

## TODAY'S READINGS

**O**n the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. (John 20:1)

It's Easter Sunday. Today, we celebrate the fact that more than two thousand years ago, Jesus' resurrection changed everything. Sin was defeated. Satan was vanquished. Death was swallowed up by life. But Easter Sunday is not just history. It's a present reality that is still changing everything!

Today, an age of grace is proclaimed. Jesus reigns victorious from the highest heavens. He commissions us to spend our lives ushering the graces of heaven down to earth, to our families, neighbors, friends, and even to strangers and enemies. And in this commission he calls you not his servant but his friend.

Today, a river of life flows. Jesus has become a life-giving spirit, pouring out the Holy Spirit onto the whole world. From this spring of resurrection power, a mighty river is cascading. It's the millions upon millions of lives who have experienced the power of God in conversion. Your life has been swept up, too.

How can we even begin to honor God for what he has done for us today? We can start by following the footsteps of the disciples in today's Gospel. So, like Mary Magdalene, seek out his presence as your first priority. Then, keep running to him throughout the day in prayer—just as Peter and John sprinted to the tomb. Go ahead. Peer into his empty grave, as they did, and see that Jesus isn't dead. He's alive! See for yourself that he has been moving in your life all these years, making you a new creation.

Imagine heaven's celebration today. See Jesus enthroned there, surrounded by the praise of the saints and angels. Now see him enthroned in your heart. Reflect on all that today—Easter Sunday—has meant for you. And believe.

*"Lord Jesus, you are alive!"*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 20</b>	Act 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
	<i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>
<b>Monday 21</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday 24</b>	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday 25</b>	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday 26</b>	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday 27</b>	Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31
	<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**¡A**leluya! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Ciertamente ha resucitado! Padre eterno, ¡nos regocijamos en tu gloria! Nos alegramos sobremanera, y dirigimos la mirada hacia Aquel que vive en la gloria celestial, el que está encumbrado en lo alto y sentado a tu diestra por encima de todo poder, autoridad y dominio.

*¡Cristo vive!* María ve con dolorosa sorpresa que la tumba está vacía: ¡No está Jesús! ¿Quién se llevó su cuerpo? Pero nosotros miramos al Cristo vivo. No hace falta hacerse infructuosas conjeturas, tratando desesperadamente de aferrarse a explicaciones "razonables". ¡Jesús vive y por eso tenemos esperanza! Somos una nueva creación. ¡Jesús vive y ahora tenemos paz! Lo desconocido no nos conmueve ni nos aterroriza. Dios está a favor nuestro y nada puede separarnos de su amor infinito.

*¡Jesús vive!* Seguramente Pedro se remordía de pesar pensando: "Le fallé. Dije que moriría por él, pero me escapé. Ahora él se ha ido." Pero Jesús nos ha reconciliado consigo mismo. ¡Estamos sentados con él a la diestra de Dios! Cristo vive y ahora estamos libres del pecado y de la muerte y somos perdonados. La Sangre de Jesús nos ha purificado y está purificación es eficaz. Ahora nuestra vida está escondida en Cristo, pero un día apareceremos con él en gloria.

*¡Cristo vive!* Juan vio la misma tumba vacía y creyó. Tal vez no entendía todo plenamente, pero de todos modos creyó. Recordó las promesas del Señor y, viendo las pruebas de la tumba vacía, confió en ellas más que en sus propios pensamientos.

*¡Jesús vive!* ¿Qué piensas tú? Cristo es la promesa de la vida que nunca termina, una vida llena de gracia y gloria, libertad y alegría interminable. Aunque durante un tiempo (como en la Cuaresma) pasamos privaciones y sacrificios, no dejamos de elevar la vista para contemplar lo que está arriba, sabiendo lo que significa la tumba vacía: ¡Cristo ha resucitado y en él ahora compartimos la promesa de la vida eterna! ¡Aleluya!

