

Readings for October 20

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (*Exodus 17:11*) Wouldn't it be nice to have a direct way to know that your prayers are being heard? Moses had it: hands up, the Israelites win the battle. Hands down, they lose. It was as simple as that. But Moses couldn't persevere on his own. He needed help to hold his hands high.

This story tells us that we all need support at times. It can be very tiring to keep praying. It takes a lot out of us. That's why we can all appreciate the image of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' hands as he prayed for the Israelites' victory in battle. His friends stood by him and helped him do what he couldn't do on his own.

The truth is, each one of us needs our brothers and sisters in Christ to hold us up. They help us persevere. You can probably recall times when you've reached out to a friend and asked him to pray with you for something important. His support meant a lot to you.

When you don't see an immediate answer to your prayers, your friends, like Moses' friends, can help you perceive the field of battle more clearly and draw your attention to the ways God is already working. They might remind you of specific times that God has answered your prayers—or theirs—in the past. And when you feel completely in the dark, they can stand with you and pray with you as you do your best to keep moving forward. You can do the same for them too.

So don't go it alone! Maybe you already have someone who can stand with you in prayer, a friend who will join her voice to yours as you intercede. But if not, ask the Lord for someone to partner with you. He loves to send people who will be there to hold you up.

"Thank you, Lord, for the gift of friendships in the body of Christ."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 20	Ex 17:8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 / Lk 18:1-8
Monday 21	Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday 22	Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38 <i>St. John Paul II, pope</i>
Wednesday 23	Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48 <i>St. John of Capistrano</i>
Thursday 24	Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53 <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>
Friday 25	Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59
Saturday 26	Rom 8:1-11 / Lk 13:1-9
Sunday 27	Sir 35:12-14 / 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

Parish Calendar

October 20 – 27

Sunday 20—Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am.

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

A Mass with Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at 11:30am.

Healing our Church meets at 3pm in the East Conference Room.

Always God's Children meets at Nandos's at 3:30pm.

Paul Hardy gives an organ recital at 3:30pm.

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

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Monday 21—A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour.

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Tuesday 22—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Wednesday 23—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

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

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Thursday 24—Celebration of the Word is held at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Friday 25—Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Saturday 26—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 11:30am in the Cathedral.

Novena al Señor de los Milagros a las 7:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Sunday 27—Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am.

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

The White Mass is celebrated by **Archbishop Gregory** at 11:30am.

Bendicion de Parejas durante la Misa de 1:00 de la tarde.

Archbishop Gregory celebrates the 5:30pm Mass. Coffeehouse meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass.

News and Notes

To schedule a guided tour of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of our Nation's capital, contact Dan Evans at devans@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, meets on Sunday, **October 20** at 3:30pm at Nando's (1210 18th Street, NW). Look for the AGC sign or text Eve Tushnet at 202-641-5404.

November Masses for the Deceased – We remember our deceased loved ones in a special way throughout November. Each day a special Mass is celebrated for this intention. Special envelopes are provided in the pews so that you can list the names of the deceased to be remembered at these daily Masses. The envelopes, which can be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory, will be placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

Retired Priests Collection – The second collection on the weekend of **November 2 - 3** is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Our ADW priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community, continuing Christ's mission. Let's join together to help them to live in dignity by providing for their care and housing. Please use the envelopes mailed to you by the Archdiocese or the special collection envelopes in the pews on collection weekend. You also may give online at www.adw.org/rpc or through your smartphone by texting "Priest" to 301-231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you. Our normal monthly second collection for church improvements will be taken on **November 10**.

Lector Training – Are you interested in serving as a lector? Come to an orientation and training session Saturday, **November 9** in the North Conference Room, 9:30am - 1pm. Attendees are asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. To register, call Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 x517.

Music



Organ Recital by Paul Hardy - St. Matthew's Lively-Fulcher Great Organ Inaugural Concert Series

continues with a Sunday Afternoon Recital of works by J. S. Bach, Maurice Duruflé, and Richard K. Fitzgerald on Sunday, **October 20** at 3:30pm, featuring Cathedral Organist Paul Hardy. Paul has been the Principal Organist of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle since 2000. He also assists the musicians at the Basilica of the National Shrine as organist and carillonneur. Paul studied organ with Dr. Robert Grogan. He also works as a Database and ETL Developer at American University in the Office of Information Technology. Join us as we continue the celebration of the completion of our Lively-Fulcher Great Organ!

