

TODAY'S READINGS

He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Timothy 1:9)
St. Paul tells us that we have been called to a holy life. But if you sat in rush-hour traffic when you were already late for work; if you had a dispute with your spouse or boss; if you gave in to the same old temptation yet again—you might consider that holy life to be far, far away.

It isn't! Go back, and read that verse again. Paul says that God has called you to a holy life. He called you not because of what you can do, not because of what you have done, and not because of what you will do, but "according to his own design." It's his design. It's his call.

God has a plan for you. So often, we reduce that plan to the things we have to do, like spending time in prayer, confessing sin, sharing our faith, or serving at our parish. Of course, these are all good things, and we should seek God's guidance in them. But they are all small parts of God's greatest plan: to fill us with his divine life and usher us into the glory of heaven!

We know that the call to holiness can be challenging at times. But it's not always supposed to be hard. Sometimes it means gazing into the night sky and thinking about God's goodness. Sometimes it means enjoying a family gathering. At its heart, holiness is a deep assurance that God is with you at all times, whether you are experiencing prosperity or hardship, joy or struggle.

God has a plan for your life—a plan to bring you to holiness. He has the details under control, so don't worry about them. You will know some of the steps to take in advance, but others you will recognize only in retrospect. But whatever they are, each step will cause you to grow in love and knowledge of God: in holiness!

"Father, thank you for the life you have called me to. Give me grace to trust you with the details as I say yes to you."

Taken from *The Word Among Us*, Lent 2014, Vol. 33, Number 4: Used with permission.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Gn 12:1-4 / 2 Tm 1:8-10 / Mt 17:1-9
Monday 17	Dn 9:4-10 / Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday 18	Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 19	2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Thursday 20	Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31
Friday 21	Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 / Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday 22	Mi 7:1-4,15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday 23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

LECTURAS DE HOY

En el relato de la Transfiguración, los apóstoles Pedro, Santiago y Juan tuvieron el privilegio de ver la apariencia que Cristo tendría en la resurrección y cuando regresara en toda su gloria. Por unos instantes vieron a Jesús que "ha sacado a la luz vida e inmortalidad por medio de la predicación del evangelio" (2 Timoteo 1, 10), y tal fue el impacto de la visión, y de la voz del Padre, que cayeron postrados en adoración (Mateo 17, 6).

Cuando los discípulos presenciaron la gloria que irradiaba de Jesús, lo vieron tal como se verá cuando vuelva al final de los tiempos. Pudieron ver algo del cumplimiento de la promesa, a fin de que cuando vieran que arrestaban a Jesús, lo maltrataban y lo crucificaban de la forma más cruel y humillante, no se sintieran aplastados. La promesa de las bendiciones de Dios prevalecería, y ellos verían que esta promesa sólo se cumpliría mediante la muerte del Hijo amado.

Ahora, Jesús está a la derecha del Padre, resplandeciente de gloria y nos ofrece ser partícipes de su gloria. Nosotros, al igual que Abraham, también estamos llamados a la obediencia y la confianza e invitados como Pedro, Santiago y Juan, a seguir a Cristo por el camino de la cruz (Mateo 16, 24-45). La promesa de bendición que recibió Abraham se extiende hasta nuestros días, una promesa de vida con Dios, promesa que ahora mismo podemos comenzar a experimentar por medio del Espíritu Santo que habita en nosotros.

En la oración de hoy adoremos al Señor de todo corazón. "Por su propio designio y su gracia [que] nos fue otorgada en Cristo Jesús antes de los tiempos" (2 Timoteo 1,9), él quiso redimirnos y llenarnos de su Santo Espíritu. Por eso, con gratitud y gozo, exclamemos junto con san Pedro: "Señor, ¡qué bien que estemos aquí!" (Mateo 17, 4).

"Señor Jesús, quiero ver tu gloria. Abre mis ojos espirituales para no fijarme tanto en las cosas creadas, sino en ti, el Creador de todo lo bello y lo puro. Te amo, Señor."

