

Readings for March 15

Give me a drink. (*John 4:7*)

Jesus and his disciples had been walking all morning. Now the sun was high in the sky and burning down on them. They were hot, dusty, and thirsty. As Jesus sat down next to Jacob's well, he was probably looking forward to a cool drink of water.

But when he asked a Samaritan woman who had come to the well to give him a drink, more was going on than Jesus just looking to quench his physical thirst. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "When he said, 'Give me a drink,' it was the love of his poor creature that the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love."

We might wonder why. Why would Jesus desire the love of someone who was not only a Samaritan but who had a checkered past and was living with a man who wasn't her husband? Because that's who Jesus is. Like the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus loves each one of us. No matter who we are or what our sins, he who is love cannot help but seek after our love. He thirsts for all of us.

So how do we quench Jesus' thirst? By spending time with him. Don't think of it as an obligation or duty, something you "owe" to God. Think of it instead as a time when you are letting Jesus get his fill of you. He loves you so much that he can't get enough of your undivided attention. He loves you so much that he wants you to put aside all the other demands in your life for a time, go to a quiet place, and sit with him.

So give Jesus the "drink" he asks for. Even if you feel no differently while you are praying, believe that you are delighting Jesus by your presence. Remember, he enjoys being with you! Believe too that as you sit with him, he is giving you the "living water" that will fulfill your deepest needs and desires, the water that is "welling up to eternal life" (*John 4:10, 14*).

"*Jesus, may I thirst for you as you thirst for me.*"

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This Week's Readings

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

Sunday 15

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

Monday 16

Tuesday 17

St. Patrick

2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30

Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Dn 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14a,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /

Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday 20

Saturday 21

Sunday 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

News and Notes



Congratulations and Prayers on Diaconate Ordination! – Br. Simon Teller, O.P., a Dominican seminarian serving our

Cathedral parish, was ordained a deacon on Saturday, **March 14** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and preaches at this weekend's 8:30am Sunday Mass! Let us keep Br. Simon in our prayers as he begins his diaconal ministry.

CBN-D.C. Breakfast – The Catholic Business Network of Washington, D.C. hosts a networking breakfast on Thursday, **March 19**, 8 - 9:30am, in the Great Hall, with guest speaker Patrick Burke, Executive Director of the DC Police Foundation. Register at www.cbndc.org.

Janitor/Custodian – St. Matthew's seeks a full-time, bilingual (English & Spanish) Janitor/Custodian with experience. [Find the position requirements](#). To apply, contact Pam Erwin at 202-347-3215 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Music

Wednesday Lunchtime Organ Recital

– Join us for an [organ recital](#) on

Wednesday, **March 18** at

12:45pm by **Joy-Leilani Garbutt**, Minister of Music at

Christ Lutheran Church, Washington, DC, and Organist at Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The recital features the works of women composers including Jeanne Demessieux, Elsa Barraine, Josephine Boulay, Cécile Chaminade, and Florence B. Price. [View the 2019 – 2020 Great Organ Inaugural Concert Series brochure](#).



Volunteer Cantor Position Available – The Cathedral Music Ministry is looking for experienced cantors to be placed in occasional rotation for the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass and the 8:30am Sunday Mass. Contact Tom Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Parish Calendar

March 15 - 22

Sunday 15—3rd Sunday of Lent
A second collection for the Church in the Developing World is taken at all Masses.
Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
Primer Escrutinio durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde en español.
Padre John tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1:00 de la tarde.

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde.
Little Rock Bible Study meets at 3:30pm in the East Conference Room.
RCIA 1st Scrutiny and dismissal are held at 5:30pm Mass.
“Living the Eucharist” meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass.

Monday 16—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is offered from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour.
Little Rock Bible Study meets at 7pm in the N Street Building.

Tuesday 17—A talk on “Fasting in Lent” is given at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 18—An organ recital is given at 12:45pm.

Confessions are heard from 6:30 to 8pm.

RCIA meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Thursday 19—Catholic Business Network holds a networking breakfast in the Great Hall at 8am.
Celebration of the Word meets at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Friday 20—Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm followed by a

Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

Saturday 21—A First Reconciliation celebration is held at 10am in the St. Anthony Chapel.
The Gospel of John study meets in the East Conference Room at 10:30am.

