

## Readings for September 15

**H**e ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. (Luke 15:20)  
This beloved story is usually called “the parable of the prodigal son.” But what if we looked at it as a story of a prodigal father instead?

We may not want to call the father “prodigal.” After all, the word means extravagant or excessive, like someone throwing away his money with both hands. That’s clearly what the younger son did, and we don’t like it.

But the father is prodigal. First, he freely gives his younger son his inheritance years before the proper time. Then, maybe more important, when this son returns, he is exceedingly prodigal in welcoming him back: the finest robe, a ring, new sandals, and a great feast, to top it all off. It’s no wonder the older son got upset! How could his father be so free with his gifts? How could he be so glad to accept that wasteful, irresponsible son back into his home?

This prodigal father can disturb us too. It’s hard to understand how or why he could welcome his wayward son back into full status as a child and heir. We might think that for the sake of fairness, the father should have made the young man pay back what he had squandered or suffer some other kind of consequence for his actions before he could be forgiven. But that would be misunderstanding mercy.

The father in this parable gives us a glimpse of our heavenly Father. He sent Jesus to pour out his entire self—lavishly—to welcome us back home. In everything he said and did, Jesus revealed God’s shockingly generous mercy, a mercy that is available to each one of us. It’s a mercy that doesn’t hold a grudge. It’s a mercy that waits patiently for us to begin our return. It’s a mercy that eagerly welcomes us home.

This is the mercy that God has for you—and for everyone around you.

*“Thank you, Father, for your extravagant mercy. Thank you for running out to meet each person who comes back to you. Even me.”*

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## This Week’s Readings

**Sunday 15** Ex 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 /

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Monday 16** 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

*Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian*

**Tuesday 17** 1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

*St. Robert Bellarmine*

**Wednesday 18** 1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday 19** 1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

*St. Januarius*

**Friday 20** 1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

*Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions*

**Saturday 21** Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

*St. Matthew (celebrated at the 8am and 12:10pm Masses)*

**Sunday 22** Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

*St. Matthew (celebrated at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses)*

## Parish Calendar September 15 – 22

**Sunday 15**—Food Drive donations are collected by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses.

The Health & Wellness Fair is held in the North and East Conference Rooms from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

The Schola Cantorum returns to the 10 and 11:30am Masses.

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.

Catechists and other Faith Formation ministers are commissioned at the 11:30am Mass.

**Monday 16**—A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour.

The Cathedral Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

**Tuesday 17**—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**Wednesday 18**—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

**Thursday 19**—The Knights of Columbus meet in the West Conference Room at 7:30pm.

**Friday 20**—A dedicatory concert is given at 7:30pm by organist Nathan Laube, followed by a reception in the Great Hall.

**Saturday 21**—The Solemnity of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist is celebrated at the 8am 12:10pm Masses (organ and cantor at 12:10pm Mass).

**Sunday 22**—The Solemnity of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist is celebrated at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses.

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

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## Patronal Feast Celebration



### Inaugural Concert and Reception on the Feast Day Vigil – St. Matthew's Great Organ [Inaugural Concert Series](#) begins

Friday, **September 20**, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Matthew, with a 7:30pm [Dedicatory Concert](#) by **Nathan Laube**, one of the finest young organists in the world, followed by a reception in the Great Hall. Join us for this special evening that kicks off our series in celebration of the completion of our Great Organ. *The parking garage will be open late!*

View the Concert Series schedule at <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/OrganSeriesSchedule>.

Download a printable brochure at <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/OrganSeriesPrintableBrochure>.

**Feast of St. Matthew** – The universal Church observes the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist on Saturday, **September 21**, celebrated as a solemnity at St. Matthew's with music (cantor and organ) at the 12:10pm Mass. We also celebrate our patronal feast as a parish family on Sunday, **September 22** at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses. Jesus' calling of Matthew to discipleship is depicted in the mural in the west



transept of the Cathedral entitled *The Calling of St. Matthew*. Take a moment, and take a look!

**Hospitality for the Feast!** – Join us on Sunday, **September 22** for Hospitality in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses! In addition to our usual offerings, the Hospitality and Faith Formation Committees are partnering to include information about St. Matthew. Questions? Email [StMattsHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:StMattsHospitality@gmail.com).

