

Readings for December 1

You also must be prepared. (Matthew 24:44)

This is it—we have lit the first Advent candle. Christmas is less than four weeks away, so we need to get ready. If we plan on giving gifts, sending Christmas cards, or having guests over for Christmas dinner, now is the time to start planning.

Jesus is saying something similar in today's Gospel reading, but with a different focus: "Get ready; you don't know when I will come again!"

So how can we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming? Here's one idea: just as you give Christmas gifts to your friends and family, think of a gift you could give the Christ child. Here are some possibilities.

- Set aside an hour each week to sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of his presence, praise and thank him for becoming a man and saving you from sin and death.
- Serve the needy in some way. Volunteer at a food kitchen, buy gifts for a struggling family, or help decorate the home of an elderly neighbor.
- See where you have strayed from God. Then go to Confession and receive his forgiveness and the grace to follow him more closely.
- Is there anyone you need to forgive? Ask Jesus to help you forgive that person, and then reconcile with them if possible.

As you decide what you will give Jesus, remember: it's not only about what *you* do to get ready for his coming. It's also about what *he* wants to do for you.

- As you sit before him in adoration, he wants to give you his peace.
- As you reach out to the needy, he wants to encounter you in his beloved poor.
- As you go to Confession, he wants to fill you with his mercy.
- As you forgive other people, he wants to help heal your wounded relationships.

Jesus is so generous that he wants to help *you* get ready for *him*. So slow down this Advent, and let him give you the gift of a willing heart.

"Jesus, I long for your coming. Help me to get ready!"

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44
Monday 2	Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	Is 25:6-10 / Mt 15:29-37
Thursday 5	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
Saturday 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1,5-8
Sunday 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Social Justice & Community Service

Creation Care Ministry – Join Our Meeting! – The Creation Care Team will meet on Thursday, **December 5** at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room to discuss our present and future initiatives. Join us! Email Phil Downey at stmattcreationcareteam@gmail.com.

Dinner with the L'Arche Community – A small group from St. Matthew's will visit the L'Arche Houses in Adams Morgan on Saturday, **December 7** to share dinner with the residents there. We bring different healthy food items to share with 6-12 people. Interested in cooking a dinner dish and sharing in dinner with the residents of the L'Arche Community? Contact Franz Kuo to sign up at franzkuo@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Gift Drive – We need volunteers with cars to help with our gift deliveries on the morning of Saturday, **December 14**. If you can help, please email Nancy Lutz at nancyhlutz@gmail.com. We also need volunteers who can help that Friday evening and on Saturday morning with loading gifts. To volunteer, please contact Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 or ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.



Find the Perfect Gift –

Christmas celebrates the Perfect Gift of God's love in Jesus, and Advent is the time when we prepare our hearts to welcome this gift. This week, take time out of the busyness of the season to slow down and reflect on the miracle of God becoming man. After some quiet reflection, share your joy and inspiration with someone you love or on social media to spread the Perfect Gift of Jesus this Christmas season. To find Christmas resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington, visit FindthePerfectGift.org.

Liturgy

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions – Join us for First Friday Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **December 6** following the 12:10pm Mass 'til 5pm, and First Saturday Devotions on **December 7** after the 12:10pm Mass.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, **December 9** is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from December 8, Second Sunday of Advent), a holy day without obligation to attend Mass. The regular weekday schedule will be observed, with Masses at 7am, 8am, 12:10pm (**Archbishop Gregory**), and 5:30pm Mass. Join us for this feast that is so fittingly celebrated during Advent!

Parish Calendar December 1 – 8

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.

Monday 2—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

A bilingual 5:30pm Mass for World AIDS Day is followed by a Prayer Vigil on the Cathedral steps, then refreshments in the North Conference Room.

Tuesday 3—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 4—An Organ Recital is given at 12:45pm by Jeremy Jelinek.

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

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

Thursday 5—The CBN-D.C.

Christmas Reception is held in the Great Hall at 5:30pm.

Celebration of the Word meets at 7:30pm in the East Conf. Rm.

Friday 6—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 7—An Advent Day of Recollection is held at 10am in the Great Hall.

First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass.

Sunday 8—Second Sunday of Advent

A second collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conf. Rm. after the 7, 8:30, 10 & 11:30am and the 1pm Masses, with a Holy Land gift sale. Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.

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

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

A concert by *Voix de Femmes* is given at 3:30pm in the Cathedral.

Always God's Children meets at 3:30pm at Peet's Coffee (17th & L). Young Adult Coffeehouse meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass.