*"Gloria a Dios, mi Amado Jesús, porque has resucitado y ahora estás vivo para siempre! ¡Tú eres la fuente y el sostén de mi vida, porque en ti vivo, me nuevo y tengo mi existencia! ¡Aleluya!"*

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## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is truly risen! Alleluia!  
Wishing you a joyful Easter! Rejoice!



### Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic family!

At the Easter Vigil, we welcomed 23 adults and four children into the Church. As a parish community, we are called to help them to deepen their relationship with God and with the Church. Please welcome them, and keep them in your prayers. **Those who received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:** Clarissa Birk, Steven Carman, Baylee Crone, Jocelyn Gomez, Linda Huynh, Emily Hytha, Nancy Jang, Michael Lopez, Marko Mijic, Kelly Miller, Bianca Miranda, John Miranda, Merlin Miranda, Jacob Robles, Robert (Alec) Robles, and Jason Thacker. **Those who were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church:** Carol Chirolas, Lydia Clegg, Erin Cromer, Timothy Hyland, Ethan McClelland, Courtney Rosellini, Paul Shakotko, and Jeremy (Britton) Whitbeck. **Baptized Catholics who completed the Sacraments of Initiation:** Adrian Althoff, Samuel Portillo-Bonilla, and Elizabeth Siles

## PARISH CALENDAR

April 20 - 27

### SUNDAY 20—The Resurrection of the Lord

The regular Sunday schedule of Masses is observed, and the Rectory is closed.

**Donald Cardinal Wuerl** celebrates the 10am Mass in English.

**MONDAY 21**—The Rectory offices are closed. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no confessions.

**TUESDAY 22**—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 Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the Quinn Room of the Rectory.

**WEDNESDAY 23**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**THURSDAY 24**—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

The Catholic Business Network holds a breakfast in the Great Hall at 8am.

The Respect Life Committee meets in the West Conference Room at 6:45pm.

**SATURDAY 26**—A Rosary for Life is prayed after the 8am Mass in procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

### SUNDAY 27—Sunday of Divine Mercy.

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

**PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE** – On Wednesday, **April 23**, a group of 24 parishioners and friends will leave from St. Matthew's for a twelve-day Marian pilgrimage to Vienna, Salzburg and Prague. Msgr. Jameson, who will lead the pilgrimage group, assures us that our parish community will be in their prayers throughout their journey. As our pilgrims make final preparations, let us also pray for their safe travels and their spiritual nourishment during this pilgrimage.

*All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MUSIC FOR TWO POPE SAINTS** – On Saturday, **May 3** at 7:30pm, The Catholic University of America Chamber Choir and University Singers will present in the Cathedral a concert on the occasion of the canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, with Leo Nestor, conductor, and Joy-Leilani Garbutt and Sook Hyun Kim, organists. In addition to chanted Plainsong, music will include the works of Giovanni Gabrieli, Jacobus Handl, Hans Leo Hassler, G. P. da Palestrina, Tomás Luis de Victoria, Claudio Monteverdi, James MacMillan, Grayston Ives, and Leo Nestor.



Come and enjoy an evening of sublime choral music from two of the finest academic choruses in our area. *The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.*

**SPECIAL MASS**—Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonizations of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II** at the Cathedral on Saturday, **May 10** at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

Archdiocesan Mass  
of Thanksgiving

## FAITH FORMATION

**BOOK CLUB: ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** – All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Book Club on Monday, **May 12** at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. We will 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.

**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. The next Inquiry will be Wednesday, **May 14**. Contact: Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## FAITH IN ACTION

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RICE BOWLS** – Thank you to all who have participated in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) ([www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)) Rice Bowl program. Volunteers will collect Rice Bowl donations next weekend, **April 26-27**, at the Cathedral main entrance. You also may turn in donations at the Rectory. Checks can be made out to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "CRS Rice Bowl" on the note line. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

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

This month's rosary for life procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic will be Saturday, **April 26** after the 8am Mass. Gather inside at the Cathedral main entrance to participate. For information on service opportunities with the Respect Life Ministry, contact Justin Silvers at [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE** – Volunteers are needed on Saturday, **April 26**, 7-9am, to help prepare and serve breakfast to residents of **Christ House** ([www.christhouse.org](http://www.christhouse.org)) in Adams Morgan, the only 24-hour residential medical facility for homeless men and women in our area. To volunteer, contact Franz Kuo at [stmattservice@gmail.com](mailto:stmattservice@gmail.com).