## Healing our Church

**Going Forward Amid the Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis** – On Thursday, **October 10** at 7pm, St. Matthew's Faith Formation Ministries welcome Teresa Pitt Green to the Cathedral to speak on "A Catholic Survivor of Clergy Sex Abuse: Why Stay Close To The Church?" Ms. Green, a national speaker, author, and abuse survivor, addressed the 2018 Fall Meeting of U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Retreats for Survivors of Abuse** – The Archdiocese of Washington sponsors retreats for survivors. A men's retreat is offered **October 11-13**, and women's retreats **November 15-17** and **April 3-5, 2020**. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register, email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

## Liturgy and Music ~ More!

**Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions** – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **September 16** from 6 to 7pm, with Fr. Benson presiding. Confessions with Fr. Hurley will be available during the hour.

**Red Mass** – The [67<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass](#) will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday, **October 6** at 10am, hosted by the John Carroll Society. **The 8:30am Mass is cancelled that day.** If you plan to attend the Red Mass, please arrive early as the fire marshal will not allow entry once the Cathedral is filled.

**Schola Openings** – There are 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 Wednesdays, 7 - 9pm, in weeks when the choir is singing. Contact: Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## News and Notes

- ✚ Read the Rector's September 2019 e-letter to Parishioners at <https://conta.cc/307mnqm>.
- ✚ Read the September 2019 Cathedral events e-letter at <https://conta.cc/2UBuydc>.
- ✚ To receive the Cathedral events e-letter, click the "Sign up for Email Updates" on our website front page at [www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org).

**CBN-D.C. Gala** – All are invited on Thursday, **October 3** at 6pm to the Catholic Business Network of Washington, DC's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala at the Four Seasons, with **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** as Honored Guest. Visit <https://cbndc.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=67> or contact Justin Silvers at [jsilvers@cbndc.org](mailto:jsilvers@cbndc.org) or 202-957-5188.

## Faith Formation

**Catechetical Sunday** – This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Stay With Us." At the 11:30am Sunday Mass our catechists are commissioned, and **Kathy Lester** and **Mary Ham** receive their credential as Certified Catechists in the Archdiocese of Washington! Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful occasion for reflecting on the role each of us has, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel, and communally to rededicate ourselves to this mission. Please pray for our catechists, and members of our RCIA, Landings, RENEW teams, and Consortium of Faith Formation Ministries teams.

**Registrations for Sunday Children's Faith Formation** – Parents, registration forms are now due. [Download a registration packet](#) (link also on our parish website front page) or pick up a form at the rectory office.

**Cathedral Book Club** – Join us Monday, **September 16**, 6:45 to 8pm, in the West Conference Room to discuss "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead, who was featured on the July 8 cover of [TIME magazine](#) as "America's Storyteller." Described as "potent ... devastating ... essential" by the NY Times and "heart-stopping" by Oprah Winfrey, it is the story of one woman's will to escape the horrors of slavery.

**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 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)

## Young Adults

**Sunday Night Coffeehouses – following the 5:30pm Sunday Mass – as announced**

**"Into the Deep" Retreat – Friday & Saturday, September 27 – 28 – Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, Brookland** – DCCatholic offers a retreat for young adults on prayer, discernment, and how to listen to the voice of God. Register at [DCCatholic.eventbrite.com](http://DCCatholic.eventbrite.com). Contact: Megan [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org). [Link to Facebook event](#)

**Theology on Tap – "Suffering God's Timing: Christian Vocation & Waiting Well" with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. – Tuesday, October 8 – 6pm happy hour / 7pm talk – Public Bar Live (1214 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW)** – Join C†YA and young adults from around the city for food, drinks, fellowship, and a talk by Dominican Father Gregory Pine. Contact: Jonathan Lewis [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org). [Link to Facebook event](#)

## Social Justice & Community Service

**Fall Semester of the English & Spanish as a Second Language for Adults** – The Fall Semester runs from **September 10 to December 12**. Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Classes in English are provided from Levels 1 to 5. Language instruction in Spanish is provided at Levels 1 to 3.

Registration continues on class nights. The cost of the semester is \$45 for ESL and \$85 for SSL. For more information, contact Rhoda Mbato at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com).



