

Readings for April 28

Do not be afraid. (Revelation 1:17)

It happened just about every time God revealed himself. John had a vision of the risen Jesus, and it made him faint with terror (Revelation 1:17). Isaiah had a vision of the majesty of God, and he cried out, "Woe is me, I am doomed!" (Isaiah 6:5). Ezekiel saw God coming in the clouds, surrounded by rings of fire, and he fell on his face in awe (Ezekiel 1:28).

Even more "ordinary" revelations of God's holiness had a similar effect. Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," after Jesus miraculously filled his nets with fish (Luke 5:8).

These may be dramatic scenes, but what happened next is even more dramatic. Jesus told John, "Do not be afraid," and then proceeded to give him messages for the churches (Revelation 1:17). Isaiah had his sins purged, and God called him to be a prophet (Isaiah 6:8). Seeing Ezekiel facedown on the ground, God told him to stand up; he just wanted to talk with him (Ezekiel 2:1). And Jesus told Peter, "Do not be afraid," and then called him to become a disciple (Luke 5:10).

Do you see the pattern? In each story, God made it clear that the person's past sins and mere mortality didn't pose obstacles to him. He was more focused on the work he had for them to do.

This is what divine mercy looked like in biblical times, and it's what it looks like today. It's God forgiving our every sin, cleansing our consciences, and easing our fears. It's also God looking with sadness on a darkened, sinful world and sending us out as his ambassadors.

Do not be afraid. Jesus says these words to you today. Don't be afraid of God. He loves you and he forgives you. And don't be afraid to share that mercy with the people around you. Forgive them just as you have been forgiven. Let them see in you the merciful face of God.

"Jesus, let the good news of your mercy fill the whole world today!"

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 28 Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 /
Second Sunday of Easter, Jn 20:19-31
Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday 29 Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8
St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday 30 Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15
St. Pius V

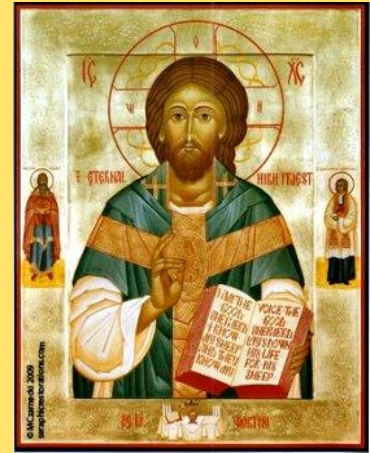
Wednesday 1 Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday 2 Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36
St. Athanasius

Friday 3 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
Saints Philip & James

Saturday 4 Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 5 Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 / Rev 5:11-14 /
 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. CONRAD MURPHY

WHAT - Your opportunity to greet, thank and bid farewell to Fr. Conrad Murphy, who has been named Secretary to Archbishop Wilton Gregory

WHEN – Saturday, **May 4** following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass

WHERE – The Great Hall of the Rectory. Enter from the Cathedral using the door next to the organ, or via the conference center entrance downstairs.

RECEPCION DE DESPEDIDA PARA EL PADRE CONRAD MURPHY

PARA QUE – Su oportunidad para saludar, agradecer y decir adiós a Padre Conrad Murphy, quien ha sido nombrado Secretario del Arzobispo Wilton Gregory

CUANDO – Sábado **4 de mayo** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde

DÓNDE – Great Hall de la Rectoría. Entrando por la Catedral en la puerta al lado del órgano o por la entrada del garaje.

Parish Calendar

April 28 – May 5

Sunday 28—Sunday of Divine Mercy

The rectory office is closed.

A blood drive for Children's Hospital is held beginning at 9:30am.

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration following the 1pm Mass, and the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed in English and Spanish at 2:30pm.

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de 1:00 y recitación de **la coronilla de la Divina**

Misericordia (alternando en español e inglés) a las 2:30 de la tarde.

Young Adult Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the North Conference Room.

Monday 29—The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Catechesis for Couples, Singles and Young Adults meets at 7:30pm in the North Conference Room.

Tuesday 30—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 1—RCIA Mystagogy meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Sacred Page meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Thursday 2—Adult Confirmation Class meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Catechesis for Couples, Singles and Young Adults meets at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Friday 3—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 4—A First Eucharist Retreat for parents and children meets at 10am in the North Conference Room. Fr. Hurley's study of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass.

A farewell reception for Fr. Conrad Murphy is held in the Great Hall immediately following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday 5—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room. Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am.

