

TODAY'S READINGS

They received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

As soon as the apostles heard about God's work in Samaria, they sent Peter and John to find out what was happening. When they arrived and met the people whom Philip had evangelized, they had no hesitation about praying with them. They freely gave away what they had freely received, and as a result, many more people were filled with the Spirit.

Since the Spirit is already living in us through Baptism, the idea of being "filled" with the Spirit may be a little confusing. Maybe an analogy can help. When a husband and wife are in love, they are "filled" with each other. They cherish each other; they care for each other. They want to be together as much as possible. In a sense, they are being filled with each other's love over and over again.

Similarly, we can be filled with the Spirit every day by turning to him in prayer and asking him to show us his love. Then we will respond by being preoccupied with the Lord no matter what we are doing. With the Spirit in the forefront of our minds, we will find ourselves trying our best to please him. What's more, we'll find him comforting us, leading us, and helping us feel God's love more deeply.

Think about how much of an effect a husband and wife have on each other. They look out for each other's interests above their own. They tend to be more kind, considerate, patient, and generous. Their love spreads beyond themselves to their children and neighbors, even to strangers. They are transformed by married love. Just so, when we are filled with the Spirit, we are changed. We become more peaceful and less irritable. We are more forgiving, more prayerful, and more dedicated to the mission of the Church. We are less selfish, less demanding, and less judgmental.

Never stop asking the Spirit to fill you!

"Lord, I want to be filled with your Holy Spirit every day.

Never take your Holy Spirit away from me!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 25 Acts 8:5-8,14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

Monday 26 Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4

St. Philip Neri

Tuesday 27 Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Wednesday 28 Acts 17:15,22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 29 Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Friday 30 Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Saturday 31 Zep 3:14-18 / Lk 1:39-56

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 1 Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 /

The Ascension of the Lord Jn 28:16-20

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús nos pide que seamos obedientes, pero que lo hagamos por amor. Los cristianos obedecemos a Cristo porque lo amamos, porque estamos agradecidos de su muerte en la cruz y sabemos que el amor que nos ha demostrado es infinito. Cuando pensamos en esto, sentimos que tenemos una deuda con Dios, una deuda de amor y fidelidad y nos sentimos deseosos de que él nos use en la construcción de su Reino y así cumplamos sus designios divinos.

Cuando obedecemos los mandatos de Jesús, demostramos que lo amamos, y al mismo tiempo preparamos nuestra morada interior para la presencia del Espíritu Santo: "Le rogaré al Padre y él les dará otro Paráclito para que esté siempre con ustedes, el Espíritu de la verdad" (Juan 14, 16). Cuando somos obedientes, podemos recibir el don del amor de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, que nos revela a Jesús en toda su gloria.

Pero antes de recibir la presencia del Espíritu Santo, debemos ser obedientes: Los que obedecen a Cristo son los que experimentan la plenitud del Espíritu. No importa dónde nos encontremos en nuestra vida cristiana, podemos empezar ahora mismo a obedecer los mandamientos de Dios.

Se nos manda amar a Dios de todo corazón. Una manera de hacerlo es acercándonos a él diariamente en la oración y en la meditación bíblica. También se nos pide amar al prójimo como Cristo nos ama a nosotros. Si nos damos cuenta de que hemos dañado a alguien, causándole dolor o perjuicio, la forma de mostrar el amor de Cristo es arrepentirnos y pedir perdón; y perdonar a cuantos nos hayan ofendido o dañado a nosotros.

Si somos dóciles a los impulsos del Espíritu, él nos dará la capacidad de ser obedientes y nos mostrará el camino de la santidad. Si obedecemos a Cristo por amor, demostraremos conocer el amor del Padre y quienes así lo perciban desearán conocer también el amor de Dios.

"Señor, enséñame a ser obediente a tus mandatos, para que yo aprenda a hacer tu voluntad antes que la mía. Sé que tú eres digno de toda confianza y sólo quieres lo mejor para mí."

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VOCATIONS

Congratulations on Ordination – We congratulate and offer our prayers for **Father Sebastian White, OP** and **Father Jimmy Hsu, CSP** on their ordinations to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Fr. White celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Matthew's at 5:30pm on **May 24**. Fr. Hsu will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at 5:30pm on Sunday **June 1**. Please pray for each as he begins his priestly vocation!

