

Readings for December 29

As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. (*Colossians 3:13*)

If you could name just one quality that makes a family holy, what would it be? You might say love, or any of the other virtues that St. Paul lists in today's second reading. And you may well be right. But what do you think keeps a family holy? What keeps them together for the long haul? Forgiveness.

Why? Because we are all fallen human beings. Even though we have Jesus living in us, we still commit sins. We are bound to hurt each other at times, even when we don't intend to. That's why forgiveness in a family is so important.

You might think that the only family that never needed to forgive one another was the Holy Family. After all, Mary was born without original sin, Joseph is a saint, and Jesus is the Son of God! But even without actually sinning against one another, there were still plenty of times when mercy and forbearance were necessary. Maybe Mary forgot to let the bread rise one morning, so they had to go without it that day. Perhaps the boy Jesus accidentally broke the water pitcher. Or maybe Joseph felt hurt because he misunderstood something Mary had said to him. Each of these "innocent" events could have led to resentment if it wasn't dealt with right away.

The ability to forgive one another, even for the minor offenses that happen in daily life together, is the oil that makes family relationships run well. Saying "I'm sorry; will you forgive me?" and "I forgive you" should roll off our tongues as readily as the words "I love you." Because without forgiveness, bitterness can grow and love can wither.

So make forgiveness a goal for your family for the coming year. Show your children and grandchildren how to forgive by modeling it yourself. It's not a concession to say you're sorry to another person; it's a grace—one that the Holy Family will give you for the asking!

"Jesus, give me the humility to ask for forgiveness and the mercy to grant it."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 29	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15,19-23 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
Monday 30	1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday 31	1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday 1	Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
Thursday 2	1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28 <i>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>
Friday 3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Saturday 4	1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>

Parish Calendar

December 29 – January 4

Sunday 29—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The rectory office is closed.

The regular schedule of Masses is observed.

Sunday Children's Faith Formation classes do not meet.

Monday 30—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

Tuesday 31—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

The Vigil Mass for **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is celebrated at 5:30pm.

Wednesday 1—Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are celebrated at 10am, 11:30am and 1pm (Spanish). The Cathedral opens at 9am and closes after the 1pm Mass.

A visiting choir sings at the 10am Mass, with a prelude beginning at 9:45am.

Archbishop Gregory celebrates the 11:30am Mass.

The rectory office is closed.

Thursday 2—Celebration of the Word is held at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Friday 3—First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 4—First Saturday Devotions are held after the 12:10pm Mass.

Cathedral † Young Adults

C†YA Coffeehouse resumes January 5 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. [Email C†YA with questions](#).

Coffeehouse does not meet on December 29.

January Theology on Tap - Tuesday, January 14 - 6pm happy hour / 7pm talk - Public Bar Live (1214 18th Street, NW) – Join young adults from around the city for food, drinks, fellowship, and a talk on faith, love, work and other real life experiences!

Readings for January 5

They departed for their country by another way.
(Matthew 2:12)

Today we celebrate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that God would shine his light on all the nations, not just Israel. That's certainly what happened to the Magi as they followed a star to the home of the newborn King of the Jews.

But it seems that God's light led them somewhere they didn't expect. And that's often what light does.

Think about it. Following their own religious traditions, the Magi believed that the appearance of a new star heralded the birth of a new king. So intending to make a diplomatic visitation, they journeyed to King Herod's court in Jerusalem. But instead of leading them to a royal palace, the star ultimately led them to a humble home in Bethlehem.

They accepted the light they received and kept looking for more, ready for whatever course correction might come their way. In the end, they found themselves before Jesus, not only the King of the Jews, but also the Lord of all creation. Receiving, leaning into, and seeking more light made them more open and able to receive even more light.

That's how it works for us too. Think back to a time when you experienced some insight from God. Maybe some confusing aspect of your faith started to make some sense. Or you found clarity about a new phase of life you had entered into. That one "light" didn't necessarily answer all your questions. It set you on a path, but it didn't give you the entire road map. So you had to do your best to follow it, and as you did, you sorted out the next step. Each step forward, each choice to be flexible, each response of trust made subtle or not-so-subtle changes in you. Light built on light, and slowly but surely, like the Magi, you started doing things differently. You started to see things as God does, in his light.

And that's what Epiphany is all about. It's a revelation that changes our hearts.

"Lord, make today an epiphany for me too!"

