

Readings for October 14

... with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come. (Mark 10:30)

Today in Rome, Pope Francis will canonize Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, in addition to Pope Paul VI.

Selected as archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Romero served during a time of intense political turbulence and religious persecution. Through his homilies, radio sermons, and newspaper articles, Romero became the voice of his country's conscience. Constantly referring to the message of the gospel, he condemned the violence and corruption that plagued his country.

Countless threats against his life didn't deter Romero. In one homily, he said, "You can tell the people that if they succeed in killing me, I forgive and bless those who do it. Hopefully, they will realize they are wasting their time. A bishop will die, but the Church of God, which is the people, will never perish." On March 24, 1980, as he was saying Mass, a lone gunman stood at the door of the chapel and fired. Romero, who was standing at the altar, was shot in the heart and died on the spot.

In his letter announcing Romero's canonization, Pope Francis wrote, "In the beautiful land of Central America, bathed by the Pacific Ocean, the Lord granted his Church a zealous bishop who, loving God and serving brothers and sisters, became the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. In times of difficult coexistence, Archbishop Romero knew how to lead, defend and protect his flock. . . . And at the moment of his death, while he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of love and reconciliation, he received the grace to identify himself fully with the One who gave his life for his sheep."

Oscar Romero lived out today's readings. He chose God's wisdom over the wealth and comfort of the world. He proclaimed the word of God in a way that cut people to the heart. And he gave everything to the poor of El Salvador. May his witness move all of us to answer the cry of the poor and downtrodden.

"St. Oscar Romero, pray for us."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 14 Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday 15 Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1 / Lk 11:29-32

St. Teresa of Jesus

Tuesday 16 Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41

St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Wednesday 17 Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Thursday 18 2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

St. Luke

Friday 19 Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions

Saturday 20 Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12

St. Paul of the Cross

Sunday 21 Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Parish Calendar

October 14 - 21

Sunday 14—A second collection for World Missions and Propagation of the Faith is taken at all Masses.

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

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

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.

Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

Monday 15—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour.

Tuesday 16—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 17—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

A RENEW Small Groups Potluck is held at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room.

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

Thursday 18—The Knights of Columbus meet in the West Conference Room at 7:30pm.

A course on Morality meets at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room.

Sunday 21—Sunday Children's Faith

Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Building.

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

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

An Anointing Mass is celebrated at the regular 11:30am Mass.

Landings meets at 1pm at the rectory office.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Rm.

Please pray for **Pope Francis' October intention** "that consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice."

News & Notes

Young Adult Coffeehouse – Join the [Cathedral Young Adults](#) for their “Get More out of Mass” **Coffeehouse** series in the West Conference Room, right after the Sunday 5:30pm Mass. The topic on **October 14** is the Final Blessing and Dismissal. Come on down!

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **October 15** from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour (English only). Come, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for His Church, and yours.

Music and Ministry

Choral Highlights – Have you noticed the Office of Music Ministries’ [Choral Highlights](#) on the parish website front page? It features lively descriptions and samples of versions of the upcoming Sunday’s music to be sung by the Schola Cantorum. Enjoy a taste, and let it draw you into Sunday’s Mass prayers and readings.



The Mass Through New Eyes: Unlock the Power of the Mass – Do you have the interest and the courage to discover how? Would you be willing to risk walking into a room knowing that you might not be able to leave as the same person? Come on Saturday, **October 27**, 9 – 11:30am, to discover a religious and

spiritual experience that could change you forever. What is really happening at Mass? What is intended? And what is promised?

Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries at the Cathedral, will lead us through a discovery of the essentials of the Eucharist as celebrated by Roman Catholic Christians. We will examine why we believe the Mass is crucial to “live in the manner worthy of the call we have received.” We will unpack the elements of the Mass, and discover how its celebration nourishes and sustains the Body of Christ to which we claim to belong. The session will begin with a special musical morning prayer in the St. Anthony Chapel, and continue in the North Conference Room, with ample time for discussion. Registration is helpful but not required. (The session is limited to the first 70 participants.) We ask you to please email tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org if you plan to attend.



