

TODAY'S READINGS

Father, I thank you for hearing me. (John 11:41)
 You have probably prayed many prayers this Lent, maybe even for those who are sick or departed loved ones—the “Lazaruses” in your life. But does the thought ever creep in: *God, are you even listening?*

Perhaps we can take a cue from Jesus as he prayed for his friend Lazarus, who had just died. Rather than starting off with his specific request, he said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me” (John 11:41). Jesus offered words of gratitude for the greatest gift of all: God’s friendship and love. He trusted that his Father knew what he needed before he even asked. He knew that his Father would give just the right gifts at just the right time—even if it meant that Lazarus wouldn’t rise until the end of time.

Mary and Martha, women of great faith, expected that Jesus would come as soon as he got word that Lazarus was sick. But he delayed. As time passed, they too must have thought, *God, are you listening?* By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus was already dead and decaying. But Jesus’ delay had nothing to do with indifference. He was so moved by the women’s distress that he wept at Lazarus’ tomb. In the end, his delay led to an even greater miracle: not just a healing but an actual rising from death!

Jesus hears every prayer you make, even if he doesn’t answer you right away. He weeps with you in your sorrow. He is with you, even when he is holding back his healing touch. He may not give you what you ask for, but he will give you something good—perhaps an increased compassion for other people’s suffering or a greater healing further down the road. Best of all, he will give you the greatest of all gifts: an ever-deepening relationship with him.

So run to the One who hears all your prayers. Go with confidence and trust. Jesus is with you. He will not abandon you!

“Lord, thank you for hearing me. I treasure the incredible gift that you are to me!”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 6 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
Monday 7 <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i>	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday 8	Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday 9	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42
Thursday 10	Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
Friday 11 <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
Saturday 12	Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
Sunday 13 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phi 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66

LECTURAS DE HOY

Cuando Jesús le dijo a Marta que Lázaro resucitaría, ella replicó: “Ya sé que resucitará en la resurrección del último día” (Juan 11, 24); pero el Señor lo resucitó de inmediato. A nosotros también nos cuesta reconocer que el Señor actúa aquí y ahora mismo. Por medio del Bautismo nos da la vida nueva, una vida de fe que es tan concreta como la que le devolvió a Lázaro cuando éste yacía en la tumba.

Lázaro fue un testigo tan poderoso del poder vivificante de Jesús que los jefes judíos quisieron matarlo (Juan 12, 10). Comentando sobre este episodio, san Agustín decía, irónicamente, que si hubieran matado a Lázaro, ¡Jesús simplemente lo habría resucitado de nuevo! (*Homilías sobre san Juan* 50, 14).

Casi 600 años antes del nacimiento de Jesús, el profeta Ezequiel tuvo una poderosa visión del Espíritu de Dios que resucitaba a su pueblo para darle una vida nueva. En el valle de los huesos secos profetizó diciendo: “Ven, espíritu, desde los cuatro vientos y sopla sobre estos muertos, para que vuelvan a la vida” (Ezequiel 37, 9). Del mismo modo que la resurrección de Lázaro, la visión de Ezequiel anuncia la vida nueva que Dios nos da hoy y al mismo tiempo la resurrección final de entre los muertos.

Un antiguo rabino judío, el Rabí Judá ben Simón, comentó sobre la visión de los huesos secos que tuvo Ezequiel para enseñar que la responsabilidad de escuchar la voz de Dios es nuestra: “[Dios] les dijo, ‘descendientes de Jacob, familias todas de Israel, escuchen la palabra del Señor, y ustedes no escucharon; pero ahora han escuchado. Cuando estaban vivos no escuchaban, pero ahora que están muertos han escuchado!’” (Comentario Rabbah sobre Eclesiastés IV.3.1). En otras palabras, nos enseñó que debemos escuchar y aceptar la llamada de Dios en esta vida, porque no tendremos otra alternativa que escuchar la voz del juicio de Dios en el último día.

“Señor y Salvador nuestro, te rogamos que te muestres compasivo con nosotros, para que en la resurrección final nos encontremos reconciliados con Dios.”

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LIVING LENT ✕

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! – *“By experiencing Christ’s mercy in Confession, we are more able to show that mercy to others. The Sacrament of Confession is a means of restoring peace”* (Cardinal Donald Wuerl)

Are you having difficulty forgiving a friend or a loved one? Have you considered seeking forgiveness first?