Sunday 22—4th Sunday of Lent
Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am.
Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.
Una sesión sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes se lleva a cabo a las 11:00 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Norte.
Segundo Escrutinio durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde en español.

El Vía Crucis se rezará en español a las 2:15 de la tarde.

Little Rock Bible Study meets at 3:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Laetare Vespers is held at 4pm.
RCIA 2nd Scrutiny and dismissal are held at 5:30pm Mass.
“Living the Eucharist” meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass.

Social Justice



Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, OFM led St. Matthew's Social Justice Advocacy Retreat at the Franciscan Monastery on March 7.

Know Your Rights Session in Spanish by Catholic Charities Legal Services — The Social Justice Committee and the Hispanic Ministry cohost an information session given by lawyers from

Catholic Charities, in Spanish, on Sunday, **March 22** at 11am in the North Conference Room. An English session will follow soon. Contacts: Fr. Benson or Norma Canedo at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org, or Fatima Aybar at faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Resources for Healing – Pastoral care and counseling assistance are available for 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.

Faith Formation



Our RCIA Elect, Candidates, and sponsors enjoy dinner after the Rite of Election on March 1.

Scrutinies for the Elect – The season of Lent coincides with the Purification and Enlightenment phase of the RCIA process during which the Elect and Candidates are called to intensify their prayer lives and discern more deeply their desire to join the Church. As the larger parish community, we are called to help them develop their relationship with God and the Church and to pray for them. The celebration of the Scrutinies at the 5:30pm Mass on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, **March 15, 22, and 29**, is an important part of this phase. During each Scrutiny, with our Elect, we look within ourselves to find anything that keeps us from Christ and then look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and strengthen us. Please keep our three members of the Elect in your prayers.

Living Lent ✝

[View and share the Lenten brochure.](#)

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Reflection: Opt for (choose, elect, select) the Poor! – Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program invites us to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, remembering Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world, that we see the face of Christ in the poor among us. Cardboard piggy-banks or "Rice Bowls" are available in the Cathedral and rectory and will be collected at the end of Lent (www.crsricebowl.org). If you have any questions, call the rectory.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday (**February 26**) and Good Friday (**April 10**) are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years old are bound to observe the fast, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday must observe days of abstinence, during which no meat may be eaten. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.



The Light Is ON – This Lent all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington offer confessions every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. Confessions at St. Matthew's are heard from 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesdays of Lent (6 - 7:15pm on April 8) in addition to our regular

times (11am-Noon weekdays, Saturdays 4-5pm).

Celebration of the Word – Come on Thursdays of Lent and throughout the year for a 7:30pm [simple liturgy](#) of readings, a homily by Fr. Benson, and prayers. We meet in the East Conference Room.



fire that burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary. The [Stations of the Cross](#) in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II are prayed in English on Fridays of Lent at 6pm, followed by a [Simple Lenten Meal](#), and in Spanish on Sundays of Lent at 2:15pm. Join us for this beautiful devotion, so fitting for Lent.

"Living the Eucharist"

Coffeehouse Series – All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to the Lenten series, "Living the Eucharist," led by Paulist Brother Phil Catalanotto, right after the 5:30pm Mass in the North Conference Room. [Email C†YA with questions.](#)

Simple Lenten Meal for Community Resources

Ministry – All are invited to Simple Lenten Meals, offered [every Friday](#) in the North Conference Room following the 6pm Stations of the Cross. On **March 20**, the **Hispanic Ministry** prepares and serves the meal as representatives of **Community Resources** speak on their mission of offering support to Hispanic families with children of special needs. All donations collected will benefit their good works.



Study of the Gospel

of John – Join Fr. John Hurley and friends for this study of the Gospel readings from John that are proclaimed at Mass

on the three Sundays preceding Palm Sunday. On Saturday morning, **March 21**, we consider John 9:1-41, "The Man Born Blind," and on **April 4**, John 11:1-45, "The Raising of Lazarus." We meet in the East Conference Room from 10:30 to 11:45am.

Solemn Gregorian Vespers – St. Matthew's Schola Cantorum presents the [Office of Vespers for Laetare Sunday](#), the Fourth Sunday of Lent, on **March 22** at 4pm. Sung entirely in Latin, in Gregorian chant and polyphony, the Office includes a *Magnificat* by Lassus, an *Ave Regina Caeli* by contemporary Polish composer Marek Raczyński, and renaissance motets by Andrea Gabrieli and Heinrich Isaac. Laetare Vespers is one of the most beloved annual Cathedral events. Join us and deepen your Lenten experience with the timeless beauty of Gregorian chant! Contact: Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Cathedral Book Club Lenten

Discussion – All are welcome to a discussion of "The Mountain of Silence," by Kyriacos C. Markides on **Monday, March 23**, 6:45 - 8pm, in the East Conference Room. It is 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.