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 5 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
Monday 6 <i>St. André Bessete</i>	1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday 7 <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort</i>	1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 8	1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 9	1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lk 4:13-22a
Friday 10	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 11	1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
Sunday 12 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

Welcome & Happy New Year

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country or the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

Parish Calendar

January 5 – 12

Sunday 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

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

Archbishop Gregory celebrates 11:30am Mass.

RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

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

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

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

Wednesday 8—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Thursday 9—Celebration of the Word is held at 7:30pm in the East Conference Room.

Sunday 12—The Baptism of the Lord

A second collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service is taken at all Masses.

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.

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

An organ recital is given at 3:30pm.

RCIA Dismissal is held at the 5:30pm Mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –

"They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2) is the theme of the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25), a time set aside so that all Christians may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21).

News & Notes

Thank You and God Bless!! –

Thank you for your support, prayers, encouragement and involvement in St. Matthew's Cathedral parish this past year. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure make the Cathedral a center of worship and faith in the downtown community. I ask for your commitment once again as we enter the New Year, with its new challenges, so we can continue to manifest Christ's presence downtown. On behalf of the Cathedral staff, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy New Year.

—Msgr. Jameson

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 **301-853-5302** for a confidential conversation.

Archdiocesan Compliance

Checklist – The latest Archdiocese of Washington **Child Protection & Safe Environment Compliance Checklist** is available on St. Matthew's website (https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/docs/compliance_checklist_no_vember_2019 - english.pdf) and in this bulletin. All St. Matthew's employees and volunteers who have contact with children and/or vulnerable adults are asked to review and comply with these requirements.

First Friday and First Saturday –

All are welcome – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **January 3** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. On Saturday, **January 4**,

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

Remembrance of Benefactors –

Next Sunday, **January 5**, the 5:30pm Mass is offered for the benefactors of St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish, living and deceased. Join us in this prayer of thanksgiving!

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **January 12** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

Social Justice & Community Service

Call for Volunteers for ESL & SSL Programs

When? February 11 to May 14

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Where? St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N St., NW

We need volunteers to teach or tutor once a week. Volunteers are assigned to teach with a co-teacher. ESL classes run from Level 1 to 5, and SSL classes from Level 1 to 3. Tutors are asked to help at least once a week from 6 to 6:30pm. Volunteer orientation is held on Wednesday, **February 5** at 6:30pm. If interested, contact Rhoda Mbato & Kerry Read for ESL at stmatts esl@gmail.com, or Carina Carrasco & Angelo Gomez for SSL at stmattssl@gmail.com.

Join our Parish at the March for Life

– The Respect Life Ministry invites parishioners and friends to join us at the Rally for Life on the National Mall on Friday, **January 24**. We will gather in St. Anthony's Chapel following the 10am Rally & Mass for Life at the Cathedral. If you

plan to attend, please contact Justin Silvers at jsilvers@cbndc.org or Fr. Benson or Norma Canedo at the rectory office at 202-347-3215 or socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Creation Care Corner –

Inspiration from *Laudato Si'*: – "A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

(#91) Join St. Matthew's Creation Care Team! Email Phil Downey at stmattcreationcareteam@gmail.com.

Music

Choral Highlights – The Office of Music Ministries' **Choral Highlights** (<https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/music/choral-highlights>) on the parish website front page provides a sampling of the upcoming Sunday's music to be sung by the Schola Cantorum.

New Year's Day Choral Music

– A very fine, award-winning high school choir from Duncansville Georgia will sing at the 10am Mass on New Year's Day, **January 1**. Music will include selections from Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" as well as Appalachian inspired music and carols of the season. Prelude music will begin at 9:45am.

Dedicatory Organ Recital Series

Continues in the New Year –

Jennifer Pascual, Principal organist and director of music at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, will present a recital at 3:30pm Sunday afternoon, **January 12**, on the newly completed Lively-Fulcher Great Organ of the Cathedral.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1

Holy Day of Obligation

Schedule of Masses:

5:30PM Vigil Mass (December 31)

Masses on January 1:

The Cathedral opens at 9:00AM

10:00AM

† 11:30AM **MOST REV. WILTON GREGORY**

Archbishop of Washington

Celebrant and Homilist

1:00PM (en español)

The Cathedral closes after the 1:00PM Mass.

The Rectory is closed.



SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

Miércoles 1 de Enero

Día de Obligación

Horario de Misas (en inglés):

Misa de Vigilia (diciembre 31) 5:30 de la tarde

Misas 1 de enero:

La Catedral se abrirá a las 9:00 de la mañana.

