

## Readings for February 2

**T**his man was . . . awaiting the consolation of Israel. (Luke 2:25)  
Who wouldn't like a bit of consolation today? Who wouldn't like to feel the Lord put his arm around their shoulders and tell them, "Everything's going to be okay"?

Simeon was looking for God's consolation. God had promised restoration for his people, Israel. He had promised a Messiah who would sit on the throne of David and draw all the nations to Jerusalem. For many years, Simeon had prayed for these promises to be fulfilled, but nothing had happened. Israel was still an occupied nation, and her people were still divided between rich and poor, Pharisee and Sadducee, Galilean and Judean. So Simeon continued to pray for redemption. And he waited.

Then the day came. Imagine how tender that moment was when Simeon took the child Jesus into his arms. The "consolation of Israel" had finally arrived (Luke 2:25). You can just hear the emotion welling up in his words: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace" (2:29). *At last, I have seen him. I can depart now, Lord, because you have come to save my people.*

Simeon knew right then and there that everything was going to be okay. He didn't know how it would happen or when it would happen, but that didn't matter. He knew *that* it would happen, and that was enough for him to believe.

God knows your anguish; he hears your prayers; he knows your concerns. So let him console you. Today in the house of the Lord, you will meet Jesus in the unlikely form of bread and wine—as Simeon met him in the unlikely form of an infant. When you receive him, think of this prayerful man. Just as he did, take Jesus into your hands and into your heart. He has come to bring salvation and consolation. He may not tell you how or when, but it doesn't matter right now. Christ is in you, and everything is going to be okay.

*"Master, my eyes have seen your salvation. I surrender myself to you."*

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## This Week's Readings

[View Mass readings \(USCCB\)](#)

[www.usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm)

**Sunday 2** Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

*The Presentation of the Lord*

**Monday 3** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

*St. Blaise and St. Ansgar*

**Tuesday 4** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a, 30—19:3 / Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday 5** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

*St. Agatha*

**Thursday 6** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

**Friday 7** Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday 8** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

*St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Joseph Bakhita*

**Sunday 9** Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

## Social Justice & Community Service

### English/Spanish as Second Language Classes for Adults

**When?** February 11 to May 14

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm

**Where?** St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N St., NW

**Cost?** ESL: \$45 and SSL: \$85

Students may register in person on Thursday, **February 6** or Monday, February **10**, 6:30 to 8:30pm, at the Education Center. Language instruction is provided for ESL at Levels 1 through 5, and for SSL at Levels 1 to 3. For more information, contact Rhoda Mbato & Kerry Read for ESL at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

Contact Carina Carrasco & Angelo Gomez for SSL at [stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

### Save the Date - Movie Screening of "If Only We Had Listened"

– The Social Justice Committee invites you on Sunday, **February 16** to a screening of "If Only We Had Listened." The documentary follows Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Rwandan genocide survivor, who returns to her home country to tell the story of the Marian apparition of Our Lady of Kibeho and the forewarning of the impending tragedy. Join us, 2 - 4:30pm in the North Conference Room. We will open with praying the Seven Sorrows Rosary and close with a discussion of the film. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Lydia Clegg at [ldclegg627@comcast.net](mailto:ldclegg627@comcast.net) or Fr. Benson or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215

**Resources for Healing** – Pastoral care and counseling assistance are available to victims of abuse by clergy and other church personnel. Contact the Executive Director of Child Protection and Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of Washington at **301-853-5302** for a confidential conversation.

## News & Notes

### Remembrance of Benefactors –

The 10am Mass on Sunday, **February 2** is offered for the benefactors of St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish, living and deceased. Join us in a prayer of thanksgiving!

**Blessing of Throats** – A blessing of throats will be offered after all Masses on Monday, **February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blase.

**First Friday** – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, **February 7** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary.

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, meets Sunday, **February 9** at 3:30pm at Peet's Coffee, 1101 17th Street, NW (17th & L). Text Eve Tushnet at 202-641-5404 if you don't see the group on arrival.