Escogida con el permiso de *La Palabra Entre Nosotros*, Vol. 33, Número 4: Cuaresma 2014.

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! – *“In the simple actions of contrition, confession, absolution and satisfaction we are restored to a whole new life. It remains one of the great marvels of God’s love that God would make forgiveness so readily available to each of us”* (Cardinal Wuerl).

God always forgives, for it is his nature to be generous and patient, even in the face of human ignorance, wickedness, and pride.

Reconciliation is restoring friendship with God and each other. Reconciliation takes place when we sincerely reject sin, accept God’s loving gift of forgiveness, and choose to live life to the full in the grace and friendship of the Spirit.

Jesus breathed on the disciples and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:22-23).

Come and experience the simple generosity of God’s love in the Sacrament of the Reconciliation.

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, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminds us that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world, that the rights of all people be protected. To contribute to this Lenten collection, please pick up a “Rice Bowl” a cardboard box that can be used to gather change during Lent, at the main entrance of the Cathedral and the Rectory. For more information, visit www.crsricebowl.org/.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE – Our food drive will take place the weekend of **March 22-23**. Bags for your donations will be provided this weekend if you wish to use them. Our donations will benefit the Capital Area Food Bank and our parish’s Homeless Ministry. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

TUESDAY LENTEN AFTERNOON PRAYER – The Community of Sant’Egidio in Washington, DC invites you to share their common prayer, **every Tuesday during Lent at 12:45pm** in Saint Anthony’s Chapel. Prayer leaflets are provided. To learn more about the Community, please visit: <http://www.santegidio.org/>.

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 censing 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!

**Lenten Weekend Retreat
All Women Parishioners and
Friends welcome
Still time to Register!**

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



March 21 – 23 at Washington Retreat House
4000 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Retreat Leader: **Rev. Paul Henry**
Spiritual Director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore



For more information, contact Julie Mitchell, St. Matthew’s Retreat Promoter, at 202-744-1460 or jmitchell@steinmitchell.com, or print off the flyer with reservation form on the parish website (for smartphone users, view the flyer by scanning code at left). Copies also are available at the Rectory.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA PENITENTIAL RITE FOR BAPTIZED CANDIDATES – This Sunday, **March 16**, at the 11:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Penitential Rite, which marks the Lenten purification of our baptized candidates who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This rite also helps to prepare the candidates to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for the first time, which they will do later in Lent. Please keep these eight women and men in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Father Hurley's Bible study on the Gospel of John continues Saturday, **March 22** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. This session will focus on the Passion. Bring a Bible, and consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.

BECOMING CATHOLIC – Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those 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 discerning one's commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30pm in the East Conference Room (use the glass-and-iron door at the base of the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral.) The next Inquiry will be on Wednesday, **April 9**. 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 First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (**May 1, 8, 15 & 22**) and one Saturday (**May 17**). Adult Confirmation will be celebrated 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 at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

NEWS AND NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS –

Deacon Gabriel Torretta, O.P., was ordained to the transitional diaconate on **March 8** at the Dominican House of Studies. Deacon Gabriel will continue to serve at the Cathedral until May 2015, when he will be ordained to the priest-hood. Please keep Deacon Gabriel in your prayers as he begins his diaconal ministry and studies for the priesthood.



MONTHLY ROSARY PROCESSION FOR LIFE – *Every human life is precious in God's sight and no effort should be spared in the attempt to promote throughout the world a genuine respect for the inalienable rights and dignity of individuals and peoples everywhere.* — Pope Benedict XVI

This month's rosary for life procession to the abortion clinic at Planned Parenthood will be on Saturday, **March 22**, after the 8am Mass. Gather inside the main entrance of the Cathedral to participate.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING – Each year we try to decorate the Cathedral for Easter in a way that truly reflects the noble simplicity of that holy season. In order to do so

again this year, we ask for your support. Please use the envelopes marked "Flower Offering" located in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

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 from St. Matthew's by Monday, **April 14**.