Concert of Remembrance – We are honored to offer on Sunday, **November 4** a special Remembrance Concert and prayer for our Cathedral friends and family who have died. This concert traditionally has featured Requiems by Gabriel Fauré and Maurice Duruflé. This year we include the well-loved Requiem of Herbert Howells, a meditation on death by Henry Purcell, a piece by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt commissioned in memory of those killed in the Madrid train station bombings of 2002, entitled *Da Pacem* (Give Peace), and a Psalm and folk song by another Estonian composer, Cyrillus Kreek. You also will hear a work by Washington composer Thomas Howe, *Remembered Music*, that was premiered here at the Cathedral. The concert concludes with *Lux Aeterna* by Argentine composer Fernando Moruja, whose *O Bone Jesu* was sung at the Midday Prayer with the Pope here in 2015. Prayers and readings interwoven with the music will make this a true meditation and memorial.

To have a deceased loved one remembered and included by name in the concert program, contact Tom Stehle (contact info at left) by Friday, **October 26**. You may make an online memorial donation by clicking [here](#) or contacting Tom.

Outreach

Fall Feast of Treats Dinner for the Homeless – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends on Sunday, **October 21** at 3pm. Contact Paulin Leonida at imapaulina@gmail.com or 202-630-0119 to help with any of the following:

- Set up, serve, and provide hospitality to our guests
 - Make or purchase food for the dinner
 - Give a monetary donation towards food and supplies
- These biannual dinners are a huge success because of YOU! We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Faith Formation

RENEW Reunion – All RENEW leaders and all who participated in “Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life” small groups are invited to our biannual potluck dinner this Wednesday, **October 17** at 6:30pm in the North Conference Room. As we share a meal we will reflect upon how we accompanied each other through this faith sharing process.

Faith Formation, *cont'd.*

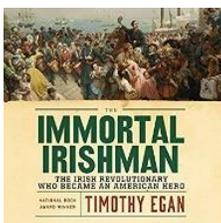


Fall Lectures - Save the Dates! – This year's [Fall Lecture](#)



[Series](#) topic is *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World. Theresa Prymuszewski kicks off this Tuesday evening series on **October 23**, unpacking the Pope's theme of "activity that sanctifies." Fr. Timothy Kesicki, S.J., President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the U.S., focuses on Chapter 3, "The Beatitudes," on **October 30**. Fr. Sean Michaelson, S.J., Socius of the Jesuit Conference, concludes with a talk on "Signs of Holiness in Today's World" on **November 6**.

Saturday Bible Study – Join Fr. Jack Hurley and friends on **November 10 and 17** for a study of the Gospel of Luke, which is the Church's Gospel for the upcoming liturgical year. The study meets at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.



Cathedral Book Club – "The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an

American Hero," by National Book Award winner Timothy Egan, is the book to be discussed at the next Cathedral Book Club, on Monday, **November 19**. Join us from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room. Let's get reading!

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 2018 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

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

Rite of Christian Initiation

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

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

Lecturas del 14 de Octubre

En el Evangelio de hoy, un hombre rico le pregunta a Jesús qué debe hacer para heredar la vida eterna y afirma que desde joven ha observado los mandamientos de Dios.

Jesús lo mira con amor y compasión y le hace una invitación precisa y clara: “Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme.”

Pero, habiendo vivido muchos años confiando en la seguridad de sus riquezas, la razón del hombre objeta la perspectiva de despojarse de todos sus bienes: “Entonces, ¿de qué voy a vivir? ¿Cómo voy a mantener mi posición en la sociedad?” La idea de renunciar a todo aquello que le ha significado seguridad, bienestar y, por qué no decirlo, felicidad en su vida, para lanzarse a ojos cerrados a una aventura en la que le parece no tener seguridad de nada, le parece absurda.

No viendo ninguna salida convincente, se aleja triste. ¿Por qué triste? Porque no consigue comprender que en la propuesta de Jesús está el bien verdadero, el verdadero rostro de la sabiduría, la vida eterna que, equivocadamente, busca en las cosas creadas y no en Dios.