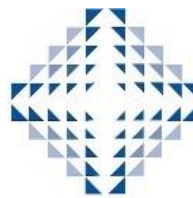
Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation Registration Deadline: Register by April 29

— Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation group are due to Theresa Prymuszewski by Monday, **April 29**. Classes begin Thursday, May 2. Pick up a form in the rectory office, or download the registration packet by clicking [here](#) or via the link on the front page of the parish website.

Sacred Page – Join us in the West Conference Room for [Sacred Page](#) at 7pm on Wednesday, **May 1** as Cathedral seminarian Elmer G. Herrera-Guzman leads our consideration of the [Mass readings for Sunday, May 5](#). Come together to hear the Sunday Scriptures read aloud and to discuss how the Good News we hear bears on the Christian life.

Saturday Bible Study – Our Bible Study series continues this spring with a look at the [Book of the Prophet Isaiah](#) on the following Saturdays: **May 4** - Isaiah 1; **May 11** - Isaiah 2; and **May 18** - Isaiah 3. Save the dates for our meetings at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.



Are You Thinking of Returning? Do You Think of Yourself as an Inactive Catholic? Welcome! – 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, and for asking questions and reconnecting with your faith. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-347-3215.

Calling All C. S. Lewis Fans! – Join our [Cathedral Book Club](#) on Monday evening, **May 13** in the West Conference Room at 6:45pm to discuss “Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold,” edited by the renowned C. S. Lewis (and highly recommended by Fr. Conrad!). Lewis considered it his best as he reworked the classical myth of Cupid and Psyche into a remarkable piece of contemporary fiction, a classical presentation of the struggle between sacred and profane love described as “the most significant and triumphant” of Lewis’ works.

News and Notes

Divine Mercy Devotions – *Jesus is Divine Mercy in person.* (Pope Benedict XVI) – Join your parish family for Divine Mercy Devotions in the Cathedral today, Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 28**. Come for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (alternating in Spanish and English) at 2:30pm, concluding with Benediction.

Thank You from the Rector – On behalf of the entire parish community, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers who decorated the Cathedral for Easter, the lectors, hospitality ministers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, sacristans, RCIA sponsors, parish staff, priests, deacons, and all who contributed time and talent to the Cathedral during Holy Week and Easter. Please be assured of my gratitude and best wishes for a very blessed Easter season.

—Msgr. Jameson

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

– Each year, the [Holy Father asks for our prayers](#) for a specific intention each month. You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for each monthly intention. In April 2019 we pray for doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

First Friday and First Saturday –

All are welcome to First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **May 3** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Saturday, **May 4** all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after the 12:10pm Mass.

REMEMBERING THE LOST, THE SUFFERING AND THE MOURNING IN SRI LANKA

O God, in your silence every anguished cry is heard; each person is created in your image, all peoples are precious in your sight. Receive into your peace the victims of persecution and hear the lament of those who mourn their killing. Keep their memory always before us and rid every heart of violence and vengeance, that hatred may be banished from the face of the earth and the family of nations brought together in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

(ICEL, 1998)

Visit us next Sunday and Show your Support!

– Hospitality Sunday is Sunday, **May 5**! Join us after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am or 1pm Masses. Given the recent tragedy at Notre Dame, we will provide information on how to support the people around the world affected by the damage to this historical place of worship. We will also have refreshments and information on our parish programs and events. Come by the North Conference Room for any or all of these reasons!

Social Justice

How to Get Involved – Learn more about our parish Social Justice & Community Service Ministries and how you can assist those in need and engage our parish community to live the Gospel message in prayer and in deed. Contact Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 or ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Music

Celebration of Rededication of Great Organ – Nearly 25 years after the initial partial installation of the Lively Fulcher Great Organ at the Cathedral, the organ is now complete. In June 2018, the original builder returned to the Cathedral to begin work on the long-awaited completion. All five divisions of this four manual mechanical action French Romantic organ will be heard for the first time publicly at a rededication service on Friday, **May 10** at 7:30pm. Five current and former organists will help us bring this new instrument to life, exploring the vast color and dynamic range of its nearly 5100 pipes. This one-hour concert will be followed by a reception in the Great Hall. The parking garage will be open late that evening. All are most welcome!

Choral Highlights – Enjoy the inspirations in the Office of Music Ministries' [Choral Highlights](#) website feature, with lively descriptions and samples of versions of the music sung by the *Schola Cantorum* at the 10am Latin and the 11:30am Sunday Masses.