Protecting Against Spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With positive cases of the virus confirmed within our region, St. Matthew's has taken steps to prevent its further spread. Specifically, we urge you to observe the following precautions put in place at all Cathedral liturgies:

- Refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- Prayerfully consider receiving the Holy Eucharist only in your hands instead of on the tongue.

In addition, we have taken these precautions:

- Priests, deacons and EMCs are using hand sanitizer near the sanctuary to cleanse hands before and after Holy Communion.
- We have ceased distribution of the Precious Blood.
- We have removed holy water from the fonts.
- Eucharistic vessels are being washed with hot water and soap after each use.
- We have discontinued the Offertory procession.

Anyone who is ill, or suspects they are ill, should not come to Mass. Those who are homebound may watch the Archdiocesan Sunday Mass at adw.org/tvmass.

Protegiendo contra la propagación del coronavirus (COVID-19)

Con casos positivos confirmados del virus en nuestra región, San Mateo ha tomado medidas para prevenir la propagación. Específicamente, recomendamos que observe las siguientes precauciones que se han puesto en marcha en todas las liturgias en la Catedral:

- Abstenerse de estrechar la mano durante el saludo de la paz.
- Abstenerse de tomar de la mano durante la oración del Padre Nuestro.
- Con espíritu de oración, considere recibir la Santa Eucaristía sólo en sus manos en lugar de la lengua.

Además, hemos puesto estas precauciones:

- Sacerdotes, diáconos y ministros de la Eucaristía están usando desinfectante de manos cerca del santuario para limpiar las manos antes y después de la Santa Comunión.
- Dejamos de distribuir la Preciosa Sangre.
- Eliminamos agua bendita de las fuentes.
- Los vasos eucarísticos están siendo lavados con agua caliente y jabón después de cada uso.
- Hemos interrumpido la procesión de la Ofrenda.

Cualquier persona que esté enferma, o sospeche que está enferma, no debe venir a misa.

Aquellos que están en casa pueden ver la misa dominical de la Arquidiócesis en adw.org/tvmass.

Thank you! Muchas gracias!

March 2020

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) 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. 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 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), 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. Despues 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.

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).

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION 2020

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: "The Sanctification of Time: The Hymns of Lent and Holy Week"

WHEN:

Saturday, February 29, 2020

10:00am – 2:30pm

Mass at 12:10pm followed by a light lunch

THREE REFLECTIONS:

Conference I: The Liturgy: Eternity in a Day

Conference II: For Forty Days the Circuit Runs: the Hymns of Lent

Conference III: Sing, My Tongue, in Exultation: the Hymns of Holy Week

DIRECTED BY: Revered Luke Melcher, M. Div. MLM, SLL, SLD and, Director of Textual Resources for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES:

This year, our series focuses on the three pivotal spiritual practices for our personal and communal.

Lenten journey of faith: Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving

All lectures will be delivered in the North Conference Room from 7PM to 8PM.

Tuesday, March 10:

Awakening to the Presence of God: Prayer in Lent

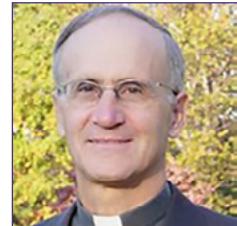
Presented by: L.J. Milone, Director of Faith Formation, St. John the Baptist Catholic Community, Doctoral Candidate in Preaching, Author: Nothing but God: The Everyday Mysticism of Meister Eckhart.



Tuesday, March 17:

Fasting: Taking a Fresh Look at a Lost Treasure

Presented by: Rev. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P. (Community of St. Paul) Director: Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, international retreat leader, author of 18 books on holistic spirituality.



Tuesday, March 24:

Almsgiving: The Treasure You Share is the Treasure You Receive

Presented by: Rev. Msgr. John Enzler, President and CEO Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington: Inspiring Hope, Building Futures.



All are invited to these events, free of charge. Donations are welcome!