Janitor/Custodian – St. Matthew's Cathedral seeks a full-time, bilingual (English and Spanish) Janitor/ Custodian with experience. Responsibilities include maintaining a high level of cleanliness within the Cathedral and rectory offices. Duties include vacuuming floors, cleaning restrooms, dusting, scrubbing and

polishing floors, and trash removal. Applicants must have legal work documents and pass a background check. St. Matthew's offers a competitive benefits package including health insurance, paid leave, and retirement benefits. To apply, contact Pam Erwin at 202-347-3215.

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.](#)

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.

Faith Formation

Welcome, Returning Catholics! – 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.

Encountering the Word – We offer two weekly opportunities to encounter the Word of God outside of Mass. Sacred Page meets Wednesdays, 7-8pm, in the West Conference Room for a discussion of the upcoming Sunday’s readings, led by Cathedral seminarians. Celebration of the Word meets Thursdays at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room for a simple liturgy of readings, a homily by Fr. John Benson, and prayers.

Saturday Bible Study on Prologue to John – Join Fr. Hurley on **December 14** in the East Conference Room at 10:30am for a session on the Prologue to the Gospel of John, once considered the Second Gospel and read at the end of Mass. The Prologue remains one of the special Christmas Day readings, profound but often overlooked. <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. We will embark on a look at this gospel, led by parishioners and guided by a study authored by Dominican Sr. Barbara, Reid, a renowned scripture scholar and professor at Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union. Come for an introductory session on Sunday, **January 26**, designated by Pope Francis as Sunday of the Word of God!

Resources for Healing – Pastoral care and counseling assistance are available to victims of abuse by clergy and other church personnel. Contact the Executive Director of Child Protection and Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of Washington at **301-853-5328** for a confidential conversation.

News and Notes



Our Advent & Christmas brochure is available in the pew racks, at Cathedral entrances, and at the rectory office. To view the brochure, click [here for English](#) or [here for Spanish \(en español\)](#) or visit www.stmatthewscathedral.org. For the Christmas Mass schedule, see the website or [click here for English and Spanish \(en español\)](#).

Giving Tuesday is December 3! - St. Matthew’s parishioners, neighbors, friends and visitors are invited to support us through #iGIVECATHOLIC. View our page - [click here](#) or visit <https://washington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-matthew-s-cathedral>! We hope to hear from you on Giving Tuesday!

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



Hospitality Sunday – Join us for hospitality receptions in the North Conference Room next weekend of the First Sunday of Advent, after the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday, **December 7**, and the 7, 8:30, 10, and 11:30am and the 1pm Masses on Sunday, **December 8**. In addition to great company, find unique gifts from the Holy Land for purchase (see below). We hope to see you there! Questions? Email StMattsHospitality@gmail.com.

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation – Next weekend we welcome visitors from [The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation](#) to speak about the plight of the dwindling number of Christians in the Holy Land and their mission to preserve the presence of the ‘Living Stones’ – the first followers of Jesus Christ. At Hospitality receptions, they also will offer olive wood crafts for sale, handmade by Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem.

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, meets Sunday, **December 8** at 3:30pm at Peet's Coffee, 1101 17th Street, NW (17th & L). Find out more about AGC at <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/join/agc>.

Christmas Cards – Did you know that we offer boxed sets of 10 Christmas cards and envelopes (\$15/box) featuring St. Matthew’s crèche? Order cards for mail delivery by contacting Gloria Harrington at gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215, or stop by the rectory office.

Papal Prayer Intention – Please pray for **Pope Francis’** December intention: that every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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
Rectory: 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

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Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

*(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

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☐ Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	☐ Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
☐ Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	☐ Assumption	\$ _____	August
☐ 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
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☐ Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	☐ Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
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☐ Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May			

** 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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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.

Music for our Advent Prayer

Our Inaugural Season of Recitals and Concerts celebrating the completion of the Cathedral Great Organ continues during Advent with a Wednesday lunchtime organ recital, and a Sunday afternoon choral concert celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. With Advent also comes the beginning of rehearsals for St. Matthew's Festival of Lessons and Carols, preceded by auditions for this year's Festival Singers!

Lunchtime Organ Recital with Jeremy

Jelinek – Enjoy a 45-50 minute concert of wonderful organ music on Wednesday, **December 4** at 12:45pm with **Jeremy Jelinek**, Principal Organist at Saint Dominic Church in Southwest Washington and Assisting Organist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The recital is free and open to the public.



Jeremy Paul Jelinek received a Bachelor of Music (BM) in Organ Performance, with a minor in French, from the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY) in 2018. Among his teachers there were Nathan Laube, David Higgs, and Edoardo Bellotti. In 2016-2017 he studied in the organ studio of the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris (Paris, France) with organists Olivier Latry and Michel Bouvard. Jeremy received the highest distinction (prix) of très bien each in organ performance, organ improvisation, Gregorian Chant, Gregorian Chant Conducting, and French language. In France, concert venues included St-Ouen, Rouen, the Royal Chapel of Versailles, and Notre Dame de Paris.

