

TODAY'S READINGS

Anoint him, for this is the one. (1 Samuel 16:12)
Even from the earliest days, there was a strict hierarchy in every Jewish family. The father was the head of the household, and his eldest son was the heir apparent. All the other sons had lesser places in the home and stood to inherit less than their older brother.

But Scripture tells us about some people who operated outside of this hierarchy and became powerful servants of God in their own right. For example, Deborah was a woman living in a man's world (Judges 4-5). Jacob outshone his older brother, Esau (Genesis 27). And Gideon, the "most insignificant" in his father's house, rose up to become a great warrior and liberator of his people (Judges 6-7). David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, fits right in that pattern.

By traditional standards, these limitations should have kept these people from rising up to positions of leadership in Israel. But God uses a different method of selection. He places an emphasis on how a person thinks and acts, not on that person's place in the family or society. As he told Samuel, he looks at the heart, not the appearance.

Even today, God is looking for people with pure hearts, people who will be faithful and obedient. He is looking for people who are willing to be formed by him. King Saul, David's predecessor, had turned away from God, but in David, God found a man with a soft heart and a willing spirit.

God isn't looking for the smartest, the wealthiest, the most beautiful, or the flashiest person. He is looking for people who are committed to him and who strive to model their lives after his teachings.

We are God's anointed ones. He has blessed us and filled us with his grace. May we rise up today and tell the Lord that we want to serve him and honor him with our lives.

"Lord, give me the desire to follow you and the strength to help build your Church."

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LECTURAS DE HOY

En el Evangelio de hoy encontramos a Cristo que cura al ciego de nacimiento enviándolo a lavarse en la piscina de Siloé, haciendo de esta forma que el hombre emprenda un recorrido espiritual muy importante, en el que avanza cada vez que da testimonio de su curación. Al principio, simplemente dijo que había sido curado por "el hombre que se llama Jesús". Luego, habiendo entendido mejor, declaró que Cristo era "un profeta" y más tarde aún, que venía "de Dios". Finalmente, habiendo entendido y creído en Jesús, proclamó abiertamente "Creo, Señor. Y lo adoré." San Juan nos conduce de la mano por este recorrido de fe para darnos a conocer el gran don que Jesús le concedió al hombre: no sólo la vista física, sino la salvación eterna.

Irónicamente, los fariseos quedaron cada vez más confundidos y comprendieron menos; no aceptaron la verdad que veían con sus propios ojos, precisamente porque no tenían fe.

En cierto grado podemos reconocer que el ciego y los fariseos nos representan a todos: seres atrapados en la oscuridad, tratando de encontrar la luz. Sin embargo, muchas veces también nos parecemos a los padres del ciego, que se marginaron de esta maravillosa curación por temor a alguna consecuencia adversa para ellos. A veces nosotros también preferimos no involucrarnos y quedarnos en las "zonas grises" de la indecisión.

Pidámosle al Espíritu Santo que nos quite el velo de los ojos para que podamos reconocer cuando no queremos ver la luz plena de la verdad. Jesús sanó al ciego untándole los ojos con lodo, pero éste tenía que hacer algo personalmente: ir a lavarse en la piscina. Hagamos nosotros lo mismo: recibamos el toque sanador de Dios en la oración y los sacramentos y lavémonos con el agua de la vida, que es Cristo.

"Señor mío Jesucristo, te ruego que abras los ojos de mi corazón para verte cada vez con más claridad y saber que tú eres el médico divino que me sana y me salva."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Monday 31 Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 1 Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday 2 Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30
St. Francis of Paola

Thursday 3 Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday 4 Wis 2:1,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday 5 Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53
St. Isidore

Sunday 6 Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
St. Vincent Ferrer

Fifth Sunday of Lent

LIVING LENT ✝

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! – *“In my life, I have so often seen... many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him, ‘Lord, I am here; accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away in your blood.’ And I have always seen that God did just this—he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them.”* (Pope Francis).

We don’t need to be perfect for God to love us; but we do need to trust him. Before God, all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from him no secrets are hid.

Indeed there’s One who’s truly perfect; present yourself to him as you are, and ask him to cleanse you and make you whole. Be real with him and discover his healing love.