**Cathedral † Young Adult Coffeehouse** – All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to Coffeehouse, a low-key, meet-and-greet opportunity and a chance to catch up with friends, Sundays after the 5:30pm Mass in the North Conference Room. [Email C+YA with questions.](#)

**Marriage Prep Course** – Couples preparing for marriage, in addition to meeting with one of the parish priests or deacons, also attend a recognized Catholic engaged encounter program. One option is a free marriage prep course to be offered at St. Matthew's from February to mid-April on Fridays, 7:30 - 8:30pm. The final session is on Saturday, **April 25**, 10am - 4pm. Couples who attend the full course

receive a certificate. RSVP with Fr. John (see the flier).

**Papal Prayer Intention** – Please pray for **Pope Francis'** February intention: that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**Archdiocesan Compliance Checklist** – The Archdiocese of Washington **Child Protection & Safe Environment Compliance Checklist** is available at [https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/docs/compliance\\_checklist\\_november\\_2019\\_-\\_english.pdf](https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/docs/compliance_checklist_november_2019_-_english.pdf). All St. Matthew's employees, and volunteers who have contact with children and/or vulnerable adults, are asked to review and comply with these requirements.

## Parish Calendar

February 2 - 9

**Sunday 2—The Presentation of the Lord**, with a blessing of candles at the 7am Mass.  
**Recruitment Sunday Weekend**, with liturgical ministries sign-up available after all Masses, including the Vigil.  
 A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at Masses. Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Building.  
 Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. Little Rock Bible Study meets at 3:30pm in the East Conference Room.  
 RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.  
 Young Adult Coffeehouse meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass.

**Monday 3**—A blessing of throats is offered after all Masses. The rectory office closes early—at 4:30pm.

The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 4**—The rectory office closes early—at 4:30pm. El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**Wednesday 5**—An organ recital is given at 12:45pm, following the 12:10pm Mass.

RCIA Catechumenate meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

ESL/SSL volunteer orientation is held at 6:30pm in the N Street Building.

**Thursday 6**—ESL/SSL registration is held at 6:30pm in the N Street Building.

Celebration of the Word meets at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

**Friday 7—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

**Saturday 8**—A study of the Book of Ezekiel is held at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**Sunday 9**—Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Building. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. La Unción de los Enfermos se impartirá durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde.

Always God's Children meets at Peet's Coffee (1101 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW) at 3:30pm.

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## Faith Formation

**You May Still Register for Little Rock Scripture Study** – Our study of the Gospel of Matthew is led by parishioners using a guide by Sr. Barbara Reid, O.P. The next Sunday session is **February 2** at 3:30pm in the East Conference Room. The next Monday session is **February 10** at 7pm in the N Street Building. Participants purchase the book, “The Gospel According to Matthew, Part One” (\$16.95), at <https://littlerockscripture.org/Products/6408/The-Gospel-According-to-Matthew-Part-One> or by calling 800-858-5450. Register with Theresa Prymuszewski at [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Cathedral Book Club** – All are welcome to a discussion of the Lenten Book Club selection, “The Mountain of Silence,” by Kyriacos C. Markides on Monday, **March 9** from 6:45 to 8pm in the East Conference Room. The book has been described as “a fascinating narrative that is ... dialogue and meditation, history and politics, theology and travelogue.” Told in lively form, it is the story of a Greek Orthodox monk in Cyprus, presenting a fine overview of traditional Orthodox spiritual teachings, as on the role of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome, Returning Catholics!** – If you are a Catholic who has been away, or “used to be Catholic” we invite you to be an active part of us again. Landings offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with your faith as an adult. If you or someone you know may be interested, the next step is to contact Theresa Prymuszewski [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for a welcoming interview.

**Celebration of the Word** – Come on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room for a simple liturgy of readings, a homily by Fr. Benson, and prayers.