In 2015, Jeremy received First Prize in the RCYO Quimby Mid-Atlantic Region Competition. He was featured as one of the "20 under 30 outstanding young talents" in the international organ journal, *The Diapason* (2017). Jeremy has been reviewed as "Play[ing] with elegance and assurance" (*The American Organist*, 2016), and "Interpret[ing]...with aplomb...demonstrating impressive technical facility" (*The Diapason*, 2016).



Advent Marian Celebration with Voix de Femmes

– Enjoy a one-hour choral concert on Sunday, **December 8** at 3:30pm as the women's chamber group, **Voix de Femmes**, presents a choral concert, *Magnificat!* The concert celebrates the Feast of the

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (observed on Monday, December 9) with a performance featuring the *Magnificat* by French composer Roger Calmel, and works by Sarah Quartel, Patrick Hadley, Joshua Himes, John Rutter, Eleanor Day and Lana Walter, under the direction of **Annick Kanter-Saint Hubert** with organist **William Wisnom**. **Voix de Femmes**, based in Laurel, MD, is dedicated to exploring the rich and challenging repertoire written for women's voices. This one-hour concert is free and open to the public.



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:

Lessons and Carols (6:30pm arrival)

Christmas Eve

Mondays, **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.

Choral Highlights – Have you noticed, on the parish website front page, the Office of Music Ministries' [Choral Highlights](https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/music/choral-highlights) (<https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/music/choral-highlights>)? It features lively descriptions and samples of versions of the upcoming Sunday's music to be sung by the Schola Cantorum.

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).

Lecturas del 1 de Diciembre

El Adviento es un tiempo de gracia abundante, una época en la que Dios extiende una invitación especial a sus hijos a despojarse del pecado que los tiene atrapados y entrar en su morada con gozo y esperanza. Si diariamente leemos la Palabra de Dios, hacemos oración y servimos generosa y cordialmente a nuestros semejantes, el Señor se hará presente en nuestra vida y podremos disfrutar de una buena comunicación con nuestro Salvador.

Es preciso mantenerse despiertos y alertas porque el Señor dijo que “a la hora en que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre” (Mateo 24, 44). A todos se nos pide reconocer nuestros pecados y arrepentirnos, pero las palabras del Señor deben provocar en nosotros un sentido de entusiasmo y expectativa, como el de la madre que va a dar a luz sabe que tendrá dolores del parto, pero está segura que al ver a su hijito se llenará de amor y gozo. Del mismo modo, en el Adviento surge la esperanza de la nueva vida que Jesús quiere darnos cuando rechazamos el pecado y aceptamos su amor.

Si renunciamos al egoísmo en nuestra forma de pensar y no contrariamos las verdades del Señor, Dios puede entrar en esa parte interior de nuestro ser que anhela conocer su presencia y llenarla de su gracia. Así le entregamos nuestro pecado y recibimos su gracia, le damos nuestros miedos y recibimos su seguridad. ¿Hubo alguna ocasión en que la vida del mundo nos haya dado una paz duradera? ¿Hemos logrado vivir contentos y satisfechos cuando hemos dado rienda suelta a la cólera, la falsedad o el deseo de placer ilícito? No. Dios está en la puerta de nuestro corazón y espera que lo invitemos a entrar y concedernos su gracia.

¡Alégrate, querido hermano y confía en que el Señor te prodigará sus gracias en el Adviento y la Navidad, porque “nuestra salvación está más cerca que cuando empezamos a creer” (Rom. 13, 11). “Padre eterno, acepto tu generosa invitación de acercarme a ti en este Adviento. Te doy gracias por invitarme a vivir contigo para siempre. Que este tiempo sea un período de verdadera gracias y bendición.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

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

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Lunes 2 Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

Martes 3 Is 11:1-10 / Lc 10:21-24

San Francisco Javier

Miércoles 4 Is 25:6-10 / Mt 15:29-37

San Juan Damasceno

Jueves 5 Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

Viernes 6 Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

San Nicolás

Sábado 7 Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1,6-8

San Ambrosio

Domingo 8 Is 11:1-0 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions December 1 – 8