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

I am very grateful for the many blessings I've received here at St. Matthew's, during these past two years that I have had the privilege to serve as a deacon. Meeting so many of you and getting to know you has been a great joy. Please be assured of my prayers, and I beg yours, too, as I prepare for my new ministry as an assistant chaplain at New York University.

*In Christ,
Fr. Sebastian White, OP*

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for the many blessings I have received serving at St. Matthew's the last two years. I have found my time here to be one that is filled with much graces and joys. It has been an amazing experience to serve here as a seminarian and as a deacon, to be a part of your faith journey, part of the journey of this parish. You have inspired me, motivated me, and supported me in my discernment for the priesthood. Most of all, I want to thank each of you for your prayers for me over the last two years. I feel very privileged to have been able to know so many of you. Please know that St. Matthew's will always have a special place in my heart and my prayers. And as I begin my ministry as associate pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Los Angeles, CA, I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers.

*Yours in Christ Jesus,
Jimmy Hsu, CSP*

NEWS AND NOTES

Interested in Becoming a Lector? – An orientation and training session for those wishing to become lectors at the Cathedral will be held Saturday, **May 31** in the West Conference Room from 9:30am to 1pm. We welcome registered parishioners and our “weekday parishioners”—members of other parishes who work downtown and attend weekday Masses at the Cathedral. Attendees will be asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. Lectors are asked to commit to reading at Mass at least twice each month. To register, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 by **May 28**.

Confirmation – On Sunday, **June 1**, **Donald Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate a special Mass at 3pm in the Cathedral. Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Washington will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, including eighteen people who have been prepared for the sacrament at St. Matthew's. Let us celebrate with them this final step in their initiation and keep them in our prayers.

Breaking Open the Word Resumes June 11 – Following a short hiatus, Breaking Open the Word will return on **June 11** with a BYO Buffet night beginning at 6:30pm in the West Conference Room (accessible from St. Matthew's Court on the west side of the Cathedral). Join us for a discussion of the readings from Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Attendees are invited, but not required, to bring food to share at the beginning of our meeting. Contact: Nathan Krieg at ntkrieg@gmail.com. *Breaking Open the Word is an informal discussion on the readings for the upcoming Sunday (the June 11 meeting, when the focus will be on the prior Sunday's readings, is an exception.). No expertise is needed. We normally meet on Wednesdays at 7pm in the West Conference Room. The first BOW of every month (and the **June 11** meeting) are BYO Buffet nights, and begin at 6:30pm instead of 7pm.*

PARISH CALENDAR

May 25 – June 1

- Sunday 25**—Las clases de Primera Comunión y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
- Monday 26**—Memorial Day, a federal Holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am & 12:10pm. There are no Confessions. The Rectory offices are closed.
- Tuesday 27**—El grupo de Oración comienza a las 7 de la tarde con el rosario, y a continuación el taller de Oración y Vida en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.
- Wednesday 28**—The Respect Life Committee meets in the East Conference Room at 6:45pm. Breaking Open the Word does not meet (see above).
- Thursday 29**—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este. The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.
- Sunday 1**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses. Las clases de Primera Comunión y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. **Cardinal Wuerl** confers the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 3pm Mass in the Cathedral. Fr. Jimmy Hsu, CSP celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30pm.

FAITH IN ACTION

Respect Life Ministry News – The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all who contributed baby supplies or made monetary donations to our Mother’s Day Drive in support of the good work and services of the Northwest Pregnancy Center.

All are invited to attend the Respect Life Ministry meeting on Wednesday, **May 28** at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room. Join us for more information on service opportunities and to share your own ideas for this ministry. If you have any questions, contact Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

Adult English Conversation Classes –

When? June 3 to August 6, 2014 (ten weeks)
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Where? St. Matthew’s Education Center
1726 N Street, NW

How much? \$25

Students may register, in person beginning Wednesday, **May 28**, from 6 to 8pm, at St. Matthew’s Education Center (1726 N Street, NW). Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Student registrations will be accepted until June 18. We are also need volunteers to teach once a week. For more information on registration or to inquire about volunteering, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/classes-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Dan Horning at stmatssesl@gmail.com.