WHERE:

St. Matthew's Cathedral, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20036
(located near the Farragut North Red Line Metro Station)

For more information, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or at 202-587-5139.

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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.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	<i>Monthly</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	<i>June</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	<i>Monthly</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	<i>August</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	<i>Monthly</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	<i>August</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	<i>January</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	<i>September</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocese of Military Service	\$ _____	<i>January</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	<i>October</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	<i>February</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	<i>November</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	<i>March</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	<i>November</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	<i>March/April</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	<i>November</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	<i>March/April</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	<i>December</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	<i>March/April</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	<i>December</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	<i>March/April</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	<i>December</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	<i>April</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	<i>December</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	<i>May</i>			

** 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.

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Lecturas del 15 de Marzo

Si conocieras el don de Dios... (Juan 4, 10) En el Evangelio de hoy leemos que, al principio, la samaritana se mostró cautelosa y evasiva en sus respuestas. Después de todo, se encontraba sola con un hombre judío, que estaba contraviniendo las costumbres sociales de esos días. Sin duda este misterioso desconocido, que hablaba de manera tan convincente y de quien emanaba tal paz y confianza, le debe haber intrigado. El próximo paso que él diera sería decisivo. ¿Trataría de cortejarla, como los demás hombres o éste sería distinto? Pero Jesús empezó a demostrarle que conocía la vida pecaminosa que ella llevaba, y se convenció de que éste sí era diferente. ¡Estaba en presencia de un profeta!

Sea lo que fuere que uno piense acerca de la vida íntima de la mujer, hay que reconocer que ella no trató de justificarse y ni siquiera le pidió al Señor que le ayudara a reformar su vida sentimental. Por el contrario, lo que le preguntó fue cómo se debía adorar a Dios. Sí, era pecadora, pero su relación con el Señor era importante para ella.

¿Puedes imaginarte, querido lector, con qué intensidad actuaba el Espíritu Santo mientras conversaban los dos? Jesús, siempre dócil al Espíritu, pudo explorar el corazón de la mujer; ella a su vez pudo aceptar sin reclamos lo que el Señor le decía y sin perder tiempo fue a buscar a otros para que creyeran en él (Juan 4, 39-42).

Ahora bien, ¿te das cuenta tú de qué manera está el Espíritu actuando en tu vida? Lo que más quiere el Señor es que le hables sinceramente y sin rodeos y él te hablará con toda claridad. ¿Crees en la promesa de que el Señor te ama y que es capaz de ayudarte, consolarte y darte fuerzas en cualquier momento? ¿O prefieres seguir viviendo tal como hasta ahora, sin arriesgarte a afrontar lo que suceda? Jesús no quiere que nadie se vaya de su lado sintiéndose triste. Confía en él y no te cohíbas ante la mirada observadora pero bondadosa de tu Señor y Salvador.

"Jesús, Señor mío, quiero seguirte. Examíname el corazón y enséñame a seguir tus pasos. Muéstrame en qué estoy fallando, y lo que más me importa, enséñame a amar más a Dios."

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 15

Tercer Domingo de Cuarema

Éx 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 o
4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

Lunes 16

Martes 17

St. Patricio

Miércoles 18

Jueves 19

San José, Esposo de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

Viernes 20

Sábado 21

Domingo 22

Cuarto Domingo de Cuarema

2 Re 5:1-15b / Lc 4:24-30

Dt 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /

Mt 1:16,18-21,24 o Lc 2:41-51

Os 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Os 6:1-6 / Lc 18:9-14

1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13 / Ef 5:8-14 /

Jn 9:1-41 o 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

March 15 - 22

Sunday, March 15

5.30pm Vigil (March 14) – Kenneth & Pam Quinn (living)
7am – Daryous Motie (living)
8:30am – Therese Hoffman (living)
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Robert Robinson
1pm – Nestor & Teofila Palomino
5:30pm – Conrad Sabelino, Jr.

