

## READINGS FOR JULY 6

**Y**ou have revealed them to the childlike. (Mt 11:25)  
Life is an adventure for little children. If you give them a present, they might play with the wrapping paper or the box it came in as much as the gift itself. Give a young boy a small fire engine, and he'll imagine himself putting out a giant fire. Give a young girl a doll, and she'll treat it as her own child. Children are also curious and imaginative, capable of intently focusing on the task at hand—especially when it comes to playtime!

Children have a tendency to keep things simple. They trust their parents. They believe everything their parents tell them. By contrast, we adults ask far too many questions. We like to think things through, weighing the pros and cons and examining every angle. While that's usually a good thing, too much examination can make it hard for us to be trusting. This is especially true when it comes to faith. That's why Jesus encourages us to be "childlike" (Mt 11:25).

Following Jesus is an adventure. It's about delving into the heart and mind of God. It's about, as St. Ignatius of Loyola used to say, using our imagination to picture ourselves in biblical times, watching Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes or journeying to the Promised Land with the children of Abraham. It's about being like an inquisitive child during story time: "Why did the food multiply? How can Jesus be everywhere at the same time? What does an angel look like?"

Whether you are at Mass, at prayer, or just talking to Jesus in the midst of your day, don't settle for the same old routine. Discipleship should be an adventure, so go ahead and ask him to open your eyes and give you new insights into his stories and his love for you.

One more thing: children love a good hug. So today, imagine Jesus putting his arms around you and drawing you close to his heart. Hear him telling you how precious you are to him. Dare to be a child again.

*"Here I am, Jesus, ready for a new adventure with you today."*

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## THE WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 6</b>	Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9,11-13 / Mt 11:25-30
<b>Monday 7</b>	Hos 2:16-18,21-22 / Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday 8</b>	Hos 8:4-7,11-13 / Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Mt 10:1-7
<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions</i>	
<b>Thursday 10</b>	Hos 11:1-4,8-9 / Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday 11</b>	Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23
<i>St. Benedict Abbot</i>	
<b>Saturday 12</b>	Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33
<b>Sunday 13</b>	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

## PARISH CALENDAR

July 6 - 13

**SUNDAY 6**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

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

**TUESDAY 8**—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY 9**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**THURSDAY 10**—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

**SUNDAY 13**—The Cathedral Club meets at 1pm in the West Conference Room.

An organ recital is given at 3pm in the Cathedral. Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

### Summer Notes

**Summer Weekday Masses** – There will be no 7am weekday Mass until Tuesday, **September 2**, the day after Labor Day. During July and August, weekday Masses will be at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, with confessions from 11am until Noon.

**Biweekly Bulletins In July & August** – St. Matthew's Sunday bulletin will be published biweekly (every other week) through the end of August. This edition covers the period from July 6 to July 20. Each biweekly edition will be available both weekends.

**Breaking Open the Word, An Informal Discussion of Sunday Scripture** – Next Sunday we will hear Jesus tell us the parable of the sower and the seed. The following Sunday he will tell us the parable of the weeds and the wheat. Why not join us on Wednesday, **July 9** and **16** to share how these and the rest of the readings for these upcoming Sundays can help us to grow richer and taller in our own faith lives?

Breaking Open the Word (BOW) meets Wednesdays at 7pm in the West Conference Room. No expertise is needed. Copies of the readings are provided.

The first BOW of every month (next: August 6) is BYO Buffet night when all are invited to bring food to share before the discussion begins. On BYO Buffet nights, we meet at 6:30pm instead of 7pm.

## READINGS FOR JULY 13

**M**y word ... shall not return to me void. (Isaiah 55:11)  
A farmer is very careful during planting season. He selects the best seeds, chooses the most fertile land, and plants each crop in just the right location. He does all of this in the expectation of a good harvest. Yet despite all his effort, he can't make the seeds grow. It's up to the seeds themselves.

By contrast, it's our heavenly Father who makes the seed of faith in our hearts grow and bear fruit. And he does it by pouring his word on us like a gentle rain shower.