Come and be renewed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Confessions are heard in English and Spanish on Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30 to 8pm. For confession times in other parishes, visit, TheLightisOn.org.**

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, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*, and to remember that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world that we work with joy for God’s greater glory. To contribute to this Lenten collection, please pick up a “Rice Bowl” at the main entrance of the Cathedral or the rectory.

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS – The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in this Friday’s Simple Lenten Meals Program on **April 4** in the North Conference Room, following the 6pm Stations of the Cross. This week’s meal will be prepared and served by members of the Hispanic Community. Donations collected on Friday will benefit the Northwest Center, a pregnancy center and maternity home. More information can be found on the parish website. All are welcome!

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.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **April 4** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord. On Saturday, **April 5**, all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – Good news — Hospitality Sunday is back! All are welcome to a Hospitality reception after the **11:30 Mass on April 6** in the North Conference Room. This event will look a little different than you may remember; join us to see what’s changed! It will be dedicated to something we can all relate to—FOOD—with information available on charities dedicated to spreading awareness about hunger and nutrition. As always, we will serve food and beverages. Join us, and learn about upcoming events at the Cathedral, activities for children, and much more. Interested in helping with future events? Contact smattshospitality@gmail.com.

DOMINICAN GALA – Support the work of the Dominican brothers and priests who serve St. Matthew’s at a Gala at the Dominican House of Studies on Saturday, **April 26** at 6:30pm, featuring appetizers, silent and live auctions, musical entertainment by Dominican student brothers, and night prayer. Advance tickets – \$125, students – \$50. Purchase tickets at dhs.edu/gala or call 202-495-3877.

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, our members of the Elect and our 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, which will continue at the 11:30am Mass on the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, **March 30 and April 6**, is an important part of the Purification and Enlightenment phase. During the Scrutinies with our Elect, we look within ourselves to find anything that keeps us from Christ and then look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and to strengthen us as we face further temptations. Please keep our nine members of the Elect in your prayers.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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 as we listen and talk! Contact: Ian at howley.ian@gmail.com

Theology on Tap – Tuesdays through April 29 – 6pm (happy hour) / 7pm (talk) – Buffalo Billiards (1330 19th 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. Contact: Jonathan at dccatholic@adw.org

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/1jwmjqq.



FAITH IN ACTION

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP – The Social Justice & Community Service Committee invites you to a gathering on Thursday, **April 3**. The purpose is simply to offer current volunteers and interested parishioners a chance to socialize and learn more about Social Justice activities. Join us for a joint prayer with the Community of Sant'Egidio at 6:30pm in the West Conference Room (entrance on left side of the Cathedral). Light refreshments will follow. Contact: Franz Kuo at franzkuo@gmail.com. To learn more about Social Justice Ministries, visit the parish website.

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 16th Street, NW. 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.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

TODOS CAEMOS Y TODO PECAMOS – Lo cierto es que todos caemos y todos pecamos. No hay ni una sola persona en esta tierra que no haya caído, y más de una vez, en su vida. Hasta el Papa Francisco se confiesa un “simple y humilde pecador.” Aun así, no podemos perder la esperanza que Dios nos ama y que su misericordia es tan amplia que hasta el más pecador puede ser perdonado en el sacramento de la confesión. El Cardenal Wuerl nos enseña que “El hecho grave y triste de la vida es que todos cometemos errores. No siempre vivimos como debemos. Cada uno de nosotros puede reconocer en nuestra vida momentos de alegría y tristeza, ocasiones de gran aceptación y logros, así como momentos de rechazo y frustración. Consciente de nuestra fragilidad humana, Cristo, el médico divino de nuestras almas y cuerpos, ha querido que su Iglesia continuase en el poder del Espíritu Santo para llevar a cabo su obra de curación y de salvación.

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, *La Dignidad del Trabajo y los Derechos de los Trabajadores*, y somos recordados que, como El trabajo en crear el universo, Dios santifica y nos llama al trabajo. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo, para que podamos laborar con alegría para gloria de Dios. 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.



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).

