

READINGS FOR AUGUST 3

Give them some food yourselves. (Matthew 14:16)
 Tony Melendez was born without any arms. But he was also born with a gift for music, so he developed a unique way to share that gift. He played with his feet, starting with a push-button organ and moving to the guitar and harmonica. Combining his musical gifts with his faith, Melendez became involved in music ministry.

In 1987, he played before Pope John Paul II, who leaped out of his seat, embraced the young man, and said, "My wish for you is to continue giving this hope to all the people." Melendez is still doing that through his ministry, giving concerts and motivational talks, supporting people with disabilities, and helping young-adult and missionary programs.

Tony Melendez is a perfect illustration of the principle we see at work in today's reading. The disciples didn't have that much going for them. Five loaves and two fish couldn't possibly feed such a huge crowd! But they brought their meager portion to Jesus, who blessed it and gave it back to them. Notice: he didn't distribute the meal himself. He told the disciples to do it. Not sure what to expect, they handed out the bread and fish—and the impossible became possible!

By telling the disciples to feed the crowd themselves, Jesus made it clear that the miracle would not happen without them.

What do you have to offer today? Don't worry if it seems paltry. Offer it to the Lord anyway. Give him your work, play, or study. Give him the difficult situation that you're dealing with. Give him your imagination or your anxieties. Ask him to bless it, transform it, and use it for his Father's glory. Then, like Tony Melendez, work with whatever you have. As you do, you'll find God's power multiplying your offering, "feeding" the people around you.

"Lord, I give you my heart. Thank you for accepting me as I am. I trust that you will let none of my gifts go to waste!"

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THE WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 3	Is 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35,37-39 / Mt 14:13-21
Monday 4	Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:22-36
<i>St. John Vianney</i>	
Tuesday 5	Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Mt 14:22-36
<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	
Wednesday 6	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9
<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
Thursday 7	Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23
<i>St. Sixtus II and Companions</i>	
Friday 8	Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 / Mt 16:24-28
<i>St. Dominic</i>	
Saturday 9	Hb 1:12—2:4 / Mt 17:14-20
<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	
Sunday 10	1 Kgs 19:9,11-13 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

PARISH CALENDAR

August 3 – 10

SUNDAY 3—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

MONDAY 4—The Parish Pastoral Council meets in the North Conference Room at 6:45pm.

TUESDAY 5—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

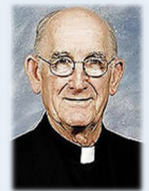
WEDNESDAY 6—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 7—Legión de María se reúne a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

SUNDAY 10—A second collection for the Catholic Communications and Human Development Campaign is taken at all Masses.

In Remembrance of Msgr.

Gerhardt – The 7am Mass will be celebrated in memory of Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt on Sunday, **August 10**, the seventh anniversary of his death. Please remember our beloved friend in your prayers.



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.
 May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Archdiocesan Faith Quest Pilgrimage Includes Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

– Where is the oldest church in the archdiocese? Where can you find a relic of the true cross? Who is St. John Neumann? Find answers to these questions and more on a *Faith Quest* Pilgrimage—visit up to 25 sites around the archdiocese 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 one of the large display cases at the main entrance. 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.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 10

The Lord was not in the earthquake. (1 Kings 19:11)
How often have you seen a movie where God appears amidst lightning bolts and angelic choirs and then speaks in a terrifying, booming voice? Images like these are so common that we may think that this is how God normally speaks. Add to that all the biblical stories where God intervenes on an even larger scale, and we come away thinking that's the only way we'll ever hear the Lord. After all, very few of us are in the habit of being interrupted by a deafening voice or a lightning bolt from on high!

That's why today's first reading is such a blessing. It tells us that God doesn't always thunder from the heavens. Sometimes—quite often, in fact—his voice comes in a “tiny whispering sound” (1 Kings 19:12).

Why would the Creator of the universe talk so softly? Maybe because he wants to teach us how to listen, just as he taught Elijah. Maybe because he wants a relationship with us—just as he had with Elijah—rather than have us live in fear of his showing up.

