

Readings for November 24

If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself. (Luke 23:37)
Power, influence, authority, leadership—that's what we usually think of when we hear the word "king." Certainly, with his soldiers and guards, a king would be able to save himself from danger. But as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King today, our readings show us a different kind of king, someone who challenges our core assumptions about power and leadership.

When Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925, he was responding to a culture he felt was rejecting Jesus and his ways. At a time when Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin were rising to power, Pius XI wanted to draw the world's attention back to Jesus, the only One who could bring lasting peace. It was not the "peace" of a totalitarian ruler exercising power to eliminate opposition. It was the peace of a king who chose not to save himself but instead offered himself for our sake to reconcile us to God. This is the peace that he won for us as he poured out his very life's blood on Calvary (Colossians 1:20).

That's why our Gospel today presents Jesus as a king who reigns from the cross. He freely emptied himself even though, as our second reading reminds us, "in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19). He refused to come down from the cross because his mission was to save us, not to conquer us. He did not rise to the bait of the soldiers who goaded him to save himself (Luke 23:37). He chose instead to focus his attention on the thief crucified beside him who pleaded for mercy (23:43).

Jesus turns our concept of kingship on its head. Power made strong by humility and self-emptying. Influence and authority exercised through self-sacrifice and mercy. Leadership displayed in service. Let's embrace Jesus and his kingdom today. Let's pray that it be more fully established in us and through us in our world.

"Lord, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 24 2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday 25 Dn 1:1-6,8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Tuesday 26 Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 27 Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 28 Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day

Friday 29 Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

St. Andrew

Sunday 1 Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

First Sunday of Advent

Social Justice & Community Service



"When I Was Naked," a sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz, provided to St. Matthew's through the generosity of

Michael and Sandy Huke. Msgr. Jameson conferred a sidewalk blessing last Sunday after the 11:30am Mass. Read more on our website front page at www.stmatthewscathedral.org.

Thanksgiving Drive – Thank you! – Thank you to all who participated in our successful Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Drive! We are very grateful to all who contributed gift cards or donated money to purchase cards to help families in need, and to the volunteers who helped organize the drive and collect donations. Thanks to your generosity, our brothers and sisters will enjoy a wholesome dinner with their loved ones.

Thanksgiving Day - SOME's Trot for Hunger – All are invited to join or donate to the St. Matthew's Cathedral team for the Trot for Hunger, to benefit So Others Might Eat (SOME) and their mission to help end homelessness in D.C. Register or donate at trotforhunger.org and enter team name "St. Matthew's Cathedral Social Justice." The Little Turkey One-Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30am, and the 5K run and walk at 9am. Participants usually make it back in time for our 10am Thanksgiving Day Mass. For details on joining our team or making a donation, email socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gift Drive – We are very grateful to all who are participating in this year's Christmas Drive. If you have taken a gift tag, be sure to bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass by Sunday, **December 8**. To drop off your gift on a weekday, please take it to the rectory office no later than Wednesday, December 11. If you have any questions or are no longer able to purchase your gift, please contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com or call Fr. John Benson or Norma Canedo at the rectory office.

Parish Calendar

November 24 –
December 1

Sunday 24—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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

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

RCIA Dismissal is held at the 11:30am Mass.

A blessing of engaged couples is given at the 11:30am Mass.

A Commissioning of Ministers is held during the 1pm Mass.

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

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

Tuesday 26—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 27—RCIA does not meet.

Thursday 28—Thanksgiving Day.

A bilingual (English & Spanish) Mass is celebrated at 10am, the only Mass of the day. The Cathedral opens at 9am and closes after the Mass. There are no Confessions.

The rectory office is closed.

Friday 29—The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm.

Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions.

The rectory office is closed.

Saturday 30—Retiro de Adviento en Español será a las 9:00 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Norte.

Sunday 1—First Sunday of Advent

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses. Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes do not meet.

No hay clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar.

RCIA Dismissal is not held.

