

## TODAY'S READINGS

**I**f you knew the gift of God ... (John 4:10)  
It is a constant challenge to see spiritual reality in the midst of our everyday lives. One of the gifts of Lent is the opportunity to sharpen our spiritual focus so that we can pay closer attention to our environment and find God in all things around us.

Today's Gospel reading shows Jesus helping people see spiritual truths that they might otherwise miss. The Samaritan woman came to the well looking for a jar of water, and that's where Jesus began the conversation. But within a few minutes, they had discussed living water, worship, and the promised Messiah. Then the disciples returned with lunch, and Jesus used the food as a way to explain both his mission and the work of evangelization that lay before them.

Jesus wasn't just being "super spiritual." A man like us in all things but sin, he probably was thirsty and hungry. He knew how refreshing a cup of cool water can feel on a hot day. He knew how energizing a good meal is after a long day's work. So he used these realities to teach us about the Spirit's power to refresh our lives and the grace of the Eucharist to strengthen us for our journey.

This is how God works. He uses every part of our ordinary, everyday lives to teach us about the extraordinary, heavenly life that he is offering us. So as you seek a clearer spiritual focus during this season, remember that you don't have to leave the physical world behind. God will speak to you through it! He didn't enter this world to take us out of it. He came to redeem it and fill it with his divine power and grace. He took on our flesh in order to redeem our bodies and teach us to find his presence everywhere we look.

Let Jesus talk to you today. Listen for his voice as you take a drink of water, fold the laundry, drive to work, or cook a meal. He wants to tell you something good!

*"Here I am, Lord, ready to hear your voice."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 23** Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 / Jn 4:5-42  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

**Monday 24** 2 Kgs 5:1-15 / Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday 25** Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*

**Wednesday 26** Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday 27** Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

**Friday 28** Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday 29** Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday 30** 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**R**ecorriendo el territorio de los samaritanos, el Señor llegó al pozo de Jacob. Es muy probable que haya recordado la tradición bíblica de que el Mesías sería la fuente del agua que era capaz de sustentar la vida por toda la eternidad. La misión que el Padre le había encomendado era comunicar la vida eterna a todo ser humano, y seguramente pensaba en estas cosas cuando vio que una samaritana venía al pozo a sacar agua.

Al leer el relato de este encuentro, percibimos la paciencia y el amor con que Jesús condujo a la mujer a la fe en su persona como fuente de agua viva. Al principio, ella pensó que se trataba de un

judío como cualquier otro, luego se dio cuenta de que era una persona educada, quizá un rabino, y comenzó a llamarle "señor". Luego entendió que era un profeta y, por último, se dio cuenta de que bien podía ser en realidad el Mesías prometido.

La mujer había llegado al pozo a buscar agua para el día, pero habiendo encontrado a Cristo, dejó la jarra, porque ahora tenía en su interior el manantial de agua que brotaría hasta la vida eterna y volvió al pueblo anunciando que Jesús era el Mesías. Muchos de los aldeanos recibieron igualmente el agua viva al encontrar al Señor y creer por sí mismos.

Nosotros, los seguidores de Jesús, podemos pedirle al Espíritu Santo que despierte en nuestro corazón un gran aprecio por el "don de Dios". Es necesario limpiar el pozo del alma de toda cosa terrenal que nos impida encontrar a Cristo en la rutina de la vida cotidiana. La Cuaresma es una buena época del año para aclarar y reafirmar nuestra fe en Jesús como Dador de vida. Al escuchar la Palabra de Dios que se proclama en la liturgia cuaresmal y meditar en su mensaje, dejemos que el agua viva de Cristo vuelva a brotar en nosotros con abundancia.

*"Amado Jesús, quiero beber de tu agua viva, Señor, para no tener más sed y para llevar a otros a beber de tu agua de la vida. Gracias, Señor."*

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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](http://TheLightisOn.org).

## LIVING LENT ✕

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!** – *“The deepest spiritual joy each of us can sense is the freedom from whatever would separate us from God and the restoration of our friendship with so loving and merciful a Father...”* (Cardinal Donald Wuerl).

Sin alienates us from God. Our loved ones, even our very selves. And once we start on the wrong path, we often find ourselves digging the hole we’ve put ourselves in even deeper, in a futile effort to rescue ourselves. Then, we tell ourselves we’re trapped with nowhere to run, no place to hide, and no one capable of helping us. God, in his merciful love, has given us a path to freedom in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Come and remove any self-imposed barriers to New Life in Christ by making a good Confession.