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

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

October Prayers

Pray the Holy Rosary in October – October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope Francis urges us to contemplate the mysteries of the Holy Rosary "simply and lovingly," gazing at Jesus as Mary did "at all the moments of his life." Read

meditations on the Rosary based on Pope Francis' Message at World Youth Day – Krakow 2016 at <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/meditationsontherosary>.

Respect Life Month – October is designated **Respect Life Month** by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Find the reflection on the 2019 theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," at respectlife.org/reflection.



40 Days for Life – Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort (**September 25** through **November 3**). In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, volunteers may sign up to pray at the DC 40 Days for Life location. Contact Michael New at 205-657-6943. Learn more at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/washington>.

October Papal Intention – Please pray for Pope Francis' **October** intention: that the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – *Pray at 3pm each day for family peace* – Catholics believe that God loves and cares for everyone, and that God knows their pain and concerns. Catholics for Family Peace (based at Catholic University) invites you to join us in a moment of prayer at 3pm, wherever you are, for those suffering from violence and abuse and those who use violence to control others. We pray for them and for all who work to end domestic violence. Would you set an alarm to join us each day to pray at 3pm? To learn more, please visit www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Brochure – Pick up our 2019-2020 Faith Formation brochure at Cathedral entrances or the rectory office, or view it at <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/2019ffbrochure>.

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 tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Saturday Bible Study – Join Fr. Jack Hurley and friends on **November 2, 9, and 16** for a discussion of the Book of Daniel - an exciting Old Testament presentation of much more than Daniel in the Lion's Den! Here one encounters not just memorable tales and dreams, but also apocalyptic visions, a genre that had a profound influence on early Christianity, especially the Book of Revelation.

Cathedral Book Club – For its next selection, the Cathedral Book Club will discuss “Living Buddha, Living Christ,” by Thich Nhat Hanh on Monday, **November 18** from 6:45 to 8pm in the East Conference Room. The book is described as “lucid and meditative prose” in which the author explores the compassion and holiness at which Christianity and Buddhism meet. His reflection on “mindfulness” presents a poetic and very readable recommendation for our times.

Healing our Church



Rev. John O’Malley, S.J.: “Who Runs the Church? The Crisis, Pope Francis, You?” – Join us on Thursday, **November 21** as we welcome renowned Church historian, theologian and author Rev. John O’Malley, S.J. Ph.D. for a presentation entitled “Who Runs the Church?

The Crisis, Pope Francis, You?” He will speak from 7 to 8:30pm in the North Conference Room. Fr. O’Malley is a Jesuit priest, and currently a professor in the Theology Department of Georgetown University. Fr. O’Malley holds a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University and has lectured widely in Europe and North America. In 2008 he published the renowned text, “What Happened at Vatican II,” a companion to his book “Trent, What Happened at the Council” (2012). Fr. James Martin, S.J. writes, “John O’Malley, S.J. is not only the dean of American Catholic historians, he is also one of the Church’s greatest and most accomplished teachers.”

Retreats for Survivors of Abuse – The Archdiocese of Washington sponsors retreats for survivors of abuse. A men’s retreat was given in early October, and women’s retreats are offered **November 15-17** and **April 3-5, 2020**. Visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. Register with Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466 or mcdonald@adw.org.

Social Justice & Community Service



Support Needed - Monsignor Jameson Fall Feast of Treats Dinner for the Homeless – The Social Justice & Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends next Sunday, **October 27**. Contact Paulin Leonida at lmapaulina@gmail.com or 202-630-0119 to help with a monetary donation or to donate food. Many thanks! (Photo: Our organizer, Paulin Leonida, at this year’s Red Mass)

Cathedral † Young Adults

[Read the latest C†YA newsletter.](#)

C†YA Coffeehouse – following the 5:30pm Sunday Mass - **North Conference Room** – All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to our weekly Coffeehouse for a meet-and-greet and chance to catch up with friends old and new! [Email C†YA with questions.](#)

Theology on Tap - "Uniting Mind & Heart in Healing: A Spiritual & Psychological Approach" with Fr. Dan Leary & Jessie Tappel - Tuesday, November 12 - 6pm happy hour / 7pm talk - Public Bar Live (1214 18th Street, NW) – Join C†YA and young adults from around the city for food, drinks, fellowship, and the featured talk!