Jesús explica a los asombrados discípulos que las riquezas, que en el Antiguo Testamento eran consideradas un signo de la benevolencia divina, pueden ser para algunos el obstáculo más grande para acoger el Reino de los cielos.

El ser humano tiene un innegable anhelo de vida, de plenitud, de felicidad, pero la cultura del mundo, que promueve la superioridad del ser humano por encima de Dios, busca esa vida plena y felicidad en las cosas creadas, en los placeres efímeros y engañosos, en la autosuficiencia y en la superioridad frente al otro.

Y lo que el Señor nos propone en la frase “Vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres” es diametralmente opuesto, como lo afirma igualmente con estas otras palabras: “El que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda la vida por causa mía, la encontrará” (Mateo 16, 25).

“Amado Señor, yo también quiero llegar a merecer la vida eterna.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 14 Sab 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mc 10:17-30 o 10:17-27

Lunes 15 Gál 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1 / Lc 11:29-32

Santa Teresa de Jesús

Martes 16 Gál 5:1-6 / Lc 11:37-41

Santa Margarita María Alacoque, Santa Eduvigis

Miércoles 17 Gál 5:18-25 / Lc 11:42-46

San Ignacio de Antioquia

Jueves 18 2 Tim 4:10-17b / Lc 10:1-9

San Lucas

Viernes 19 Ef 1:11-14 / Lc 12:1-7

San Juan Brébeuf y San Isaac Jogues, Presbíteros, y Compañeros

Sábado 20 Ef 1:15-23 / Lc 12:8-12

San Pablo de la Cruz

Domingo 21 Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mc 10:35-45 o 10:42-45

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

October 14 – 21

Sunday, October 14

5:30pm Vigil (Oct 13) – Patrick McArdle

7am – Maria Sequeda (living)

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Lucy M. Schu

11:30am – Jose Aoanan (living)

1pm – Daniela Gonzalez (living)

5:30pm – Marie Stoia Graham

Monday, October 15

7am – Rita Theresa Zelonis

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Marina Matus

5:30pm – Seamus Benedict Casey

Tuesday, October 16

7am – Clarissa Harrington

8am – Pureza de Jesus

12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen

5:30pm – Wilfredo Custodio

Wednesday, October 17

7am – Dominick Barbera

8am – For greater accountability & transparency in Church leaders

12:10pm – Ethna Alperstein

5:30pm – Edith F. Sear

Thursday, October 18

7am – For the healing of victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse

8am – Carlos Sanchez

12:10pm – Casey & Jan Stefanski (living)

5:30pm – Raymond W. Carpenter

Friday, October 19

7am – Leonard J. Zelonis

8am – Helen Rossetti

12:10pm – Donald Moen (living)

5:30pm – Clara Iregui Hubbard

Saturday, October 20

12:10pm – Rick Weaver (living)

5:30pm – Isabelle Budarz

Sunday, October 21

7am – Margaret C. Hurley

8:30am – Ngoc Le (living)

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – Joanne Marsh Hockensmith

1pm – Roger Palacios

5:30pm – Kelly Brodnik

Bendición Matrimonial – Padre Agustín López estará bendiciendo a las parejas que están celebrando 1 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **21 de octubre**, durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541 a más tardar el miércoles **17 de octubre**.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

– Les invitamos el lunes **15 de octubre** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones durante la hora en (inglés solamente).

Cena de Otoño para las Personas sin Hogar

– El comité de Justicia Social estará auspiciando una cena para nuestros amigos sin hogar el domingo, **21 de octubre**, a las 3 de la tarde. Póngase en contacto con Paulin Leonida al imapaulina@gmail.com o al 202-630-0119 para ayudar con lo siguiente:

- Alistar los salones, servir y proveer hospitalidad a nuestros invitados
- Preparar o comprar comida para servir durante la cena
- Hacer una donación monetaria para el uso de compras de comida y materiales. ¡Muchas gracias!