Liturgy and Music

St. Matthew's Festival Singers

Auditions – Each year we invite experienced singers of the parish to join the Schola Cantorum for our Advent Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Mass at the Cathedral. Singers must



be able to attend all rehearsals for these events but

are not obligated to sing on both dates. We are looking for singers with an ability to read music, a pleasant voice, previous choral experience, and a commitment to work diligently and cooperatively. The schedule of rehearsals below includes most Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Monday, December 2.

Lessons and Carols

Mondays, **December 2** and **9**,

7-9pm: Rehearsal

Wednesdays, **December 4** and

11, 8-9pm: Rehearsal

Sunday, **December 15**, 7:30-

9pm: *Advent Lessons and Carols* (6:30pm arrival)

Christmas Eve

Monday, **December 16** and **23**,

7-9pm: Rehearsal

Wednesday, **December 18**,

8-9pm: Rehearsal

Christmas Eve 9:15pm:

Prelude; 10pm Mass (8pm arrival)

To schedule an audition or for more information, contact Tom Stehle at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5141.

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 office, are placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.



Thanksgiving Day Mass Offerings

– Proceeds from the offertory collection at our 10am bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass (see the insert), will go to St. Matthew's Social Justice & Community Service ministries, including the Adopt-a-Family program, Homeless Ministry, Respect Life Ministry, Creation Care

Team, and English and Spanish Language programs. Thank you for your generosity.

Encountering the Word – We offer two weeknight opportunities to encounter the Word of God. Sacred Page meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8pm in the West Conference Room for a reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's readings led by Cathedral seminarians. Celebration of the Word meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room for a simple liturgy of readings, a homily by Fr. John Benson, and prayers. **Both events resume next week; Sacred Page does not meet on November 27 and Celebration of the Word does not meet on November 28.**

Choral Highlights – Have you noticed the Office of Music Ministries' [Choral Highlights](https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/music/choral-highlights) (<https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/music/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.

Faith Formation



**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.

Sacred Page – All are welcome to Sacred Page on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30pm in the West Conference Room. Led by a Cathedral seminarian, we read the upcoming Sunday Scriptures aloud and discuss the Good News we hear.



**Saturday Bible
Study on Prologue
to John**

– Join Fr. Jack Hurley on **December 14** at 10:30am in the East Conference Room for a single session on the Prologue to the Gospel of John, once considered the Second Gospel and read at the end of every Mass. The Prologue remains one of the special Christmas Day readings, profound but often overlooked that day. <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/2019johnprologue>

Little Rock Bible Study Comes to the Cathedral – Looking ahead to 2020, our Sunday Lectionary highlights the Gospel of Matthew. Here at St. Matthew's, we will embark on a new look at this gospel led by parishioners and guided by a study authored by Dominican Sister Barbara, Reid, O.P. a renowned scripture scholar and professor at Chicago's Catholic Theological Union. Save the date for an introductory session on Sunday, **January 26, 3 - 4:30pm**. Pope Francis has designated that day as Sunday of the Word of God, and so we shall celebrate it!

News and Notes



Our Advent & Christmas brochure is available in the pew racks, at Cathedral entrances, and at the rectory office. Download the brochure by clicking [here for English](#) or [here for Spanish \(en español\)](#) or visiting our website front page at www.stmatthewscathedral.org. The Christmas Mass schedule also can be found on the website or by [clicking here for English and Spanish \(en español\)](#).

Remembrance of Benefactors – On the First Sunday of Advent, **December 1**, the 8:30am Mass is offered for the benefactors of St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish, living and deceased. Join us in this prayer of thanksgiving!

Friends of the Cathedral Christmas Mailing – Join us for refreshments and envelope stuffing at this fundraising mailing to donors across the country. We gather in the Great Hall Tuesday, **December 3** at 8:30am. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact Maureen Hurley at 202-347-3215 or Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Papal Prayer Intention – Please pray for **Pope Francis'** November intention: that a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Expecting Visitors over the Holidays? – To schedule a guided tour of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of our Nation's capital, contact Dan Evans at the rectory office at 202-347-3215 or devans@stmatthewscathedral.org.