YOUNG ADULTS

Wine and Wisdom – Monday, March 17 – 7 to 8:30pm – East Conference Room – Join the young women of Wine and Wisdom for faith sharing and discussion. RSVP to: wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap – Tuesdays, March 25 through April 29 – 6pm (happy hour) / 7pm (talk) – Buffalo Billiards (1330 19th Street NW / Dupont) – The Archdiocese Office of Young Adult Ministry will kick off its Theology on Tap series with the theme is "A Church that is Poor & for the Poor." Each night includes a great speaker, food, drinks, and fellowship with young adults from around the city! Learn more at [Facebook.com/DCYoungAdult](https://www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult). Contact: Jonathan at dccatholic@adw.org

C†YA for a Simple Lenten Meal Friday, March 28 – 6:30pm – North Conference Room – Please support C†YA in coordinating one of the parish's Simple Lenten Meals! Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. All donations collected this night will go to the L'Arche community in DC. One of our own young adults will speak about L'Arche's amazing work! Contact & sign-up: Carolyn at cawait.10@gmail.com

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS LA PAZ QUE SOLO ES POSIBLE EN EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESIÓN – Ir a confesarse puede ser un acto muy intimidante. No es fácil presentarse ante un sacerdote y decirle humildemente “yo he pecado y estas son mis faltas” lo que nos debe de llenar de esperanza es que Dios siempre nos espera para perdonarnos nuestras faltas. ¡Qué alegría! El Papa Francisco nos anima a participar en el sacramento de la confesión con estas palabras: “Éste es el momento para decir a Jesucristo: (Señor me he dejado engañar, de mil maneras escapé de tu amor, pero aquí estoy otra vez para renovar mi alianza contigo. Te necesito. Rescátame de nuevo, Señor acéptame una vez más entre tus brazos redentores) ¡Nos hace tanto bien volver a él cuando nos hemos perdido! 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. Todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis ofrecerán el Sacramento de Reconciliación todos los miércoles de Cuaresma. Nuestra parroquia ofrecerá el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en inglés y español de 6:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche, Para más información visite www.laluzENCENDIDA.org.

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.

PARTICIPE EN EL PLATO DE ARROZ – El programa de CRS Plato de Arroz nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica social, *Derechos y Responsabilidades*, y se nos recuerda como cristianos, que somos llamados para mantener y proteger los derechos básicos del prójimo. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo para que podamos reconocer y proteger los derechos de todos. 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 y 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).

PROCESIÓN MENSUAL DEL ROSARIO POR LA VIDA – *“Cada vida humana es valiosa ante los ojos de Dios y no deben escatimarse esfuerzos en el intento de promover en todo el mundo un genuino respeto por los derechos inadmisibles y la dignidad de los individuos y los pueblos en todas partes.” — el Papa Benedicto XVI*

La procesión mensual del rosario por la vida a *Planned Parenthood* la clínica de aborto será el sábado **22 de marzo**, después de la misa de las 8:00 de la mañana. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio con el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, llame a la rectoría y pregunte por el padre Rafael o Norma Canedo.

COLECTA DE VÍVERES – Recogeremos donaciones de víveres el próximo fin de semana **23 de marzo**. Se distribuirán bolsas este fin de semana si los necesitan. Nuestra colecta será donada al *Capital Area Food Bank* (despensa de alimentos de DC) y nuestro Ministerio de las Personas Sin Hogar. Muchas gracias por todo lo que hacen para ayudar a los más necesitados.

OFRENDA DE FLORES DE SEMANA SANTA – Cada año hacemos lo posible para decorar la Catedral en una forma que refleje la simplicidad de Semana Santa. Para hacerlo de nuevo este año, se les pide que nos apoyen con su generosidad. Por favor use los sobres marcados “Flower Offering” localizados en los bancos. Queremos que la Catedral esté bien adornada, cualquier asistencia que den para la decoración es apreciada.

CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS – Empezando el domingo **23 de marzo**, se ofrecerán clases de preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación para adultos. Se van a ofrecer 3 clases; **23 de marzo, 30 de marzo y 6 de abril**. El horario será de 10:45 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía. Las personas interesadas deben traer el certificado de bautizo vigente. Para más información e inscripción, pueden dejar un mensaje a Fátima al 202-347-3215 ext 543.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 16 – March 23

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

7am – Brooksie, Myrtle & Bessie Banks
8am – Robert Fitzpatrick
12:10pm – Andres G. Agcaoili
5:30pm – Michael DuPont

Tuesday, March 18

7am – Msgr. Louis Quinn
8am – Anthony V. Savinski
12:10pm – Beverly J. Martino
5:30pm – Schoenstatt Movement (living)

Wednesday, March 19

7am – Fr. Alejandro Diaz (living)
8am – Allen Hasselman (living)
12:10pm – Frances Kress
5:30pm – Emilia C. & George A. McCauliff

Thursday, March 20

7am – Alfonso Araque (living)
8am – Maria Tran
12:10pm – Felicisima R. Bautista
5:30pm – Marjorie Lutz

Friday, March 21

8am – Jose Antonio Peña
12:10pm – Gloria Glisson Magune
5:30pm – Brigitte Oyaya

Saturday, March 22

8am – Teopista Sabelino
12:10pm – Celmira Borjas
5:30pm – Betsy Plant Gallagher

Sunday, March 23

8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Robert L. Crowley
11:30am – Henry Fielden Clancy
1pm – Honorio Nava
5:30pm – Epie Velasco

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 16 Gé 12:1-4 /
Segundo 2 Tim 1:8-10 / Mt 17:1-9
domingo de Cuaresma

Lunes 17 Dn 9:4-10 / Lc 6:36-38

Martes 18 Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles 19 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 /
Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /
Mt 1:16,18-21, 24

Jueves 20 Jer 17:5-10 / Lc 16:19-31

Viernes 2 Gé 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 /
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Sábado 22 Mi 7:1-4,15,18-20 /
Lc 15:1-3,11-32

Domingo 2 Éx 17:3-7 /
Tercer domingo Rom 5:1-2,5-8 /
de Cuaresma Jn 4:5-42

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

PARISH CALENDAR

March 9 – March 16

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.

MONDAY 17—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions available in English and Spanish.

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

TUESDAY 18—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

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 19—A Lenten lecture is given at 12:45pm in the North Conference Room.

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

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

The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

FRIDAY 21—Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.



SATURDAY 22—A Rosary for Life is prayed after the 8am Mass in procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16th Street, NW.

Fr. Hurley's Bible study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

SUNDAY 23—Las clases de Confirmación para adultos serán a las 10:45 de la mañana, salón del Norte. 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.



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 continues this week with a talk on

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE WORD

Join us **Wednesday, March 19** or **Thursday, March 20**

Our speaker is
Sr. Patricia A. Parachini, SNJM
Affiliate Faculty, Loyola University Maryland

Sister Patricia A. Parachini, a Sister of the Holy Names, holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Catholic University of America. She has more than forty years of experience as a pastoral theologian, educator, and spiritual director. She has taught at CUA, Washington Theological Union, and, now, Loyola University Maryland. She also presented St. Matthew’s Advent Morning of Recollection—“Following the Way of Jesus” - a in 2011 and St. Matthew’s Lenten Morning of Recollection—“Thirsting for Living Water” - in 2012.

Wednesday lecture: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

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.