Necesitamos Voluntarios - Programa de Español como Segundo Idioma

– Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan comprometerse a enseñar una noche a la semana de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. No es necesario que tenga entrenamiento formal. Los profesores serán asignados una clase de 2 horas cada semana junto a otro maestro. Les entregaremos libros de texto a los estudiantes y a los maestros para que planifiquen sus lecciones. Las clases de español son del nivel 1 al nivel 3. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con Carina Carrasco al stmattsssl@gmail.com o llame a Norma a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

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. Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x541.

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).



Baby Margo's Drive

**Children's National™
Blood Drive**



**The Social Justice Committee invites you to donate
lifesaving blood to patients of Children's Hospital:**

Location: St. Matthew's Cathedral

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Our parish holds blood drives for Children's Hospital in memory of baby Margo, a child from our parish who received treatment and caring attention at the hospital. We are blessed to carry on Margo's memory by helping other children who are currently receiving treatment.

To schedule an appointment: Call (202)476-5437

You may also register online, email Mary Budarz
at socialjusticestmatthew@gmail.com.

**El Comité de Justicia Social los invita a donar sangre
para ayudar a los pacientes del Hospital de Niños (*Children's*):**

Localización: Catedral de San Mateo

Fecha: Domingo, 21 de octubre de 2018

Horas: 9:30am a 2:30pm

Nuestra parroquia auspicia donación de sangre para el Hospital de Niños en memoria de la bebé Margo, una niña de nuestra parroquia que recibió tratamiento y cuidado cariñoso del hospital.

Somos bendecidos de poder guardar la memoria de Margo al ayudar a otros niños quienes actualmente están recibiendo tratamientos.

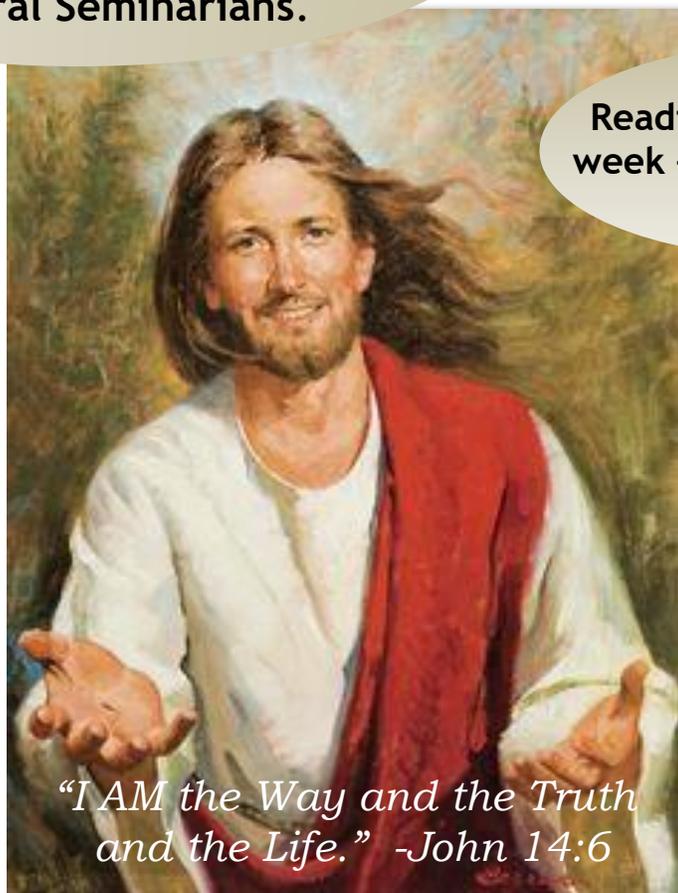
Para hacer una cita: Llame al (202)476-5437

También puede inscribirse por el internet, mande un correo a
Norma Canedo a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
WASHINGTON, DC

The Sacred Page Group
invites you to study & discuss
the upcoming Sunday's
readings with our
Cathedral Seminarians.



Readings provided each
week - just bring yourself
and a friend!