Today's first reading tells how fruitful God's word is: it never comes back to him empty! His words are promises filled with divine potential. Every day, our Father speaks words of life over us. He tells us about his hope-filled plans for us (Jeremiah 29:11). He tells us about his everlasting love for us (31:3). He tells us that he delights in us (Isaiah 62:4). And he tells us that we are blessed because we can see signs of his presence in the world (Matthew 13:13). If we can accept these words, they will unleash grace in our lives that will make us into fruitful, attractive witnesses to our faith.

Do you want to bear fruit for the Lord? Then take hold of God's word and never let it go. Every day, spend time with the Scriptures. Let them speak to your heart. Let them form your mind. Let them guide your actions. If you haven't done it already, read the articles in the front of . . . (*The Word Among Us*). They're all about finding God's presence through his word, and they'll help you discover the grace that God has planted in you like a seed.

Jesus is speaking his word to you all the time. Right now, at this very moment, he wants to tell you something. Take the time to listen.

*"Father, open my eyes to see you. Open my ears to hear you. Open my heart to receive you. Come, Lord, and speak life to my soul!"*

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## THE WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Sunday 13</b>	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23
<b>Monday 14</b>	Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34—11:1
<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24
<i>St. Bonaventure</i>	
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	Is 10:5-7,13-16 / Mt 11:25-27
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	
<b>Thursday 17</b>	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 / Mt 11:28-30
<b>Friday 18</b>	Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 / Mt 12:1-8
<i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	
<b>Saturday 19</b>	Mi 2:1-5 / Mt 12:14-21
<b>Sunday 20</b>	Wis 12:13,16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

## 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 also 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!

## PARISH CALENDAR

July 14 – 20

**MONDAY 14**—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

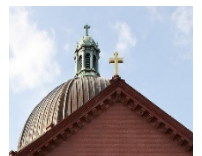
**TUESDAY 15**—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 5:30pm in the East Conference Room. El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY 16**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**THURSDAY 17**—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este. The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

### Faith Quest Pilgrimage

**Includes Cathedral** – Where is the oldest church in the archdiocese? Where can you find a relic of the true cross? Who is Saint John Neumann? Find answers to these questions and more on a *Faith Quest* Pilgrimage—visit up to 25 sites around the archdiocese, including the Cathedral, that tell the story of our faith. Register, receive a passport and at each visit stamp your passport. St. Matthew's passport stamp is on top of the large display case at the main entrance (near the St. Francis Chapel). Visit 8 or more sites by September 7 and receive an invitation to the closing ceremony at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. For more information, visit [www.adw.org/faithquest](http://www.adw.org/faithquest).



## FAITH FORMATION

*Dear Parishioners, Colleagues, and Friends:*

*Five years ago, God blessed me with the opportunity to serve the St. Matthew's Cathedral community as Director of Faith Formation. It has been a pleasure to get to know and a privilege to walk alongside so many of you as we together sought to know God more intimately and work to build God's kingdom here on earth.*

*As I prepare to leave St. Matthew's and return to my campus ministry roots as a chaplain-in-residence at Georgetown University, I thank God for the countless gifts you have shared with me: the power and strength of your own faith, your generous spirit, and your friendship... to name just a few. I am especially grateful to the newest Catholics among us, those women and men whom I have had the honor of accompanying on their journey to the Catholic Church these past five years through the RCIA process. Your openness to change and grow and learn, and to embrace our Church, have inspired me abundantly.*

