

Readings for June 2

They . . . returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (Luke 24:52)

“Parting is such sweet sorrow,” as Juliet said to Romeo. Isn’t this the way many farewells go? Whether you’re sending a child off to make their way in the world or leaving a grandparent after a visit, saying good-bye can be bittersweet. The sweetness lies in your love for them; the bitterness, in leaving them.

Surprisingly, Jesus’ apostles do not weep at his ascension. Quite the opposite, Luke tells us that they returned to Jerusalem—the very place where Jesus was executed—“with great joy” (24:52). Such a display of exuberance can make the apostles appear unrelatable, almost superhuman. What about their deep human connection with Jesus? Didn’t they feel sad that after overcoming death, the greatest separation there is, Jesus decided to leave them anyway?

Of course they were sad. But more than anything else, they were filled with joy. They were confident that they would one day follow where Jesus had gone, and then they would be reunited forever. So their hope of seeing him again made their sorrow sweet.

This is the key to our joy as well. By faith, we know that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven. But it can still feel as if he has just moved on and left us on our own. One way to counter that sense of aloneness is to imagine Jesus in heaven right now. Think about how he has opened heaven to you, a place you could never reach on your own. Imagine him standing with his Father, your Father. Picture him preparing a place just for you. See the smile on his face as he thinks about opening the doors to your new home and welcoming you in.

Jesus has ascended to heaven and longs for all God’s children to join him. Until then, he never stops interceding for you and pouring out a constant stream of grace. All so that we can one day taste the sweetness of heaven.

“All praise to you, Jesus, for opening heaven for me!”

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This Week’s Readings

Sunday 2	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Lk 24:46-53 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
Monday 3	Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>
Tuesday 4	Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday 5	Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19 <i>St. Boniface</i>
Thursday 6	Acts 22:30;23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26 <i>St. Norbert</i>
Friday 7	Act 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19
Saturday 8	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25
Sunday 9	Acts 2:1-11 / Rom 8:8-17 / Jn 14:15-16,23b-26 <i>Pentecost</i>

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country or the world, or from a parish here or across the river. Thank you for praying with us, and for your generosity – it helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way and to offer services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

Parish Calendar

June 2 – 9

Sunday 2—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.

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

Monday 3—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room. Catechesis for Couples, Singles & Young Adults meets at 7:30pm in the North Conference Room.

Tuesday 4—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 5—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Thursday 6—Catechesis for Couples, Singles & Young Adults 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 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Saturday 8—**Archbishop Gregory** celebrates a Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate at 10am.

Sunday 9—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana. **Archbishop Gregory** celebrates the Archdiocesan-wide Adult Confirmation at a 3pm Mass. Always God’s Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

News and Notes



Photos from Archbishop Gregory's May 26 Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral, and of parishioners and friends queuing up to meet our new shepherd after Mass.

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

Prayers and Best Wishes on Ordination Anniversaries – In this ordination season, let us remember in prayer our rectory priests as they celebrate their [anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood](#).

*Msgr. Ron Jameson –
May 18, 1968 (51st)*

*Fr. Jack Hurley – May 29, 1982 (37th)
Fr. Agustín López – June 18, 2011 (8th)*

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Ordinandi – Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese as we anticipate the ordination of our priests on June 15! Join us on Monday, **June 10**, 6 - 7pm, for a [Eucharistic Holy Hour for the Intentions of our Ordinandi](#) and an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Confessions will be available during the hour. Fr. López will preside, and Fr. Hurley will hear confessions.

Lector Training – Are you interested in serving as a lector? An orientation and training session will be held on Saturday, **June 22** in the North Conference Room, 9:30am - 1pm. We welcome registered parishioners as well as “weekday parishioners” - members of other parishes who work downtown and attend weekday Masses here. Attendees will be asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. Candidates who become lectors are asked to commit to serve at least twice monthly. To register, call Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 x517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org by June 18.

Calling Carroll Alumni! – Archbishop Carroll High School holds its 27th Annual Spring Benefit at the Kennedy Center on Monday, **June 10**. Contact India Puryear at 202-529-0900 or ipuryear@achsd.org.

Pope Francis' June Prayer Intention – Each year, [Pope Francis asks for our prayers](#) for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer his request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intentions. In June 2019 we pray that priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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. Visit the Cathedral website and click on the “Social Justice” tab to learn more about our parish’s social action ministries. You also may contact Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 or ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org. Check out upcoming [Advocacy & Education events](#).