The fact that we aren't always being overwhelmed doesn't mean that God is avoiding us. Quite the opposite, in fact. He's always speaking! He loves to guide our thoughts and our steps. He loves to open our hearts to his truths and heal us of our hurts. No, God speaks softly and intimately so that we will take the time to slow down. He wants us to learn how to quiet our racing minds so that we can focus on him and his word.

God doesn't want to overwhelm our eyes and ears every time he has something to say. For one thing, that would get awfully exhausting! But even more important, he wants us to see him as our loving Father, not as a frightening deity. Like any other father, he wants to spend time with us so that we can learn his ways and receive his wisdom.

So sit quietly today. Breathe deeply. And listen.

“Father, help me to still my heart so that I can hear your voice.”

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THE WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 10	1 Kgs 19:9,11-13 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33
Monday 11	Ez 1:2-5,24-28 / Mt 17:22-27
<i>St. Clare</i>	
Tuesday 12	Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	
Wednesday 13	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20
<i>St. Pontion & St. Hippolytus</i>	
Thursday 14	Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21—19:1
<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>	
Friday 15	Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Saturday 16	Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32 / Mt 19:13-15
<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	
Sunday 17	Is 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15,29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

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

August 11 - 17

MONDAY 11—The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

TUESDAY 12—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 13—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 14—The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated at 5:30pm.

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

FRIDAY 15—The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses are celebrated at 7am, 8am, 12:10pm (no 11am Mass and no confessions), 5:30pm, and 7pm (en español).

Faith Quest Tour of Brookland – On Saturday, **August 16**, join the *Faith Quest* tour of Brookland, beginning at 8:15am at the Dominican House of Studies and concluding with 12:10pm Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The family-friendly tour will also include the St. John Paul II Shrine, St. John Paul II Seminary, and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, with time for prayer at each site. Register at adwfaithquest2014.eventbrite.com.

FAITH FORMATION

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). 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. To inquire about the RCIA process, please email stmfaith@gmail.com or call 202-347-3215 to leave a message (*email preferred*).

Online Living Catholic and Faith Foundations – Would you like to know more about the faith we profess in a God who loves you beyond all telling? Have you ever felt at a loss to describe the mysteries of our faith? *Living Catholic* and *Faith Foundations*, adult formation courses for the Archdiocese of Washington, provide you with the opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church. Courses are available online. To learn more or to sign up, visit www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw.

Director of Faith Formation

Position Description

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. Responsibilities also 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.

Qualifications and requirements

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.

How to Apply

To apply submit cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and contact information for three references by **August 15, 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

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 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*How does the Assumption of
Our Blessed Mother help our journey?*

“But now let us ask ourselves: how does the Assumption of Mary help our journey? The first answer is: in the Assumption we see that in God there is room for man, God himself is the house with many rooms of which Jesus speaks (cf. Jn 14:2); God is man’s home, in God there is God’s space. And Mary, by uniting herself, united to God, does not distance herself from us. She does not go to an unknown galaxy, but whoever approaches God comes closer, for God is close to us all; and Mary, united to God, shares in the presence of God, is so close to us, to each one of us.

There is a beautiful passage from St Gregory the Great on St. Benedict that we can apply to Mary too. St. Gregory the Great says that the heart of St. Benedict expanded so much that all creation could enter it. This is even truer of Mary: Mary, totally united to God, has a heart so big that all creation can enter this heart, and the ex-votos in every part of the earth show it. Mary is close, she can hear us, she can help us, she is close to everyone of us. In God there is room for man and God is close, and Mary, united to God, is very close; she has a heart as great as the heart of God.

But there is also another aspect: in God not only is there room for man; in man there is room for God. This too we see in Mary, the Holy Ark who bears the presence of God. In us there is space for God and this presence of God in us, so important for bringing light to the world with all its sadness, with its problems. This presence is realized in the faith: in the faith we open the doors of our existence so that God may enter us, so that God can be the power that gives life and a path to our existence. In us there is room, let us open ourselves like Mary opened herself, saying: “Let your will be done, I am the servant of the Lord”. By opening ourselves to God, we lose nothing. On the contrary, our life becomes rich and great.

—From the Homily of Pope Benedict XVI,
August 15, 2012



*Let us rejoice in the Lord and
celebrate this feast in honor of
the Virgin Mary, at whose
assumption the angels rejoice,
giving praise to the Son of God!*

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
5:30pm (Vigil)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
7am, 8am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm,
and 7pm (en español)
Please note that there will be
no 11am Mass or Confessions.