CBN-D.C. Evening Christmas Reception – Join the **Catholic Business Network of Washington, D.C.** for their Christmas reception on Thursday, **December 5, 5:30- 7:30pm** in St. Matthew's Great Hall. CBN-D.C. will distribute grants to participating Catholic schools. Come for an evening of merriment! For more information or to register, visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

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 Coffeehouse, a low-key, meet-and-greet opportunity and a place to catch up with old friends. Use the door next to the organ, and take the stairs. Newcomers welcome! [Email C†YA with questions.](#)
Coffeehouse does not meet on December 1.

December Theology on Tap – Christmas Party! - Tuesday, December 10 – 6 to 8pm – Public Bar Live (1214 18th Street, NW) – Join young adults from around the city for live music, games, happy hour and a chance to celebrate “the most wonderful time of the year!” [Link to Facebook event.](#)

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 2020 will be available in July 2020.

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 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), 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.

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).

Thanksgiving Day Mass **Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias**

28 November @ 10am
noviembre

Bilingual Liturgy
Liturgia bilingüe

Presider and homilist
celebrante y predicador

Msgr W. Ronald Jameson

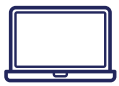
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Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

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COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
☐ Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	☐ Holy Father	\$ _____	June
☐ Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	☐ Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
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☐ Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	☐ Catholic University	\$ _____	September
☐ Archdiocese of Military Service	\$ _____	January	☐ Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
☐ Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	☐ All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
☐ Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	March	☐ All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
☐ Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	☐ Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
☐ Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	☐ Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
☐ Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	☐ Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
☐ Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	☐ Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
☐ Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	April	☐ Christmas	\$ _____	December
☐ Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May			

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

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

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
World AIDS Day Mass & Candlelight Vigil
Misa & Vigilia de Oración para el Día Mundial del SIDA



"I am the light of the World" Jn 8:12
"Yo soy la luz del mundo" Jn 8:12

Come and pray for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS.
Unámonos para rezar por todos aquellos que son afectados por el VIH/SIDA.

Monday, December 2, 2019

Join us for Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)
Candlelight Prayer Vigil from 6:00pm - 6:30pm
On the steps of the Cathedral.

Lunes, 2 de diciembre de 2019

Únase a nosotros para la Misa de las 5:30 (Bilingüe)
La vigilia con velas será de 6:00 - 6:30 de la tarde
En los peldaños de la Catedral.



Join us for a bilingual service of reflection with readings and prayers.
Únase a nosotros para un servicio bilingüe de reflexión con lecturas y oraciones.

Refreshments will follow in the North Conference Room
Se servirán refrescos en el salón del Norte después de la vigilia

For more information | Para más información
St. Matthew's Respect Life Ministry | Ministerio del Respeto a la Vida
Justin Silvers, jsilvers@cbndc.org
Rectorry: Fr. John Benson or Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215, socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org

Advent Day of Recollection

“God’s Great Promises Fulfilled in Christ Jesus And Fully Realized in the Future”

WHEN:

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10:00am – 2:30pm

Mass at 12:10pm followed by a light lunch

WHERE:

St. Matthew’s Cathedral

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20036 (located near the Farragut North Red Line Metro Station)

Great Hall (accessed through the parking garage)



Three Reflections:

Conference 1: God’s Great Prophetic Promises

Conference 11: God’s Great Promises Fulfilled in Jesus

Conference 111: God’s Great Promises Fully Actualized



Directed By: Deacon Ed McCormack, Ph.D.

Formation Faculty, Theological College and Catholic University. Ed McCormack has been teaching theology for the past thirty years to undergraduates and graduate students. For the last twenty years, he has been training men and women for ministry in the church at both the masters and doctoral levels. Ed earned a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at The Catholic University of America. Currently, Ed is a member of the formation faculty at Theological College where he serves as a formation advisor and Coordinator of the Human and Spiritual Formation. He also teaches in the Spirituality Department at the Catholic University of America. Soon to be published are two handbooks on formation advising for priestly ministry entitled *“Forming Future Priests: Accompaniment, Participation and Evaluation.”* In progress is a book about guiding a person through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For thirty years, Ed devotes himself to adult faith formation, directing retreats in the Ignatian Tradition, and guiding others through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. He serves as a Permanent Deacon at St. John the Baptist Catholic Community in Silver Spring, Maryland where he preaches regularly. His homilies and other videos on the Christian life can be found on his *Youtube channel, Deacon Ed McCormack*. He is also a family man with a wonderful wife and two beautiful girls who keep him very busy.