MINISTERIO DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL ORACIÓN Y CONFRATERNIDAD – El comité de Justicia Social les invita a todos a participar en un evento social el jueves, **3 de abril**. El propósito de este evento es para ofrecer a voluntarios actuales y feligreses que están interesados en servir en nuestros programas la oportunidad para socializar y aprender más sobre diferentes actividades de Justicia Social. La tarde empezará en oración con la comunidad de San Egidio a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón del Oeste (la entrada se encuentra al lado izquierdo de la Catedral). Se ofrecerán refrigerios ligeros. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Franz Kuo a: franzkuo@gmail.com. Para aprender más sobre los ministerios de Justicia Social y los eventos que se aproximan, visite la página de web de la Catedral.

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 **4 de abril** en el Salón de Conferencias del Norte, después del Vía Crucis de las 6:00 de la tarde. La cena de esta semana será preparada y servida por miembros de la Comunidad Hispana. Las donaciones que se recogerán este viernes serán para beneficiar el Centro del Noroeste, un centro de embarazo y hogar para madres. Hay más información en nuestra página de internet. ¡Todos son invitados!

PREPARACIÓN MATRIMONIAL EN ESPAÑOL – Se están ofreciendo clases de preparación matrimonial dos sábados consecutivos. El curso primero será sábado **5** y sábado **12 de abril** de 8:30 de la mañana a 5 de la tarde. Centro Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de Washington (5001 Eastern Ave. Hyattsville, MD). El costo del curso es \$175 por pareja. Necesitan recomendación del párroco para inscribirse. Llamar a la oficina de eventos: 301-853-5334 o si tienen alguna pregunta llamen a Mary Hamm al 301-853-4499.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 30 – April 6

Sunday, March 30

8:30am – Deacon Ulysses
Rice

10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Saeeda Begum
1pm – Jesús Primitivo
5:30pm – Marjorie Lutz

Monday, March 31

7am – Marjorie Lutz
8am – Maria Antoinette
Haeringer
12:10pm – Augustino
Tran Tri
5:30pm – Julius
Egoegonwa

Tuesday, April 1

7am – Faye Columbus
8am – Beatrice Hatcheson
12:10pm – Roy Carter
5:30pm – Jose Alegre

Wednesday, April 2

8am – Virgen de
Guadalupe
12:10pm – The Moen
Family (living)
5:30pm – Robertina de
Jesus Castillo

Thursday, April 3

7am – Excmo. Sr. Don
Adolfo Suárez, ex
Presidente del
Gobierno de España
12:10pm – Moisés López

Friday, April 4

8am – Fr. Kevin Regan
(living)
12:10pm – Robert Ray

Saturday, April 5

5:30pm – Christopher
Tasca

Sunday, April 6

8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Carmen Villacres
11:30am – Joan Heuter
1pm – Krista Nasetti
(living)
5:30pm Joseph Larose

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Cuarto domingo Ef 5:8-14 /
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Miércoles 2 Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30
San Francisco de Paula

Jueves 3 Éx 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Viernes 4 Sab 2:1,12-22 /
San Isidoro Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sábado 5 Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53
San Vicente Ferrer

Domingo 6 Ez 37:12-14 /
Quinto domingo Rom 8:8-11 /
de Cuaresma Jn 11:1-45

PARISH CALENDAR

March 30 – April 6

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.

MONDAY 31—The Development & Stewardship Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 1—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 2—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 3—Wednesday's Lenten lecture is repeated at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

The Social Justice Ministry holds a Prayer and Fellowship gathering at 6:30pm in the West Conference Room.

FRIDAY 4—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

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

SATURDAY 5—Fr. Hurley's Bible study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

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

SUNDAY 6—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses. Las clases de Confirmación para adultos serán a las 10:45 de la mañana, salón del Norte.

A Hospitality reception is held after the 11:30am Mass in the North Conference Room.

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.

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 – The International 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 praying for peace.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the interior of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The image shows a grand, ornate nave with a high, vaulted ceiling decorated with intricate gold and blue patterns. Large, arched windows with stained glass are visible. The pews are dark wood, and the overall atmosphere is one of a rich, historical religious space.