“The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic
Church 974.*

***** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 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?

Email stmfaith@gmail.com or call 202-347-3215 to leave a message (*email preferred*).

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.

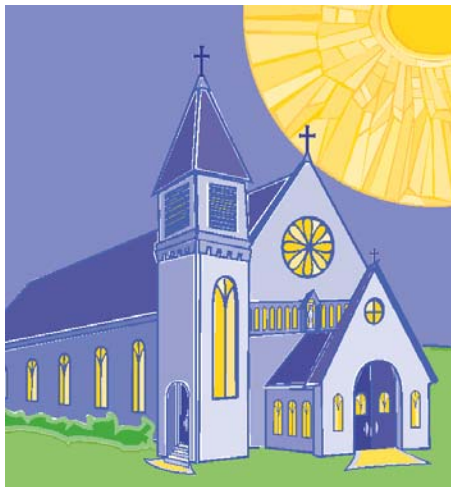
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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.

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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 & 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & LITURGIES

Weekly Discussion of Sunday Scripture Readings - Breaking Open the Word (BOW) is an informal discussion on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. No expertise is needed. BOW meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the West Conference Room (accessible from St. Matthew's Court on the west side of the Cathedral). The first BOW meeting of every month is BYO Buffet night, when all are invited but not required to bring food to share beginning at 6:30pm, before the discussion begins at 7pm. Contact: Nathan Krieg at ntkrieg@gmail.com.

Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation - Friday, **August 15** is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Please plan to celebrate this feast in honor of the Virgin Mary, at whose assumption the angels rejoice, giving praise to the Son of God! Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, **August 14** at 5:30pm (Vigil), and on Friday, **August 15** at 7am, 8am, 12:10pm (no 11am Mass and no confessions), 5:30pm, and 7pm (en español).

Come—Let Us Adore Him! - You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **August 18** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon Nickel will give a reflection and confessions will be available during the hour.

Save the Date: Annual Health & Wellness Fair - This year's Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Sunday, **September 15** from 9:30am till 3:30pm. The fair will offer an array of educational information in English and Spanish, along with some simple health exams to help promote good health in your life and the lives of your loved ones. For more information on the fair and to learn about volunteer opportunities, please contact Gregg Glotnis at gglotnis@verizon.net.

Featured Provider—George Washington University - The Department of Physical Therapy and Health Care Sciences of The George Washington University is a dynamic component of their School of Medicine and Health Sciences. What does a physical therapist do? Come find out at the parish Health & Wellness Fair (see above). Students and faculty from this program will be on hand to check your strength, flexibility, balance, blood pressure and more! They can adapt any of the activities to meet your needs and answer your questions regarding functional activities.

Run for Vocations - Run for Vocations is a 16-year-old ministry that supports vocations by raising funds to assist seminarians with unanticipated expenses. Laypeople, religious and clergy from around the Archdiocese of Washington team up to Run for Vocations in October's Marine Corps Marathon/10K. Are you interested in running with or supporting the St. Matthew's Team? If so, email Justin Silvers at just1justin@yahoo.com.

NEWS AND NOTES

Back to School Drive - The Social Justice Committee thanks the many volunteers and donors of the Adopt-A-Family Program's Back to School Drive. We received countless essential items such as pens, pencils, paper, rulers, markers, and so much more. As a result of your generosity, we were able to provide families in need with backpacks filled with supplies to help their children start the new school year ready for academic success.

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

Biweekly Bulletins - St. Matthew's Sunday bulletin will be published every other week through the end of August. Each biweekly edition will be available both weeks.

Masses Time Around the World - Let us remain attentive 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 U.S. Visit www.masstimes.org.

Interested in Helping with Hospitality? - Hospitality Sunday events will resume in September following a summer hiatus. Feeling hospitable? The Hospitality Committee needs volunteers to plan fall events and programs. 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 meet new parishioners. Contact us at stmatthospitality@gmail.com with suggestions or to volunteer.