**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, *Option for the Poor*, and remember Jesus’ words: “Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me.” Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us. To contribute to this Lenten collection, please pick up a “Rice Bowl” at the main entrance of the Cathedral and the rectory. More information: [www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/).

**MOVIE SCREENING ON THE LIFE OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO** – As we continue our Lenten journey, we reflect on our call to serve our neighbor. On March 24, we remember the life of the outspoken leader Archbishop

Oscar Romero, who embodied this calling through his mission in seeking justice and change for the oppressed poor of El Salvador in the 1970’s. The Social Justice Committee will host a screening of the documentary *Monseñor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero* on Monday, **March 24** at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. Snacks will be served. We will begin with a prayer for the martyrs and conclude the evening with a brief discussion of the movie.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER** – Before we approach the mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord, we must purify our eyes and convert our hearts. All are invited to join the DC Community of Sant’Egidio for Lenten prayer in preparation for Easter on Tuesdays of Lent at 12:45pm in Saint Anthony’s Chapel. Prayer leaflets are available. To learn more about the Community, visit <http://www.santegidio.org/>.



**SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS** – The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to a Simple Lenten Meal on **March 28** in the North Conference Room, following the 6pm Stations of the Cross. This week’s meal will be prepared and served by the Cathedral Young Adults. Donations collected on Friday will benefit the L’Arche Community of Greater Washington, which serves adults with intellectual disabilities. Check the flyer in today’s bulletin or our parish website for more information. All are welcome!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Will you give an hour for life? 40 Days for Life invites you to pray, fast, and be a presence outside Planned Parenthood on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. Join this international prayer campaign that has saved and transformed the lives of thousands of mothers, children, and abortion industry workers. These 40 Days are March 5 - April 13. To sign up for a 1-hour time slot between 7am and 7pm, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/washington](http://www.40daysforlife.com/washington).

**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.



## FAITH FORMATION

**RCIA SCRUTINIES FOR THE ELECT** – The season of Lent coincides with the Purification and Enlightenment phase of the RCIA process. During this phase, members of the Elect and Candidates are called to intensify their prayer lives and discern more deeply their desire to join the Church. As the larger parish community, we are called to help them develop their relationship with God and the Church and to pray for them. The celebration of the Scrutinies at the 11:30am Mass on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, **March 23 and 30 and April 6**, is an important part of the Purification and Enlightenment phase. During the Scrutinies, we look within ourselves to find anything that keeps us from Christ and then look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and strengthen us as we face further temptations. Please keep our nine members of the Elect in your prayers.

**BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** – Father Hurley's Bible study on the Gospel of John concludes Saturday, **April 5** with a session focusing on the Resurrection, from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. 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. 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 Wednesday, **April 9**. Contact: Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto: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 (see above).

**BOOK CLUB: ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** – All are welcome to the Book Club meeting on Monday, **May 12** at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room to discuss *St. Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church: A Spiritual Reader* by Carmen Acevedo Butcher (Paraclete Press, 2013). This book includes an introduction to St. Hildegard's life and era and includes selections from her songs, theological texts, liturgical music, and letters. On October 7, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared Hildegard a saint and only the fourth female Doctor of the Church.

## CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK –

The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) is an independent organization bringing together businesses and professionals to create valuable networking opportunities through monthly events and an annual gala. All fundraising benefits Washington, DC Catholic schools. Join us for a networking breakfast Thursday, **March 27**, 8-9:30am in the Great Hall of the Rectory. Register at [www.cbndc.org](http://www.cbndc.org) or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or [jsilvers@cbndc.org](mailto:jsilvers@cbndc.org).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Theology on Tap – Tuesdays through April 29 – 6pm (happy hour) / 7pm (talk) – Buffalo Billiards (1330 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW / Dupont)** – The theme of this series by the Archdiocese Office of Young Adult Ministry 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/DCYoung Adult](https://www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult). Contact: Jonathan at [dccatholic@adw.org](mailto:dccatholic@adw.org)