LAETARE VESPERS

SUNDAY
MARCH 30, 2014
4:00 PM

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Lenten Lecture Series

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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 concludes this week with a talk on

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN WORKS OF CHARITY

Join us **Wednesday, April 2** or **Thursday, April 3**

Our speaker is

Fr. James J. Greenfield, OSFS

Provincial Superior, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province,
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

Father Jim Greenfield, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, has worked in a variety of educational roles at the university level as well as director of programs for his religious community. Since 2008, he has served as provincial superior of his order’s Eastern province. Father Jim is a certified pastoral counselor and author of a number of articles on religious life, seminary formation, and the intersection of spirituality and human development. Selected by leaders of religious communities of men in the United States to serve as president-elect of the Congregation of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), he will become its president in August 2014. Father Jim has been a frequent presider at St. Matthew’s 5:30pm Sunday Mass for many years.

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.

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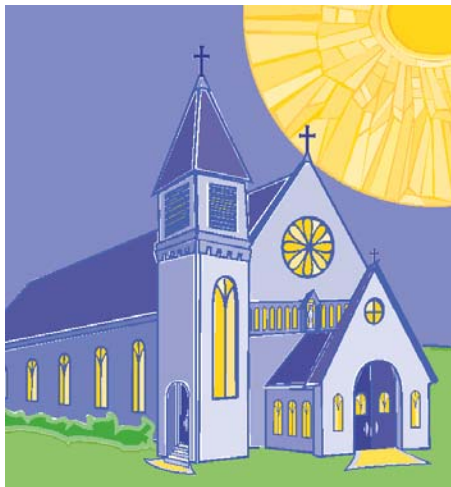
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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____

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

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.
The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____ Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Checking Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print Name as Appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____

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



St. Matthew's Cathedral Adopt-A-Family Program

Easter Drive 2014

St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Services Committee is collecting grocery store gift cards to distribute to our adopted families in need this Easter season. We are collecting **\$25 Safeway gift cards**. Please pick up a flyer with an attached envelope for donations at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

You may send your donation to St. Matthew's by mail, drop it off at the Rectory, or leave it with volunteers collecting donations on the weekends of **March 29 and 30, as well as April 5 and 6**. Please be as generous as possible, as there is a great need for assistance. We would like to receive the gift cards *no later than April 9*.

If you prefer, you are welcome to make a **financial donation**. Simply write a check to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Adopt-A-Family" on the note line and drop in the collection basket or mail it/turn it in to the Rectory for the weekend of April 6. Any donations that we receive above what is needed for the families at Easter time will be used to assist the families with grocery gift cards and other emergency assistance during the year.

For more information and to volunteer with this drive, please contact Pedro Carroll at pedro.carroll@mac.com.

Your support will allow families in need to enjoy a hearty meal this Easter.
Thank you very much for your generosity!

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)





Catedral de San Mateo Programa de Adopte-Una-Familia

Colecta Pascual 2014

El Comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario de la Catedral está recogiendo tarjetas de regalo para compras de comida las cuales serán distribuidas a nuestras familias necesitadas durante este tiempo de Pascua. Estamos coleccionando tarjetas de regalo de **\$25 de Safeway**. Por favor recojan un volante con un sobre para donaciones en la entrada central de la Catedral.

También puede mandar su donación por correo, dejarla en la rectoría, o dejarla con voluntarios que estarán recogiendo las donaciones los fines de semana del **29 y 30 de marzo, y el 5 y 6 de abril**. Por favor sean generosos, ya que hay una gran necesidad. Quisiéramos recibir las tarjetas de regalo *hasta el 9 de abril*.

Si prefiere, puede hacer una donación financiera. Simplemente escriba un cheque a St. Matthew's Cathedral con "Adopt-A-Family" en la línea de nota, póngalo en el sobre incluido con el volante y déjelo en la canasta de colecta o mándelo por correo/entréguelo a la rectoría. Lo que sobre de las donaciones será usado para ayudar a las familias necesitadas en casos de emergencia durante el resto del año.

Para más información y para ayudar como voluntario, póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Su apoyo dará la oportunidad a que las familias en necesidad puedan disfrutar de una cena abundante durante esta Pascua

¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

"De cierto os digo: En cuanto lo hicisteis a uno de estos mis hermanos más pequeños, a mí lo hicisteis." (Mt. 25:40)