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 at www.nationals.com/tickets (promo code: CC2014)

YOUNG ADULTS

C†YA for a Discussion: *Who Is God? – Questions on Faith* – Monthly on the first Thursday (next: August 7) – 7 to 8:30pm – Uptown Tap House – Back Room (3412 Connecticut Avenue NW / Cleveland Park) – There's still time to attend one of our gatherings, as we're only half-way through the series. Join us as we seek answers to the most fundamental question: Who is God? On the first Thursday of the month, we meet at a restaurant for a discussion over drinks. On the third Thursday we meet at the Cathedral to discuss how a work of art illuminates the mystery at hand. Contact: Mike at m.oween810@gmail.com

C†YA at the Northwest Center Monthly on the second Tuesday (next: August 12) – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights) – The Northwest Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and 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 Natalie Committee at natalie.committee@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

Theology on Tap Summer Series: "Stories Worth Spreading" – Tuesdays, July 15 through August 12 – 6 to 7pm (happy hour) / 7 to 8pm (talk) – Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street NW / Farragut North/McPherson Sq.) DC Catholic July Young Adult Mass: Christ in the City – Thursday, August 14 – 6 to 8pm fellowship to follow – Immaculate Conception (1315 8th Street NW / Mt. Vernon Sq.) – Join DCatholic and Young Adults across DC on the second Thursday of each month for

our Christ in the City Young Adult Mass. Come early for Adoration and Confession from 6 to 7pm, then Mass at 7. Stay for food and drinks in the neighborhood after Mass.

C†YA on the Shenandoah Kayaking Trip – Saturday, August 23 – 8am to 6pm – meet at the Cathedral – Join us for the 3rd



annual C†YA kayaking adventure! We will carpool out to the Shenandoah River and rent kayaks and/or canoes for the day. The cost will be around \$45/person depending on the number of people in our group and the type of canoe or kayak you would like to rent. Sign up at <http://goo.gl/IcKW43>.

Contact: Rebecca at rebeccabaehrend@gmail.com

Stay up to date with Cathedral Young Adult events by visiting www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya, and joining our listserv. To learn more, email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS August 3 – 17

Sunday, August 3

8:30am – Maria Ines Palacios
10am – Fredy F. Castro
11:30am – All Parishioners
1pm – Moises Lopez
5:30pm – Nan Worts

Monday, August 4

8am – Axel Palmeson
12:10pm – Madge Doyle
5:30pm – Faustin Dessources

Tuesday, August 5

8am – Marinie de Jesus
12:10pm – Joseph E. Storer
5:30pm – Rose Dessources

Wednesday, August 6

8am – Special Intention
12:10pm – Jean McKenny

5:30 – Gerhard Lysek (living)

Thursday, August 7

8am – William Toth
12:10pm – Thanksgiving
5:30pm – Victims of plane in North Africa

Friday, August 8

8am – Kevin Talty
12:10pm – Josiane Kwaou
5:30pm – Tracy Marshall

Saturday, August 9

8am – Pauline Nolan
12:10pm – Mary Clara Anthony
5:30pm – All Parishioners

Sunday, August 10

7am – Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt
8:30am – Ernestina B. Agcaoili
10am – Brian A. Governale
11:30am – Mary Ellis
1pm – Jesus Primitivo
5:30pm – Carl Dessources

Monday, August 11

8am – Msgr. Thomas S. Lee
12:10pm – Jacinto M. Dos Santos
5:30pm – Julio Burbano

Tuesday, August 12

12:10pm – Dessources Family
5:30pm – Barbara A. Wall

Wednesday, August 13

8am – Linda Agcaoili & Family
12:10pm – Axel Palmeson

Thursday, August 14

8am – Terry Bork (living)
12:10pm – Rita O'Connell

Friday, August 15

7am – W. Frank Armstrong
8am – Gwynedd Armstrong
12:10pm – Mr. Thanh Le
5:30pm – Abasali & Zinat Motie
7pm – Antonia & Jose Aybar

Saturday, August 16

8am – Elma Asuncion
12:10pm – Ronald Steffenser
5:30pm – Efren Agcaoili & Family (living)

Sunday, August 17

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Isabelo Vitug
10am – James Flaherty
11:30am – Paul & Enid Stevens
1pm – Ivan Orlando Ramos
5:30pm – Anna Halaby

