

## TODAY'S READINGS

**I** am with you always, until the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

This is a bittersweet day. On the one hand, we celebrate Jesus, the Son of God, being lifted up into heaven, exalted as Lord above all of creation.

On the other hand, Jesus is no longer with us. Wouldn't it be better if he could still walk among us, visiting every nation, performing miracles, and continuing to teach us how to live? Imagine the impact he could have had over the past two thousand years!

But the truth is, Jesus has not left us alone. He is still with us; he still guides us. And even better, he is also in heaven, interceding for us before his Father (Hebrews 9:24).

When he walked the earth, Jesus was limited by his human body. A man like us in all things but sin, he could travel only so far. He was limited by hunger, pain, and tiredness. He could do only so much. But now, risen and glorified, Jesus has no limitations. He is free to do so much more! He can comfort a grieving widow in South Africa at the same time that he is giving wisdom to a perplexed young man in Norway. He can pour out grace and healing at every Mass being celebrated at every moment and still be present to every lonely soul searching for him in silence.

Pope Francis once said that Jesus is like a rope guide, who climbs the "mountain of the Lord" before us and then pulls us up with him. If anything along our journey up that mountain causes problems or gets in the way, he comes to our rescue. He always forgives us, consoles us, and blesses us. He is our advocate and our defender against the evil one.

Isn't it comforting to know that Jesus is always with us—in good times and bad—until the end of the world?

*"Jesus, I am so grateful for the way you love me and care for me!"*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Sunday 1</b>                          | Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20         |
| <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>         |  |
| <b>Monday 2</b>                          | Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33                      |
| <i>St. Marcellinus and St. Peter</i>     |  |
| <b>Tuesday 3</b>                         | Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11                     |
| <i>St. Charles Lwanga and companions</i> |  |
| <b>Wednesday 4</b>                       | Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19                    |
| <b>Thursday 5</b>                        | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26              |
| <i>St. Boniface</i>                      |  |
| <b>Friday 6</b>                          | Acts 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19                    |
| <i>St. Norbert</i>                       |  |
| <b>Saturday 7</b>                        | Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25              |
| <b>Sunday 8</b>                          | Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 / Jn 20:19-23 |
| <i>Pentecost</i>                         |  |

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**J**usto antes de sufrir su pasión y muerte, Jesús elevó una plegaria final a su Padre, en la cual intercedió por sus seguidores, tanto los de su época como los del futuro. ¡Qué privilegio es leer estas palabras hoy, dos mil años después, y saber que Jesús también pensaba en nosotros cuando las pronunció!

Cristo declaró que había llevado a cabo la obra que el Padre le había encomendado, y que había dado a conocer el nombre y el carácter de Dios a los hombres: "Ahora conocen que todo lo que me has dado viene de ti, porque yo les he comunicado las palabras que tú me diste." Cristo manifestó perfectamente el carácter de su Padre en todo lo que dijo e hizo, de modo que cuantos vieran sus acciones y escucharan sus palabras tuvieran una idea bastante clara de quién es el Padre, principalmente que Dios es todo amor y misericordia, y que nos recibe como el padre al hijo pródigo.

Jesús dijo: "La vida eterna consiste en que te conozcan a ti, único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien tú has enviado." En efecto, en esos últimos momentos que pasaba en la tierra, su más sentido anhelo era que sus fieles llegaran a conocer a su Padre celestial.

Tan intenso es el deseo de Dios de que lo conozcamos personalmente que envió a su propio Hijo a hacerse uno de nosotros. Dios es digno de toda nuestra confianza, siempre atento a ayudarnos y siempre dispuesto a volver a recibirnos, aunque le hayamos ofendido o nos hayamos desentendido de él. El Señor nos da su paz, nos sana y nos llama a seguirlo. A pesar de ser incomparablemente superior a nosotros en todo, nos invita a entrar en su corazón, ¡porque nos ama con amor eterno! Por eso, lo menos que podemos hacer tú y yo es responderle con fe y confianza.

*"Gracias, Cristo Jesús, por revelarme a tu Padre. Sin ti, yo estaría irremediabilmente perdido y privado de toda esperanza. Ayúdame a llevar a mis amigos y conocidos a conocer al Padre."*

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**Pentecost** – On Sunday, **June 8**, Pentecost Sunday, **Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate the closing Mass for the Archdiocesan Synod at 11:30am in the Cathedral. Let us pray that the work of the Synod will bear abundant fruit for the Church of Washington.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**First Friday and First Saturday** – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **June 6** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord.

On Saturday, **June 7** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**DC Council Letter Campaign Success!** – Parishioners at St. Matthew's Cathedral, part of Good Faith Communities Coalition, recently participated in a letter-writing campaign aimed at the DC City Council. Seventy-five faith communities contributed more than 3,200 letters, which sent a strong, simple message: "We must do better as a city in addressing homelessness." The Cathedral sent five times the number of letters as in last year's campaign. Thank you from the Social Justice Committee for your commitment to our homeless sisters and brothers.

