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 power of His love for us. 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 at St. Matthew’s Cathedral to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs. I hope that my staff and I can be of help in providing you with ample opportunities for prayer, study, reflection and reconciliation here at the Cathedral.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

ASH WEDNESDAY
Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:

7AM  -  REV. MARK D. KNESTOUT
8AM  -  REV. KEVIN REGAN
11AM  -  REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
† 12:10PM  -  DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
1:15PM  -  REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (cantor)
3PM  -  Stations of the Cross, REV. KEVIN REGAN (in English)
5:30PM  -  REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM  -  REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (in Español con cantor)
8PM  -  Via Crucis, DEACON JUAN CAYRAMPOMA (en Español)

Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass. No confessions scheduled today.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
“Pray All – Ways”
The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exhorts: “Pray without ceasing” (5:17).

This year’s Lenten Lecture Series will focus on cultivating a richer attitude and practice of prayer in our daily lives: beginning the first full week after Ash Wednesday, lectures will be given during Lent on Wednesdays from 12:45PM to 1:45PM and on Thursdays from 7PM to 8PM in the North Conference Room. All lectures are free and open to the public.

“PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”
Wednesday, February 29, 12:45PM
DR. EDWARD MCCORMACK, Chair & Associate Professor of Spirituality
Washington Theological Union
Thursday, March 1, 7PM
BR. EDWARD OGDEN, O.S.F.S., Director of Formation
DeSales Hall, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

“PRAYING TOGETHER”
Wednesday, March 7, 12:45PM
Thursday, March 8, 7PM
DEACON AUGUSTINE MARIE REISENAUER, O.P.
Dominican House of Studies

“PRAYING ALONE”
Wednesday, March 14, 12:45PM
Thursday, March 15, 7PM
MR. LOUIS J. MILONE, Director of Adult Faith Formation
St. John the Baptist Church, Silver Spring MD

“PERSONALITY AND PRAYER”
Wednesday, March 21, 12:45PM
Thursday, March 22, 7PM
MS. HEATHER KINNEY, Director of Faith Formation
Cathedralof St. Matthew the Apostle

“PRAYING BETTER”
Wednesday, March 28, 12:45PM
Thursday, March 29, 7PM
MRS. LOUZA JARDELEZA, Prayer Minister
Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington MD

For more information on the Lenten Lecture Series, contact Heather Kinney at the Cathedral Rectory or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS)

The Via Crucis is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, that 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 Pope John Paul II, will be prayed in English on Fridays at 6PM and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15PM throughout Lent, in addition to their celebration on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at the times listed for those days. Please join us for this beautiful devotion, which is particularly fitting for Lent.

Schedule of celebrations for Stations of the Cross in English on Fridays at 6PM (see Ash Wednesday and Good Friday schedules for times on those days):

February 24  DEACON AUGUSTINE MARIE REISENAUER, O.P.
March 2   DEACON CLAYTON A. NICKEL
March 9  DEACON BOYD WORK
March 16  DEACON JOSEPH GOLDSMITH
March 23  DEACON ALBERT DUGGAN, O.P.
March 30  DEACON BARTHOLOMEW MEREILLA

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions (Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon and Saturdays, 4PM to 5PM), Confessions in both English and Spanish will be held each Wednesday of Lent (except Ash Wednesday), 6:30PM to 8PM, and on April 4, Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6:15PM to 7:15PM.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN MUSIC

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CHAPEL CHOIR
Sunday, February 25, 5:30PM Mass
Prelude, ritual music of the Mass, and brief choral program after the Mass during the annual visit by this well-known local choir under the direction of James Wickman

TRINITY UNIVERSITY (SAN ANTONIO, TX) CHOIR
Sunday, March 11, 7:30PM
Concert by this premier 40-member touring ensemble conducted by Gary Seighman featuring works by R. Vaughan-Williams, Tormis, G. Schumann, J. Brahms, G. P. Palestrina and others