LECTURAS DEL 3 DE AGOSTO

Cuando los discípulos vieron que la gente venía buscando al Señor y que ellos no tenían ningún momento de privacidad con él, bien pudieron haberse sentido frustrados. Jesús los había llevado a un lugar desierto porque necesitaban tiempo para guardar duelo y reflexionar sobre la triste noticia de la ejecución de Juan el Bautista. Después de todo, Jesús había perdido no sólo a su primo, sino a un gran profeta y un poderoso testigo de su propia identidad y de su misión en el mundo. Pero a pesar de todo eso, tuvo compasión de la multitud y sanó a los enfermos (Mateo 14, 14).

Al caer la noche, los discípulos le aconsejaron que despidiera a la gente que les había interrumpido el momento de descanso; pero el Señor sabía que su trabajo no se limitaba a beneficiar solamente a unos pocos privilegiados, sino a todos los que quisieran creer, y para que sus discípulos así lo entendieran, les mandó hacer algo que realmente era un gran desafío: dar de comer a tanta gente. Ellos no vieron más allá de lo físicamente visible: apenas cinco panes y dos pescados. Pero Jesús tomó lo poco que había y lo transformó en una cena abundante, suficiente para toda la multitud, y hasta sobraron 12 canastas de pan.

Cuando le pedimos a Dios que atienda a nuestras necesidades y las de nuestros semejantes, por lo general descubrimos que el Señor nos pide a nosotros que pongamos de nuestra parte todo lo que podamos, aunque nuestras fuerzas sean escasas y nuestros medios insuficientes. Luego, el Señor toma lo que hayamos hecho y lo transforma en algo milagroso.

El episodio de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces nos alienta a avanzar más en la fe, sabiendo que cuando nos esforzamos sinceramente, Dios puede multiplicar de un modo maravilloso lo que hayamos puesto en sus manos, porque siempre quiere colmarnos de su amor, tal como lo hizo en esta ocasión.

“Padre santo y eterno, que nunca dejas de derramar tu amor divino, ayúdame a imitar tu compasión, con la confianza de que tú transformarás lo poco que yo tenga en una abundancia más que suficiente.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 3 Is 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35,37-39 / Mt 14:13-21

Lunes 4 Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:22-36

San Juan María Vianney

Martes 5 Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / 2 Pe 1:16-19 / Mt 14:22-36

Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor

Miércoles 6 Da 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pe 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9

La Transfiguración del Señor

Jueves 7 Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23

San Sixto II y Compañeros

Viernes 8 Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 / Mt 16:24-28

Santo Domingo

Sábado 9 Hab 1:12—2:4 / Mt 17:14-20

Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz

Domingo 10 1 Re 19:9,11-13 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Donaciones de Regreso a la Escuela – El Comité de Justicia Social agradece a todos quienes apoyaron con donaciones a la colecta de Regreso a la Escuela del Programa de Adopte-una-Familia. Recibimos varios útiles esenciales como lápices, bolígrafos, reglas, papel de escribir, marcadores y mucho más. Gracias a su generosidad, pudimos proveer a familias en necesidad con mochilas llenas de útiles escolares para ayudar a sus niños a empezar el nuevo curso escolar, listos para el éxito académico.

Interesado en Ayudar con la Hospitalidad – 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 si desea participar o si tiene alguna idea que quiera compartir con el comité. ¡Le esperamos!

Carrera por las Vocaciones – *Run for Vocations* o Carrera por las Vocaciones es un ministerio desde hace 16 años que apoya a las vocaciones, recaudando fondos para ayudar a seminaristas con gastos inesperados. Laicos, religiosos y clérigos de toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington participan en *Run for Vocations* que es parte del Maratón de la Infantería Marina/10K. ¿Está interesado en correr con el equipo de San Mateo o apoyarlo con donaciones monetarias? Mande un mensaje a Justin Silvers a just1justin@yahoo.com.

LECTURAS DEL 10 DE AGOSTO

Cuando Jesús caminó sobre las aguas es interesante observar que, al principio, Pedro llamó a Jesús diciéndole “Kyrie”, que significa “Señor” pero el modo en que la usó san Mateo claramente elevó a Jesús por encima del plano humano.

