-32
Jueves 13 Est C:12,14-16,23-25 /
Mt 7:7-12
Viernes 14 Ez 18:21-28 /
Mt 5:20-26
Sábado 15 Deut 26:16-19 /
Mt 5:43-48
Domingo 16 Gé 12:1-4 /
Segundo domingo 2 Tim 1:8-10 /
de Cuaresma Mt 17:1-9

Caridades Católicas y La Fundación Acceso Hispano

los invitan a un taller **gratuito**
sobre **Inmigración e Impuestos**

Domingo, 23 de marzo, 2014
Presentaciones comienzan a las
3:00 de la tarde

Presentación sobre inmigración a
cargo de **Caridades Católicas**
Servicios Legales de
Inmigración

Presentación sobre impuestos a
cargo de **La Fundación Acceso**
Hispano

Iglesia Santuario del Sagrado
Corazón, 3211 Sacred Heart Way,
Washington, DC 20010
Teléfono: 202-234-8000

SERVICE

**VOLUNTEER AT D.C. CENTRAL
KITCHEN** – Volunteers are needed to
prepare food at **D.C. Central Kitchen**
Saturday, **March 15**, 9am-Noon, for
distribution to local service agencies
around the city. No previous
experience is needed. To help with
this activity, please contact Franz
Kuo at stmattdservice@gmail.com by
March 13.

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

**Volunteering at the Northwest Center
– Tuesday, March 11 – 6 to 8pm –
Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road
NW / Columbia Heights)** – Please help
us in supporting a great organization
that provides comprehensive care to
pregnant women and babies! Each
month, we help with odd jobs like
sorting donations, cleaning, painting, or
yard work. For more information or to
sign up, contact Natalie Committee at
natalie.committee@gmail.com.

**Christ in the City: Young Adult Mass –
Thursday, March 13 – 6pm (adoration
& confessions) / 7pm (Mass) –
Immaculate Conception (N Street at
8th Street NW / Mt. Vernon Square)** –
Come together with young adults from
across the Archdiocese for a special
Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the
first anniversary of Pope Francis’
election! Contact: Jonathan at
dccatholic@adw.org

**Wine and Wisdom –Monday, March
17 – 7 to 8:30pm – East Conference
Room** – Please join the young women of
Wine and Wisdom for faith sharing and
discussion. For questions or to RSVP,
email [wineandwisdom.stmatthews@
gmail.com](mailto:wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com).

**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! With the Blue
Ridge Mountains as our backdrop, this
retreat will help us focus on our prayer
lives through the faith experiences of
other young adults, group discussions,
and personal reflection. See all of the
details and register at bit.ly/1jwmjpp.



Lenten Lecture Series

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

*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.*

Our Lenten Lecture Series begins this week with a talk on

WHERE DO WE MEET JESUS?

Join us **Thursday, March 13.**

This lecture will be offered only once.

Our speaker is

Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi

Pastor, Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda MD

Author, *Encountering Jesus in Word, Sacraments, and Works of Charity*

Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi, pastor and noted author and theologian, received seminary and theological training at the Pontifical North American College and Gregorian University, both in Rome. Also a graduate of University of Virginia Law School, he practiced law for many years and remains a member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. Monsignor Vaghi serves as a chaplain to the John Carroll Society, a professional group of women and men in service of the Archbishop of Washington. He is the author of several books and articles on theology and spirituality, including the Pillars of Faith series (Ave Maria Press).

Thursday lecture: 7pm to 8pm

Location: North Conference Room

Follow the directional signs to the conference room.

Lectures are free and open to the public.

No RSVP necessary.

Questions? Email hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or call 202-347-3215 x530.

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Parking: limited metered street parking or public garage next to Cathedral

(\$10 per hour before 4pm-\$16 daily max or \$5 flat fee after 4pm)

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
hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org

Origin of the Stations of the Cross

Like many of our Catholic devotions, the Stations of the Cross that we know and practice as a form of worship, particularly during Lent, has a long history of development. Many legends exist about the origins of this devotion including one that asserts Mary used to visit daily the scenes of Christ's passion. Stories from the early Church also exist about pilgrims making trips to Jerusalem to visit the sites, but nothing about which sites, how many or in what particular order. Later, there were some attempts to stress the importance of the sites in Jerusalem by granting indulgences to those who visited them, but when is unknown. The earliest resemblance to a defined "Via Crucis" was the 5th century construction in Bologna, Italy of connected chapels representing some of the important shrines in Jerusalem.