**Martha's Table** addresses emergency needs with food and clothing programs and breaks the long cycle of poverty with education and family strengthening programs. Volunteers are needed Saturday, **April 26**, 10am-1pm, to help with food preparation and sorting. This food will later be delivered by McKenna's Wagon to those in need around DC.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**THANK YOU!** – The Social Justice Committee thanks everyone who generously contributed to the **Adopt-A-Family Easter Drive**. Your donations provided over 64 families in need, including many from our parish, with a bountiful and hearty Easter meal. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted in this successful drive.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** – On Easter Monday, **April 21**, the Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm, and there will be no Confessions. **Our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour is rescheduled to Monday, April 28.** The Rectory offices are closed Easter Monday (see below).

**RECTORY HOURS** – The Rectory office hours for **April 21 through April 27** are as follows:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday–Thursday	9am –4:30pm
Friday – Sunday	9am – 4pm

**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, **April 24**, 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).

**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. Advance tickets – \$125, students – \$50. Purchase tickets at [www.dhs.edu/gala](http://www.dhs.edu/gala) or call 202-495-3877

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person. (Pope Benedict XVI)*



The Second Sunday of Easter is **Divine Mercy Sunday**, established by Pope John Paul II on the day that he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska in Rome (April 30, 2000). The special devotion to

the divine mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina.

On the day of his election as Pope, Benedict XVI spoke about the devotion of Pope John Paul II to the divine mercy, saying: “We listen with joy to the proclamation of the year of mercy... *Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person: To find Christ means to find the mercy of God...* The day of vengeance and the year of favor coincide in the paschal mystery, in Christ, dead and risen. This is the vengeance of God: He himself, in the person of the Son, suffered for us. The more we are touched by the mercy of the Lord, the more we are in solidarity with his suffering, the more disposed we are to complete in our flesh ‘what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions’ (Colossians 1:24).”

To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday and the indulgences attached to devotions in honor of the divine mercy, visit <http://thedinemercy.org> or <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm>.

In his Encyclical on the Mercy of God, *Dives in Misericordia* (Latin for “Rich in Mercy”), Pope John Paul II wrote: “Although God ‘dwells in unapproachable light,’ He speaks to man by means of the whole of the universe: ‘Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.’ This indirect and imperfect knowledge, achieved by the intellect seeking God by means of creatures through the visible world, falls short of ‘vision of the Father.’ ‘No one has ever seen God,’ writes St. John, in order to stress the truth that ‘the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.’ This ‘making known’ reveals God in the most profound mystery of His being, one and three, surrounded by ‘unapproachable light.’ Nevertheless, through this ‘making known’ by Christ we know God above all in His relationship of love for man: in His ‘philanthropy.’ It is precisely here that ‘His invisible nature’ becomes in a special way ‘visible,’ incomparably more visible than through all the other ‘things that have been made’: it becomes visible in Christ and through Christ, through His actions and His words, and finally through His death on the cross and His resurrection.” (*Pope John Paul II, from “Dives in Misericordia,” November 30, 1980.*)





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# Happy Hour

**Friday, April 25**

6 – 9 PM

**Madhatter**

2nd floor

1319 Connecticut Ave NW  
Dupont Circle or Farragut North  
Metro Stations



Join the Cathedral Young Adults and the St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY) for a few drinks after work. Bring your friends and coworkers or just come on your own to meet other young Catholics in DC!