Al parecer Pedro se sintió confiado cuando le dijo al Señor que le mandara ir hacia él caminando sobre el agua, pero cuando empezó a hundirse y temió por su vida, gritó alarmado “¡Kyrie!” Entre una y otra exclamación, Pedro perdió de alguna manera la percepción del verdadero significado del título “Señor”.

¿Qué quiere decir esto? Que cuando le llamamos “Señor” a Jesús debemos preguntarnos: ¿Tengo yo realmente fe en él? ¿Estoy dispuesto a confiar plenamente en él? ¿O pierdo la fe, como Pedro, cuando veo que me hundo en problemas, dolores o sufrimientos?

Los padres de la Iglesia primitiva pensaban que la barca de este pasaje representaba a la Iglesia, porque al principio los discípulos no pudieron ver a Jesús en ella cuando la tormenta amenazaba con hacerla zozobrar, pero el Señor vino y calmó la tempestad. Jesús está siempre con nosotros, aunque no lo veamos, y está presente especialmente en tiempos de turbulencia y peligro.

La experiencia del poder de Jesús quedó grabada en forma indeleble en la mente de todos los que presenciaron el hecho desde la barca (la Iglesia). Por eso, cada uno debe tomar personalmente la decisión de confiar total y absolutamente en el Señor (como Pedro), pero tal decisión no debe tomarse en forma aislada. San Pablo dijo que todos somos un solo cuerpo, la Iglesia, y que Cristo es su cabeza (1 Corintios 12, 12). De modo que siendo miembros del mismo cuerpo, podemos aprender de las vivencias de fe de los demás y ayudarnos los unos a los otros a permanecer firmes en la fe.

“Señor Jesucristo, sé que a veces la ‘barca de Pedro’ se ve zarandeada por fuerzas adversas y poderosas, pero sabiendo que tú vas en ella, no tengo nada que temer.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 10 1 Re 19:9,11-13 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

Lunes 11 Ez 1:2-5,24-28 / Mt 17:22-27

Santa Clara

Martes 12 Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal

Miércoles 13 Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20

San Ponciano y San Hipólito

Jueves 14 Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21—19:1

San Maximiliano María Kolbe

Viernes 15 Apo 11:19;12:1-6,10 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lc 1:39-56

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Sábado 16 Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32 / Mt 19:13-15

San Esteban de Hungría

Domingo 17 Is 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15,29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Formación de Fe – Grupo de Oración – El grupo de Oración va a presentar unos temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7 de la tarde. Estos temas empiezan el martes **12 de agosto**, después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema de esta semana será: La Libertad del Hombre. El tema para el 19 de agosto será: La Moralidad de los Actos Humanos. En septiembre 16, el tema será: La Conciencia Moral. Estos temas serán presentados por padres invitados. En el próximo boletín les daremos más información.

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Virgen María— fiesta de obligación – El viernes **15 de agosto** es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Virgen María. Esta es una fiesta de precepto, es decir es obligatorio asistir a la santa Misa. Se celebrarán misas en inglés: el jueves a las 5:30 tarde (vigilia) y el viernes a las 7:00 mañana, 8:00 mañana, (no habrá confesiones a las 11:00 de la mañana) 12:10 del mediodía y 5:30 tarde. **La misa en español será a las 7:00 de la tarde.**

Feria Anual de Salud – Este año la Feria de Salud y Bienestar se llevará a cabo el domingo, **15 de septiembre**, de 9:30am a 3:30pm. La feria ofrecerá una amplia variedad de in-formación educativa en inglés y español, junto con algunos exámenes simples de salud. Para más y para aprender sobre oportunidades de voluntariado, póngase en con-tacto con Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Más Noticias Sobre los Participantes: Universidad de George Washington – El Departamento de Fisioterapia y Ciencias de la Salud de la Universidad George Washington es un componente dinámico de su Instituto de Medicina y Ciencias de la Salud. ¿Qué hace un fisioterapeuta? Venga y descubra en la Feria de Salud y Bienestar parroquial. Los estudiantes y la facultad del programa estarán a la mano para verificar su fuerza, flexibilidad, equilibrio, la presión arterial ¡y más!