Vocations

Men's Discernment Dinner – All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to a Men's Discernment Dinner at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, **May 19** from 5 to 8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, DC area. Contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

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Friday, May 10, 2019
7:30 pm

Free-will offering, Open to the public.

*For more information, please contact the Office of Music Ministry
at the Cathedral Website or at 202/587-5141*

Ordination to the Priesthood



Brother Antoninus Maria Samy, O.P., a Dominican friar currently assigned to St. Matthew's who will be ordained to the priesthood on **May 25**.

Br. Antoninus was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, and came to the United States to join the Dominican Order. Prior to entering religious life, Br. Antoninus worked as an economist for the Australian Government, and as an economic history researcher and lecturer at the University of Oxford (UK).

Br. Antoninus has assisted in a number of ministries over the past two years at the Cathedral, including RCIA, parents' group, the Sacred Page Bible study, as well teaching baptism preparation classes and preparing couples for marriage.

Br. Antoninus will be ordained a priest on Saturday, **May 25** at 9:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by Most Rev. Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving after ordination here at the Cathedral, at 11:30am on Sunday, **May 26**. All are most welcome to attend the ordination and the First Mass.



Mingwei Li, a seminarian for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, **June 29** at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, by the Most Reverend David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, **June 30** at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mingwei was born in southeastern China, the oldest of three children. He and his family immigrated to the United States 20 years ago and settled in Pittsburgh, PA. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene at the University of Pittsburgh,

Mingwei discerned with the Diocese of Pittsburgh and became a seminarian there. He studied two years of philosophy while living at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Mingwei is finishing his studies at the Catholic University in the joint degrees of the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B) and Master of Divinity. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved in the Sacred Page Bible Study, baptism preparation, baptisms, marriage preparation and served as a deacon at various liturgies. He is very grateful for the two years here at St. Matthew's. He is grateful to Msgr. Jameson for his supervision, to the resident priests for their inputs, to the staff for their assistance, and to the faith community of St. Matthew's for their welcome. He hopes to return and to celebrate a Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Ordination to the Diaconate



Since September 2018, four seminarians from Theological College have studied at the Catholic University of America and also served here at St. Matthew's. Their ministries have included the Cathedral Young Adults, Always


God's Children, Sacred Page Bible study, and marriage preparation, as well as serving at Cathedral liturgies. From left to right pictured above, they are: **Garrett Bockman; Mark Garrett; Elmer Herrera-Guzman; and Ryan Hiaeshutter**. All were ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Dallas on Saturday, **April 27** by Bishop Edward J. Burns, St. Jude Catholic Church. We hope to see them back next year!

Let us keep all of these young men in our prayers as they pursue their callings to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Let us also offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for their presence and ministries here at the Cathedral parish.

PASTORAL FORMATION

Focus on opportunities for faith sharing, effective communication, collaboration and leadership skills development through:

Landings

 St. Matthew's Cathedral is a certified Landings parish providing "a safe place to land" for inactive Catholics seeking to participate more fully in the Catholic liturgy and sacraments. A small group of Catholics will gather in an open nonjudgmental setting to ask questions about Christ and the Catholic Faith. Call for a welcome interview.

RENEW Small Faith Sharing Group

New groups and topics are selected throughout the year. Check the bulletin to register.

The Cathedral Book Club, led by Fr. Jack Hurley, meets on a quarterly basis on Monday evenings from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm in the West Conference Room. Participants suggest upcoming book selections.

◆ CONSORTIUM OF FAITH ◆ FORMATION MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Formation Consortium unites representatives from the many and various ministries of our parish concerned with Christian education and spiritual enrichment. The Consortium's mission is to promote communication, sharing, evaluation, support, and planning for continual improvement and renewal. Consortium members are from diverse backgrounds and represent various parish ministries. Some are lifelong Catholics and others are new to the faith; there are men, women, married and single; some have families and children. The ministries represented are the Children's Sunday Faith Formation, RCIA, Landings, RENEW, Sacred Page, Saturday Bible Study, and the Book Club. As new ministries develop, representatives may be invited to join the Consortium. The mission is carried out through quarterly meetings, and communication, consultation, and actions between meetings.

For information on specific events, visit our website at www.stmatthewscathedral.org or contact

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The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle provides ongoing Faith Formation throughout the lifespan. Our Faith Formation opportunities can be grouped according to the four standards derived from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*. Please come and see!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Focus on opportunities to deepen one's understanding and experience of the liturgical life of the Church, schools of spirituality, and prayer through:

Advent and Lenten Days of Reflection

Advent and Lenten Days of Reflection are usually convened on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent and Lent from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We break for the 12:10 pm Mass, followed by a luncheon that is provided. These seasonal days of reflection are led by Catholic ordained and laity, men and women recognized for their spiritual depth and ability to articulate their gifts through reflection and prayer.