*Please pray for me, and I will pray for all of you.*

*Peace,  
Heather Kinney*

**Seeking Director of Faith Formation** – The parish of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC, a Roman Catholic community of 2,800 households, seeks an experienced Director of Faith Formation to prepare and provide catechesis and other instruction in our year-round RCIA, adult Confirmation preparation and religious education and sacramental preparation programs, working closely with the coordinator of Spanish children's religious and sacramental preparation instruction. In addition, responsibilities include: planning and coordinating parish lecture series, faith-sharing groups and Scripture studies, retreats and parish missions, and other faith formation events and programs for the parish and staff; developing a Friends of RCIA program; and coordinating parish compliance with the Child Protection Program of the Archdiocese of Washington. Master's degree in Divinity, Pastoral Ministry/Studies, Religious Education, or Theology and three to five years' professional experience in Catholic adult faith formation required. Excellent communication, organizational and administrative management skills needed. Knowledge of Spanish helpful. Desired start date is September 15, 2014. To apply, submit cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and contact information for three references by **August 1, 2014** to:

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
[rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org)

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** – “The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism. In 1974 the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults was formally approved for use in the United States” ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). The RCIA also is for adults baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in the Catholic Church and for adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church and wish to complete their initiation. Please contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org) to inquire about the RCIA process. After July 18, please call the Rectory at 202-347-3215.

## 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.

## 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 Rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Young Organist Recital** – Award-winning organist, Rebecca Marie Yoder, a recent graduate (*summa cum laude*) of the Duquesne University School of Music, will give a recital of organ music on Sunday, **July 13** at 3pm on the Cathedral's Great Organ. Works will include Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Mozart, Bach, and Vierne. The recital is free and open to the public.

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian people and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **July 13** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**Come—Let Us Adore Him!** – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **July 21** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Garcia will give a reflection based on Mt 11:25-30. Fr. Rafael will be available for confessions during the hour in English and Spanish.

**RSCM Children's Choir** – On Sunday, **July 27** at the Cathedral's 10am Latin Mass, the Royal School of Church Music will conclude its annual week of seminars and performances in the DC area with a Choral Mass. Last year the young singers sang at a standing-room-only concert here at the Cathedral as a part of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians 2013 National Convention. Please welcome them. We thank them for enhancing our worship with their incomparable sound.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Thank You!!** – Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent dinner for our homeless

friends sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Your donations of delicious food, money and time in hosting the event allowed us to serve many guests. They felt very welcomed, and some claimed it was the best meal they ever had! We hope you and others will join us when we host another biannual meal in the fall.

**Run for Vocations** – On the weekend of **July 12 - 13**, volunteers will be present at all Masses to



collect donations and answer questions on registering to participate in Run for Vocations, a 16-

year old ministry that supports vocations by raising funds to assist seminarians with unanticipated expenses. Laypeople, religious and clergy around our archdiocese have teamed up to run in October's Marine Corps Marathon. St. Matthew's team has committed to raising at least \$250 per participant. We invite you to support this mission. Checks can be made payable to "Archdiocese of Washington." Donations may also be dropped off at the rectory. Contact: Justin Silvers at [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com)

**Latin Mass Celebrants** – We bid a fond farewell to our two regular 10am Latin Mass celebrants, Msgr. Thomas P. Olszyk, who retired last month, and Fr. Shane Kirby, who will leave us at the end of July. Beginning in August, we will welcome four new celebrants of our 10am Sunday Latin Mass: Dominican Fathers Leo Checkai (St. Dominic's) and Albert Trudel (Dominican House of Studies), and Benedictine Fathers Gabriel Myers and Christopher Wyvil (both at St. Anselm's Abbey). Please keep our

departing and new Mass celebrants in your prayers!

**Interested in Helping with Hospitality?** – Hospitality Sunday events will resume in September following a summer hiatus. Feeling hospitable? The Hospitality Committee is seeking volunteers to plan events and programs for the fall. Join us as a committee member or event volunteer—the amount of time you give is up to you! This is a great opportunity to serve your spiritual community and to meet new parishioners. Contact us at [stmatthospitality@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthospitality@gmail.com) with suggestions or to volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.



Did you know that **Morning Prayer** is prayed in the St. Anthony Chapel Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30am, the summer weekday opening time of the Cathedral? Copies of each morning's prayer are available. Questions? Call 202-587-5143.