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Sarah at [zick.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:zick.sarah@gmail.com)



## 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.

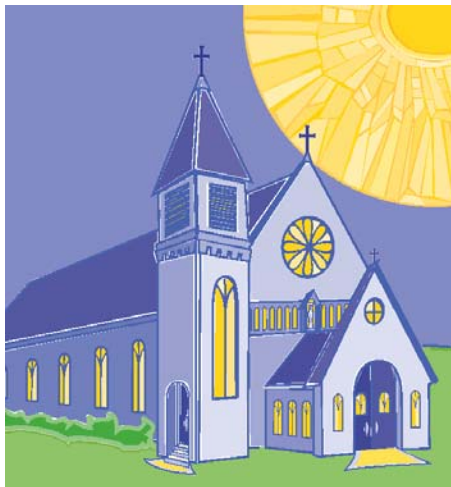
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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).**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡**GRACIAS!** – El Comité de Justicia Social quiere agradecer a todos quienes contribuyeron generosamente al programa de Pascua **Adopte-Una-Familia**. Sus donaciones proveerán a más de 64 familias en necesidad, incluso muchos de nuestra parroquia, con una cena substancial esta Pascua. Gracias a los voluntarios quienes ayudaron con la planificación y el éxito de esta colecta.

**PRÓXIMAMENTE** – El lunes de Pascua **21 de abril** las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se celebra el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el siguiente lunes, **28 de abril**.

**HORARIO DE LA RECTORIA** – Horario de la Rectoría del *21 de abril hasta el 27 de abril*, es el siguiente:

Lunes	Cerrado
Martes – Jueves	9am–4:30pm
Viernes – Domingo	9am–4pm

**POR FAVOR ENTREGUE SU PLATO DE ARROZ** – Muchas gracias a todos quienes participaron en el programa de Plato de Arroz de *Catholic Relief Services*. Habrá voluntarios que recogerán donaciones del programa de Plato de Arroz el fin de semana de **27 de abril** en la entrada central de la Catedral. También puede entregar sus donaciones a la rectoría. Cheques pueden ser dirigidos a la Catedral de San Mateo con “CRS Plato de Arroz” en la línea de nota. Sus oraciones, su ayuno y su entrega de limosna durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, ayudará que *Catholic Relief Services* pueda continuar a proveer servicios de socorro a casi 100 países. Para más información, visit: [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org).

**PROCESIÓN DEL ROSARIO DE RESPETO A LA VIDA**— *Cada vida humana es valiosa ante los ojos de Dios y no deben escatimarse esfuerzos en el intento de promover en todo el mundo un genuino respeto por los derechos inalienables y la dignidad de los individuos y los pueblos en todas partes.* — el Papa Benedicto XVI  
La procesión mensual del rosario por la vida a *Planned Parenthood* la clínica de aborto será el **sábado 26 de abril**, después de la misa de las 8:00 de la mañana. Para participar por favor encuétranos adentro de la catedral en la entrada central. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio con el Ministerio de

Respeto a la Vida, por favor póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com). Para español, llame a la rectoría y pregunte por el padre Rafael o Norma Canedo.

**OPORTUNIDADES DE SERVICIO** – *Christ House* - Se necesitan voluntarios el **sábado 26 de abril** de 7:00 a 9:00 am para ayudar a preparar y servir el desayuno a los residentes de Christ House en Adams Morgan. Christ House es la única clínica de servicio médico residencial que ofrece servicios las 24 horas para hombres y mujeres sin hogar en nuestra zona ([www.christhouse.org](http://www.christhouse.org)).

**Martha's Table** – Martha's Table responde a las necesidades de emergencia con programas de comida y ropa y rompe el ciclo de la pobreza con programas de educación y de fortalecimiento familiar. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con la preparación de alimentos en Martha's Table el **sábado, 26 de abril** de 10:00 de la mañana a 1:00 de la tarde. Luego esta comida se distribuirá por McKenna's Wagon a los necesitados en diferentes lugares de DC. Para unirse a estas actividades de servicio, por favor envíe un e-mail a Franz Kuo a [stmattservice@gmail.com](mailto:stmattservice@gmail.com).