**C†YA for Supper Thursday, March 27 – 7pm – Lalibela (1415 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW)** – All young adults, friends, and fellow foodies are welcome to join us for our monthly suppers! RSVP by Monday, March 24 for Lalibela's. RSVP at <http://goo.gl/TtP6JA>. Contact: Ian at [howley.ian@gmail.com](mailto:howley.ian@gmail.com)

**C†YA for a Simple Lenten Meal – Friday, March 28 – 6:30pm – North Conference Room** – Support C†YA in coordinating a Simple Lenten Meal! Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. Donations will benefit 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](mailto:cawait.10@gmail.com)

**Tre Ore: Fr. Barron's Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, Sunday, March 30 after 5:30pm Mass (6:30-7:30pm) – North Conference Room** – Join us to listen to the second part of Fr. Robert Barron's homily on the seven last words of Christ. We'll order pizza to share as we listen and talk! Contact: Ian at [howley.ian@gmail.com](mailto:howley.ian@gmail.com)

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**EL AMOR DE DIOS** – Se dice que es imposible dar lo que uno no ha recibido. Como hijos e hijas de Dios, todos recibimos la misericordia que solo Él nos puede ofrecer. Del mismo modo debemos hacer todo lo posible para brindar esa misericordia a la gente que se encuentra a nuestro alrededor. A veces puede parecer un reto imposible pero, como el Cardenal Donald Wuerl explica, “al experimentar la misericordia de Cristo en la confesión, somos más capaces de demostrar aquella misericordia a los demás. El Sacramento de la reconciliación está al servicio de todos los demás sacramentos. Nos ayuda a prepararnos para recibir a Jesús más dignamente en la Eucaristía, que a la vez nos fortalece para vivir nuestra vocación como católicos bautizados y confirmados.”



**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](http://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, *Opción para los pobres*, y somos recordados de las palabras de Cristo: “Cuando lo hicieron para alguno de los más pequeños de estos mis hermanos, me lo hicieron a mí”. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo, para que podamos ver la Cara de Cristo en los pobres entre nosotros. Para contribuir a esta colecta, por favor recoja un “Plato de Arroz” que se encuentran en la entrada central de la Catedral y en la rectoría. Más información: [www.crsricebowl.org/](http://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).

**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.

**CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA** – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de las Cena Simple de Cuaresma de este viernes **28 de marzo** en el salón de Conferencias del Norte, después del Vía Crucis de las 6:00pm. La cena de esta semana será preparada y servida por los Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral. Las donaciones que se recogerán este viernes serán para beneficio de la Comunidad de L’Arche de Washington, la cual sirve a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales. Hay más información en nuestra página de internet. ¡Todos son invitados!

**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.

**MISA ANUAL DE JUBILEO MATRIMONIAL** – El Cardenal Donald Wuerl estará presidiendo la misa anual para celebrar a las parejas que están conmemorando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **15 de junio** a las 2:00 de la tarde, en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción. Por favor llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215. Todas las parejas que desean participar tienen que estar inscritas el **14 de abril**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 23 - 30

### Sunday, March 23

7am - Fr. Alejandro Diaz  
(living)  
8:30am - All Parishioners  
10am - Robert L. Crowley  
11:30am - Henry Fielden Clancy  
1pm - Honorio Nava  
5:30pm - Epie Velasco

### Monday, March 24

7am - Bishop Raymond Boland  
8am - Dr. Trinh (living)  
12:10pm - Mary C. Smith  
5:30pm - Teresa Timony Paige

### Tuesday, March 25

7am - Fr. Alejandro Diaz  
(living)  
8am - Elizabeth & Joseph  
Conway  
12:10pm - Vincenta Jayme  
Matzen  
5:30pm - Charles Mandji

### Wednesday, March 26

7am - Dee Roberge  
8am - Rose M. Atchison (living)  
12:10pm - Richard Steinke  
5:30pm - Mary Michalek

### Thursday, March 27

7am - Joan M. Alber  
8am - Alex  
12:10pm - Aurora Steinke  
(living)  
5:30pm - Lenore Anderson  
(living)

### Friday, March 28

7am - Elmer B. Sartin  
8am - Dorito Concon  
12:10pm - Rolly & Tess Saldana  
(living)

### Saturday, March 29

12:10pm - Sarah & James  
Tressler (living)  
5:30pm - Philip H. Chang &  
Lucy Cho