10:00 de la mañana

† 11:30 de la mañana **ARZOBISPO WILTON GREGORY**

Misa en español 1:00 de la tarde

La Catedral se cerrará después

de la Misa de 1:00 de la tarde.

La Rectoría está cerrada.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 5

Regular schedule of Masses

† 11:30AM **MOST REV. WILTON GREGORY**

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 12

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Regular schedule of Masses

† ~ Interpreted for the deaf

PARKING ON THE HOLIDAYS

Penn Parking has informed us of the following holiday hours for the garage next to the Cathedral:

Tuesday, **December 31**, New Year's Eve
7am – 9pm

Wednesday, **January 1**, New Year's Day
Closed

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Domingo 5 de Enero

Horario regular de Misas

† 11:30 de la mañana **ARZOBISPO WILTON GREGORY**

Misa en español 1:00 de la tarde

FESTIVIDAD DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Domingo 12 de Enero

Horario regular de Misas

Misa en español 1:00 de la tarde

† ~ Interprete para sordos

APARCAMIENTO EN DIAS NAVIDEÑOS

El aparcamiento Penn que está a la derecha de la Catedral, nos ha informado del horario durante los siguientes días:

Martes **31 de diciembre** Fin de Año
de 7 de la mañana a 9 de la noche

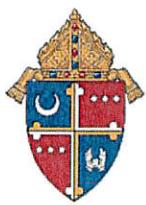
Miércoles **1 de enero** Año Nuevo
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Email: childprotection@adw.org

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

(If personal access to the Internet is not available, please speak with the local Child Protection Compliance Coordinator for assistance with the registration.)

Application

- All who have contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must complete, sign and return a volunteer or employment application to the local coordinator at the Parish/School. (*Where it will be retained and stored.*)

Register for Virtus

- Log on to www.virtusonline.org and begin the registration process.
- During the online registration, please read the **Pastoral Code of Conduct and Contact with Minors**.
- Schedule to attend a ***Protecting God's Children for Adults training session***

The steps above must all be completed and recorded on VIRTUS prior to conducting the livescan fingerprinting screening.

Criminal Background Check (Fingerprinting)

The Archdiocese of Washington now requires that all employees and volunteers who have contact with children or vulnerable adults to be fingerprinted.

- Please contact your local coordinator to obtain the Archdiocese of Washington **Identifier** number. (This authorization number is required to ensure the results are received and properly recorded.)

For Maryland, locations are collectively listed at:

<https://www.dpss.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>

For the District of Columbia:

You may visit any service that utilizes LiveScan, including one of the Maryland locations. We are aware of at least two LiveScan providers that operate District of Columbia locations:

Metro Lab (202) 234-1234

Washington DC Fingerprinting (202) 628-3716

Archdiocese of Washington - Child Protection Policy Booklet

- Please read the Child Protection and Safe Environment Policy Booklet (booklet will be provided by trainer)
- ***Acknowledgement Form*** must be signed and returned no later than 30 days following the training session to the local Child Protection Compliance Coordinator.

Please be aware that you cannot volunteer/work until your criminal background check is posted on your Virtus account. (Please contact your local coordinator)



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Lista de verificaciones de cumplimiento

(Si no tiene acceso personal a internet, por favor comuníquese con el Coordinador local del cumplimiento de Protección de Niños y Ambiente Seguro para recibir ayuda durante su inscripción.)

Solicitud de Voluntario

Todo el voluntario debe completar, firmar y devolver la solicitud al coordinador local de la parroquia y/o escuela donde será archivado y conservado.

Regístrese en Virtus

- Ingrese en www.virtusonline.org y comience el proceso de inscripción.
- Durante la inscripción en línea, por favor lea el **Código Arquidiocesano de Conducta y Contacto con Menores**.
- Seleccione una fecha para asistir a la **Sesión de Entrenamiento de Protección de los Hijos de Dios para Adultos**.

Todos los pasos anteriores deben ser completados y registrados en VIRTUS antes de realizar las verificación de antecedentes penales.

Verificación de antecedentes penales (Huellas Digitales)

La Arquidiócesis de Washington ahora exige que se tomen las huellas digitales de todos los empleados y voluntarios que tengan contacto con niños o adultos vulnerables.

- Comuníquese con su coordinador local para obtener el número de identificación de la Arquidiócesis de Washington. (Este número de autorización es necesario para garantizar que los resultados se reciban y se registren correctamente).