## Help Needed - Donate Food for the Monday Breakfast Ministry –

Our parish holds a breakfast ministry on Monday mornings for 60-80 homeless or low-income men and women. We need donations of homemade dishes, fruit, juice, milk, hard-boiled eggs, yogurt, and other breakfast items. Contact Norma Canedo at [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## Creation Care Team Corner – Pope Francis & Laudato Si'

✚ Pope Francis' encyclical, [Laudato Si'](#), is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.

✚ Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God.

✚ Pope Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

✚ He asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues and to focus less on material things.

✚ Through active stewardship and reducing excessive consumption/waste we demonstrate our care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift.

To join our parish Creation Care Team, contact Phil Downey at [phildowneyjr@gmail.com](mailto:phildowneyjr@gmail.com).





## Assisting our Brothers and Sisters in the Bahamas in the Wake of Hurricane Dorian

Dos maneras de ayudar a nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas en las Bahamas a Raíz del Huracán Dorian

### September 21 – 22 Second Collection

The devastation of the Bahamas caused by Hurricane Dorian is beyond heartbreaking. Homes, schools and businesses that stood there a month ago now simply no longer exist. Its people are now in dire need of medical care, shelter, food, water, clothing, and other supplies, as well as the materials to rebuild. The recovery process will remain for months, if not years.

In the wake of this humanitarian tragedy, Pope Francis has expressed his "hope that the international community will respond with prompt and effective assistance," while invoking "upon all engaged in this massive work of relief and rebuilding the Lord's gifts of strength and generous perseverance in the service of their brothers and sisters."

Joining our prayers with the Holy Father's and people around the world for those who have died and for survivors who are homeless, injured and suffering, the Church of Washington is acting to help provide assistance to those beleaguered people. In addition to a direct \$50,000 contribution from the Archdiocese of Washington to the Archdiocese of Nassau, Archbishop Gregory would like to provide ways for the Catholic faithful to participate and offer their assistance to the Bahamas and to other areas affected by this disaster.

Please be as generous as possible in giving to our special second collection next weekend, **September 21 – 22**, the proceeds of which will go the **Archdiocese of Nassau** to assist in rebuilding the lives of our Caribbean brothers and sisters.

### Donate to Catholic Relief Services

You also may donate to Catholic Relief Services in its work of assisting the survivors of Hurricane Dorian. Visit <https://www.crs.org/>, and scroll down to find a link with this image.



### Segunda Colecta 21 al 22 de septiembre

La devastación de las Bahamas causada por el huracán Dorian es más que desgarradora. Casas, escuelas y negocios que estaban allí hace un mes ahora simplemente ya no existen. Su gente ahora necesita atención médica, refugio, alimentos, agua, ropa y otros suministros, así como los materiales para reconstruir. El proceso de recuperación permanecerá durante meses, tal vez por años.

A raíz de esta tragedia humanitaria, el Papa Francisco ha expresado su "esperanza de que la comunidad internacional responda con asistencia rápida y eficaz", al tiempo que invoca "a todos los que participan en esta masiva labor de socorro y reconstrucción de los dones del Señor de fuerza y perseverancia generosa al servicio de sus hermanos y hermanas".

Uniendo nuestras oraciones con el Santo Padre y las personas de todo el mundo por aquellos que han muerto y por los sobrevivientes que están heridos y sufriendo, la Iglesia de Washington está actuando para ayudar a las personas con dificultades. Además de una contribución directa de \$50,000 de la Arquidiócesis de Washington a la Arquidiócesis de Nassau, el Arzobispo Gregory desea proveer maneras para que los fieles católicos participen y ofrezcan su asistencia a las Bahamas y a otras áreas afectadas por este desastre.

Por favor sea lo más generoso posible en nuestra segunda colecta especial el próximo fin de semana, **21 al 22 de septiembre**, cuyas donaciones irán a la **Arquidiócesis de**

**Nassau** para ayudar en la reconstrucción de las vidas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas caribeños.

### Donar a los Servicios Católicos de Socorro

También puede donar a los Servicios Católicos de Socorro en su trabajo de ayudar a los sobrevivientes del huracán

Dorian. Visite <https://www.crs.org/> y desplácese hacia abajo para encontrar un vínculo con esta imagen.