Monday, March 16

7am – Ellma Rios
8am – Lillian Carlino(living)
12:10pm – Anthony Ward
5:30pm – Ronald Steffensen

Tuesday, March 17

7am – Motie Family
8am – James Bellows (living)
12:10pm – Scott O’Neil
5:30pm – Liz Leary

Wednesday, March 18

7am – Msgr. Louis Quinn
8am – Malaika Gunawansa
12:10pm – Rose & Renee Toussaint
5:30pm – Gary Edward Thompson

Thursday, March 19

7am – Carmen & Marina Rios
8am – Lauren O’Neill (living)
12:10pm – Joseph & Elizabeth Conway
5:30pm – Mary Forte (living)

Friday, March 20

7am – Eusebio & Andres Rios
8am – James B. Wilson
12:10pm – Felicisima Bautista
5:30pm – Elizabeth Gunning

Saturday, March 21

8am – Victoria & Ines Rios
12:10pm – Jean M. Boehme
5:30pm – For those affected by the Coronavirus

Sunday, March 22

7am – Ludmilla Rodriguez
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Tony Petruzzi
11:30am – Susan Haughton
1pm – Celmira Borjas
5:30pm – Teopista Sabelino

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 reservarlas con antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

Viviendo la Cuaresma

[Vea y comparta el folleto de Cuaresma en español.](#)



Vía Crucis – El Vía Crucis, revisado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en inglés los viernes a las 6 de la tarde y en español los domingos a las 2:15 de la tarde durante la Cuaresma.

Reflexión para el Plato de Arroz de CRS – El programa de Plato de Arroz de *Catholic Relief Services* nos invita a reflexionar sobre la enseñanza católica-social, *Opción para los pobres*, recordándonos de las palabras de Cristo: “Cuando lo hicieron para alguno de los más pequeños de estos mis hermanos, me lo hicieron a mí.” Recemos esta semana por nuestros hermanos de todo el mundo, para que podamos ver la cara de Cristo en los pobres entre nosotros. Alcancías de cartón, o “Platos de Arroz”, están disponibles en la Catedral y en la rectoría y serán recogidas al fin de la Cuaresma. Para más información (www.crsricebowl.org).

Confesiones los Miércoles de Cuaresma – En este tiempo de Cuaresma, San Mateo tendrá confesiones en inglés y español disponibles los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8:00 de la noche, Miércoles Santo de 6:00 a 7:15 de la tarde, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes - viernes, 11-12; sábados 4-5 de la tarde; y domingos después de la misa de español, excepto **22 de marzo y 5 de abril**).

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 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. Próxima charla será “*Segunda y Tercera Palabra – Hoy mismo estarás conmigo en el paraíso*” y “*Mujer, ahí tienes a tu hijo*” el martes **17 de marzo**. Para más información llame a Fatima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

Ayunar – Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo (**10 de abril**) son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los católicos que ya llegaron a los 18 años de edad, pero que son menores de 60 años, están obligados al ayuno, que consiste en una sola comida completa durante el día. Todos los católicos que han cumplido 14 años están obligados a los días de abstinencia en los cuales no se debe de comer carne. Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

La Cena Simple para Ministerio de Recursos de Comunidad – El comité de Justicia Social invita a los feligreses y amigos a participar en las Cenas Simples de Cuaresma, **cada viernes** en el salón del Norte, después del Vía Crucis (en inglés) de las 6:00 de la tarde. Esta semana, **el Ministerio Hispano** preparará y servirá la cena, también tendremos como invitados a voluntarios y familias de **Recursos de Comunidad**, el ministerio que apoya a familias hispanas con niños con necesidades especiales. Todas las donaciones recogidas esa noche beneficiarán sus buenas obras.

Conozca sus Derechos – Sesión Informativa con Abogados de Caridades Católicas – **CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS** El comité de Justicia Social y el Ministerio Hispano auspiciará a abogados de Caridades Católicas para una sesión sobre los derechos

de inmigrantes. Todos son invitados, feligreses y amistades. Se llevará a cabo el domingo, **22 de marzo** a las 11:00 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Norte. Para más información, comunicarse con padre John Benson o Norma Canedo a socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org o al 202-347-3215 x552. También comuníquese con Fatima Aybar al faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Se Busca una Persona para

Trabajar en Limpieza – La Catedral de San Mateo busca un trabajador de limpieza a tiempo completo con experiencia. 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/ingles. 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.

Misa de Jubileo Matrimonial –

Este año la misa de Jubileo Matrimonial para conmemorar a las parejas que están celebrando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio será el domingo **28 de junio** en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción a las 2:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215, a más tardar el martes **19 de mayo**.

Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únanse en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que los católicos en China. Recemos para que la Iglesia en Chinapersevere en la fidelidad al Evangelio y crezca en unidad.