### Sunday, March 30

8:30am - Deacon Ulysses Rice  
10am - All Parishioners  
11:30am - Saeeda Begum  
1pm - Jesús Primitivo  
5:30pm - Marjorie Lutz

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 23** Éx 17:3-7 /  
*Tercer domingo* Rom 5:1-2,5-8 /  
*de Cuaresma* Jn 4:5-42  
**Lunes 24** 2 Re 5:1-15 / Lc 4:24-30  
**Martes 25** Is 7:10-14 /  
*La Anunciación* Heb 10:4-10 /  
*del Señor* Lc 1:26-38  
**Miércoles 26** Deut 4:1,5-9 /  
Mt 5:17-19  
**Jueves 27** Jer 7:23-28 / Lc 11:14-23  
**Viernes 28** Os 14:2-10 /  
Mc 12:28-34  
**Sábado 29** Os 6:1-6 / Lc 18:9-14  
**Domingo 30** 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13 /  
*Tercer domingo* Ef 5:8-14 /  
*de Cuaresma* Jn 9:1-41

## PARISH CALENDAR

March 23 - 30

**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.

**MONDAY 24**—A film on Archbishop  
Oscar Romero is shown at 6:45pm  
in the West 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.

The Community of Sant'Egidio  
leads prayer in the St. Anthony  
Chapel at 12:45pm.

**WEDNESDAY 26**—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 27**—The Catholic Business  
Network holds a breakfast at 8am in  
the Great Hall.

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

The Respect Life Committee meets in  
the West Conference Room at 6:45pm.  
Wednesday's Lenten lecture is  
repeated at 7pm in the North  
Conference.

**FRIDAY 28**—**Stations of the Cross** are  
prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple  
Lenten Meal served in the North  
Conference Room.

**SUNDAY 30**—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.

Laetare Vespers are held at 4pm in the  
Cathedral.

## ARCHDIOCESAN AND AREA NEWS

**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**.

**ST. STEPHEN MARTYR** - Sent out to  
bring the message of Fatima to the  
world, the International Pilgrim Virgin  
Statue has traveled the world, bringing  
the great message of hope - 'the peace  
plan from heaven.' The Pilgrim Virgin  
Statue will be at St. Stephen Martyr  
Church (2436 Pennsylvania Ave, NW)  
from **April 3** at 7pm through **April 4** at  
2pm. All are invited to join them in  
welcoming her and praying for peace.

# LAETARE VESPERS

SUNDAY  
MARCH 30, 2014  
4:00 PM

LITURGIA HORARUM  
*LITURGY OF THE HOURS IN LATIN CHANT*

*SCHOLA CANTORUM*  
*THOMAS STEHLE, DIRECTOR*  
*PAUL HARDY, ORGANIST*

THE VESPERS SERVICE WILL ALSO INCLUDE MOTETS BY

**VAET, BIANCIARDI, OSTERHAGEN, MORALES,  
DOMINGUEZ AND PATTERSON**

**Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle**

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# 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 SACRAMENTS

Join us **Wednesday, March 26** or **Thursday, March 27**

Our speaker is

***Fr. Raymond Kemp***

Special Assistant to the President, Georgetown University

As a native of Washington, DC and a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, Father Raymond Kemp is Special Assistant to the President at Georgetown University, where he also serves as adjunct professor in the Department of Theology. In addition to his work at Georgetown, he is involved with leading retreats for parish and faith groups on biblical and social justice. Father Kemp’s areas of interest include pastoral theology, liturgy, preaching, faith development, spirituality, Christian initiation, community organizing, urban development and urban politics. Father Kemp gave a lecture during St. Matthew’s Lenten Lecture Series in 2010 on the liturgies of the RCIA.

*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](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org) or call 202-347-3215 x530.