Creation Care Team Corner – Be energy efficient! – During the summer months, close your curtains to block heat from the sun. During the winter, open your curtains during the day to allow the sun to warm your home. These simple steps can significantly reduce the need for air conditioning and heating, which are likely the most energy-intensive aspects of your home. Join [the Creation Care Team](#). Contact Phil Downey at phildowney.jr@gmail.com.

Music

Schola Openings – 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 energy is significant. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9pm, in weeks when the choir is singing. Contact Tom Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5141.

Faith Formation

Congratulations! – St. Matthew’s Cathedral has prepared 17 candidates for the Archdiocesan celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, **June 9** at 3pm in the Cathedral. **Archbishop Gregory** will be the celebrant and will confer the sacrament upon over 100 candidates from across the Archdiocese!

Faith Formation Brochure – Our 2019-2020 [Faith Formation Brochure](#) lists ways to deepen your faith. Pick up copies at Cathedral entrances or the rectory office, or find it at www.stmatthewscathedral.org/ffbroschure.

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 (contact info at bottom right).

Cathedral Book Club – The Cathedral Book Club meets on Monday, **July 8** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room to discuss the short story collection, “The Stories of J.F. Powers.” Powers stands with Flannery O’Connor and Eudora Welty for giving storytelling an unmistakably American cast. His greatest subject, uniquely his, was the life of thoroughly human priests in Chicago and the Midwest, including “do-gooders, glad handers, wheeler-dealers, petty tyrants, and even the odd saint!” The author’s background included Chicago, Ireland, and teaching at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Perhaps the book might stand as a bit of background on our new Archbishop!

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 2019 will be available shortly online and at the rectory office.

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 group will be available shortly online and at the rectory office.

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.

Lecturas del 2 de Junio

Jesús fue levantado y una nube lo envolvió y no lo volvieron a ver.
(Hechos 1, 9)

Jesucristo ha ascendido a la derecha del padre y ahora ocupa su trono en la gloria de los cielos. Tan elevada dignidad ya le correspondía por derecho propio, porque es el Hijo de Dios; pero Jesús renunció a este derecho, y luego lo ganó de nuevo por su obediencia al Padre y por su amor a los pecadores, concretado en su propio sacrificio redentor. Por eso, habiendo cumplido su misión mesiánica a cabalidad con una entrega admirable ascendió a las alturas.

Después de ver a Cristo ascender al cielo, los apóstoles volvieron a Jerusalén llenos de alegría porque ahora estaban más convencidos de que su amado Señor estaba vivo y glorificado, y el corazón les ardía de alegría. Todo esto demuestra la bondad de Dios, que hace realidad nuestros sueños más profundos del modo más sorprendente, y hace que todas las cosas actúen para el bien de aquellos que depositan su confianza en Dios (Romanos 8,28), porque del mal el Señor saca el bien, de la muerte la vida y del dolor y el sufrimiento la gloria.

Ahora, los creyentes vivimos con la esperanza de que las palabras de Jesús se hagan realidad para nosotros: "Donde yo estoy, allí estarán ustedes también." Mientras tanto, tenemos una tarea que hacer: veangelizar, predicar la buena noticia de la salvación y ser testigos de Cristo en nuestro mundo.

"La Ascension del Señor nos dice que, en Cristo nuestra humanidad es elevada a las alturas de Dios; así cada vez que resamos, la tierra se une con el cielo. Y como el incienso cuando se quema hace subir hacia lo alto el humo suave y perfumado, así cuando elevamos al Señor nuestra fervorosa oración llena de confianza a Cristo, ésta atraviesa los cielos y alcanza el trono de Dios, y es por él escuchada y aceptada. Entonces, él no nos dará solamente lo que le pedimos, o sea la salvación, sino también lo que él ve que sea conveniente y bueno para nosotros, aún si no se lo pedimos." (Papa Benedicto XVI).

"Amado Señor Jesús, sabemos que hoy estás ascendiendo junto al Padre pero al mismo tiempo estás entre nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos."

