



strengthening our faith

by rebuilding our heritage

February 2018

My dear parishioners,

Lent is almost here! It begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 14**. Yes, that's right – Valentine's Day! The Lenten season is filled with many challenges and opportunities. The greatest of these is to appreciate it as both an individual journey and one shared with our faith family, the Church. Lent is for the Church, the people of God – it's a journey as one, yet with each of us facing his or her individual terrain, as Alice Camille suggests in the following reflection.

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So much of life is context. Where you were born, and into what sort of family, impacts everything that follows. But context is larger than the personal: each of us hits the ground running as a citizen of a particular nation, under a certain system of advantages, inheriting a specific generation. We enjoy options that will not come to others. Some restraints are ours through no fault of our own. Because of your present age and abilities, your relationships and experiences, your wounds and mistakes and challenges, Lent 2018 is a unique season of graces for you. No one shares the precise Lenten landscape that contains you.

I think a lot about our biblical landscapes and how they affect our saving story. Lent takes us from the wild desert to the mountaintop, from rural Galilee to the capital city of Jerusalem. The season flows upward: from curiosity to discipleship. Then it spirals downward through threat, betrayal, and abandonment. In the final week, Jesus moves from glorious acclaim to brutal arrest, from the Temple to the Upper Room to the Mount of Olives to Golgotha. The last fateful landscape is the coldness of Joseph's borrowed tomb.

Each terrain has its vulnerabilities and limitations, but also its own singular hope. The road to hope is one we all need to travel. Peace along the way!

—The Path to Peace, Alice Camille, Twenty-third Publications, 2018

We continue to face a divided country. In last year's Inauguration Day homily I spoke about the need for civility, unity, and dialogue, and the peaceful expression of concerns. As I stated then, while we don't know what the future will bring, this much is certain: **the high priority St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish has longed placed on serving and advocating on behalf of the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized will not change; nor will our deep commitment to reaching out to immigrants, refugees, and their families, both documented and undocumented; nor will our commitment to fighting the evils of racism and sexism; nor will our commitment to helping to form our young people in the faith.** If anything, we will intensify our efforts in these areas.

In this time of deep divisions in our country, **it is essential that we be strongly united as a nation and parish – respectful of one another and of our differences, and willing to dialogue with and learn from one another.** There is no other way if we are to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lenten Liturgies

Lent is a special time in the life of a parish. There is no better way to heed the clarion call of Lent than to **join the Church in the celebration of the liturgies**. The prayers and readings—the **Liturgy of the Word**—and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** will give us the strength and the guidance to make the journey through the desert to the empty tomb of promise, to rise with Christ on Easter Sunday after having been plunged into his death at our Baptism. **If we make the journey with integrity, then we will arrive at the tomb and see the future, and, indeed, share in his resurrection.**

Enclosed is our Lenten brochure—keep it close at hand in the weeks ahead, pick up an extra copy or two for your family, friends and co-workers, or share it from our website.

On **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, we will wear the sign of penitence as a reminder of the need for our inner conversion, for the rending of our hearts, not our garments, and for our return to the Lord our God. (Joel 2:13). On Sunday, **February 18**, our catechumens and candidates will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to participate with Cardinal Wuerl in the Rite of Election. Please keep these men and women in your prayers.

The **Stations of the Cross** in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II will be celebrated in English on the Fridays of Lent at 6pm and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15pm.



Each Wednesday of Lent beginning on **February 21**, priests will be available for confessions in both English and Spanish from 6:30pm until 8pm (and from 6:00pm to 7:15pm on Wednesday of Holy Week). Our regularly scheduled confessions will continue on weekdays, 11am to Noon and on Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm. On Tuesday, **March 27**, we will hold a **Communal Penance Service** at 12:10pm with at least 15 priests available for individual confessions.

Lenten Faith Formation Offerings

We hope to see you at our Lenten Faith Formation events. Highlights include our **Day of Recollection** on Saturday, **February 24** with Robert McCarty, D.Min. who will lead us in reflection on *Balancing Crucifixion and Resurrection*; our **lecture series**, *Exploring Ways of Gospel Living*, with presentations on single, married, religious and priestly life (featuring parishioners Margy and Dave Willis, and Fr. Conrad Murphy) on Tuesdays from 7 to 8pm; and a Saturday morning **Bible study** on the events of Holy Week as portrayed in the Gospel of Mark, led by Fr. Jack Hurley beginning on **February 17**.