Spanish Adult Conversation Classes – The 10-week Summer semester will extend from **June 3** to **August 6**. During this period, classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 and Level 2. Students registering for Level 2 instruction must have the prior approval of the Level 2 lead instructor. Priority registration takes place during the first week; priority will be given to parishioners of St. Matthew’s who are currently involved in a ministry.

Students may register, in person, starting Wednesday, **May 28**, between 6:30 and 8pm, at St. Matthew’s Education Center (1726 N St, NW). The cost of the 10-week semester is \$50. There will be no classes the week of July 1 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. For more information, contact Dan Horning at stmatsssl@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS

Save the Date: C†YA for a Scavenger Hunt – Saturday, May 31 – Details TBA – It’s almost time for our fourth annual scavenger hunt! It will begin in the early afternoon and wrap up with a happy hour and awards. You can form your own team or join one. Contact: Natalie at natalieloureiro@gmail.com

Post-Scavenger Hunt Happy Hour – Saturday, May 31 – 4 to 5pm – Fado Irish Pub (808 7th Street NW / Chinatown) – Even if you didn’t participate in the scavenger hunt, you’re welcome to grab a drink and hang out with us afterward! Contact: Natalie natalieloureiro@gmail.com

C†YA at the Catholic Charities Youth Transitional Program – Saturday, June 7 – 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. Take the Metro and/or buses to the shelter; we will do our best to coordinate carpools. Contact: Jonathan at jgunner418@hotmail.com (for questions or to sign up)

C†YA at Mass - Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – Cathedral (meet in section near front by the choir) Don’t sit alone at Mass! Instead, celebrate with other young adult parishioners. Please join in the first few rows on the right of the nave, in front of the pulpit near the choir – look for the “reserved” signs on the pews. Contact: Lara at lara.ericson@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

Small Faith-Sharing Groups around “The Joy of the Gospel” By Pope Francis – Have you been thinking about reading the first apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis but are not sure where to start? Would you like to discuss the Pope’s message with other Catholics? Are you looking to explore your faith in a new or different way? If so, then join one of our upcoming small faith-sharing groups! We will read and reflect on “The Joy of the Gospel” over six weeks starting the first week in June. These peer-led, small group discussions will allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life. The cost of the book is \$10 per participant. There is still time to sign up. Contact Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com for more information.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 25 He 8:5-8,14-17 / 1 Pe 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

Lunes 26 He 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4

San Felipe Neri

Martes 27 He 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

San Agustín de Canterbury

Miércoles 28 He 17:15, 22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Jueves 29 He 18:1-8 / Mt 16:16-20

Viernes 30 He 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Sábado 31 Sof 3:14-18 / Lc 1:39-56

La Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María

Domingo 1 He 1:1-11 / Ef 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Felicidades – Felicitamos a los Jóvenes de nuestra comunidad hispana quienes recibieron la confirmación el domingo pasado ellos son: *Jaquelyn Alcoser Gonzalez*

♦ *Cindy Alvarez* ♦ *Guendy Bonilla* ♦

Estefany Crespo Alcoser ♦ *Ashley Helen Crespo* ♦ *Jose Joaquin Iraheta Hernandez* ♦ *Claudia Gicel Melgar* ♦ *Elisa Mendez* ♦ *Omar Enrique Mendoza* ♦ *Andrea Morales* ♦ *Eleodora Nava Carranza* ♦ *Tana Valentina Palomino* ♦ *Jorge Robles* ♦ *Jocelyn Rojas* ♦ *Litzy Valeria Zavaleta*.

¡Oremos por ellos, para que continúen en su camino de fe como miembros de la Iglesia Católica!



Próximamente – El lunes **26 de mayo**, es el Día de Conmemoración, fiesta federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 de la tarde. Las misas serán a las 8:00 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía. No habrá confesiones ese día. La rectoría estará cerrada.

Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida Eventos Actuales – El Comité de Justicia Social quisiera agradecer a todos los que contribuyeron con artículos de bebe y donaciones monetarias a la colecta del día de las madres en apoyo del servicio del centro de embarazo, *Northwest Center*.