**Saturday Bible Study** – This series, led by Fr. Jack Hurley, considers the Book of Ezekiel, a unique prophet who stands out for his presentation of the absolute majesty of God. Meetings are on Saturdays, **February 8** and **15** from 10:30am to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. Sometimes called the “father of Judaism,” although exiled in Babylon, he writes about the Temple and liturgy. The prophet also envisions the new heart and the new spirit to come with God’s new covenant, thus helping to “prepare for the New Testament doctrine of salvation through grace,” according to the New American Bible.

## Music



**Dedictory Organ Recital Series Continues in the New Year – Douglas O’Neil**, organist and

director of music at Saint Brigid’s Church, Xenia, Ohio, presents a recital at 12:45pm on Wednesday, **February 5** on the newly completed Lively-Fulcher Great Organ of the Cathedral. He will play works of Frescobaldi, Cabanilles, J. S. Bach, and Charles Tournemire. The 45-minute concert following the 12:10pm Mass is free and open to the public. [View the Great Organ Concert Series brochure.](https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/2020music)

**Schola Cantorum: Winter Hiatus and Choir Openings** – The Schola Cantorum is on winter hiatus, returning to the 10am and 11:30am Sunday Masses on **March 1**, and also singing at the 12:10pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, **February 26**.

There are a limited number of openings in the Schola Cantorum in all voice parts for experienced choral singers. Prospective singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm, in



weeks when the choir is singing. If you have the

appropriate experience and a desire to serve our Cathedral Parish community in this very special way, please contact the Director of Music Ministries, Tom Stehle, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### • POSITION OPENING •

**Janitor/Custodian** – St. Matthew’s Cathedral seeks a full-time, bilingual (English and Spanish) Janitor/Custodian with experience. Responsibilities include maintaining a high level of cleanliness within the Cathedral and rectory offices. Duties include vacuuming floors, cleaning restrooms, dusting, scrubbing and polishing floors, and trash removal. Applicants must have legal work documents and pass a background check. St. Matthew’s offers a competitive benefits package including health insurance, paid leave, and retirement benefits. To apply, contact Pam Erwin at 202-347-3215.



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# Marriage Prep Course



**Fridays at 7:30pm**

in the **East Conference Room**

[ on the right-hand side of the cathedral,  
accessible through the garage entrance ]

Dates:

February 7, 21, 28

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3, 17

Final retreat:

Sat, April 25

10am to 4pm

cost: **Free**

**RSVP**

to **Fr. John**

[jbenson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:jbenson@stmatthewscathedral.org)

202.347.3215

## New Parishioner Registration ~

### *Welcome!*

If you attend Mass at the Cathedral, we invite you to register as a parishioner so we can welcome you properly, learn about any special needs and interests, and keep you informed of our worship opportunities and activities. We invite you to consider becoming involved in our various organizations, committees and other aspects of parish life. Register by clicking [here](#) or visiting the parish website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)) and clicking the *Join Us* tab (choose *Register as a Parishioner*). You also may register at the rectory office.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

For our Mass and Confessions schedule, see the bulletin front cover or click [here](#).

### 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). Parents should contact us at least six (6) months in advance of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest or deacon 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. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Baptism*).

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

### Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Marriage*, then choose *Weddings*) to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the rectory office 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.

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For more information on classes, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Children's Sacramental Preparation/Religious Education*). Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2020 will be available in July 2020.

### Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*). Registration forms for our 2020 Confirmation classes are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

### Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for more information.

## Registrarse como nuevo feligrés ~

### *¡Bienvenido!*

Si asisten a misa en la Catedral, les invitamos a que se registren como feligreses, así podemos darles la bienvenida adecuadamente; conocer cualquier necesidad o intereses especiales, y mantenerles informados de nuestras actividades y oportunidades de culto. Les invitamos a participar en nuestras diversas organizaciones, comités y otros aspectos de la vida parroquial. Se pueden registrar haciendo un clic [aquí](#) o visitando la página digital de la parroquia ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)), haciendo clic en la ficha *Únete a Nosotros* (elijan *registrarse como feligrés*). También pueden registrarse en la oficina parroquial.