• POSITION OPENING •

Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry & Theology on Tap – A

Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry and Theology on Tap is sought to work with young adults in St. Matthew’s Cathedral parish and the surrounding area of NW Washington. [View the job description.](#) Contact: Lisa Calla-Russ at 301-853-4496 or russl@adw.org.



Eucharistic Holy Hour for *Life*



Monday
Oct 21, 2019

*5:30pm Mass
6pm Holy Hour*

*Join us in prayer
to protect human life*

Hora Santa por la Vida

Lunes, 21 de octubre de 2019

5:30pm Misa (en inglés)

6:00 - 7:00 Hora Santa

*Únase a nosotros para orar
por la protección de la vida humana.*

Questions? ¿Preguntas?

Fr. John Benson jbenson@stmatthewscathedral.org / 202-347-3215 x536



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Celebration of the Word

Thursdays East
7:30pm Conference Room

The Word of God is more than just a nice story
about something that happened a long time ago...

It is **our** story.

It is a living Word.

It touches our lives, and we find ourselves within it.

All are welcome to come —
no sign-ups or materials needed

Fr. John Benson
202-347-3215



**St. Matthew's Cathedral
Social Justice & Community Services Ministry
Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program 2019**



Program Overview

For over 17 years, St. Matthew's Cathedral has sponsored the Adopt-A-Family Program, which seeks to assist low-income families and individuals in our community at Christmas time. Last year, the program served **66 families** and over **100 men and women from our Homeless Ministry**. We were also able to contribute gifts to the local **L'Arche communities**, which serve adults with intellectual disabilities. Additionally, we included **children from the DC General family shelter** in our program. The gifts given to these individuals and families included clothing items, personal items, bedding, household items, as well as toys for the children.

Sponsorship Opportunities

This program is successful through the support of our neighboring business community and the help of many volunteers. Last year, in addition to the parish's participation, over 36 sponsors helped take care of the needs of the families in our program.

Please consider the following ways you and your team can serve as a sponsor:

- ***Adopt more than one family:*** This option is appropriate for large organizations with many willing and generous participants. The group will receive specific "wish lists" for each family and be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- ***Adopt one family:*** A group representative will receive a specific "wish list" of items from the family, along with ages of family members. You will then be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- ***Adopt a child (or a few children):*** A group representative will receive the "wish lists" of either one or a few children and will purchase their gifts (each child receives three gifts).
- ***Contribute to the program:*** Your group can either collect money from employees or make a financial contribution to the program. The contribution will be used to purchase gifts for a family.

Timeline

You will receive a profile on the family and their "wish list" by November. You are asked to deliver wrapped and labeled gifts to the Cathedral by the first week of December. More details will be provided to you later.

Please confirm your participation:

You may reach Norma Canedo at the parish rectory at (202) 347-3215x552 or by email at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org. By fax: (202) 347-7184.

Volunteer Opportunities & General Inquiries

We are always in need of helping hands. For volunteer opportunities please contact the Christmas Program Coordinator, Pam Quinn, for more information and general information on this Christmas initiative, pquinn505@aol.com.



Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol
Ministerio de Justicia Social & Servicio Comunitario
Programa Navideño de Adopte-una-Familia 2019



Resumen del programa

Por más de 17 años, la Catedral de San Mateo ha auspiciado el programa de Adopte-una-Familia, la cual busca asistir a familias de bajos recursos e individuos de nuestra comunidad durante el tiempo de Navidad. El año pasado, el programa sirvió a **66 familias** y más de **100 hombres y mujeres de nuestro Ministerio a Personas Sin Hogar**. Además, pudimos contribuir regalos a las comunidades locales de **L'Arche**, quienes ayudan a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales. Adicionalmente, incluimos a niños del refugio de familias del **DC General**. Los regalos que recibieron estos individuos y familias incluyeron ropa, artículos personales, sabanas y cubrecamas, artículos para el hogar y también juguetes para los niños.

Oportunidades para servir como patrocinador

Este programa es siempre un éxito por la ayuda de la comunidad de negocios de nuestra vecindad y por la ayuda de muchos voluntarios. El año pasado, en adición a la ayuda de la parroquia, más de 36 patrocinadores nos ayudaron a conseguir regalos para las necesidades de las familias.