**Mass Times Around the World** – Let's attend to our Lord even as he blesses us with restful vacations with family and friends! A free ministry for traveling Catholics provides Mass schedules at more than 22,000 churches nationwide and 82,000 churches outside the United States. Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## YOUNG ADULTS

**C†YA at the Northwest Center – Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (next: July 8) – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights) –** The Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and care for healthy babies. Each month, we assist with odd jobs like sorting donations, cleaning, or doing yard work. Come once or come every month! Contact & sign-up: Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com)

**Theology on Tap Summer Series: "Stories Worth Spreading" – Tuesdays, July 15 – August 12 – 6 to 7pm (happy hour) / 7 to 8pm (talk) – Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street NW / Farragut North/McPherson Sq.)**

**C†YA for "The Sky's the Limit" to Benefit the Northwest Center – Wednesday, July 16 – 6:30 to 9pm – Top of the Town (1400 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington, VA / Rosslyn) –** Please join a group of young adults from the Cathedral at this benefit reception for a great cause with a great view of the city! Contact: Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com)

**C†YA for a Summer Movie Night – Monday, July 21 – National Mall between 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets NW –** Join us for a Screen on the Green showing of "The Karate Kid"! Contact: Katie at [k.d.palermo@gmail.com](mailto:k.d.palermo@gmail.com)

**C†YA at Mass – Weekly on Sundays – 5:30pm – (meet in section near front by the choir)** Don't sit alone at Mass! Please join us 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. Then meet everyone after Mass! Contact: Lara at [lara.ericson@gmail.com](mailto:lara.ericson@gmail.com)

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

## MASS INTENTIONS JULY 6 – JULY 20

### Sunday, July 6

7am – Thaddeus Osmanski  
8:30am – Gerard Parent  
10am – Joseph Leary  
11:30am – David Carmichael  
1pm – Consuelo & Catalina Leon  
5:30pm – All Parishioners

### Monday, July 7

8am – Antonio Urribarri  
12:10pm – Elsa Hocson (living)  
5:30pm – Elizabeth & Joseph Conway

### Tuesday, July 8

8am – Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt  
12:10pm – Josiane Kwaou  
5:30pm – Suzanna Nachbar (living)

### Wednesday, July 9

8am – Daniel & Oliver Marshall (living)  
12:10pm – Alvaro de Jesus Cruz  
5:30pm – Lina Padilla (living)

### Thursday, July 10

8am – Steven Matthew Pellerito  
12:10pm – Olivia & Francis Mendes

### Friday, July 11

8am – Deacon Ulysses Rice  
12:10pm – Vincent Snearly (living)  
5:30pm – Avelina Carpio

### Saturday, July 12

8am – Nate Kramer (living)  
5:30pm – Inez Marie Williams

### Sunday, July 13

7am – All Parishioners  
8:30am – Dominga McFadden (living)  
10am – Marianne Burnsworth  
11:30am – Francis X. Worden  
1pm – Isabel Chamos  
5:30pm – George T. Mahshie

### Monday, July 14

8am – Terry Bork (living)  
12:10pm – Diana P. Cabrera (living)

5:30pm – Thanksgiving

### Tuesday, July 15

12:10pm – Frantiska Lyskova

### Wednesday, July 16

8am – Lenore Anderson (living)  
12:10pm – Fr. Alejandro Diaz (living)  
5:30 – Ronald Steffenser

### Thursday, July 17

12:10pm – William Garrity

### Friday, July 18

12:10pm – Carmen Yap (living)

### Saturday, July 19

8am – Leo A. Lapuz  
12:10pm – Olympia Penz  
5:30pm – Frantiska Lyskova

### Sunday, July 20

7am – Owen L. Schwan  
8:30am – All Parishioners  
10am – Sherley Temple  
11:30am – Mr. Buu Van Le  
1pm – Teresa Valverde  
5:30pm – Betty Kyle

*You may arrange a Mass intention by speaking to our receptionist in the Rectorry. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.*

## IN THE AREA

**Holy Land Festival** – All are welcome to the Holy Land Festival **July 12**, 11am-5pm, at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC), featuring exhibits, vendors, Mediterranean food, speakers, tours, and a 5pm closing Mass. Contact: Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340 or [abpsmocl@adw.org](mailto:abpsmocl@adw.org).