**Breaking Open the Word** – Following a short hiatus, Breaking Open the Word will return on **June 11**. Join us for a discussion of the readings (copies provided) from Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Attendees are invited but not required to bring food to share at the beginning of the meeting. We will meet at 6:30pm in the West Conference Room (accessible from St. Matthew's Court on the west side of the Cathedral).

*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. BOW normally meets 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. Contact: Nathan Krieg at [ntkrieg@gmail.com](mailto:ntkrieg@gmail.com).*

## PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

*In his Pentecost Sunday homily last year, Pope Francis shared the following thoughts on harmony as it relates to the working of the Holy Spirit.*

"[T]he Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. One of Fathers of the Church has an expression which I love: the Holy Spirit himself is harmony – "*Ipse harmonia est*". Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. . . . Journeying together in the Church, under the guidance of her pastors who possess a special charism and ministry, is a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit. Having a sense of the Church is something fundamental for every Christian, every community and every movement. It is the Church which brings Christ to me, and me to Christ; parallel journeys are dangerous! When we venture beyond (*proagon*) the Church's teaching and community, and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ (cf. 2 Jn 9). So let us ask ourselves: Am I open to the harmony of the Holy Spirit, overcoming every form of exclusivity? Do I let myself be guided by him, living in the Church and with the Church?"

## PARISH CALENDAR

June 1 – 8

**SUNDAY 1**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Las clases de Primera Comuni3n 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.

**MONDAY 2**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**TUESDAY 3**—El grupo de Oraci3n comienza a las 7 de la tarde con el rosario, y a continuaci3n el taller de Oraci3n y Vida en el sal3n de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY**—Breaking Open the Word does not meet.

**THURSDAY 5**—Legi3n de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el sal3n de conferencias del Este.

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

**FRIDAY 6**—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**SATURDAY 7**—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**SUNDAY 8**—**Pentecost**

Las clases de Primera Comuni3n y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.



**Cardinal Wuerl** celebrates the Archdiocesan Synod Closing Mass at 11:30am. The Cathedral

Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room.

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

**WELCOME!**

*Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!*

**FAITH IN ACTION****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 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 [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@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 Independence Day. Contact: Dan Horning at [stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

**Volunteers for ESL Program** – Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday or Wednesday) in the Summer Semester of the ESL Program (see details at left). While not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect the native language of volunteers to be English. Classes are conversation-based and will be taught in English only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. To volunteer, contact Dan Horning at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

**Social Justice Ministry Prayer and Fellowship** – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee invites volunteers and interested parishioners to a gathering on Thursday, **June 5**. Come to socialize and learn more about ongoing and upcoming Social Justice activities. We will begin with a joint prayer with the Community of Sant'Egidio at 6:30pm in the West Conference Room. Light refreshments and snacks will follow. Contact Franz Kuo at [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com) for more information.

**BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at [baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x555. 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 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 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.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| <b>Domingo 1</b>   | He 1:1-11 / Ef 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20<br><i>Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor</i> |
| <b>Lunes 2</b>     | He 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33<br><i>San Marcelino y San Pedro</i>                         |
| <b>Martes 3</b>    | He 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11<br><i>San Carlos Lwanga y compañeros</i>                   |
| <b>Miércoles 4</b> | He 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19   |
| <b>Jueves 5</b>    | He 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26<br><i>San Bonifacio</i>                             |
| <b>Viernes 6</b>   | He 25:13-22 / Jn 21:15-19<br><i>San Norberto</i>                                    |
| <b>Sábado 7</b>    | He 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25<br><i>San Roberto Abad</i>                          |
| <b>Domingo 8</b>   | He 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 /<br><i>Pentecostés</i> Jn 20:19-23                  |

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**¡Éxito de la Campaña al Consejo del Distrito!** – En mayo, los feligreses de la Catedral de San Mateo, la cual forma parte de la Coalición de Comunidades de Buena Fe (*Good Faith Communities Coalition*), realizó una campaña de cartas dirigidas a los miembros del Consejo del Distrito. Setenta y cinco comunidades de fe han contribuido más de 3,200 cartas, que enviaron un mensaje fuerte y simple al Consejo: "Nuestra ciudad debe mejorar nuestra respuesta a la falta de vivienda." Este año, la Catedral quintuplicó el número de cartas firmadas que enviamos al Consejo de DC. El Comité de Justicia Social les da las gracias por su compromiso a nuestros hermanos y hermanas sin hogar.