The Pentecost Retreat

The Pentecost Retreat is an annual Saturday Day of Reflection, June 1, 2019 during the Novena for Pentecost. Primarily for adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. This retreat focuses on the spirituality of the Holy Spirit. All are invited to participate.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is an ancient form of Christian listening, usually through one-on-one monthly conversations in which the person seeking spiritual direction shares something of his or her faith journey with another. Spiritual Direction is provided at St. Matthew's by Theresa Prymuszewski, who also provides referrals to other qualified spiritual directors in the area.

HUMAN FORMATION

Focus on opportunities to discover and understand one's gifts, strengths, special charismas, how to work well with others, and the virtues of Christian Missionary Discipleship through:

The Catechist Formation Process

The Catechist Formation Process extends itself to all adults desiring a deeper faith. Courses are taught throughout the year by Theresa Prymuszewski, an archdiocesan-approved instructor. Courses include: Living Catholic, Catechesis 101, Introduction to Scripture, Sacraments and Liturgy, Christian Morality, The Creed, and Prayer.

INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

Focus on the opportunities to experience and deepen authentic Catholic theological understanding of the Creed, Sacraments, and Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church with the ability to articulate the substance of one's faith with others. Intellectual Formation is available through:

Sunday Children's Faith Formation

Sunday Children's Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 am to 11:00 am in St. Matthew's Education Center located at 1726 N Street, NW throughout the school year for children in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Parents are invited to participate in adult faith formation sessions led by Cathedral seminarians while children meet with trained Catechists.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process of spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation for unbaptized adults who would like to become Catholic, adult Christians baptized in another Christian tradition who wish to profess their faith as a Catholic Christian, and baptized adult Roman Catholics who would like to complete their initiation

in the Catholic Church through receiving their First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and the Sacrament of Confirmation. RCIA meets on Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the North Conference Room. "Come and See"!

Saturday Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study provides an opportunity to explore the Sacred Scriptures within a community of faith, led by Fr. Jack Hurley from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the East Conference Room. Cake and coffee are provided. Many stay for the Saturday 12:10 am Mass.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets throughout the academic year on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the West Conference Room. Sessions are led by Cathedral seminarians and focus on the upcoming Sunday Bible Mass readings.

Seasonal Lectures are held in the fall and during Lent. These evening lectures address a variety of current and timeless topics to deepen our Catholic Faith.

Adult Confirmation Preparation invites adult baptized Catholics who have received their First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) to attend preparation sessions on from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on specific Thursdays to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Attendance at the yearly Confirmation Retreat is also part of the process. The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults is celebrated yearly on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019.



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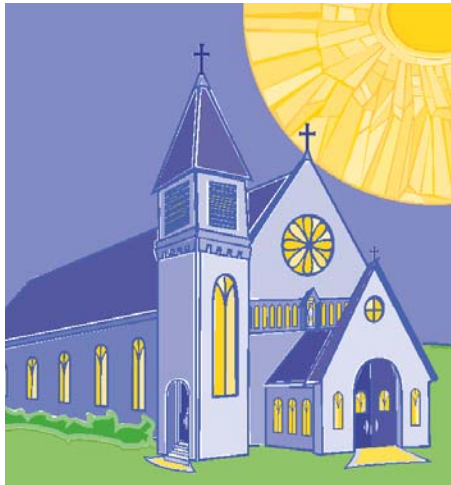
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Lecturas del 28 de Abril

Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría.
(Juan 20, 20)

Los apóstoles se alegraron sobremanera cuando vieron al Señor resucitado. Estaban a puertas cerradas por miedo a los judíos, pero cuando Jesús se les apareció les causó gran alegría, consuelo y paz. Cuando vieron al Señor la primera vez faltaba un solo apóstol, Tomás. Más tarde, éste se negó a creer cuando sus compañeros le dijeron que habían visto el sepulcro vacío y a Jesús vivo nuevamente.

La traición de Judas y la crucifixión de Jesús había sido un duro golpe para Tomás y el mundo se le había venido abajo. ¡Pero qué sorpresa se llevó cuando vio que de repente Cristo se les apareció nuevamente, incluso después de que él había negado con tanta insistencia lo que sus amigos le habían contado! En un solo encuentro con Jesús resucitado, la duda y la tristeza dieron paso a una firme convicción y una alegría indescriptible.