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** - During the 2014 Washington Nationals season, you can purchase tickets to any game, any seat and a portion of ticket sales benefits Catholic Charities! Buy tickets online at [www.nationals.com/tickets](http://www.nationals.com/tickets) (promo code: CC2014).

## LECTURAS DEL 6 DE JULIO

**A** veces la vida parece agobiadora. El trabajo, las obligaciones, las responsabilidades familiares y las inseguridades son factores que, si no sabemos controlarlos, acaban con nuestras fuerzas. Por eso, tras un día agotador y de tensiones del trabajo o la familia, es preciso reposar, relajarse y distraer la mente en cosas alegres, apacibles y positivas.

El Señor nos ofrece un descanso que nos renueva espiritualmente y restituye en nosotros la capacidad de disfrutar de la paz, el gozo y la libertad. ¿Cómo podemos lograr este descanso? Recibiendo lo que Dios tanto desea darnos: el perdón, la vida misma y la dicha de conocer su gran amor. El Señor nos bendice de esta forma cuando nos acercamos a él en la oración y en la liturgia y cuando ponemos nuestras cargas en sus tiernas y poderosas manos.

Sin embargo, para abrir el corazón de esta forma hay que ser humilde y aceptar la acción renovadora del Señor. El que vive dominado por los impulsos de su naturaleza pecadora, es decir, oponiéndose a la voluntad de Dios y desentendiéndose de la necesidad del prójimo, no puede experimentar el descanso que Cristo quiere darle.

Pero el que es dócil al Espíritu Santo, hace diariamente oración de corazón, frecuenta los sacramentos y trata con bondad y paciencia a los demás, especialmente en su familia, experimenta el descanso de Cristo. Vivir de esta forma implica depender de Dios, como un niño, y de esa forma uno se llena más y más del poder y el consuelo del Espíritu Santo. Jesús nos prometió: "Mi yugo es suave y mi carga, ligera" (Mateo 11, 30), de modo que si confiamos plenamente en el Señor y acudimos a él para recibir fortaleza espiritual, sentiremos el descanso y la alegría que son propios de una vida dedicada al Espíritu de Dios, que vive en nosotros.

*"Señor mío Jesucristo, reconozco que tengo necesidad de ti y que sólo tú puedes llenarme de paz y alegría. Ven a mi corazón, Señor, y concédeme el reposo, la consolación y las nuevas fuerzas de tu Espíritu Santo."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 6** Za 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9,11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

**Lunes 7** Os 2:16-18,21-22 / Mt 9:18-26

**Martes 8** Os 8:4-7,11-13 / Mt 9:32-38

**Miércoles 9** Os 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Mt 10:1-7

*San Agustín Zaho y Compañeros*

**Jueves 10** Os 11:1-4,8-9 / Mt 10:7-15

**Viernes 11** Os 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23

*San Benito Abad*

**Sábado 12** Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33

**Domingo 13** Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

**Misas de la semana en verano** – No habrá misa de 7:00 de la mañana hasta **2 de septiembre** un día después del Día del Trabajador. En junio y agosto las misas serán a las 8:00 de la mañana, 12:10 del mediodía y 5:30 de la tarde. La misa de 7:00 de la mañana resumirá el martes.

**Boletín Quincenal en Junio y Agosto** – El boletín de la Catedral, será publicado quincenalmente (cada dos semanas) comenzando el **6 de julio** hasta finales de agosto. La edición del 6 de julio cubrirá el periodo del 6 de julio hasta el 20 de julio.