*"I AM the Way and the Truth
and the Life." -John 14:6*

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30pm

West Conference Room

(accessible via the stairwell and door in the alley
along the west side of the Cathedral)

For more information, email: sacredpagebiblestudy@gmail.com.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
A Celebration of Healing
Sunday, October 21 at the 11:30am Mass

Do YOU know someone who is a: **child or adult about to undergo or is recovering from surgery; or someone experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness or condition; or who is physically handicapped or seriously impaired by old age.**" If so, then we would like to invite them to receive this sacrament.

Of the seven sacraments, the Church classifies two of them as the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (usually known as Confession) and Anointing of the Sick. Each of them involves healing the human person; one for our spiritual health and the other for our physical well-being. How these sacraments have been practiced in the life of the Church has differed over time. This brief summary is about the anointing of the sick. Historically, oil was widely used in the ancient world for a variety of life purposes: lighting, cooking, athletic preparation, special marking and especially healing wounds. So, it is not surprising that the New Testament includes reference to the use of oil, once in Mark's gospel and another in a letter of the apostle, James.

In the life of the early church, the common use of oil for healing was given a special blessing by the bishop to call upon God's power for the benefit of the sick. During the early centuries, the application of the blessed oil could be done by any of the baptized faithful, since it was primarily for the healing of physical defects. In later centuries, it began to be associated with the dying to heal the soul before death, especially as it was done concurrent with one's last confession. Thus, during these later centuries, this concurrent use of both sacraments led to limiting the sacramental anointing to those who were ordained, i.e. a priest.

All sacraments are for the benefit of the individual, but we are all members of the Body of Christ. So, when one member of the body is afflicted, so is the whole body. And as the physical body makes an effort to assist healing the afflicted part, so also the spiritual body is involved in healing the injured member. To reflect this theology, the Church encourages this sacrament to be administered as much as possible in a public way, even if administered in a hospital or nursing home. So, the sacramental ritual provides for celebrating the anointing as part of a community liturgy, such as Mass, much as we do for baptisms, first communions, and the other sacraments.

At St. Matthew's, our communal celebration is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke who is especially associated with the sick. There will be a similar celebration in February to enable our Hispanic parishioners to participate in this special sacramental celebration. We encourage your presence and participation

"If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him." (James 5: 14)

Deacon Bart Merella

(Please complete the form on the reverse side for the anointing)

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 21 at the 11:30am Mass

Participation Form

“If anyone of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him.” (James 4: 14)

Who Can Be Anointed. Faithful who may receive this sacrament should be: children and adults about to undergo or are recovering from surgery; those experiencing or being treated for a serious physical or mental illness or condition; those who are physically handicapped; and those seriously impaired by old age.

Those who would like to receive this sacrament or know someone who may wish to be contacted about receiving the sacrament, please enter the information below.

PRINT Name: _____

PRINT Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please leave this completed form with a hospitality minister (usher) at Mass or at the rectory office. If further information is needed, please contact Deacon Bart Merella (bmerella@verizon.net).

I encourage all parishioners to join in this communal celebration of this sacrament and encourage as many as possible to receive the special sacramental anointing.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

(See reverse for background explanation)



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Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

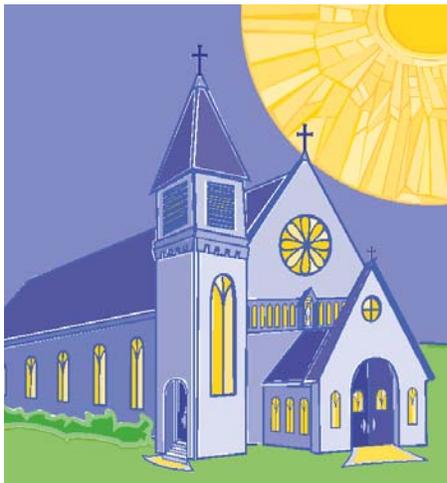
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How does Faith Direct work?

Faith Direct is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to info@faithdirect.net, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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Process my gifts on the: 4th *or* 15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

"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 & 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<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 (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

Name(s): *(please print)* _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit/Debit Card: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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