Hoy, 2000 años después, el encuentro con Cristo sigue causando un gozo inefable en todo el que encuentra al Señor personalmente.

Hoy celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, instituido como celebración universal por San Juan Pablo II para tomar conciencia de que, si no fuera precisamente por la infinita e insondable misericordia de nuestro Padre celestial, que por iniciativa propia quiso enviar a su Hijo unigénito a morir para salvarnos, todos estaríamos irremisiblemente perdidos e iríamos a la condenación eterna a la que nos llevaban nuestros propios pecados y maldades.

Esta misericordia se manifestó real y visiblemente en la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor, y el instrumento que Dios utilizó, en nuestra época, para enseñarnos a reconocer su misericordia divina y propagar la devoción fue Santa Faustina Kowalska, religiosa polaca canonizada por el mismo San Juan Pablo II en el año 2000.

"Padre eterno, ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero."

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 28 He 5:12-16 / Apoc 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 /
Segundo Domingo de Pascua, Jn 20:19-31

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Lunes 29 He 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Santa Catalina de Siena

Martes 30 He 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7-15

San Pio

Miércoles 1 He 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

San José Obrero

Jueves 2 He 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

San Atanasio

Viernes 3 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Santos Felipe y Santiago

Sábado 4 He 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

Domingo 5 He 5:27-32,40-41 / Apoc 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

April 28 – May 5

Sunday, April 28

5:30pm Vigil (April 27) All Parishioners

8:30am – Danellia Zepeda Gallego

10am – Christina Tamul

11:30am – Carolyn & Ian Krouse (living)

1pm – Betsabe Peña

5:30pm – Gene Solis

Monday, April 29

7am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Mario Simian

8am – Rosa Freitas (living)

5:30pm – Bill Reitweisner

Tuesday, April 30

8am – For the healing of victims & survivors of clergy sexual abuse

12:10pm – Lito Gorospe

5:30pm – John Jackson Smith

Wednesday, May 1

8am – Mali Seraj

12:10pm – Benedicta Djojoseparno

5:30pm – Rosaria Dambrosio

Thursday, May 2

7am – Mayerling Silva

8am – Michael Joseph Salazar

12:10pm – Joel M. Cruz

Friday, May 3

12:10pm – Betty Stafford

Saturday, May 4

8am – Jacques Delpi

12:10m – Soderberg Family (living)

Sunday, May 5

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Terry Hunt

10am – Encarnación Rodriguez

11:30am – Constance Maltese

1pm – Francisco Puerta

5:30pm – Andres Akiatan

Noticias de la Parroquia

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia – Jesucristo es la misericordia divina en persona. (Papa Benedicto XVI) Únase a su familia parroquial para la devoción de la Divina Misericordia en la Catedral, hoy domingo **28**

de abril a las 2:30 de la tarde. Venga a la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y la recitación de la coronilla de la divina misericordia (alternando en español e inglés), concluyendo con la Bendición.



Noticias de la Parroquia, *continuación*

¡ ¡ ¡ Gracias !!! – En nombre de toda la comunidad parroquial, quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a los voluntarios que ayudaron a decorar la Catedral: lectores, ujieres, monaguillos, ministros de la Eucaristía, músicos, sacristanes, padrinos del RICA, el personal de la Catedral, sacerdotes, diáconos y a todos los que contribuyeron con su tiempo y talento durante la Semana Santa y Pascua. Su esfuerzo hizo una gran diferencia. Estoy muy agradecido y les deseo una feliz época de Pascua.

—*Monseñor Jameson*

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado

– 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 **3 de mayo** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado **4 de mayo** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía.

Visítenos el Próximo Domingo y Muestre su Apoyo! El próximo fin de semana, domingo **5 de mayo**, después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde, tendremos un evento de hospitalidad. Dada la reciente tragedia de Notre Dame, le proporcionaremos información y formas de mostrar su apoyo a los afectados por los daños a este histórico lugar de culto. También tendremos refrescos e información sobre varios programas y eventos parroquiales ¡Visite el salón de conferencias del Norte después de misa por cualquiera de estas razones y quédese unos minutos más con nosotros!

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.

Si usted es feligrés inscrito en San Mateo y necesita una carta de recomendación para ser padrino en un bautizo que se celebrará en otra parroquia, por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y pregunte cómo puedo obtener esta carta.

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.

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).