# *Concert Dedication of the Completed and fully-realized Lively-Fulcher Organ*

*Join us for an evening  
celebration on  
Friday, September 20,  
the Vigil of the Feast of our  
Parish  
Patronal Saint,  
St. Matthew, Apostle and  
Evangelist*

*Concert on the Great Organ  
at 7:30pm  
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**Nathan Laube***



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**september**

**Bilingual Mass**

in prayer for

**Migrants and Refugees**

**Misa Bilingüe**

en oración por

**Migrantes y Refugiados**

Su Excelencia  
His Excellency

**Mario E. Dorsonville**

Auxiliary Bishop of Washington  
Obispo Auxiliar de Washington

*“No se trata sólo de **migrantes**  
sino de **todos** nosotros”*

*“It is **not** just  
about **migrants**, but  
about **all** of us”*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
**WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2019**

¿Preguntas? Questions? Fr. John Benson: [jbenson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:jbenson@stmatthewscathedral.org)

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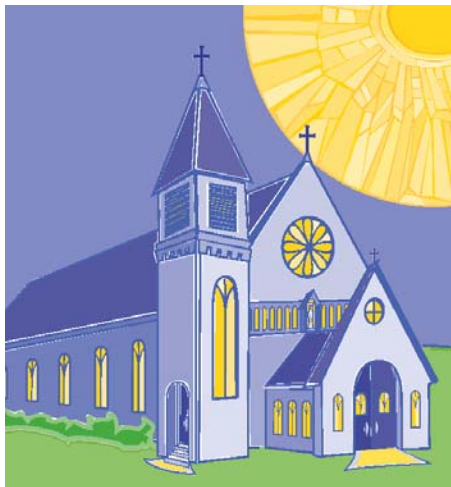
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*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)*

**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            | \$ _____ | Monthly     | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father                                    | \$ _____ | June      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry                   | \$ _____ | Monthly     | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications &<br>Human Development | \$ _____ | August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach                | \$ _____ | Monthly     | <input type="checkbox"/> Assumption                                     | \$ _____ | August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary                | \$ _____ | January     | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University                            | \$ _____ | September |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World | \$ _____ | March       | <input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day                                 | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday                    | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *                                | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday                    | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement               | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land                        | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious                  | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers                   | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception                          | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday                    | \$ _____ | March/April | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers                              | \$ _____ | December  |
| (In addition to regular Sunday gift)                      | \$ _____ | May         | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas                                      | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services         | \$ _____ |             |                                                                         |          |           |

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Credit/Debit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Healing OUR Church



**T**he recent wave of news about the clergy sex abuse crisis and the cover up by some church leaders has left many of the faithful angry and shaken in their relationship with the Church. Amidst other difficulties the situation presents, how do we find a way to minister to our hurting parishioners?

RENEW international has created **HEALING OUR CHURCH**, a small group resource which faces the issues head-on and helps the faithful begin the healing process and move forward, with the clergy, as a family of faith.

Franz Kuo and Theresa Prymuszewski will co-facilitate 6 sessions on Sundays from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the East Conference Room. Each participant purchases their own copy of the book: **HEALING OUR CHURCH** \$15.00 by calling RENEW at 908-769-5400

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski to pre-register by email [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)



## Faith Sharing Sessions

### Facing the Truth September 29, 2019

We express our feelings about the sexual-abuse scandal and its impact—first and foremost on the victim-survivors, but also on us and on all the faithful. We listen to the experiences of others, respecting their feelings and emotions. We face the truth so we can begin to move forward.

### Healing Our Wounds October 06, 2019

Acts of sexual abuse and the coverups have deeply wounded the whole people of God. Healing is an ongoing process that takes place over time and in several stages. The treatment is truth, compassion, transparency, and prayer. Each of us must play a part in the process of healing and transformation of the Church.

### Rebuilding Our Church October 20, 2019

We identify and explore the complex, multiple factors that have contributed to the sexual abuse and coverups. We claim our role in rebuilding the Church. We recall that in the history of the Church, whenever human sin and weakness have caused scandal, the Holy Spirit has inspired great women and men to respond and challenge the Church to personal and systemic changes.