Por favor considere las diferentes maneras por la cual usted y su equipo puedan ayudar:

- **Adopte más de una familia:** Esta opción es apropiada para organizaciones grandes, que tengan muchos voluntarios generosos que puedan participar. El grupo recibirá una lista de regalos con artículos específicos para cada familia y serán responsables para comprar todos los regalos para cada miembro de las familias.
- **Adopte una familia:** Un representante de su grupo recibirá la lista de regalos para una familia entera. El grupo tendrá que comprar los regalos de cada miembro de la familia.
- **Adopte un niño/a (o unos cuantos niños):** Un representante del grupo recibirá la lista de regalos para uno o más niños. El grupo se encargará de comprar todos los regalos de cada niño (cada niño recibe tres regalos).
- **Contribuye al programa:** Su grupo puede recoger dinero de sus miembros/empleados y hacer una contribución monetaria al programa. Las donaciones se usarán para hacer comprar regalos para una familia o individuos.

Los próximos pasos

Recibirán un perfil de la familia y la lista de los regalos deseados en noviembre. Se les pide que regresen los regalos envueltos y con etiquetas a la Catedral para la primera semana de diciembre. Más detalles se les proveerán después.

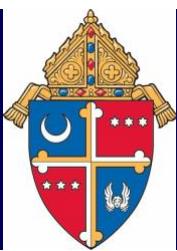
Por favor confirme su participación:

Póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo en la rectoría al (202) 347-3215 x552 o por correo electrónico a nkanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Oportunidades de voluntariado & preguntas generales

Siempre estamos en necesidad de voluntarios. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la coordinadora del Programa Navideño, Pam Quinn, para más información y sobre preguntas relacionados al programa, pquinn505@aol.com.

*Renewing Baptismal Promises,
Recognizing the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs*



ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON 10TH ANNUAL

WHITE MASS

SUNDAY, October 27, 2019
11:30 AM

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

Principal Celebrant
HIS EXCELLENCY

THE MOST REVEREND WILTON D. GREGORY
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

REVEREND MONSIGNOR W. RONALD JAMESON
RECTOR, *CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE*

The Mass has the designation, “White” because of that color’s connection to our baptismal promises and it has now become a tradition that all the participants at the liturgy wear white, to symbolize the bonds of community we all share through this sacrament of initiation. In fact, the Catholic Bishops in 2017 based their Sacramental Guidelines for Persons with Disabilities on this primary foundation:

By reason of their baptism, all Catholics are equal in dignity in the sight of God and have the same divine calling. (#1)

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Metro: Farragut North/Red Line

Parking available at SP Plus Parking Garage next to Cathedral

For more information, contact specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-853-4560

Save the Date: Family Retreat Day-March 21, 2020

CONCERT of REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:30 pm

Schola Cantorum

Thomas Stehle, Director

Requiem

Maurice Duruflé

With Motets by

Felix Mendelssohn, John Tavener, Leo Nestor, & Ivo Antognini

featuring Cathedral Organist Paul Hardy

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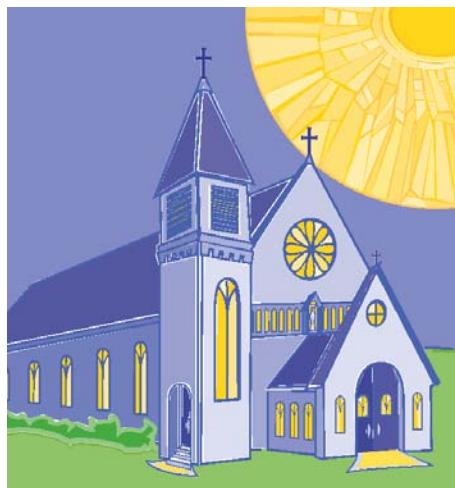
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

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How does Faith Direct work?

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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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To enroll online, use code
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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	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<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.

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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.

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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: _____

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.

Lecturas del 20 de Octubre

Yo les digo que les hará justicia sin tardar. (Lucas 18, 8) Jesucristo nos asegura que nuestras súplicas no caen en oídos sordos. La viuda de la parábola personifica a los más indefensos y vulnerables, pues en aquella época ser viuda y sin hijos significaba carecer de toda protección y de recursos para sobrevivir. Esta situación lleva a la viuda a persistir en su petición al juez, que carecía de todo sentido de justicia ni temía a Dios ni a nadie. Por esta perseverancia, si se quiere una insistencia molesta, el juez decidió hacerle justicia, aunque no fuera más que para librarse de las constantes y quejumbrosas visitas de la viuda.