All are invited to this event, free of charge. Donations are welcome!

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

Lecturas del 24 de Noviembre

Este es el Rey de los judíos. (Lucas 23, 38)

Dice el padre Raniero Cantalamessa, predicador de la Residencia Pontificia, que la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey la estableció el Papa Pío XI en 1925 en respuesta a los regímenes políticos ateos y opuestos a Dios y a la Iglesia, como sucedió, por ejemplo, en la revolución mexicana, cuando muchos cristianos afrontaron la muerte exclamando: “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”

La fiesta es reciente, pero su idea central nace con el cristianismo, cuando Cristo empieza a reinar en el mundo. La cruz es su trono, pues había encima de él una inscripción: “Este es el Rey de los judíos.” Aquello que para los enemigos de Cristo justificaba su condena era, a los ojos del Padre celestial, la proclamación de su soberanía universal.

La liturgia misma, en la reforma que siguió al Concilio Vaticano II, sintió la necesidad de trasladar el acento de la fiesta, haciendo énfasis en su aspecto humano y espiritual, más que en el “político”. La oración de la solemnidad pide ahora que “toda criatura, libre de la esclavitud del pecado, le sirva y alabe sin fin.”

En esta perspectiva, la cuestión importante no es establecer si Cristo reina o no en el mundo, sino si reina o no dentro de mí; no se trata de si su realeza está reconocida por los Estados y por los gobiernos del mundo, sino si es reconocida y vivida en mi propia persona. ¿Es Cristo Rey y Señor de mi vida? ¿Quién reina dentro de mí?

Según San Pablo, existen dos modos posibles de vivir: para uno mismo o para el Señor (Romanos 14, 7-9). “Para uno mismo” indica una existencia orientada solo a la satisfacción personal y a la propia gloria, sin perspectiva de eternidad. Vivir “para el Señor” significa vivir para obedecer a Cristo, para su gloria y para su Reino.

Es una nueva existencia, frente a la cual la muerte pierde su carácter irreparable. La contradicción más radical ya no es aquella entre vivir o morir, sino entre vivir para uno mismo o para el Señor. ¿Para quién vives tú?

“Amado Señor Jesús, quiero vivir exclusivamente para ti y tu gloria.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 24 2 Sam 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lc 23:35-43
Jesucristo Rey del Universo

Lunes 25 Dn 1:1-6,8-20 / Lc 21:1-4
Santa Catalina de Alejandrina

Martes 26 Dn 2:31-45 / Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles 27 Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Lc 21:12-19

Jueves 28 Dn 6:12-28 / Lc 21:20-28
Día de Acción de Gracias

Viernes 29 Dn 7:2-14 / Lc 21:29-33

Sábado 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
San Andrés

Domingo 1 Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Lc 23:35-43
Primer Domingo de Adviento

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

November 24 – December 1

Sunday, November 24

5:30pm Vigil (November 23) – Brenda Daffon Cenon

7am – All Souls

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Patricia Gallagher (living)

11:30am – Brian Lewis Kerns family (living)

1pm – Christian Guevara

5:30pm – Zachary Duclos

Monday, November 25

7am – Mary Ann Mostafavi

8am – All Souls

12:10pm – Kevin Devery

5:30pm – Marcel Oudri

Tuesday, November 26

7am – Palma M. Giancarlo

8am – Conrado Sabelino

12:10pm – All Souls

5:30pm – James Risoleo

Wednesday, November 27

7am – Susan Eid

8am – For greater accountability &

transparency in the leaders of the Church

12:10pm – Michael A. Giancarlo

5:30pm – All Souls

Thursday, November 28

10am – All Souls

Friday, November 29

8am – Mary Ann Mostafavi

12:10pm – All Souls

Saturday, November 30

8am – Rose & Renee Toussaint

12:10pm – Anthony Charles DiSalle

5:30pm – All Souls

Sunday, December 1

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Benefactors of St. Matthew's

Cathedral Parish, living and dead

10am – Lincoln Impastato

11:30am – Nancye Miller

1pm – Nancy Sotelo (living)

5:30pm – Mary Ann Mostafavi

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.