### Why do I Remain Catholic? November 03, 2019

We read stories from people sharing why they remain Catholic, and what they treasure about the Church. We express our own reasons for remaining Catholic. We stand with Peter, saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

### We Believe November 17, 2019

We refocus on our connection to Christ, whom we meet in the sacraments and the Scriptures in the community of the faithful. We explore together what we believe and why.

### A Way Forward November 24, 2019

The Church is the people of God, called, and sent to be wounded healers. We explore the call to become missionary disciples and identify some necessary elements for transformation. The crisis is not an end but a turning point from which we together rebuild our Church.



## 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 2019 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

### 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).

## Lecturas del 15 de Septiembre

**E**n el cielo habrá más alegría por un pecador que se arrepiente.  
(Lucas 15, 7)

Sucedía que “se acercaban a Jesús los publicanos y los pecadores a escucharlo” y esto sorprendía a fariseos y escribas, que murmuraban: “Éste recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos.” Les parecía que el Señor no debería compartir su tiempo y amistad con personas de vida censurable, porque no concebían que aquellos que estaban “perdidos” y lejos de Dios podrían convertirse.

Las personas pueden estar perdidas en muchos sentidos. Los alcohólicos o drogadictos, los incrédulos, los que son incapaces de mantener una relación matrimonial permanente de amor y servicio, puede decirse que en cierta forma también están perdidos. Y es muy difícil encontrarlos, aunque por lo general no están lejos de nosotros; están perdidos en nuestro medio y a veces hasta en la propia familia. Al parecer, nadie puede tenderles la mano, porque no se sabe quiénes son ni dónde están. En estos casos, la tarea no es tanto encontrarlos, sino ayudarles a encontrarse ellos mismos.

Y, estas personas están perdidas tanto moral como espiritualmente; parecen un barco a la deriva o sin timón. Algunas de estas personas se han perdido por su propia culpa; pero otros se han perdido por no tener a nadie que los guíe, nadie que se interese por ellos.

Jesús mostró su preocupación por las “ovejas perdidas” (los cobradores de impuestos y otros pecadores) que habían sido abandonados por los pastores profesionales. Estos pastores se escandalizaron al ver lo que Jesús hacía, pero el Señor les contestó diciendo que hacía simplemente lo que haría cualquier pastor digno del nombre.

Un pastor no espera a que vuelvan las ovejas perdidas; sale a buscarlas, y eso es lo que hace Cristo. Él es el Hijo que el Padre envió para salvarnos. Jesús no esperó a que los pecadores vinieran a buscarle; él salía a buscarlos donde fuera que estuvieran. Y cuando los encontraba, los llevaba de regreso a la casa del Padre con alegría.

*“Señor Jesús, concédeme fe, fortaleza, amor y prudencia para salir a buscar a mis familiares o amigos que se han desviado del camino.”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo 15** Éx 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tim 1:12-17 / Lc 15:1-32 o 15:1-10

**Lunes 16** 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lc 7:1-10

*San Cornelio y San Cipriano*

**Martes 17** 1 Tim 3:1-13 / Lc 7:11-17

*San Roberto Belarmino*

**Miércoles 18** 1 Tim 3:14-16 / Lc 7:31-35

**Jueves 19** 1 Tim 4:12-16 / Lc 7:36-50

*San Jenaro*

**Viernes 20** 1 Tim 6:2-12 / Lc 8:1-3

*San Andrés Kim Taegon y San Pablo Chong Hasang*

**Sábado 21** Ef 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

*San Mateo (propia del día)*

**Domingo 22** Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lc 16:1-13

*San Mateo (celebración en las misas de 11:30am y 1:00pm)*

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

September 15 – 22

### Sunday, September 15

5:30pm Vigil (September 14)

Danellia Gallego

7am – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – John & Jane Gagat

11:30am – Margaret Pantalone

1pm – Yasmin Sanchez (living)

5:30pm – Alexis Walkenstein (living)

### Monday, September 16

7am – The Valcin Family (living)

8am – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen

5:30pm – Pam Erwin (living)

### Tuesday, September 17

7am – Thomas Vavra (living)

8am – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

12:10pm – Jean Boehme

5:30pm – Richard Ewann

### Wednesday, September 18

7am – Michael Gasser (living)

8am – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

12:10pm – Jim Driscoll

5:30pm – Arlene Weekly

### Thursday, September 19

7am – Louise A. Zbick

8am – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

12:10pm – Mary M. Savinski

5:30pm – Gary Mesick

### Friday, September 20

7am – Monica Curran

8am – Teopista Sabelino

12:10pm – Julio Cesar Villatoro

5:30pm – Carlos Alejandro Sanchez

### Saturday, September 21

8am – Lauren H. O'Neill (living)

12:10pm – Matthew Hills

5:30pm – Angie Nanni

### Sunday, September 22

7am – Mr. & Mrs. Stifanov

8:30am – Connie Pineiro

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Mary Crowe

1pm – Jean Forte

5:30pm – Ryan Wallace (living)

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.