Know Someone Who Is Looking for Something? Maybe It's God

As you make your own Lenten preparations, I ask you to take advantage of the opportunity the season gives us to **reach out to people who you know have drifted from their faith**. Please, take a few minutes to think about people in your life who might appreciate **a special invitation to come back to Church**, for prayer, Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Lenten season is always a very busy one around the Cathedral. Please keep the staff and me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers and personal best wishes for a blessed season of Lent.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Ronald Jameson".

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

HOLY WEEK 2018

MARCH 25: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

- 5:30PM (Saturday, March 24) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7AM REV. CONRAD T. MURPHY
8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
9:45AM Blessing of Palms,
DONALD CARDINAL WUERL
10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
† 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM Blessing of Palms,
MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)
1:10PM MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)
5:30PM REV. AGUSTÍN LÓPEZ (contemporary choir)

MARCH 26: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
8AM Mass
11AM to NOON Confessions
12:10PM Mass
1PM to 6PM *The Cathedral is closed & reopens at 6PM.*
† 7PM CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS,
DONALD CARDINAL WUERL, celebrant,
concelebrated by the priests of the
Archdiocese (choir)

MARCH 27: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM Mass
11AM *No Confessions scheduled*
† 12:10PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
5:30PM Mass

MARCH 28: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
8AM Mass
11AM to NOON Confessions
12:10PM Mass
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM to 7:15PM Confessions
7:30PM TENEBRÆ (choir)

† Interpreted for the deaf

MARCH 29: HOLY THURSDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions
12:10PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON
(contemporary choir)
† 5:30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER,
DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM
9:45PM NIGHT PRAYER
The Cathedral closes at 10PM.

MARCH 30: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions
NOON REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION,
REV. GABRIEL MYERS, OSB, Principal
Musician and Junior Master for St.
Anselm's Abbey
† 1PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION,
DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S.
JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA
SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN,
MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE
(en Español)
7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W.
RONALD JAMESON (in English)

MARCH 31: HOLY SATURDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON Confessions
NOON to 7PM *No Masses during the day. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*
† 8PM EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL
WUERL (choir)
Reception following in the North Conference Room

APRIL 1: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses:

- 7AM REV. CONRAD T. MURPHY
8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
† 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM REV. AGUSTÍN LÓPEZ (en Español)
5:30PM REV. TIMOTHY J. KESICKI, SJ
(contemporary choir)
The Rectory is closed today and Easter Monday, April 2.

† Interpreted for the deaf

MASSES & CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Masses:

- 5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass (cantor and organ)
7AM Mass
8:30AM Mass (cantor and organ)
10AM Mass in Latin – Ordinary Form (Schola Cantorum and organ*)
† 11:30AM Mass (Interpreted for the deaf, Schola Cantorum and organ*)
1PM Mass in Spanish (Spanish choir, instruments, piano and organ)
5:30PM Mass (Contemporary Choir except for two brief summer and winter breaks)

*The Schola Cantorum sings from the first Sunday after Labor Day until the Baptism of the Lord, and then again from Ash Wednesday until the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Weekday Masses:

7AM, 8AM, 12:10PM & 5:30PM

Saturday Masses:

8AM & 12:10PM

Masses on federal holidays:

8AM & 12:10PM

Confessions (except Holy Days and federal holidays):

Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon

Saturday, 4PM to 5PM or by appointment

Every other Sunday at 2:15pm, immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass

The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., between Connecticut Avenue and 17th Street. The nearest Metro rail station is on the Red Line at Farragut North (L Street exit). Metro bus routes stop at Connecticut Avenue and M Street, a few hundred feet to the west of the Cathedral. Metro information can be obtained by contacting 202-637-7000 or www.wmata.com.

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LENT 2018



CATHEDRAL OF
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Washington, DC

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector
Rev. Agustín López
Parochial Vicar

Each year on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that all we see and experience in our world will pass away. Our only hope is in the Lord, who will rescue and bring us to eternal life in Him. While we battle with the trials and sufferings of this world, God is constantly there to refresh us. My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you will reach out to the Lord with a spirit renewed through prayer and penance and with an ever-increasing awareness of the depth and power of His love and mercy. I hope that this Lent will be a time when all of us will grow ever deeper in our love for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Please join us to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs here at the Cathedral

—Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:

7AM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY
8AM	REV. CONRAD T. MURPHY
11AM	REV. AGUSTÍN LÓPEZ (cantor)
† 12:10PM	DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
1:15PM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
3PM	Stations of the Cross
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. AGUSTÍN LÓPEZ (en Español con cantor)
8PM	Via Crucis (en Español)

Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass.

No confessions are scheduled today.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS)

The *Via Crucis* is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (*cf Luke 12:49-50*) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations in the form adopted by St. John Paul II are prayed during Lent on Fridays at 6PM (in English), on Sundays at 2:15PM (en Español), and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at the times listed.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions (see back cover), Confessions are heard each Wednesday of Lent (except Ash Wednesday) from 6:30PM to 8PM (on Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6PM to 7:15PM).