Para Maryland, las ubicaciones se enumeran colectivamente en:

<https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>

Para el Distrito de Columbia:

Puede visitar cualquier servicio que utilice LiveScan, incluyendo una de las ubicaciones de Maryland. La Arquidiócesis de Washington reconoce a dos proveedores de LiveScan que operan en ubicaciones del Distrito de Columbia:

Metro Lab (202) 234-1234

Washington DC Fingerprinting (202) 628-3716

Arquidiócesis de Washington – Libro de Política de Protección de Niños y Ambiente Seguro

- Lea el libro de la Política de Protección Infantil y Ambiente Seguro (el entrenador proporcionará el libro)
- El **Formulario de Reconocimiento** debe ser firmado y devuelto al Coordinador Local no más tarde de 30 días después de la sesión de entrenamiento.

Por favor sea consciente que no puede ser voluntario or trabajar hasta que su verificación electrónica de antecedentes se publique en su cuenta de Virtus. (Por favor, consulte con su coordinador local)

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

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

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

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & 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"/> Archdiocese of Military Service	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
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<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"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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.

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 (contact info at bottom right).

Encountering the Word – We offer two weekly encounters with the Word of God outside Mass. **Sacred Page**, which **resumes January 15**, meets Wednesdays, 7-8pm, in the West Conference Room to discuss the upcoming Sunday’s readings, led by our 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. Benson, and prayers.

Cathedral Book Club – All are welcome to a discussion of “Vipers’ Tangle” (also known as “Knot of Vipers”) by François Mauriac, on Monday, **January 13** from 6:45 to 8pm in the East Conference Room. The novel is described as “a masterpiece of psychological insight striking at the heart of ... greed, jealousy and resentment.” Mauriac won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1952 “for the deep spiritual insight and the artistic intensity with which he has ... penetrated the drama of human life.” “Vipers’ Tangle” is acclaimed as one of the greatest pieces of Catholic literature.

Little Rock Bible Study at the Cathedral – Registration Open! – This year our Church Sunday Lectionary highlights the Gospel of Matthew. Here at St. Matthew’s, we will embark on a new study of this gospel led by parishioners. Sister Barbara Reid, O.P. a renowned scripture scholar and professor at Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union, is the author. Sunday Bible Study begins on **January 26** at 3:30pm in the East Conference Room; Monday Bible Study begins on **January 27** at 7pm in the N Street Building. Each participant is asked to purchase his or her own book by calling 800-858-5450 (cost is \$17). To register, contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at right).

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.

Lecturas del 29 de Diciembre

José tomó al niño y a su madre y regresó a la tierra de Israel. (Mateo 2, 20)

La familia es la iglesia doméstica. Si reflexionamos en lo que esto significa, aprendemos muchas cosas. A todos los padres y madres les ha dado Dios una misión especialísima en la formación y educación de su familia.

Considerando el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, podemos reconocer al menos dos características que nos conviene adoptar, promover y exhibir en nuestra propia convivencia familiar: la obediencia y el amor a Dios. En la lectura de hoy se aprecia que la Virgen María y San José cultivaban estas cualidades en la vida espiritual de su familia. Así quedó en claro cuando el ángel le anunció en sueños a José que debía regresar a Nazaret con María y el Niño Jesús porque "ya murieron los que intentaban quitarle la vida al niño".

Los padres de hoy también necesitan escuchar a Dios, vale decir, orar asiduamente y estudiar la Palabra de Dios. Dios quiere que sepamos que el Espíritu Santo, que vive en nosotros, puede ayudarnos a dar alimento espiritual a nuestras familias. San José, con las fuerzas de la sabiduría de Dios, pudo discernir la influencia del mal en el mundo (personificado en Herodes) y proteger a su hijo.

Nosotros también hemos de proteger a los nuestros de los peligros del mundo actual, sin aislarlos de la realidad, sino enseñándoles los principios y las verdades de Dios, para que luego ellos mismos decidan seguir el camino recto. En efecto, si nos preocupamos de inculcar a nuestros hijos los valores y principios cristianos del amor, la verdad, el trabajo honesto y la compasión, más tarde ellos estarán en mejores condiciones de tomar decisiones compatibles con las verdades del Evangelio y ser personas de bien.

Pidámosle al Señor fe, sabiduría y fortaleza para que nosotros también, como María y José, sepamos guiar y proteger a nuestros hijos y enseñarles a avanzar resueltamente por el camino angosto de la salvación.

"Señor Jesús, quiero ser imitador del amor y la obediencia de la Sagrada Familia, para que mi hogar sea una verdadera iglesia doméstica."