Sunday, December 1

5:30pm Vigil (November 30) – All Souls

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

Monday, December 2

7am – Bertha Desorcy

8am – Leland Heath

12:10pm – Gabriela Sotelo

5:30pm – Violet Rabaya

Tuesday, December 3

7am – Mary Ann Mostafavi

8am – Clarisabel Billine

12:10pm – Jeremiah G. Bohan

5:30pm – Bill Colwell

Wednesday, December 4

7am – Prudencia Palomino

8am – Patricia Anne Pitchford

12:10pm – Margaret D'Souza

5:30pm – Agnes Cantwell

Thursday, December 5

7am – Mary Ann Mostafavi

8am – Francisco De León

12:10pm – Orlanda Mazzochi

5:30pm – Bernard Carr

Friday, December 6

7am – Carolina Sulbaran

8am – Gil Hinostrosa

12:10pm – Robert Palguta

5:30pm – Julio Cesar Villatoro

Saturday, December 7

8am – All Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm – Victor Bonanno

5:30pm – All Parishioners

Sunday, December 8

7am – Dolore Foley Harrod

8:30am – Veronica Weaver

10am – Walter & Mary Orzechowski

11:30am – Clara Van Hissenhoven

1pm – Ms. Cissy

5:30pm – Guy A. Giancarlo



Ofrendas Florales – Cada año se hacen todos los esfuerzos posibles para decorar la Catedral para la Navidad de una manera que refleje verdaderamente la noble sencillez de esta época. Para hacerlo de nuevo, necesitamos de su apoyo generoso. Usted puede mandar su ofrenda de flores a la rectoría, ponerla en la cesta de la colecta, o donar en la página digital de la Catedral. Sabemos que en esta época, hay muchas solicitudes, por eso apreciamos cualquier donación.

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 visite nuestra página digital

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

Encuentra el Regalo Perfecto – Navidad celebra el regalo perfecto del amor de Dios en Jesús, y el Adviento es el tiempo en el que preparamos nuestros corazones para la bienvenida de ese regalo. Esta semana tomemos un tiempo de nuestras atareadas ocupaciones de la temporada y reflexionemos en el milagro de Dios hecho hombre. Para encontrar recursos y horarios de misas en toda la Arquidiócesis, visite: www.RegaloPerfecto.org.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **6 de diciembre** en la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. El sábado **7 de diciembre** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía.

Cena con la Comunidad de L'Arche – Un pequeño grupo de San Mateo visita los hogares de L'Arche en Adams Morgan el sábado **7 de diciembre** para compartir la cena con los residentes allí. Traemos diferentes alimentos saludables para compartir con 6-12 personas.

¿Interesado en cocinar un plato de cena y compartirlo con los residentes de la Comunidad de L'Arche? Póngase en contacto con Franz Kuo para inscribirse, franzkuo@gmail.com.

Hospitalidad el Domingo – Nuestro próximo evento de hospitalidad será el próximo fin de semana, primer domingo de Adviento, después de la Misa de Vigilia de las 5:30 de la tarde el sábado **7 de diciembre**, y las misas de 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 y 11:30 de la mañana y la 1:00 de la tarde el domingo **8 de diciembre** en el



salón de conferencias del Norte. Además, encontrarán regalos de Tierra Santa disponible a la venta. ¡Esperamos verlos ahí! Preguntas,

mande un correo electrónico a: StMattsHospitality@gmail.com.

Recordatorio para 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 y con su etiqueta a la misa para el domingo **8 de diciembre** o a la rectoría hasta el miércoles 11 de diciembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta, 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.

Se Buscan Voluntarios para Colecta Navideña de Regalos – Necesitamos voluntarios con autos para ayudar con nuestras entregas de regalos en la mañana del **sábado, 14 de diciembre**. También necesitamos voluntarios que

puedan ayudar ese viernes por la tarde y el sábado por la mañana a cargar regalos para las familias y los conductores. Envíe un correo electrónico o llame al padre John Benson o Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215. También puede mandar un correo a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Se Busca una Persona para Trabajar en Limpieza – La Catedral de San Mateo busca un trabajador de limpieza a tiempo completo con experiencia. Las responsabilidades incluyen mantener un alto nivel de limpieza dentro de la Catedral y oficinas de la rectoría. Los deberes de trabajo incluyen aspirar pisos, limpiar baños, desempolvar, fregar y pulir pisos, tirar la basura. Debe tener documentos de trabajo legal y pasar una verificación de antecedentes. Requisitos mínimos: experiencia de mantenimiento (en limpieza) que sea bilingüe, español/inglés. Este es un trabajo a tiempo completo, el cual ofrece beneficios, incluyendo seguro de salud, días de enfermedad pagados y retiro. Para aplicar, por favor llame a Pam Erwin al 202-347-3215.

Ofrenda de Navidad – Durante el Adviento, tenemos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones del Señor, en particular los dones que se experimentan en San Mateo. Dependemos de su generosidad, la cual nos permite construir el Reino de Dios en nuestra parroquia y en nuestra comunidad. Les invitamos a que manden su donación de Navidad a la rectoría, ponerla en la cesta de la colecta, o donar vía www.stmatthewscathedral.org. Agradecemos sinceramente su generosidad y pido a Dios que esta Navidad traiga muchas bendiciones a usted y toda su familia.