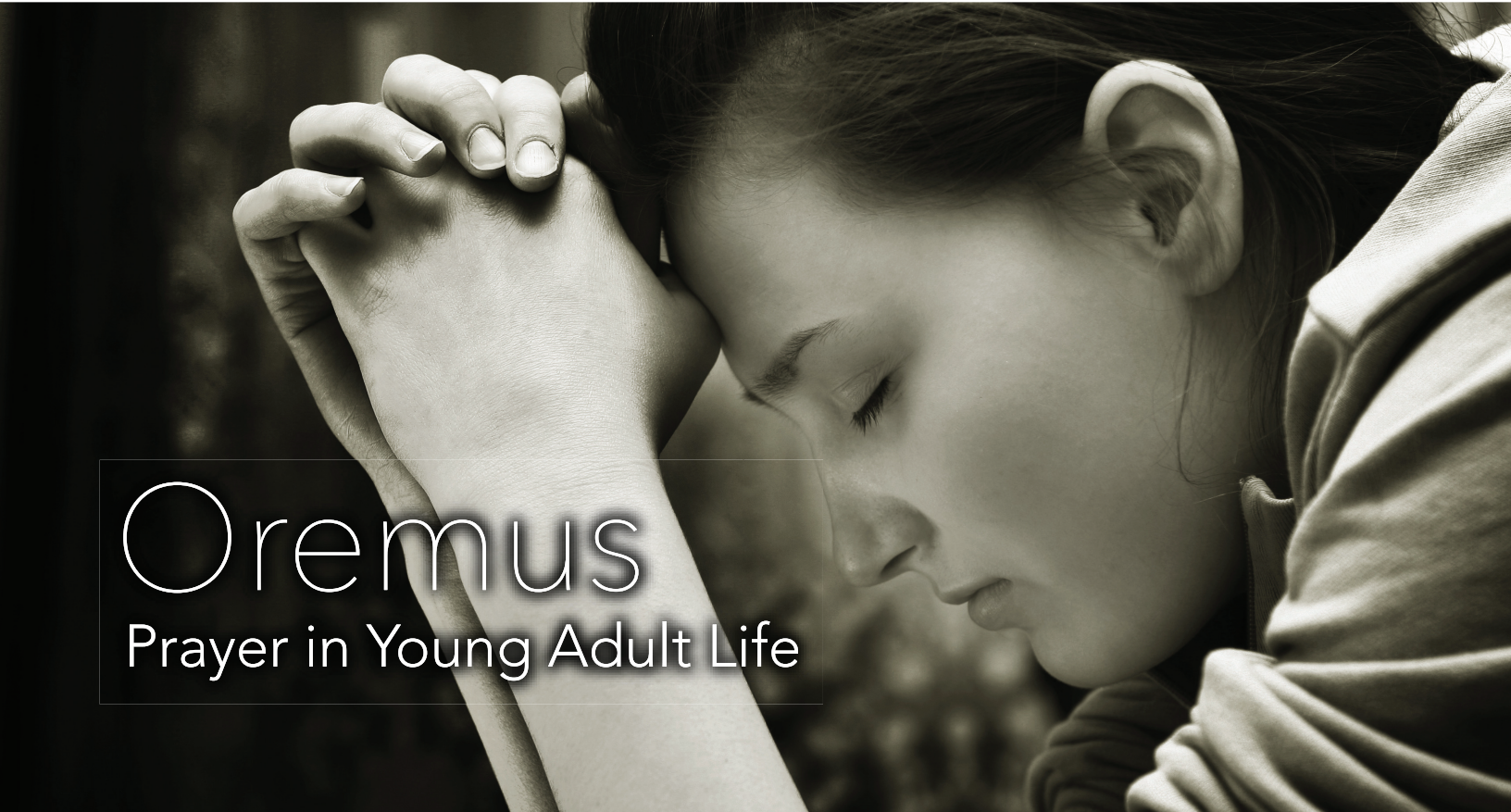
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW • Washington DC 20036
202-347-3215 • www.stmatthewscathedral.org

*Metro: Red Line to Farragut North (L Street exit) or
Dupont Circle (South exit)*

*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)*



2ND ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT

A black and white photograph of a young woman with her eyes closed, resting her head on her clasped hands in a prayerful pose.

Oremus

Prayer in Young Adult Life

April 5-6th

**BELLARMINE
RETREAT CENTER**

Join other young adults in their 20s and 30s for an overnight retreat to grow in faith and fellowship. With the Blue Ridge Mountains as our backdrop, this retreat is designed to help us focus on our prayer lives through the faith experiences of other young adults, group discussions, and time for personal prayer and reflection. Please contact stmattsyam@gmail.com with any questions.