Oftentimes we find forgiving difficult because we don’t ask for forgiveness. You can’t give what you don’t have. If you haven’t opened yourself to the gift of forgiveness that God wants to give you then you close yourself off to giving the gift to others.

It’s time to open your heart and let it go. Come and begin again with 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 REFLECTION – CRS Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Call to Family, Community and Participation*, and to remember that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world that our families and communities may be strengthened and blessed. To contribute to this Lenten collection, please pick up a “Rice Bowl” at the main entrance of the Cathedral or the rectory.

FINAL SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL – The Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to participate in our final Simple Lenten Meal on **April 11** in the North Conference Room, following the 6pm multilingual Stations of the Cross. The meal will be prepared and served by members of the Liturgy Committee. Donations collected will benefit A Simple House, which serves families in need through friendship and evangelization. More information can be found on the parish website. All are welcome!

TUESDAY LENTEN AFTERNOON PRAYER – All are invited to join the DC Community of Sant’Egidio for their final Lenten prayer in preparation for Easter on Tuesday, **April 8 at 12:45pm** in Saint Anthony’s Chapel. To learn more about the Community, please visit: <http://www.santegidio.org/>.

NEWS AND NOTES

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.

ALWAYS GOD’S CHILDREN – Always God’s Children, the Cathedral’s ministry to gay and lesbian people and their families and friends, will meet next Sunday, **April 13** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED – Please consider serving as a Hospitality Minister during Holy Week, at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday. The schedule of liturgies is in today’s bulletin, in the Lenten brochure and on the parish website. To volunteer, contact us at Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5143. Thank you!

DECORATORS NEEDED! – On Holy Saturday, **April 19**, we will gather to decorate the Cathedral for Easter. We need volunteers from 9:30am until 11am to prepare flowers and other decorations. There is no need to sign up in advance—just come!

DOMINICAN GALA – Support the work of the Dominican brothers 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 conclude at the 11:30am Mass on the fifth Sunday of Lent, **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.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION

ADOPT-A-FAMILY EASTER DRIVE – St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Services Committee is collecting grocery gift cards to distribute to our Adopt-A-Family families in need during this Easter season. Volunteers will collect donations at the main entrance of the Cathedral after all Masses this weekend, **April 5 and 6**. To participate, please purchase a \$25 Safeway gift card and either leave it with the volunteers or submit your donation to the rectory. You may also mail your gift card or monetary donation to St. Matthew's or deposit it in the offertory collection during Mass. Checks should be payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Adopt-A-Family" on the note line. For more information or to volunteer with this drive, please email Pedro Carroll at pedro.carroll@mac.com. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUNG ADULTS

Volunteering at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, April 8 – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights) – The Northwest Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and raise healthy babies. Each month, the Young Adults assist with odd jobs like sorting donations, cleaning, and yard work. Come once or every month! Contact Natalie Committee at natalie.committee@gmail.com to sign up.

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

Christ in the City: Young Adult Adoration & Mass Thursday, April 10 – 6 to 7pm (confession & adoration) / 7pm (Mass) – Immaculate Conception (N Street at 8th Street NW / Mt. Vernon Square) – The Archdiocese Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults for an evening of worship followed by fellowship at a nearby bar. Contact Jonathan at dccatholic@adw.org with questions.

C†YA at Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program Saturday, April 12 – 10 AM to 12:30pm – 801 East Men's Shelter (2700 MLK Blvd. SE / Anacostia) – Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program is a residential rehab program for young men ages 18-24. Join us for a rewarding morning of fun activities and facilitated interaction designed to help the guys develop valuable social and professional skills. You can take the Metro and/or buses to the shelter, but we will do our best to coordinate carpools. Contact Carolyn at cewait.10@gmail.com to sign up.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