## Celebración de Sacramentos

Horario de misas y confesiones, ver la portada del boletín o clic [aquí](#).

### Bautizos

Padres de familia que deseen bautizar a sus niños en la Catedral deben contactar a la coordinadora de Bautismos: Mercedes Araque al 202-347-3215 de lunes a jueves de 4:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche o sábados y domingos de 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde. Los padres deben llamar por los menos tres (3) meses antes de la fecha prevista del bautizo. El llamar temprano permite a los padres de familia a programar la clase de formación sacramental necesaria y a los padrinos obtener cartas de sus parroquias.

### Matrimonios

Parejas que estén interesadas en la celebración del Sacramento del matrimonio en la Catedral se anima a que hagan un clic [aquí](#) o vayan a la portada de la página digital de la parroquia (elegir *matrimonio*, luego elegir *bodas*) para revisar nuestras guías de bodas. El siguiente paso es llamar a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y preguntar por el sacerdote de su elección o el sacerdote de turno, que puede hablar con usted sobre la preparación del matrimonio y la posibilidad de programar su boda en la Catedral. Las parejas deben llamar por lo menos nueve (9) meses antes de la fecha en la que esperan celebrar su boda.

### Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Las clases dominicales de catecismo para niños y adolescentes, incluyen: preparación para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Después de la confirmación tienen que venir al grupo de jóvenes. Para más información sobre las clases, deben llamar a Fátima Aybar, coordinadora de Formación en la Fe, al 202-347-3215 x541 o [faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### Confirmación de Adultos

Cada primavera después de la Semana Santa, San Mateo ofrece clases para preparación de la Confirmación para adultos activos, católicos bautizados que ya han recibido su Primera Comunión. Para obtener más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

### Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

¿Es usted un adulto sin bautizar a quien le gustaría ser católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado en otra religión cristiana que quiere profesar su fe como católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado católico que desea completar su iniciación en la Iglesia Católica? Les invitamos a solicitar información sobre el rito de iniciación cristiana para adultos (RICA) es un proceso continuo de conversión y formación de fe para adultos que deseen explorar la fe católica y prepararse para la celebración de los sacramentos de iniciación: Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Para más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

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<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"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	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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If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.

**Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos**  
**Misa 1:00 de la tarde, domingo 9 de febrero**

**Formulario para Inscribirse**

*“Si alguno de ustedes está enfermo, llamen a los sacerdotes de la Iglesia, para que les unja con el aceite en el nombre de Dios y recen sobre él.” (Santiago 4:14)*

**Quienes Pueden Ser Ungidos** Los fieles que pueden recibir este sacramento deben ser: niños y adultos que vayan a tener una cirugía o se están recuperando de la cirugía; aquellos que están siendo tratados por enfermedades físicas o mentales; aquellos que están físicamente incapacitados y aquellos que están seriamente debilitados por la edad.

Para aquellos feligreses que deseen recibir este sacramento o saben de otros feligreses que quisieran ser contactados para recibir el sacramento, por favor, rellenen el formulario que se les provee.

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

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Por favor, deje el formulario completo con un ministro de la hospitalidad antes o después de la misa o en la oficina de la rectoría.

Animo a todos los feligreses que se unan en esta celebración comunal de este sacramento y animo a muchos de ellos a que reciban este sacramento especial de la unción.

Padre John Benson  
Vicario Parroquial

## Lecturas del 2 de Febrero

**Y**a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma. (Lucas 2, 34)  
Leyendo el Evangelio de hoy, imagina que llevas a tu bebé en brazos y un extraño se te acerca, toma a tu bebé y te anuncia que algo malo les va a suceder a ti y a tu hijito. Es como para sobresaltarse, ¿verdad?