De esta parábola, Jesús saca tres conclusiones que podrían aplicarse a la vida actual. Primero, que si el juez injusto estuvo dispuesto a atender los ruegos de la viuda, ¿cuánto más Dios —que es el Juez justo por excelencia— hará justicia a sus hijos verdaderas necesidades? Dios es un Padre bueno y compasivo, que tiene cariño preferencial por el inocente, el pobre y el justo, y ciertamente escucha y responde a las súplicas de ellos.

La segunda conclusión es que Dios “no tarda” en responder a las oraciones de sus fieles, sino que lo hace “pronto”. Jesús no dijo que Dios respondería “inmediatamente” ni “al instante”, y probablemente todos hemos comprobado que a veces las respuestas a nuestras oraciones tienen cierta demora.

Como tercera conclusión, Jesús terminó diciendo: “Cuando venga el Hijo del hombre, ¿creen que encontrará fe sobre la tierra?” (Lucas 18, 8). Cristo, el Juez justo, vendrá a juzgar a cada uno de los que formamos la humanidad desde el principio del mundo, y el resultado dependerá de la fe y las obras que encuentre en los corazones humanos. Es obvio, entonces, que hagamos todo lo posible para que nuestra vida y la de nuestros seres queridos demuestre fe y amor a pesar del caos del mundo. Aprovechemos este “aparente retraso” de Dios, para llevar a cuantos podamos a la fe en Cristo.

“Amado Jesús, Señor y Salvador nuestro, libra a los que sufren injusticia y abuso, y suscita la generosidad en tus hijos para que les brinden la ayuda que necesitan.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 20	Éx 17:8-13 / 2 Tim 3:14—4:2 / Lc 18:1-8
Lunes 21	Rom 4:20-25 / Lc 12:13-21
Martes 22	Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21 / Lc 12:35-38 <i>San Juan Pablo II, papa</i>
Miércoles 23	Rom 6:12-18 / Lc 12:39-48 <i>San Juan de Capistrano</i>
Jueves 24	Rom 6:19-23 / Lc 12:49-53 <i>San Antonio María Claret</i>
Viernes 25	Rom 7:18-25a / Lc 12:54-59
Sábado 26	Rom 8:1-11 / Lc 13:1-9
Domingo 27	Sir 35:12-14/ 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18/ Lc 18:9-14

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions October 20 - 27

Sunday, October 20

- 5:30pm Vigil (October 19) Clara Iregui Hubbard
 7am - All Parishioners
 8:30am - Janet Sanford
 11:30am - Andrew “Butch” Wozniak
 1pm - Wilfredo Custodio
 5:30pm - Rick Weaver (living)

Monday, October 21

- 7am - Oscar Grau
 8am - Ngoc Le (living)
 12:10pm - Kaithyn M. Lovett
 5:30pm - Mildred Ann Walden

Tuesday, October 22

- 7am - Nancy Vendetti
 8am - Rachel Pino Elliott (living)
 12:10pm - Pacita Aguilar Gonzaga
 5:30pm - Janet & William Carey

Wednesday, October 23

- 12:10pm - James Barry
Thursday, October 24
 8am - Rose & Renee Tousaint
 12:10pm - Cardinal James Hickey
 5:30pm - San Expedito

Friday, October 25

- 8am - Rita & Leonard Zelonis
 12:10pm - Rose & Renee Tousaint
 5:30pm - Lt. Gen John T. Myers

Saturday, October 26

- 8am - Rosa Borjas de Urribarri
 5:30pm - Stephen Sr., Rosalia & Katherine Rosty

Sunday, October 27

- 8:30am - All Parishioners
 10am - John Hodges
 11:30am - Ronald Cobert
 1pm - Jorge I. Rodriguez
 5:30pm - Jack Duclos

Para ofrecer una **intención de misa**, deberá hablar con nuestra recepcionista en la rectoría. No hay cuota, pero una ofrenda es habitual. Fechas especiales tienen que reservarlas con antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