**Carrera por las Vocaciones** – Durante el fin de semana del domingo **13 de julio**, voluntarios estarán disponibles en cada misa para recoger donaciones y responder a preguntas sobre la inscripción para los que desean correr en el evento de *Run for Vocations*. *Run for Vocations* o Corra por las Vocaciones es un ministerio de 16 años que apoya a las vocaciones al sacerdocio recaudando fondos para ayudar a seminaristas con gastos inesperados. Laicos, religiosos y clérigos de toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington han formado un equipo para correr en el Maratón de la Infantería de Marina que se llevará a cabo en octubre. El equipo de San Mateo se ha comprometido a recaudar \$250 por participante y le invitamos a apoyar esta misión. Cheques pueden ser dirigidos a "Archdiocese of Washington". Preguntas sobre donaciones e inscripción, mande un mensaje a Justin Silvers a: [just1justin@yahoo.com](mailto:just1justin@yahoo.com) o llame a la rectoría.

**Catequesis e Iniciación Cristiana** – Las inscripciones para Catecumenado, Primera Comunión y Confirmación serán el domingo **13 de julio** y el **20 de julio** en el salón de conferencias del Norte de 10 de la mañana a 12:00 del mediodía, traer acta de Bautismo y \$25 de inscripción. También aquellos jóvenes que no hayan recibidos los sacramentos de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación y estén interesados en los sacramentos, pueden venir.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **21 de julio** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la adoración inglés y español.

## LECTURAS DEL 13 DE JULIO

Cuando el Señor pronunció la parábola del sembrador, se valió de figuras conocidas para la comunidad de labradores y pastores que le escuchaba. Jesús les habló del poder de la Palabra de Dios y del llamado que el Señor hace a todo el que quiera abrir el corazón al amor del Padre. El Señor ama tanto a su creación que esparce la semilla de su Palabra a los cuatro vientos, dejándola caer en todo tipo de terreno. No reservó su valiosísima semilla solo para la tierra buena o los de corazón puro, sino que la esparció generosamente sobre todo tipo de corazones, incluso los pedregosos y llenos de espinas. La Palabra de Dios es poderosa y no regresa a él sin haber cumplido el propósito para el cual fue pronunciada (Isaías 55, 10-11). Incluso donde el terreno distaba mucho de ser ideal, el trigo creció y produjo una cosecha.

Cuando pensamos en el poder vivificante de la Palabra de Dios y en el Espíritu que la hace germinar, se nos ocurre preguntarnos: “¿Qué tipo de terreno soy yo? ¿Echa raíces profundas en mí la Palabra de Dios? ¿Aprovecho las oportunidades que Dios me da para que esa palabra crezca?” Por eso, cuando nos encontremos con alguien a quien nos cuesta amar, clamemos al Señor: “¡Señor, ablanda el terreno de mi corazón y hazlo fecundo!”

Cuando te asalten pensamientos de amargura, cólera o desconsuelo, pídele a Dios que te dé el poder de superarlos: “¡Señor, ablanda mi corazón!” Cristo nos invita cada día, con sencillez, a entregarnos en sus manos y pedirle que su Espíritu Santo haga más dócil nuestro corazón. Pero no permitas que el fracaso te desaliente, porque si hasta la creación “misma va a ser liberada de la esclavitud de la corrupción” (v. Romanos 8, 21), ¡cuánto más los hijos tendremos la oportunidad de acercarnos a Dios y recibir su gracia!

*“Padre celestial, enséñame a ablandar el corazón, para que yo reciba tu vida y produzca una cosecha de amor, humildad y generosidad. Enséñame a valorar la semilla de tu Palabra, para que el Espíritu Santo la haga crecer y fructificar en mi vida.”*

Escogida con el permiso de *La Palabra Entre Nosotros*, Vol. 33, Número 7: julio/agosto 2014.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 13** Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

**Lunes 14** Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34—11:1

**Martes 15** Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24

*San Buenaventura*

**Miércoles 16** Is 10:5-7,13-16 / Mt 11:25-27

*Nuestra Señora del Carmen*

**Jueves 17** Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 / Mt 11:28-30

**Viernes 18** Is 38:1-6,21-22, 7-8 / Mt 12:1-8

*San Camilo de Lelis*

**Sábado 19** Mi 2:1-5 / Mt 12:14-21

**Domingo 20** Sab 12:13,16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

!!! **Muchas Gracias!!!** – Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra reciente cena para las personas sin hogar de nuestra vecindad, auspiciado por el comité de Justicia Social. Su donación de comida deliciosa, dinero y tiempo para organizar este evento nos permitió servir a varias personas. Ellos se sintieron muy bien y algunos decían que era ¡la mejor comida que habían tenido! Esperamos que usted y otros se unan a nosotros cuando tengamos la cena de otoño.