**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.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 20</b>	He 10:34,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9 <i>Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor</i>
<b>Lunes 21</b>	He 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
<b>Martes 22</b>	He 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
<b>Miércoles 23</b>	He 3:1-10 / Lc 24:13-35
<b>Jueves 24</b>	He 3:11-26 / Lc 24:35-48
<b>Viernes 25</b>	He 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
<b>Sábado 26</b>	He 4:13-21 / Mc 16:9-15
<b>Domingo 27</b>	He 2:42-47 / 1 Pe 1:3-9 / <i>Domingo de la Divina Misericordia</i> Jn 20:19-31



## MASS INTENTIONS

April 20-27

### Sunday, April 20

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – Somarsingh family  
10am – Joseph & Carolyn Pruncal  
11:30am – Mr. Linh-Thong Nguyen  
1pm – Horacio  
5:30pm – Shirley Rochowiak (living)

### Monday, April 21

8am – Bernardino Valero  
12:10pm – Sarah & Suzi Wolfe

### Tuesday, April 22

7am – Dorothy Martinovich  
8am – Felix Fernandez (living)  
12:10pm – Barbara Wheeler (living)  
5:30pm – Joseph Leary

### Wednesday, April 23

7am – Alex Roque  
8am – Donna Hansen  
12:10pm – Ving & Nanette Crisologo (living)  
5:30pm – Lloyd Inglehart

### Thursday, April 24

7am – Michael Bonner  
8am – Viggo Gunio  
12:10pm – SallyAnn Giuffrida  
5:30pm – Lloyd Hamilton

### Friday, April 25

7am – Margaret Stepro  
8am – Madeline Cabrera (living)  
12:10pm – Librada Penid-Lopez  
5:30pm – Zina Furbush (living)

### Saturday, April 26

8am – Irma Marich (living)  
12:10pm – Boyd Hamilton (living)  
5:30pm – All Parishioners

### Sunday, April 27

7am – Margaret “Peggy” Howe  
8:30am – Henry Mann  
10am – Howard H. Callaway  
11:30am – Mrs. Nhat-Thanh Vu  
1pm – Alvaro Urrutia  
5:30pm – Pat Wrennall

## 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 series them 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](mailto:dccatholic@adw.org)

**C†YA for Supper at Bertucci’s – Thursday, April 17 – 7:15pm – Bertucci’s (1218-1220 Connecticut Avenue NW / Dupont Circle) –** All young adults are invited to join us for one of our monthly suppers! This month, we will head to nearby Bertucci’s after the 5:30pm Holy Thursday Mass, and get to know one another over brick oven pizza and other favorites. RSVP at <http://goo.gl/TtP6JA>. Contact: Beth ([bee.anee.t@gmail.com](mailto:bee.anee.t@gmail.com))

**C†YA for a Discussion: Conversations on Beauty – Thursday, April 24 – 7 to 8:30pm– North Conference Room –** Join us as we seek answers to the fundamental question, “Who is God?” This month, we will examine the resurrection through works of art. No knowledge or experience with art needed! All are invited to attend and discuss or just listen. We will end with a half hour of adoration and prayer in the sanctuary. Contact: Br. Gabriel at [ztorretta@gmail.com](mailto:ztorretta@gmail.com)

**Wine and Wisdom – Monday, April 28 – 7 to 8:3pm – North Conference Room –** All young women are invited to attend our faith sharing group for a discussion on this month’s topic, the Beatitudes. For questions or to RSVP, email [wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:wineandwisdom.stmatthews@gmail.com).

**C†YA at the Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program Saturday, May 5 – 10am to 12:30pm – 801 East Men's Shelter (2700 MLK Blvd. SE / Anacostia) –** The 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; we also will do our best to coordinate carpools. Sign-up contact: Carolyn ([cawait.10@gmail.com](mailto:cawait.10@gmail.com))

## CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding ceremony at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us **at least nine (9) months in advance** of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

## CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to make contact with us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, at which time they may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. This early contact enables parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session before the child’s baptism and allows time for sponsors to obtain letters from their parish pastor.