Pero veamos qué hizo la Virgen María. Tal vez su primera reacción fue de temerosa sorpresa, pero aun así prefirió pensar en qué podría significar el anuncio. “¿Qué será la ‘espada’ de la que me habla? Yo sé que Jesús es el Mesías, pero ¿qué significa que él será para ‘ruina’ y ‘resurgimiento’ de muchos?” Tal como lo había hecho en el pasado ante anuncios incomprensibles para ella, le presentó a Dios sus preguntas, preocupaciones y temores en oración (Lucas 1, 29; 2, 19. 50).

Tratando de comprender, seguramente María reflexionó en su pasado y recordó las veces en que Dios le había demostrado su fidelidad y su amor. Probablemente, recordó cuando el ángel le habló a José para que se casara con ella y esto le reafirmó su fe; y también cuando los sabios de Oriente les advirtieron que huyeran de Herodes, y todo esto le sirvió para tener una fe más firme en la fidelidad de Dios pensando en la “espada” que se le anunciaba: “Confío en que Dios estará conmigo, incluso cuando esa ‘espada’ me atraviese el corazón.”

Por lo general, la vida nos trae alegrías y tristezas a todos, como a María. Entonces, ¿cómo seguir el ejemplo de fe y confianza que ella tuvo? Lo más importante que tú puedes hacer es adoptar el hábito de meditar en la fidelidad que Dios te ha demostrado en el pasado. Recuerda aquellos episodios en los que has dicho: “Gracias, Señor, ¡porque realmente me protegiste!”, o “Señor Jesús, ahora veo que tu plan era mucho mejor que el mío.” Ten siempre presentes su bondad y su amor inquebrantable cuando le digas que “sí” una y otra vez.

El mismo Dios que acompañó a María va hoy caminando contigo. Aférrate a esta verdad, y tu fe y confianza crecerán.

*“Amado Jesús, tú eres mi Salvador y mi Sanador. ¡En ti confío!”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo 2** Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lc 2:22-40 o 2:22-32  
*La Presentación del Señor*

**Lunes 3** 2 Sam 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 / Mc 5:1-20  
*San Blas y San Ansgar*

**Martes 4** 2 Sam 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3 / Mc 5:21-43

**Miércoles 5** 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 / Mc 6:1-6  
*Santa Águeda*

**Jueves 6** 1 Re 2:1-4,10-12 / Mc 6:7-13  
*San Pablo Miki y compañeros*

**Viernes 7** Si 47:2 -11 / Mc 6:14-29

**Sábado 8** 1 Re 3:4-13 / Mc 6:30-34  
*San Jerónimo Emiliano y Santa Josefina Bakhita*

**Domingo 9** Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

February 2 – 9

#### Sunday, February 2

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Novaky family

10am – Benefactors of the Cathedral parish, living & deceased

11:30am – Deacon John Briscoe

1pm – José Aybar

5:30pm – Carol Fleming (living)

#### Monday, February 3

7am – Tom Hughes

8am – Olivia & Francis Mendes

12:10pm – Patricia Fisher

5:30pm – Delfin Rabanillo

#### Tuesday, February 4

7am – Margaret Lawless (living)

8am – Helena Jameson

12:10pm – Benjamin Burdick

5:30pm – Jack Hess

#### Wednesday, February 5

7am – Jim Sullivan (living)

8am – Pedro de Jesus

12:10pm – Sandra Hinojosa

#### Thursday, February 6

7am – Special Intention

12:10pm – Norma Sinn (living)

5:30pm – Thanksgiving

#### Friday, February 7

7am – Ricardina Rios

8am – Francis & Olivia Mendes

12:10pm – Patricia Fisher

5:30pm – Rita & Leonard Zelonis

#### Saturday, February 8

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Jose Miguel Quintana

#### Sunday, February 9

7am – John Owusu

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Flora Amado

11:30am – Jeff Kent (living)

1pm – Israel Vail

5:30pm – Altgracia Mills

*Para ofrecer una intención de misa, deberá hablar con nuestra recepcionista en la rectoría. No hay cuota, pero una ofrenda es habitual. Fechas especiales tienen que reservarse con antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.*

*To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our rectory receptionist. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.*

## Noticias de la Parroquia

**Recordando a los Benefactores** – El domingo **2 de febrero** se ofrecerá la misa de las 10:00 de la mañana por los benefactores de la Catedral de San Mateo, vivos y difuntos. ¡Acompáñenos en oración de acción de gracias!