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 2 <i>La Ascension del Señor</i>	He 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Lc 24:46-53
Lunes 3 <i>San Carlos Lwanga y Compañeros</i>	He 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
Martes 4	He 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles 5 <i>San Bonifacio</i>	He 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves 6 <i>San Norberto</i>	He 22:30,23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
Viernes 7	He 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19
Sábado 8	He 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25
Domingo 9 <i>Pentecostés</i>	He 2:1-11 / Rom 8:8-17 / Jn 14:15-16,23b-26

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions June 2 - 9

Sunday, June 2

5:30pm Vigil (June 1) - Araque & Cundin Families

7am - Jesus Borjas

8:30am - All Souls in Purgatory

10am - All Parishioners

11:30am - Sharon Tajmajer Catlin

1pm - Neil Roger

5:30pm - Elizabeth Greenle

Monday, June 3

7am - Soul of Mary Alice

8am - Brenda Barahona de Hernandez (living)

12:10pm - Dorothy Swanton Brown

5:30pm - Agnes Gogarty

Tuesday, June 4

7am - Soul of Arthur

8am - Michael Barahona (living)

12:10pm - Robert Cushmac

5:30pm - Angelina A. Simoes

Wednesday, June 5

7am - Soul of Brown Eason

8am - Ida Morales

12:10pm - Victor G. Villareal

5:30pm - For greater accountability & transparency in the leaders of the Church

Thursday, June 6

7am - Soul of Margarite

8am - Salvador A. Gonzaga

12:10pm - Allen Kay Grady

5:30pm - Stephen Morris

Friday, June 7

7am - Evangelina Matero

8am - Ilesia De León (living)

12:10pm - Rita and Leonard Zelonis

5:30pm - James Esposito

Saturday, June 8

8am - Ivan Urribarri

12:10m - Julio C. Alva

5:30pm - All Parishioners

Sunday, June 9

7am - Familia Motie

8:30am - Mrs. Edna M. Hatala

10am - Colleen House (living)

11:30am - Bob Jordan (living)

1pm - Flavia y Delfino Morales

5:30pm - Anthony "Tony" Russo

Noticias de la Parroquia

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!

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

Oraciones y Mejores Deseos en sus Aniversarios – Durante esta temporada de ordenación,



recordemos en oración a nuestros sacerdotes de la rectoría que están por celebrar sus aniversarios de ordenación sacerdotal.

*Monseñor Ron Jameson –
18 de mayo, 1968 (51 años)*

*Padre Jack Hurley –
29 de mayo, 1982 (37 años)*

*Padre Agustín López –
18 de junio, 2011 (8 años)*

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 “*Bienaventurados los perseguidos a causa de la justicia, porque de ellos es el reino de los Cielos*” el martes **11 de junio**. Para más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x541.

Hora Santa por las Vocaciones – ¡Únase con las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, en anticipación de la ordenación de nuestros sacerdotes el **15 de junio!** Únase a nosotros el lunes, **10 de junio** de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, ante el Santísimo Sacramento en una hora Santa por las intenciones de nuestros ordenados y un aumento en las vocaciones al sacerdocio y vida consagrada. Habrá confesiones durante la hora santa. Padre López presidirá.

Ministerios de Justicia Social & Servicio Comunitario – Aprenda más sobre los Ministerios de Justicia Social & Servicio Comunitario y como puede participar en la planificación de actividades que ayudan a personas necesitadas. También puede ayudar animando a la parroquia a vivir el mensaje del Evangelio en oración y con acciones. Visite la página de web de San Mateo. También puede comunicarse con Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o por correo electrónico ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org



Equipo del Cuidado de la Creación - ¡Sé Eficiente Energéticamente!
– Durante los meses de verano, cierre las cortinas

para bloquear el calor del sol. Durante el invierno, abra sus cortinas durante el día para permitir que el sol caliente su hogar. Estos sencillos pasos pueden reducir significativamente la necesidad de aire acondicionado y calefacción, que probablemente son los aspectos más intensivos en uso de energía en su hogar. Únase al Equipo de Cuidado de la Creación, póngase en contacto con Phil Downey phildowney.jr@gmail.com o llame a Norma Canedo a la rectoría.

Se Busca Ayuda - Donen Comida para el Ministerio de Desayuno los Lunes – Nuestra parroquia tiene un ministerio de desayuno semanal los lunes por la mañana, donde recibimos a 60 - 80 hombres y mujeres sin hogar o de bajos recursos. Buscamos voluntarios que puedan donar platos caseros, fruta, jugo, leche, huevos duros, yogur y otros artículos para el desayuno. Regístrese para donar incluso si no puede venir el lunes por la mañana. Para obtener más información, escriba a Bob Farrell bobfarrelldc@gmail.com o llame a Norma Canedo a la rectoría.

Intenciones de Oración del Papa Francisco – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco este mes: Por los sacerdotes, para que con la sobriedad y la humildad de su vida, se esfuercen en una activa solidaridad hacia los más pobres.

Intenciones de Misas – 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.