## Noticias de la Parroquia

**Semestre de Otoño del programa de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos** – El semestre de otoño se llevará a cabo el **10 de septiembre** hasta el **12 de diciembre**. Durante este periodo, se proveerán las clases los martes, miércoles & jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas del Nivel 1 al Nivel 5. Las inscripciones continuaran durante las tardes que se ofrecen las clases. El costo del semestre es \$45. Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Carina Carrasco & Angelo Gomez, [stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos el lunes **16 de septiembre** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones durante la hora.

**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 “*San Mateo Apóstol—Nuestro Patrono*” el martes **17 de septiembre**. Para más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x541.

**Solemnidad de San Mateo, Apóstol y Evangelista, nuestro Santo Patrono** – Ese día se celebrará como solemnidad aquí en San Mateo con música (cantor y órgano) en la misa de las 12:10 del mediodía. Nuestra parroquia la Catedral también celebrará su fiesta patronal con misas a las 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde el domingo, **22 de septiembre**. La llamada de



Jesús a Mateo al discipulado es el tema de las lecturas y Evangelio en estas misas especiales. Este evento del Evangelio se describe en el mural situado al oeste de la Catedral titulado *La llamada de San Mateo*. Tome un momento y vea el mural.

**Evento de Hospitalidad con Ocasión de la Festividad de San Mateo Apóstol** – ¡Únase a nosotros el domingo **22 de septiembre** durante las horas de hospitalidad! Nos hemos unido al comité de Formación de Fe y tendremos información sobre San Mateo. Celebraremos la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia todos juntos en el salón de conferencias del Norte después de las misas de 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde. ¿Tiene preguntas? Envíenos un correo electrónico a [StMattsHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:StMattsHospitality@gmail.com).

✚ Lea la carta electrónica a los feligreses del Rector de septiembre 2019 en <https://conta.cc/307MFsm>.

**Se busca ayuda - Done comida para el ministerio de desayuno de 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, póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo a [ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Equipo del Cuidado de la Creación – El papa Francisco y *Laudato Si'***

✚ La encíclica del Papa Francisco, *Laudato Si'*, es un texto de importancia histórica en la Doctrina Social Católica. Nos reta a pensar sobre nuestra relación con la naturaleza.

✚ El Papa Francisco cambia el diálogo ambiental de una discusión política al lenguaje de la fe. La creación, el mundo natural que nos rodea, es reconocida como un precioso regalo de Dios.

✚ El Papa Francisco extiende un "desafío urgente para proteger nuestro hogar común ... para unir a toda la familia humana para buscar un desarrollo sostenible e integral, porque sabemos que las cosas pueden cambiar".

✚ Nos pide que examinemos nuestros estilos de vida a través de buenas virtudes ecológicas y que nos enfoquemos menos en las cosas materiales.

✚ A través de la administración activa y la reducción del consumo/desperdicio excesivos, demostramos nuestro cuidado por la creación y la gratitud por este gran regalo.

Únase al Equipo de Cuidado de la Creación de nuestra parroquia, póngase en contacto con Phil Downey por [phildowney.jr@gmail.com](mailto:phildowney.jr@gmail.com) o llame a Norma Canedo en la rectoría.

**Misa Roja** – [La 67ª Misa Roja Anual](#) se llevará a cabo en la Catedral el domingo, **6 de octubre** a las 10:00 de la mañana. La sociedad John Carroll auspicia la Misa Roja para sus miembros e invitados. La misa de las 8:30 de la mañana se cancela ese día. Si usted planea asistir a la Misa Roja, por favor, llegue temprano, ya que los miembros de seguridad no permitirán la entrada una vez que la Catedral se llene.