**Bendición de Gargantas** – Se ofrecerá una bendición de gargantas después de todas las misas el lunes **3 de febrero**, día de San Blas.

**Primer Viernes** – Primer viernes, Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **7 de febrero** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor.



**Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos** – Se celebrará el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos en la Catedral el domingo **9 de**

**febrero** durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde en español. La registración previa es requerida para nosotros asistirle mejor. Por favor utilice el formulario en este boletín para inscribirse.

**Guarde la Fecha - Proyección de la Película "Si Solo Hubiéramos Escuchado"** – El comité de Justicia Social los invita a asistir el **domingo 16 de febrero** a una proyección de "Si solo hubiéramos escuchado". El documental sigue a Immaculee Ilibagiza, una sobreviviente del genocidio de Ruanda, que regresa a su país de origen para contar la historia de la aparición Mariana de Nuestra Señora de Kibeho y la

advertencia de la inminente tragedia. La tarde comenzará con la oración del Rosario de los Siete Dolores y concluirá con una discusión sobre la película. Se servirán refrescos. Únase a nosotros de 2:00 a 4:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte. ¿Preguntas? Envíe un correo electrónico al padre John Benson o Norma Canedo a [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. Para más información llame a Fatima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

**Se Busca una Persona para Trabajar en Limpieza** – La Catedral de San Mateo busca un trabajador de limpieza a tiempo completo con experiencia. Las responsabilidades incluyen mantener un alto nivel de limpieza dentro de la Catedral y oficinas de la rectoría. Los deberes de trabajo incluyen aspirar pisos, limpiar baños, desempolvar, fregar y pulir pisos, tirar la basura. Debe tener documentos de trabajo legal y pasar una verificación de antecedentes. Requisitos mínimos: experiencia de mantenimiento (en limpieza) que sea bilingüe, español/inglés. Este es un trabajo a tiempo completo, el cual ofrece beneficios, incluyendo seguro de salud, días de enfermedad pagados y retiro. Para aplicar, por favor llame a Pam Erwin al 202-347-3215.

**Intenciones de Oración** – Por favor únanse en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa**

**Francisco** este mes: para que el clamor de los hermanos migrantes víctimas del tráfico criminal sea escuchado y considerado.

**Clases de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos**

**¿Cuándo?** **11 de febrero al 14 de mayo**, martes, miércoles y jueves por la tarde de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde

**¿Dónde?** St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 de la calle N, al Noroeste

**¿Cuánto?** \$45

Los estudiantes pueden matricularse en persona el **6 & 10 de febrero** a las 6:30 y las 8:30 de la noche en el Centro de Educación.



Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 hasta el Nivel 5. Para más información, póngase en

contacto con Rhoda Mbatto and Kerry Read a [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).

**Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial** – El fin de semana del encuentro matrimonial mundial es un programa de enriquecimiento en donde las parejas pueden alejarse del trabajo, los niños, las tareas de la casa y el teléfono para enfocarse solo el uno en el otro. Próximo fin de semana **abril 17 al 19** comienza a las 7:00 de la tarde el viernes y termina a las 4:30 de la tarde el domingo. Únase a millones de parejas en el mundo entero que han aprendido como conservar sus matrimonios vibrantes y llenos de vida. Para obtener información o inscribirse llame en Maryland al 301-252-2946 ó 301-404-354 y en Virginia al 703-786-2103 ó 703-673-8845.