Todos son invitados a asistir a la reunión del ministerio de Respeto a la Vida el miércoles, **28 de mayo** a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón del Este. Únase a nosotros para recibir más información sobre oportunidades de voluntariado y para compartir sus ideas para este ministerio. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor mande un mensaje a Justin Silvers a stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. Para español, por favor llame a la rectoría y pregunte por el padre Rafael o Norma Canedo.

Taller de Oración y Vida – Continúa el 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 los martes (donde se reúne el Grupo de Oración).

Clases de Conversación en Ingles para Adultos –
¿Cuándo? 3 de junio al 6 de agosto (diez semanas)
Los martes y miércoles de 6:30 a 8:30

de la noche

¿Dónde? St. Matthew's Education Center
(Centro de Educación de San Mateo)
1726 calle N, NW, Washington, DC

¿Cuánto? \$25

Los estudiantes podrán matricularse en persona, el miércoles **28 de mayo** entre las 6:00 y las 8:00 de la noche, en el *St. Matthew's Education Center*, 1726 N Street, NW. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes se podrán registrar hasta el 18 de junio. Para más información sobre registración, por favor visite:

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clase-s-de-ingles> o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Necesitamos voluntarios para el programa de Español para Adultos – Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros una noche por la semana (martes o miércoles) durante el Semestre de Verano del Programa de español como segunda lengua que se impartirá del 3 de junio al 6 de agosto. No es un requisito que los voluntarios tengan una capacitación formal como maestros de español como segundo idioma, sin embargo esperamos que la lengua materna de los voluntarios sea el español. Además, se espera que los voluntarios tengan por mínimo un título universitario. Las clases serán impartidas sólo en español. Si usted no se siente a gusto dando la clase por sí solo podemos acomodarlo junto con otro maestro con más experiencia. Si usted está interesado en participar como voluntario, por favor póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al stmattsssl@gmail.com

Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

MASS INTENTIONS**May 25–June 1****Sunday, May 25**

7am – Elizabeth Kealy
 8:30am – Maureen Anderson
 10am – Claire & Jim Murphy
 11:30am – All Parishioners
 1pm – Francisco Puerta e hijo
 5:30pm – John Fawcett

Monday, May 26

8am – Brandon Reyes (living)
 12:10pm – Louis DeFilippo

Tuesday, May 27

7am – Daryoush Motie (living)
 8am – Bernard Newman
 12:10pm – Dorothy Santos
 5:30pm – Fr. Larry Swink (living)

Wednesday, May 28

7am – Ending Abortions
 8am – Hugo Ferroni
 12:10pm – Maggie Philbrook
 5:30pm – Richard Nicholas Wilson

Thursday, May 29

7am – Evelyn R. Helms
 8am – Kevin Lukehart (living)
 12:10pm – Mr. Thanh Le
 5:30pm – Kit Roxburgh

Friday, May 30

7am – Janice Weinheimer
 8am – Catherine Lukehart (living)
 12:10pm – Lynn Giglione
 5:30pm – St. Joan of Arc

Saturday, May 31

8am – Alex & Barbara Reyes (living)
 12:10pm – Sofia Marquez
 5:30pm – Layla Shammas

Sunday, June 1

7am – All Parishioners
 8:30am – Joseph Hemrick
 10am – Jeremiah A. Denton
 11:30am – Elsa Brewer
 1pm – Dolores & Lilliam Palacios
 5:30pm – Andrea Betro

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectory.

There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, **May 26**, is Memorial Day, a federal holiday. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm only, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be celebrated.

The Most Rev. Martin D. Holley will celebrate the **Annual Memorial Day Mass** at Mount Olivet Cemetery (1300 Bladensburg Rd, NE, Washington, DC) on Monday, **May 26** at 10am. All are invited as we honor the memory of deceased friends and loved ones, including Msgr. Gerhardt and Deacon Rice, both of whom are buried at Mt. Olivet. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated under a tent.

HOSPITALITY

Summer is almost here, which means that our upcoming hospitality event will be the last one until we return in the Fall. Please join us for hospitality on **June 1** after the **8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses!** We will be just outside the Cathedral entrance of to enjoy some fresh air. We are reaching out to our parish families, so expect plenty of activities for children and enough snacks to tide you over until your next meal. We will have information on upcoming events and service opportunities at the Cathedral, with members of your Parish Council on hand. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there! Interested in helping us with this and other events? Contact stmatthshospitality@gmail.com.

WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access, enter the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral. Ring the door buzzer at the bottom of the driveway to enter. Take the elevator up to the Cathedral level.

A sign language interpreter is present at the Sunday 11:30am Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year. An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. Those desiring to take advantage of the induction loop should sit in pews B1, B3, A1 or A3 and switch their hearing aids to "T."

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at 202-347-3215 x555 or baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their parish pastor.

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the Cathedral rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you:

Interested in becoming Catholic?

*A Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacraments
of Confirmation and Eucharist?*

Then RCIA is for you!



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) is a process for adults who desire to explore the Catholic faith and to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The goal of the RCIA process is full, conscious, and active participation in the Catholic way of life. RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, and get to know the faith community in preparation for making the conscious choice to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you are interested in learning more and/or beginning RCIA, please plan to attend:

WHAT: RCIA KICKOFF SESSION

TIME: 7PM TO 9PM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

PLACE: NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

(accessible through the glass-and-iron door at the base of the driveway
leading into the public parking garage to the right of the front of the Cathedral)

No RSVP required!

Beginning with this kickoff session, RCIA will meet weekly every Wednesday.

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation (hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org)

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***** **PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014** *****

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -- ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL -- 2014-2015



The Religious Education program at St. Matthew's Cathedral exists to provide sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children who have received these sacraments. It strives to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The program presents the four fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer – in such a way that the children of our parish begin to understand how to live the Gospel.

When and where are classes held?

Classes are held weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11am in the St. Matthew's Education Center located at 1726 N Street NW. It is expected that parents will attend a special class for them at the same time and that families will worship at either the 8:30am Mass before class or the 11:30am Mass following class. Classes generally are not held on holiday weekends.

When do classes begin?

There will be a mandatory parent-teacher meeting Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 9:45 to 11am in the North Conference Room. Classes will begin Sunday, September 14, 2014 and conclude in late May 2015.

How do I register my child(ren)?

Complete the two-sided registration form (available at the Cathedral entrance, in the rectory, and on the parish website), and attach your child's Baptism certificate (if new to the Religious Education program) and cash or check made payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral for \$50.00 per family. Financial assistance and/or a payment plan are available for those in need. Submit registration materials to the Director of Faith Formation in the Cathedral Rectory.

Questions about registration?

Contact Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x530.

For information about children's religious education in Spanish, contact Fatima Aybar, Coordinator of Spanish Faith Formation, at fatima735@msn.com or 202-347-3215.

----- CALL FOR TEACHERS -----

The success of our Children's Religious Education program is a result of the commitment of adult parishioners who generously give of their time and talent to help the children of our parish grow in their faith.

Typical Teacher Commitment:

- Initial meeting with program coordinator and/or Director of Faith Formation*
- Periodic teacher meetings throughout the year*
- Planning (approximately 1 hour per week)*
- Teaching (75 minutes per week)*
- Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy compliance*
 - Volunteer application and criminal background check*
 - Virtus "Protecting God's Children" seminar*

If you are interested in learning about teaching opportunities for the 2014-2015 year, please contact program coordinator Julie McLaughlin at julieann.mclaughlin@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.

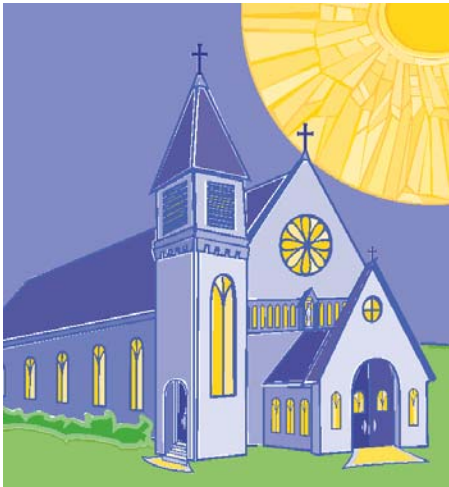
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!



How does Faith Direct work?

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

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 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



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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: _____

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