**Interesado en Ayudar con la Hospitalidad** – ¿Por qué no vamos a tener actividades de bienvenida en la Catedral durante el verano después de las misas?

Aunque no tendremos actividades de bienvenida después de las misas durante los meses de verano estaremos trabajando en otros programas, así como preparando los eventos que celebraremos en el futuro en la Catedral de San Mateo. Esperamos verles por la Catedral mientras tanto, y por supuesto en nuestra próxima actividad, que tendrá lugar en septiembre.

¿Le interesa participar? Este comité todavía está aceptando voluntarios para planificar eventos y programas aquí en nuestra parroquia. ¿Desea unirse a nosotros como miembro del comité o voluntario para las actividades? La cantidad de tiempo que quiera dedicar depende únicamente de usted. Ayudar en este comité es una estupenda oportunidad para servir a su comunidad espiritual y conocer a otros miembros de la parroquia. Póngase en contacto con nosotros en [stmatthospitality@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthospitality@gmail.com) si desea participar o si tiene alguna idea que quiera compartir con el comité. ¡Le esperamos!

**Intenciones de Misas** – 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.

**Horario de Misas a Través del Mundo** – Un ministerio para los católicos que viajan se provee gratuitamente en toda la nación y a través del mundo. Llame al 734-794-2100 para encontrar el horario de misas ó visite [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

\*\*\*\*\* **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).





Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle  
PATRON SAINT OF CIVIL SERVANTS

The Social Justice and  
Community Services Committee  
invites you to attend a talk on:

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## ***Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching***

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*Date:* Saturday, July 26, 2014

*Time:* 9-11am

*Location:* North Conference Room

(Enter through the door to the right of the Cathedral,  
located in the parking garage.)

**Kevin Appleby, Director of Migration Policy and Public Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will provide the first in a series of talks at the Cathedral about immigration, immigration reform, and Catholic social teaching.**

**Speaker Bio:** Prior to joining USCCB, Kevin worked as Deputy Director of the Maryland Catholic Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. Kevin has testified before Congress on immigration issues and represented the U.S.

Catholic bishops on these issues at public events and with the media. He is co-editor of the volume, *On Strangers No Longer: Perspectives on the U.S.-Mexican Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Migration*. Kevin worked for Senator Russell Long of Louisiana and several select committees of the U.S. Senate, including the Senate Select Committee on the Iran-Contra Affair. Kevin received his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, a M.A. in International Affairs from The George Washington University, and a law degree from the University of Maryland. Kevin comes from a family of six siblings and lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

**For more information, please contact Krista Cox at  
[krista.l.cox@gmail.com](mailto:krista.l.cox@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.

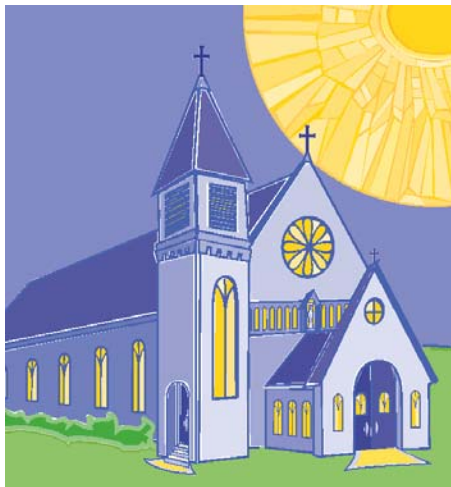
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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



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To enroll online, use code  
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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	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
(In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May			

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

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

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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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