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*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)*

# 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](http://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

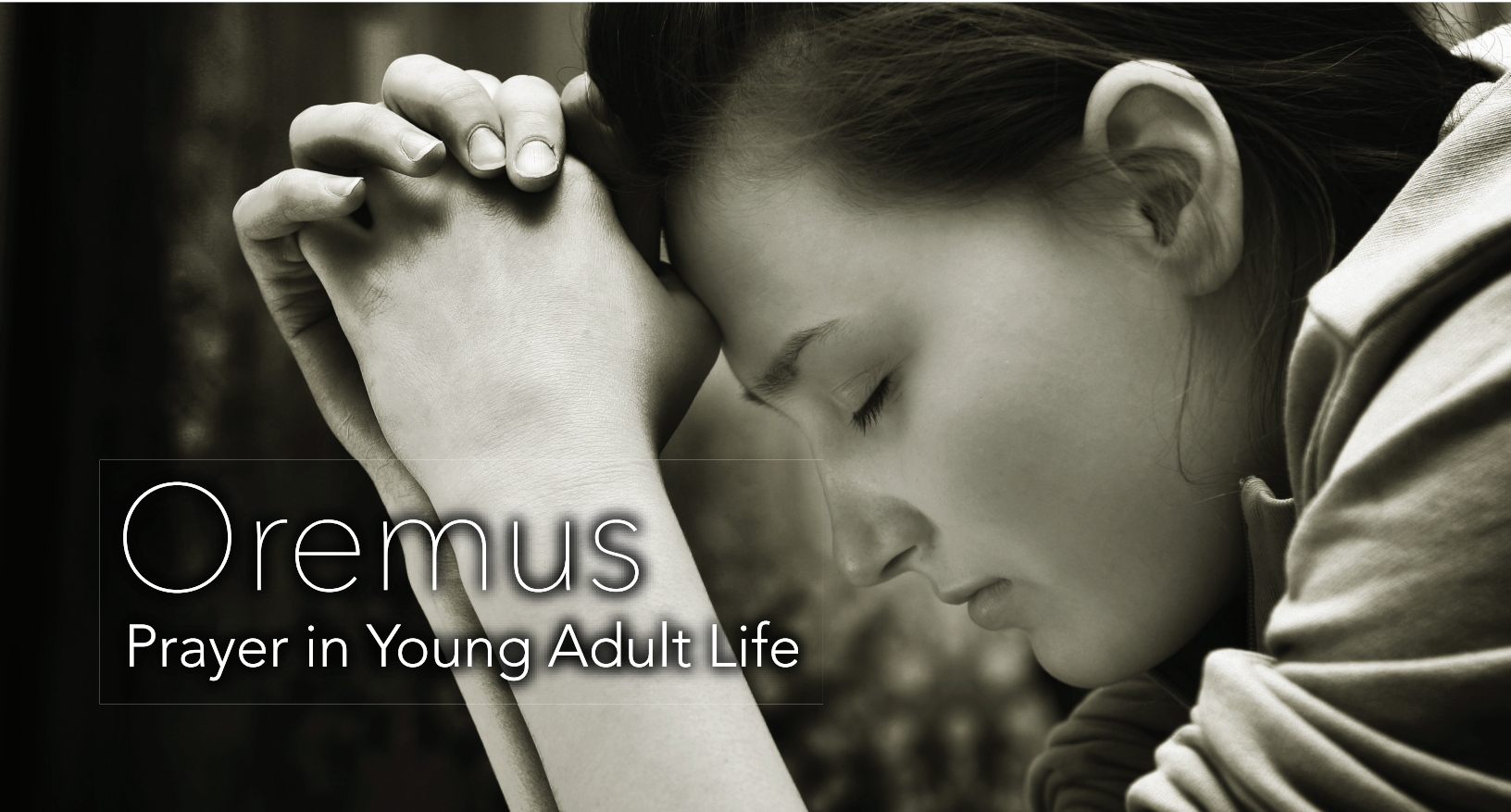
**April 4: Northwest Center**  
*Pregnancy center and maternity home*  
Meal organizer: Hispanic Community

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





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

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**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](mailto: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



## 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.

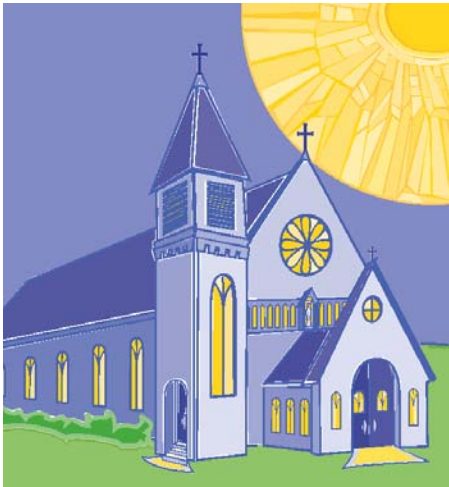
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



### *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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**

# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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