Register Online

[BIT.LY/1JWMJPQ](http://bit.ly/1JWMJPQ)

\$70 Per person includes transportation, meals and lodging
*Financial assistance is available

Simple Lenten Meals

SOUP * BREAD * WATER



Every Friday during Lent

Following the 5:30pm Mass & 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
St. Matthew's Cathedral, North Conference Room

The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship.

Donations collected each week will help support a different DC-based charity.

For more information on this year's charities, please visit:
www.stmatthewscathedral.org

A special thank you to all of the parish groups that have offered to help with the meals. We are also grateful to Bertucci's Restaurant for their kind donation of dinner rolls.

March 7: St. Matthew's Social Justice Ministries and Emergency Assistance Program
Meal organizer: Social Justice Committee

March 14: Welcome Home Reentry Program
Catholic Charities prison outreach and mentorship ministry
Meal organizer: RCIA Catechumens

March 21: Jesuit Refugee Service
Serves refugees and other forcibly displaced persons
Meal organizers: Parish Pastoral Council & Knights of Columbus

March 28: L'Arche Community
Home for the intellectually disabled
Meal organizer: Cathedral Young Adults

April 4: Northwest Center
Pregnancy center and maternity home
Meal organizer: Hispanic Community

April 11: A Simple House
Friendship evangelization and service to the poor
Meal organizer: Liturgy Committee

Cenas Simples de Cuaresma

SOPA * PAN * AGUA



Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma
Después de la Misa de las 5:30pm y el Vía Crucis de las 6:00pm
La Catedral de San Mateo, Salón de Conferencias del Norte

El Comité de Justicia Social les invita a que se unan con nosotros para compartir una cena simple en confraternidad.

Las donaciones que se reciban cada semana, serán entregadas a diferentes caridades del área de Washington.

Para más información sobre las caridades de este año, por favor visite:
www.stmatthewscathedral.org

Les damos un agradecimiento especial a los grupos de nuestra parroquia que ofrecieron ayudar con las cenas.

También somos agradecidos con el restaurante Bertucci's por su generosa donación de bolillos de pan para todas las cenas.

7 de marzo: Ministerios de Justicia Social de la Catedral y programa de ayuda de emergencia-financiera

Donante de la cena:
Comité de Justicia Social

14 de marzo: *Welcome Home, Programa de Reingreso*
Ministerio de Caridades Católicas que ofrece apoyo y mentores a los recién salidos de la cárcel

Donante de la Cena: RICA

21 de marzo: Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados

Atiende a refugiados y otras personas desalojadas a la fuerza

Donante de la Cena: Consejo Parroquial & Caballeros de Colón

28 de marzo: Comunidad de L'Arche

Hogar para adultos con discapacidades intelectuales

Donante de la Cena: Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral

4 de abril: *Northwest Center (Centro del Noroeste)*

Centro de embarazo y hogar para madres

Donante de la Cena: Comunidad Hispana

11 de abril: *A Simple House (Una Casa Simple)*

Evangelización mediante la amistad y servicio al pobre

Donante de la Cena: Comité de Liturgia



Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

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

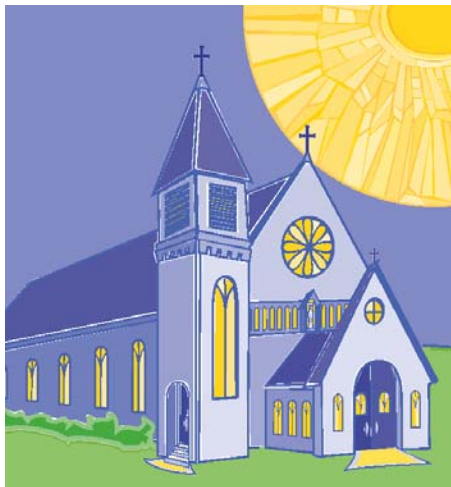
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

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

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 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.

E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT
USE CHURCH CODE:

DC284

C

Faith Direct • Attention: Enrollment • P.O. Box 7101 • Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 • 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} • www.faithdirect.net

“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: _____

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