To arrange a **Mass intention**, speak to our rectorry receptionist. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Octubre es el Mes de Información y Vigilia de la Violencia Doméstica – Rece todos los días a las 3:00 de la tarde por la paz de la familia – Los católicos creemos que Dios ama y cuida a cada uno de nosotros y que Dios sabe del dolor y las preocupaciones. “Católicos por la Paz de la Familia (Catholics for Family Peace, organización de la Universidad Católica, DC) invita a todos a unirse en un momento de oración a las 3:00 de la tarde donde quiera que usted esté, por aquellos que sufren por la violencia y el abuso y por los que controlan a otros. Oramos por ellos por todos los que trabajan para terminar la violencia doméstica. Para más información por favor visite www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

40 Días por la Vida – Se invita a los feligreses de toda la Arquidiócesis a participar en el esfuerzo internacional de 40 Días por la Vida (el **25 de septiembre al 3 de noviembre**). Además de 40 días de oración pacífica y ayuno para poner fin al aborto, los voluntarios pueden inscribirse para orar en la ubicación de DC. Comuníquese con Michael New al 205-657-6943. Visite <https://www.40daysforlife.com/washington>.

Octubre Mes del Rosario – El mes de octubre, tradicionalmente es dedicado al santo Rosario, es un gran momento para redescubrir esta antigua y poderosa oración. Octubre también es el mes designado al Respeto a la Vida por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Encuentra la reflexión sobre el tema de 2019, “Cristo nuestra esperanza: en cada etapa de la vida,” en respectlife.org/reflection.

Intenciones de Oración del Papa Francisco – Por favor únase en

oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco en el mes de **octubre**: para que el soplo del Espíritu Santo suscite una nueva primavera misionera en la Iglesia.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 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 el martes **22 de octubre** “San Juan Pablo, II. El Papa Viajero”. Para más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x541.

Se Busca Apoyo - La Cena de Otoño “Monseñor Jameson” para las Personas sin Hogar – El comité de Justicia Social y Servicio Comunitario estará auspiciando una cena para nuestros amigos sin hogar el domingo, **27 de octubre**. Póngase en contacto con Paulin Leonida al lmapaulina@gmail.com o 202-630-0119 para ayudar con donaciones monetarias o para donar comida.

Novena al Cristo de los Milagros – El viernes 18 de octubre, comenzó la novena al Señor de los Milagros y terminará el sábado 26. El domingo **27 de octubre** únase a la misa de 1:00 de la tarde. Para más información llame al diácono Juan al 202-415-4306 o al 202-347-3215.

Bendición Matrimonial – Padre John Benson estará bendiciendo a las parejas que están celebrando 1 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **27 de octubre**, durante la misa de 1:00 de la tarde. Para registrarse llame a Fátima Aybar a más tardar el miércoles **23 de octubre**.

Próximo Domingo – Por favor tengan presente que el próximo domingo **27 de octubre** puede que

la misa de 1:00 de la tarde esté un poco atrasada, debido a la misa especial de las 11:30, que celebrará el **Arzobispo Gregory** para las personas con necesidades especiales (o discapacitadas).

Noviembre Misas por Nuestros Difuntos – Recordamos a nuestros seres difuntos de una forma especial en el mes de noviembre. Cada día durante el mes de noviembre se ofrecerá una misa especial por todos los difuntos. Sobres especiales para poner los nombres de sus seres queridos para que sean recordados en nuestra misa especial de cada día durante el mes de noviembre, los encontrarán en los bancos de la Catedral. Estos sobres se pondrán en el altar de la Capilla Nupcial.

Colecta para los Sacerdotes

Retirados – La segunda colecta del **2 y 3 de noviembre**, es para los Sacerdotes Retirados de la Arquidiócesis de Washington. Los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Washington han servido desinteresadamente a los fieles y a la comunidad para continuar la misión de Cristo durante décadas. Unámonos para ayudar a proporcionar cuidado y alojamiento a nuestros sacerdotes retirados para que puedan vivir con dignidad. Por favor, utilice los sobres que han sido enviados por correo a sus hogares utilice los sobres especiales que están en las bancas el fin de semana del 2 y 3 de noviembre. Puedes apoyar la colecta en línea en www.adw.org/rpc. También puede donar a través de su smartphone “Sacerdote” 301-231-1816 de texto. Se le enviará un enlace a usted para completar su generosa donación para esta importante colecta.

Nuestra colecta mensual para el mantenimiento de la Iglesia se llevará a cabo el domingo **10 de noviembre**.