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 29	Ecl 3:3-7,14-17 / Col 3:12- 21 /Mt 2:13-15,19-23 <i>La Sagrada Familia</i>
Lunes 30	1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lc 2:36-40
Martes 31	1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Miércoles 1	Núm 6:22-27 / Gál 4:4-7 / Lc 2:16-21 <i>Santa María Madre de Dios</i>
Jueves 2	1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28 <i>San Basilio y San Gregorio Nacianenco</i>
Viernes 3	1 Jn 2:29–3:6 / Jn 1:29-34 <i>Santísimo Nombre de Jesús</i>
Sábado 4	1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42 <i>Santa Isabel Ana Seton</i>

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions December 29 – January 12

Sunday, December 29	12:10pm – Fermin & Lynn Abejuela's Family (living)
5:30pm Vigil (Dec. 28)	5:30pm – Letourneau Family (living)
– Catherine Austin (living)	5:30pm – Saturday, January 4
7am – Raul Fernandez, Sr.	8am – Noah Jordan Boyd
8:30am – All Parishioners	12:10pm – Dell & Mike Jumilla's Family (living)
10am – Lauren & Francis O'Neill (living)	5:30pm – Francis Joseph Coyne Sunday, January 5
11:30am – Lauren O'Neill (living)	10am – Manuel Muñoz
1pm – Nydia Puerta Monday, December 30	11:30am – Carl A. Calhoun
7am – Rose Api	1pm – Todos los Feligreses
8am – Ayanna Ventura (living)	5:30pm – Benefactors of St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish, living and dead Monday, January 6
12:10pm – Rose & Renee Toussaint	8am – 50th wedding anniversary of Bob & Peggy Hamill (living)
5:30pm – Victoriano Salgado	12:10pm – Evelyn & Efren Ramiscal's Family (living)
Tuesday, December 31	Tuesday, January 7
7am – Kim Robinson	8am – Hazel P. Jameson
8am – Madison Orndorff	12:10pm – Irene & Leo Gallardo (living)
12:10pm – Wilsie Adams	Wednesday, January 8
5:30pm – Maureen Hurley (living)	8am – Leonides F. Yap, Sr.
Wednesday, January 1	12:10pm – Rose & Renee Toussaint
10am – Lauren O'Neill (living)	5:30pm – Thursday, January 9
11:30am – Rolando L. De Los Santos	8am – Richard Roy Orndorff
1pm – Intenciones Especiales	12:10pm – Erlinda Cartagena & Children (living)
Thursday, January 2	5:30pm – Jack Duclos Friday, January 10
7am – Raymond Jacobs (living)	12:10pm – John & Gloria Ryan Saturday, January 11
8am – Kendal Morgan Orndorff	12:10pm – Irinea Flores Yap
12:10pm – Marylen & Efren Balandue's Family (living)	5:30pm – Marjorie K T Fong Sunday, January 12
5:30pm – Letourneau Family	8:30am – Albert Forte
Friday, January 3	10am – Leo Lucero
7am – Rachel R. Savarino	11:30am All Parishioners
8am – Conrado Sabelino	1pm – Alvaro Uribarri
	5:30pm – Franz Kuo (living)

Lecturas del 5 de Enero

Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre. (Mateo 2, 10)

La palabra griega *epipháneia* significa manifestación. El nacimiento de un niño puede ser una epifanía que de repente nos hace comprender el amor y la responsabilidad de una manera nueva.

En la fiesta de la Epifanía hoy celebramos el hecho de que Dios manifestó su gloria a los sabios (o reyes magos) venidos del oriente. Primero, ellos vieron una estrella y decidieron seguirla hasta llegar a Jesús. Segundo, cuando encontraron al Niño, los sabios se arrodillaron para adorarlo y le rindieron homenaje. Tercero, los sabios regresaron a sus países internamente transformados.

Tal vez esta secuencia es la misma que sucedió en tu vida, querido lector. Dios visita día a día a la humanidad, al punto de que podría decirse que nunca se fue. Cada día, Cristo está a la puerta de tu corazón y te pregunta, “¿Puedo entrar?” (Apocalipsis 3, 20). Los sabios no tenían que seguir la estrella, pero libremente decidieron hacerlo. Ahora, tú tienes la misma opción de abrirle las puertas de tu corazón a Dios.