LÆTARE VESPERS
Sunday, March 18, 4PM
The annual Lenten evening prayer sung entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets

GEORGETOWN VISITATION MADRIGAL SINGERS
Saturday, March 24, 5:30PM
Prelude and ritual music of the Mass from this select all-women ensemble

TENEBRÆ
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4, 7:30pm
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM
The ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD’S PASSION
Good Friday, April 6, Noon
REV. MGR. STEPHEN ROSSETTI, D.MIN., PH.D., Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies and Associate Dean for Seminary and Ministerial Programs
The Catholic University of America
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 Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS
Immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent, the St. Matthew’s community sponsors a simple meal and collects alms to benefit a different community-based charitable organization each week. Location: North Conference Room

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION
“THIRSTING FOR LIVING WATER”
Saturday, February 25, 9AM
Reflections on John 4:5-42, the Woman at the Well, and our own thirsts, longings, and desires that we Christians believe, in faith, can only be satisfied by Jesus. The One who gives us eternal life
SR. PATRICIA A. PARACHINI, S.N.J.M., D.MIN., Adjunct Faculty, Washington Theological Union
Location: North Conference Room
To attend, please register with Heather Kinney at the Cathedral Rectory or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

“PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP IN SCRIPTURE” LECTURES:
“THE SACRIFICE OF ABRAHAM”
Saturday, March 3, 10:30AM
DEACON AUGUSTINE MARIE REISENAUER, O.P.
Dominican House of Studies
Location: North Conference Room

“THE BELOVED DISCIPLE”
Saturday, March 17, 10:30AM
DEACON ALBERT DUGGAN, O.P.
Dominican House of Studies
Location: North Conference Room

†HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE
“COME HOME FOR EASTER”
Tuesday, April 3, 12:10PM
A communal penance service followed by individual confessions in languages including American Sign, Spanish, Italian and German
† Interpreted for the deaf
APRIL 1: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:
5:30PM (Saturday, March 31) - REV. KEVIN REGAN (cantor)
7AM - REV. MARK D. KNESTOUT
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 - MOST REV. FRANCISCO GONZALEZ, S.F. (en Español)
5:30PM - VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

APRIL 2: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7AM - Mass
7:30AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM - Mass
11AM to NOON - Confessions (4 confessors)
12:10PM - Mass

APRIL 3: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7AM - Mass
7:30AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM - Mass
11AM - No confessions scheduled
† 12:10PM - COMMUNAL PENCENCE SERVICE
5:30PM - Mass

APRIL 4: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7AM - Mass
7:30AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
8AM - Mass
11AM to NOON - Confessions (4 confessors)
12:10PM - Mass
5:30PM - Mass
6:15PM to 7:15PM - Confessions (4 confessors)
7:30PM - TENEIBRE (choir)

APRIL 5: HOLY THURSDAY
8AM - The Cathedral opens.
9AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON - Confessions (4 confessors)
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.

APRIL 6: GOOD FRIDAY
8AM - The Cathedral opens.
9AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON - Confessions (4 confessors)
NOON - REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD’S PASSION,
REV. MSGR. STEPHEN ROSETTI, D.MIN., PH.D.,
Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies and
Associate Dean for Seminary and Ministerial Programs
The Catholic University of America
† 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. FRANCISCO GONZALEZ, S.F.
7:30PM - Stations of the Cross,
REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

APRIL 7: HOLY SATURDAY
8AM - The Cathedral opens.
9AM - Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
11AM to NOON - Confessions (4 confessors)
NOON to 7PM - No Masses during the day.
The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.
† 8PM - EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)

APRIL 8: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Schedule of Masses:
8PM - EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY, APRIL 7)
DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
7AM - REV. MARK D. KNESTOUT
8:30AM - REV. KEVIN REGAN (cantor)
10AM - DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
† 11:30AM - REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
1PM - REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR (en Español)
5:30PM - VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)
The Rectory is closed today and Easter Monday, April 9.
† Interpreted for the deaf