**Clases de Conversación en Inglés 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 de la calle N. 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/clases-de-ingles> o póngase en contacto con Dan Horning al [stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

**Voluntarios para el programa de Español para Adultos** – Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros, tutores o ministros de hospitalidad, una noche por 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 maestro; pero si, esperamos que la lengua materna de los voluntarios sea el español. Además, se espera que los maestros tengan como mínimo un título universitario. Las clases son 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](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

**Ministerio de Justicia Social Oración Confraternidad** – El comité de Justicia Social les invita a todos a participar en un evento social el jueves, **5 de junio**. El propósito de este evento es para ofrecer a voluntarios actuales y feligreses que están interesados en servir en nuestros programas la oportunidad para socializar y aprender más sobre diferentes actividades de Justicia Social. La tarde empezará con oración con la Comunidad de San Egidio a las 6:30pm en el salón del Oeste. Se ofrecerán refrigerios ligeros. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este evento o nuestros ministerios, por favor póngase en contacto con Franz Kuo al [franzkuo@gmail.com](mailto:franzkuo@gmail.com).

**Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado** – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde este viernes **6 de junio** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.

El sábado **7 de junio** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

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****June 1 – 8****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

**Monday, June 2**

7am – Jesus Borjas  
 8am – Electra Capalbo  
 12:10pm – Juanita Roque (living)  
 5:30pm – Shirley Puglisi

**Tuesday, June 3**

7am – Special Intention (living)  
 8am – Tim Long  
 12:10pm – Bridget Therese Mora & family (living)  
 5:30pm – Moises Lopez

**Wednesday, June 4**

7am – David Patrick Mora & family (living)  
 8am – Michael Barahona (living)  
 12:10pm – Pedro de Guzman  
 5:30pm – Lina Padilla (living)

**Thursday, June 5**

7am – Special Intentions (living)  
 8am – Ida Morales  
 12:10pm – Judie Philips  
 5:30pm – Jacqueline A. Brophy

**Friday, June 6**

7am – Tere Cundin  
 8am – Jann Armantrout (living)  
 12:10pm – Socorro Castillo  
 5:30pm – Juanito Almendrala

**Saturday, June 7**

8am – Lidia J. Luna (living)  
 12:10pm – Olivia Dersoriers  
 5:30pm – All Parishioners

**Sunday, June 8**

7am – Isaiah Guyman Martin, Jr.  
 8:30am – Ivan Urribarri  
 10am – Donald Winter  
 11:30am – Josiane Kwaou  
 1pm – Miembros de la familia Mayta  
 5:30pm – Daniel De Boyace

You may arrange a **Mass intention** by speaking 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**DCCatholic Hearts on Fire Young Adult Retreat – Friday, June 6, 7pm to Saturday, June 7, 6pm – Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (210 New York Avenue NW)** – Young adults from across the Archdiocese will come together for an introduction to the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, dynamic presentations from young Jesuits, and practical ways to incorporate faith in daily life. This retreat does not include an overnight – retreatants go home on Friday night and return Saturday morning. \$20 suggested donation. Register at <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/hof2014/washingtondc.html>.

**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. You can take the Metro and/or buses to the shelter; we will do our best to coordinate carpools. Contact Jonathan at [jgunner418@hotmail.com](mailto:jgunner418@hotmail.com) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

**Volunteering at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, June 10 – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights)** – Help us to support a great organization that provides comprehensive care to pregnant women and babies! Each month, we help with odd jobs like sorting donations, cleaning, painting, or yard work. Contact Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up.

*Stay up to date with Cathedral Young Adult events by checking out our website, [www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya), and joining our listserv. To learn more, email [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com).*

**TOURS**

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or to take a self-guided tour using the color brochures available at the inside entrance to the Cathedral. Guided tours are given free of charge. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or our Rectory receptionist. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at 202-587-5143 or [mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**GIFT ITEMS**

St. Matthew's offers a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church written by Richard Schmidt and Claudia Rousseau, with Joseph Carey, Nancy McKinley and Elizabeth Sullivan. It features the Cathedral's history, art and architecture vividly portrayed in photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree.

Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments, and CD recordings of the Cathedral's *Schola Cantorum*.

Items may be purchased in the Rectory during office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9am to 8pm and Friday through Sunday, 9am to 4pm) or by contacting us at 202-347-3215 or [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org). MasterCard and Visa are accepted.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fatima735@msn.com) or 202-347-3215.*

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## **----- 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](mailto: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.

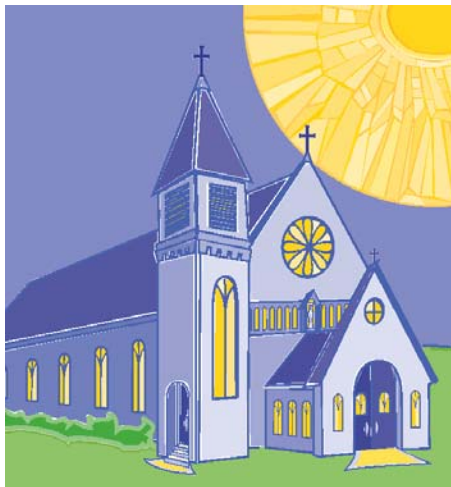
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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).**



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
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 &<br>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/<br>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<br>(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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