EL PODER DEL AMOR– ¿Qué es el amor? El amor es reír con nuestros seres queridos cuando debemos reír y llorar cuando debemos llorar. Es dar libremente de nuestros propios recursos a los que más lo necesitan, es trabajar por un ambiente justo donde todos se sienten valorados y queridos. En nuestras vidas sólo ha habido un ser que nos ha demostrado el amor perfecto y ese ser es Dios porque Dios es Amor. En su mensaje anual para la Cuaresma, el Papa Francisco nos inculca que “La caridad y el amor es compartir en todo la suerte del amado. El amor nos hace semejantes, crea igualdad, derriba los muros y las distancias. Y Dios hizo esto con nosotros. Jesús, en efecto, “trabajó con manos de hombre, pensó con inteligencia de hombre, obró con voluntad de hombre, amó con corazón de hombre. Nacido de la Virgen María, se hizo verdaderamente uno en nosotros, en todo semejante a nosotros excepto en el pecado” (Gaudium et spes, 22). El amor tiene el poder de tocar a cualquier corazón y Él te invita a que disfrutes del amor que solo Él puede dar. Aprovecha esta temporada de Cuaresma para participar en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y así recibir el amor de Jesús más profundamente en la Eucaristía.

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 ofrecen el



Sacramento de Reconciliación todos los miércoles de Cuaresma. **Nuestra parroquia ofrece 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.



REFLEXIÓN CRS PLATO DE ARROZ – El programa de CRS Plato de Arroz nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica social, *La Llamada a la Familia, Comunidad y*

Participación, y se nos recuerda que, como seres humanos, somos llamados a encontrarnos con Dios. Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo, para que nuestras familias y comunidades sean fortalecidas y bendecidas. 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.

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.

COLECTA PASCUAL DE ADOPTE-UNA-FAMILIA – El comité de Justicia Social y Servicios Comunitarios está recogiendo tarjetas de regalo para compras de mercado para distribuir las a nuestras familias en necesidad del programa de Adopte-Una-Familia durante este tiempo de Pascua. Habrá voluntarios presentes en la entrada central de la Catedral después de todas las misas este fin de semana, de **5 & 6 de abril**. Para participar, por favor compre una tarjeta de regalo de \$25 para Safeway y déjelo con los voluntarios o entregue su donación en la rectoría. También puede enviar su tarjeta o donación monetaria a San Mateo o depositarlo en la canasta de ofrendas durante la misa. Cheques deberían ser escritos a la Catedral de San Mateo con la línea de nota indicando que es para el programa de “Adopte-Una-Familia”. Para más información o para ayudar como voluntario por favor llame a la rectoría. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

ÚLTIMA CENA SIMPLE DE CUARESMA – El Comité de Justicia Social invita a feligreses y amigos a participar en el programa de la Cena Simple de Cuaresma de este viernes **11 de abril** en el salón de conferencias del Norte, después del Vía Crucis multilingüe de las 6:00 de la tarde. La cena de esta semana será preparada y servida por miembros del Comité de Liturgia. Las donaciones que se recojan este viernes serán para beneficio de “Una Casa Simple” la cual sirve a familias necesitadas por medio de la evangelización y amistad. Hay más información en nuestra página de internet. ¡Todos son invitados!

CLASE DE PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL – La oficina de Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis de Washington – ofrece clases en el método de PFN— ayudando a las parejas a planificar embarazos usando métodos que identifican los días fértiles de la mujer. Se ofrecen en el Centro Cardenal McCarrick, 12247 Georgia Ave. Wheaton MD. El horario es de 10—12 del mediodía y el costo es de \$40 incluyendo los materiales. Serán los sábados **26 de abril** y sábado **24 de mayo** y deben asistir a las dos sesiones. Para inscribirse pueden comunicarse con Ángela Rubio al 301-853-5334.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 6 - 13

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

7am - Cornelius Michael Hayes,
IV
8am - Jacques Delpi
12:10pm - Benjamin Burdick
5:30pm - Nenita de Jesus
Miranda

Tuesday, April 8

7am - Fallen Boston
Firefighters: Edward J. Walsh
& Michael R. Kennedy
8am - Concesa A. Bongolan
(living)
12:10pm - Josiane Kwaou
5:30pm - Nenita de Jesus
Miranda

Wednesday, April 9

7am - Rosemary Gaszon
8am - Tippy Vargo
12:10pm - Greg Friberg
5:30pm - Mai Nguyen

Thursday, April 10

7am - Maxcy D'Souza
8am - Roland Catignani
12:10pm - Charles V. Brulle
5:30pm - Barbara Harling

Friday, April 11

7am - Terry Bork (living)
8am - Ian Scully (living)
12:10pm - Andrew Latka
5:30pm - Maria Antonia Prieto