Beginning in the 1400's, church writings refer to specific groupings in various European locations to represent the geographical sites of the Passion. In some cases, these routes were designed to measure the exact distance between each of the holy sites in Jerusalem. An English pilgrim, William Wey, was the first to use the word "station" when he visited Jerusalem in 1458 and 1462. The first evidence of a particular demarcation of stations was in 1520, when Pope Leo X granted indulgences to a set of sculptures in Antwerp that represented the seven sorrows of Mary. If seven was the number marked by Pope Leo for the stations in the Antwerp cemetery, how did the number 14 come to be? William Wey referred to 14 stations during his journey in Jerusalem; but for at least 200 hundred years, the number varied from 19 to as high as 37.

The determination of the precise number of stations and their identities developed during the 16th century when church officials began to include image representations of the outdoor stations inside parish churches and cathedrals. It was not until 1731, when Pope Clement XII assigned indulgences to stations, was the number set at 14. The inclusion of stations in every church became essentially a mandate from Pope Benedict XIV in 1742. It should also be noted that this special indulgence assigned to the Stations was later extended by Pope Clement XIV to separate crucifixes for the benefit of the sick, the imprisoned and those at sea who could not visit the Stations in a church.

Because this is a form of private devotion, the Church does not prescribe a specific format for praying or meditating on the Stations. Consequently, different booklets have been published to assist one in praying or meditating on the Stations in a particular way. Frequently this private devotion is prayed in a public way, especially during Lent. A recent and increasingly popular form of praying the Stations is that composed by Pope John Paul II, known for its focus on scriptural texts.

During this period of Lent, when we are mindful of the sacrifice of Jesus, all are encouraged to pray or meditate on the Stations of the Cross, whether privately or publicly when scheduled. At the cathedral, the Stations are prayed publicly on Ash Wednesday at 3pm in English and at 8pm in Spanish, each Friday during Lent in English at 6pm, each Sunday during Lent in Spanish at 2:15pm, and on Good Friday at 7:30pm.

ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S LENTEN WEEKEND RETREAT

March 21 - 23, 2014

All Women Parishioners and Friends Welcome

*"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." (Mk 6:31)*



Washington Retreat House

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Washington, DC 20017-1595

Retreat Leader – Rev. Paul Henry

Spiritual director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore,
on staff at the St. Mary's Spiritual Center of Baltimore,
and adjunct retreat director for the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland

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(earlier or later arrival is fine also), followed by dinner at 6:30pm.

The retreat ends around noon on Sunday, March 23.

For more information, contact Julie Mitchell,
St. Matthew's Retreat Promoter, at 202-744-1460 or jmitchell@steinmitchell.com,
A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required, with the balance due upon arrival.

Women's Retreat Registration Form

MAIL TO: Julie Mitchell
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Please make _____ reservation(s) for the Weekend
Retreat to be held March 21-23, 2014 at the Washington Retreat
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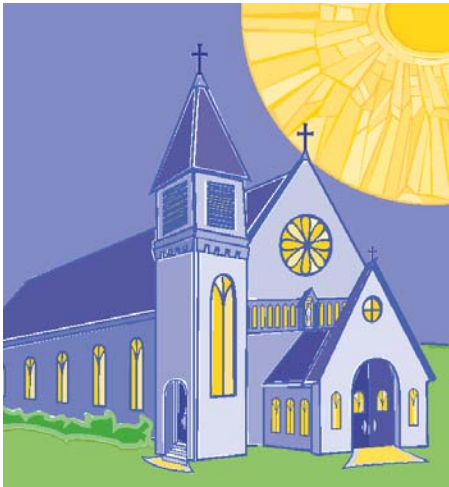
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<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<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
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