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our rectory 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



Folleto de Adviento y Navidad está disponible en las bancas, en las entradas de la Catedral y en la oficina parroquial. Usted puede descargar el folleto haciendo clic [aquí para español](#) o [aquí para inglés](#) o

visite nuestra página digital www.stmatthewscathedral.org. El horario de Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad también se puede encontrar en la página digital o haciendo clic [aquí \(inglés y español\)](#).

Colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias – ¡Gracias! – ¡Les

agradecemos a todos quienes ayudaron a las familias con nuestra exitosa colecta del Día de Acción de Gracias para el programa de Adopte-una-Familia! Estamos muy agradecidos a las donaciones de tarjetas de regalo y donaciones monetarias. También queremos reconocer a todos los voluntarios quienes ayudaron a organizar la colecta y quienes ayudaron a recoger las donaciones. Por su generosidad, nuestros hermanos podrán disfrutar de una cena deliciosa con sus seres queridos.

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.

Día de Acción de Gracias - Trote por el Hambre para SOME – Todos son invitados para correr, caminar o donar para el equipo de nuestra

parroquia de San Mateo en el Trote por el Hambre. El

evento beneficiará a *So Others Might Eat (SOME)* y su misión para que todos puedan tener un lugar para vivir en DC. Inscribise o done en la página trotforhunger.org y busque a la página de nuestra parroquia “St. Matthew’s Cathedral Social Justice.” La Caminata divertida para niños empezará a las 8:30am, el 5k y caminata empiezan a las 9am. En años anteriores, los participantes pudieron regresar a la Catedral para la misa de Acción de Gracias de las 10:00 de la mañana. Para más información para unirse al equipo o hacer una donación, contacte socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.



Día de Acción de Gracias – La colecta – La recaudación de la colecta en nuestra misa bilingüe a las 10:00 de la mañana el Día de Acción de Gracias beneficiará a los ministerios de Justicia Social de San Mateo, incluyendo nuestro programa de Adopte una Familia, ministerio de personas sin Hogar,

ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, equipo de Cuidado a la Creación y programa de inglés y español para adultos.

Retiro de Adviento – El sábado **30 de noviembre**, tendremos el Retiro de Adviento, de 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde. Tema “*Preparen el Camino del Señor*” padre Benson junto a nuestro invitado especial Oscar del Valle dirigirán este retiro en el salón de conferencias del Norte todos están invitados.

Recordando a los Benefactores – Este Primer Domingo de Adviento,



1 de diciembre, se ofrece la misa de las 8:30 de la mañana por los benefactores de la Catedral de San Mateo, vivos y difuntos. ¡Acompáñenos en oración y en acción de gracias.

Adopte-una-Familia Colecta

Navideña de Regalos – Estamos muy agradecidos con quienes están participando en la colecta navideña de este año. Si usted ha recogido una etiqueta de regalo, por favor no se olvide traer su regalo nuevo, envuelto en papel de regalo y con su etiqueta a la misa para el domingo **8 de diciembre**. Para entregar su regalo durante la semana, por favor traerlo a la rectoría hasta el miércoles 11 de diciembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la colecta o si no puede comprar su regalo, por favor póngase en contacto con la rectoría y pregunte por padre John Benson o Norma Canedo al número 202-347-3215. También puede mandar un email a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad en ayudar a los necesitados!

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

Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únense en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que todos los pueblos que viven en el cercano Oriente, donde diversas comunidades religiosas comparten el mismo espacio de vida, que entre ellos nazca un espíritu de diálogo, de encuentro y de reconciliación.