Saturday, April 12

8am - Alan Victory
12:10pm - Belinda & Jose
Barahona (living)
5:30pm - Vinnie Bollon

Sunday, April 13

8:30am - Cassiel Webster
10am - Olechowski & Niemira
Families
11:30am - Sarah & Suzi Wolfe
1pm - Todos los Feligreses
5:30pm - Audrey Harris

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Lunes 7 Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,
33-62 / Jn 8:1-11

Martes 8 Núm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles 9 Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 /
Jn 8:31-42

Jueves 10 Gén 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Viernes 11 Jer 20:10-13 /
San Estanislao Jn 10:31-42

Sábado 12 Ez 37:21-28 /
Jn 11:45-56

Domingo 13 Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7

Domingo de Ramos Fil 2:6-11 /
de la Pasión Mt 26:14-27:66
del Señor

PARISH CALENDAR

April 6 - 13

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.



MONDAY 7—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 8—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 9—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 10—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

FRIDAY 11—**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

SUNDAY 13—**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.** Palms are distributed at all Masses. **Donald Cardinal Wuerl** gives the solemn blessing of palms at 9:45am, followed by Mass at 10am in English.

No hay clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar hasta el domingo 27 de abril.

El Obispo González será el celebrante de nuestra Misa de Domingo de Ramos. The Cathedral Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room.

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

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

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.**

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 13 PALM SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

5:30PM (Saturday, March 23) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
9:45AM Blessing of Palms, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL
10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
† **11:30AM** REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM MOST REV. FRANCISCO GONZÁLEZ S.F. (en Español)
5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

April 14 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass
7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM Mass
11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
12:10PM Mass
1PM to 6PM *The Cathedral is closed & reopens at 6PM.*
† **7PM** CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)

April 15 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass
7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM Mass
11AM *No confessions scheduled*
† **12:10PM** COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
5:30PM Mass

April 16 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass
7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM Mass
11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
12:10PM Mass
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM to 7:00PM Confessions (7 confessors)
7:30PM TENEBRÆ (choir)

April 17 HOLY THURSDAY

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions (7 confessors)
12:10PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (contemporary choir)
† **5:30PM** SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM
9:45PM NIGHT PRAYER
The Cathedral closes at 10PM.

April 18 GOOD FRIDAY

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions (9 confessors)
NOON REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. J. CLETUS KILEY, Director of Immigration Policy, UNITE HERE
† **1PM** LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S. JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN, MOST REV. FRANCISCO GONZÁLEZ, S.F.
7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

April 19 HOLY SATURDAY

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
NOON to 7PM *No Masses during the day. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*
† **8PM** EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)

April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses:

7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
† **11:30AM** REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)
5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

The Rectory is closed today and Easter Monday, April 21.

† *Interpreted for the deaf*

Come Home For Easter

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, April 15

12:10 p.m.



We invite you to experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at our Lenten Communal Penance Service.

Experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship.

Join parishioners and friends as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness from sin and reconciliation with God in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Priests from around the Archdiocese will be available for individual confessions in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Polish and American Sign.

Questions?

Contact the Rectory at 202-347-3215
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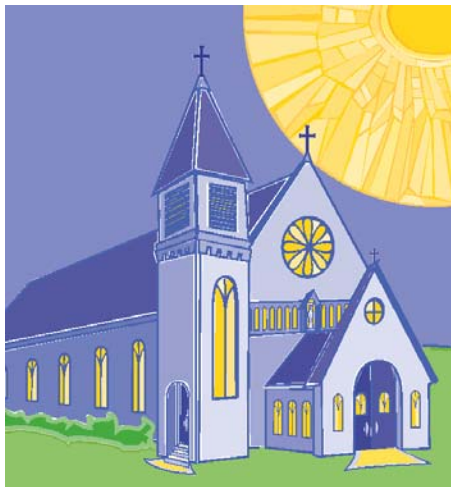
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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
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Washington, DC 20036

To enroll online, use code
below or scan here: →

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Process my gifts on the: 4th *or* 15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

"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 Gift: \$ _____

*(Note: 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 as part of the regular monthly transaction.

Organ Completion Fund: Weekly Gift: \$ _____ Monthly Gift: \$ _____ One-Time: Gift \$ _____

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"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	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 Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

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

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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