LENTEN MUSIC

AS RAIN WATERS THE EARTH

Saturday, February 24, 7pm

This Lenten concert by the Washington-based women's choir *Voix de Femmes* features the works of Hildegard of Bingen, Ola Gjielo, and other medieval and contemporary composers. The choir is joined by guest soloist, HAYLEY ABRAMOWITZ.

LÆTARE VESPERS

Lætare Sunday, March 11, 4PM

This annual Lenten evening prayer is sung by the Schola Cantorum entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets, with REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON presiding.

TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28, 7:30PM

The ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ is celebrated by REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON, with the Schola Cantorum leading the assembly in the singing of psalms and canticles, and chanting the traditional Lamentations of Jeremiah.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, March 30, Noon

REV. GABRIEL MYERS, OSB, Principal Musician and Junior Master for St. Anselm's Abbey, reflects on the Seven Last Words of Christ, joined by the Schola Cantorum.

All musical programs are given in the Cathedral and are open to the public. Free-will donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

TOWARD A LENTEN SPIRITUALITY:

BALANCING CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Saturday, February 24, 10AM - 2:30PM

ROBERT MCCARTY, D.MIN., Former Executive Director of the National Association for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and speaker at regional and national ministry conferences, leads our day of recollection in the Great Hall of the Rectory. The day includes a break for the 12:10pm Mass, and lunch, which is provided.

LECTURE SERIES

EXPLORING WAYS OF GOSPEL LIVING

Join us for an exploration of the various ways of living the gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21st century as single, married, vowed religious, or ordained persons. All series events are held in the North Conference Room from 7PM to 8PM.

EXPERIENCES OF SINGLE LIFE

MS. VALENCIA CAMP AND MS. LEAH FAVIA, both Dames of Malta – Tuesday, February 20

EXPERIENCES OF MARRIED LIFE

MARGARET AND DAVID WILLIS, parishioners in service at St. Matthew's – Tuesday, March 6

EXPERIENCES OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

SR. MARIA HAGIA SOPHIA CLEMENS, SSVM (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará) – Tuesday, March 13

EXPERIENCES OF PRIESTLY LIFE

REV. CONRAD T. MURPHY, Director of the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Washington, and resident at St. Matthew's – Tuesday, March 20

STUDY OF UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Our Cathedral Seminarians lead this weekly study on Wednesdays of Lent (except March 28), from 7PM to 8PM in the West Conference Room.

STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

This Saturday morning study is held in the East Conference Room from 10:30AM to 1:45AM, led by REV. JOHN J. HURLEY, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

Introduction to the Mystery – Saturday, February 17
Holy Week: Entry & Pre-Passion – Saturday, March 10

Holy Week: Passion, Death & Resurrection – Saturday, March 17

EXPLORING THE CREED

Each Easter Vigil, we renew our baptismal promises by affirming our Profession of Faith: the Creed. Come and deepen your understanding of the words of the Creed, guided by THERESA PRYMUSZEWSKI, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, on Thursdays of Lent through March 22, in the North Conference Room from 7PM to 9PM.

LANDINGS – A PAULIST RECONCILIATION MINISTRY AT ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

We offer a welcoming ministry for returning Catholics in a small group setting with the opportunity to reexamine one's faith and place in the Church. Sessions are held at 1pm on Sundays through March 25. We meet at the rectory office. Pre-registration and a welcome interview are required.

For more information on our Faith Formation offerings, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee invites all to Simple Lenten Meals on Friday evenings of Lent in the North Conference Room, following the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a parish group sponsors a simple meal and offers the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization.

For a listing of the charities and the groups serving the meals, see the bulletin or parish website, or contact the Social Justice staff, Fr. Agustín López or Norma Canedo, at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LIGHT THE CITY

Saturday, February 17

Following a prayer service in the Cathedral, teams of volunteers head out on the streets and invite passers-by inside to light a candle and pray. Come at 7PM for volunteer training, and from 8 to 11PM for street evangelization and prayer, with DONALD CARDINAL WUERL joining us for the beginning of the evening.

†COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 27, 12:10PM

Experience God's mercy and forgiveness at "Come Home for Easter," a communal penance service in the Cathedral, with many priests available for individual Confessions in multiple languages.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

All are welcome to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the St. Anthony Chapel. Prayer leaflets are available. Morning Prayer at 7:30AM on Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) and at 9AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Night Prayer at 9:45PM on Holy Thursday

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