Cuando los Magos contemplaron la divinidad del Niño Jesús, lo adoraron. Hoy, cuando estés en Misa, deja que la divinidad de Cristo te lleve a adorarlo. Contempla quién es Jesús y todo lo que él hizo por ti. Arrodíllate delante de él, ya sea como Bebé en el pesebre o como Salvador en la cruz, y deja que la alegría y la gratitud te llenen por completo, como lo hicieron los sabios.

Los sabios se sintieron transformados por lo que vieron. Sabemos que cambiaron la ruta de regreso para evitar a Herodes; pero no hay duda de que habían encontrado una vida nueva. Acababan de ver la gloria de Dios y nada volvería a ser lo mismo de antes.

Tu vida también puede cambiar de una manera parecida: viendo y adorando a Jesús y recibiendo del Espíritu Santo un nuevo entendimiento. Esto, siempre te dará una mejor forma de pensar, actuar y relacionarte con tus semejantes.

“Señor y Dios mío, hoy te pido que me concedas una epifanía, para que yo vea a Jesús de una manera nueva.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 5

La Epifanía del Señor

Is 60:1-6 / Ef 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Lunes 6

San Andrés Bessete

1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Martes 7

San Raimundo de Peñafort

1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles 8

Jueves 9

Viernes 10

Sábado 11

Domingo 12

El Bautismo del Señor

1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mc 6:45-52

1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lc 4:13-22a

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lc 5:12-16

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Is 42:1-4,6-7 / He 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

Noticias de la Parroquia

Gracias y que Dios les Bendiga! – Me gustaría darles las gracias por sus oraciones, confianza y apoyo a San Mateo en este año pasado. Su contribución de tiempo, talento y tesoro, hace que la Catedral sea el centro de fe en nuestra comunidad en la ciudad. Les pido que se comprometan de nuevo en este Año Nuevo, con sus nuevos desafíos, para que continuemos la manifestación de la presencia de Cristo en la ciudad. Les deseo a ustedes y sus familias un ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! — Mons. Jameson

Verificación de Cumplimiento de la Arquidiócesis – La última [lista de verificación de cumplimiento de la Arquidiócesis de Washington para la protección infantil y ambiente seguro](#) está disponible en el sitio web de San Mateo y en este boletín. A todos los empleados y voluntarios de San Mateo que tienen contacto con niños y/o adultos vulnerables se les pide que revisen y cumplan con estos requisitos para que San Mateo sea un ambiente seguro para todos.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **3 de enero**. El sábado **4 de enero** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía.

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. Debe tener documentos de trabajo legal y pasar una verificación de antecedentes. Requisitos mínimos: experiencia de mantenimiento (en limpieza) que sea bilingüe, español/ingles. Este es un trabajo a tiempo completo, el cual ofrece beneficios, incluyendo seguro de salud, días de enfermedad pagados y retiro. Contacte a Pam Erwin al 202-347-3215.

Noticias *continuación*

Voluntarios para los Programas de Lenguaje para Adultos

¿Cuándo? 11 de febrero al 14 de mayo

martes, miércoles y jueves por la tarde de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde

¿Dónde? St. Matthew's Education Center
1726 de la calle N, al Noroeste

Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan comprometerse a enseñar o ser tutores una noche a la semana. Los voluntarios serán asignados a enseñar una vez a la semana con otro maestro. Las clases de inglés (ESL) empiezan del nivel 1 al nivel 5, las clases de español (SSL) empiezan del nivel 1 al nivel 3. Se les pide a los tutores que ayuden una noche a la semana de 6:00 a 6:30 de la tarde. La reunión de orientación para nuestros voluntarios será el **5 de febrero** a las 6:30 de la tarde. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con Rhoda Mbato & Kerry Read para ESL stmattsesl@gmail.com o con Carina Carrasco & Angelo Gomez para SSL stmattssl@gmail.com.

Rincón del cuidado de la creación - Pasaje de Laudato Si' – "Una sensación de profunda comunión con el resto de la naturaleza no puede ser real si nuestros corazones no tienen ternura, compasión y preocupación por los demás seres humanos. La preocupación por el medio ambiente, por lo tanto, debe unirse a un amor sincero por el próximo y un inquebrantable compromiso de resolver los problemas de la sociedad." (#91) ***¡Únase al Equipo del Cuidado de la Creación de San mateo!***
Escriba al padre John Benson o Norma Canedo al socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Semana de Oración por la Unidad – "Nos mostraron una bondad inusual" (*cf. He 28, 2*) es el tema de la semana de oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos (**18-25 de enero**). Estos días se reservan cada año para que los cristianos de todo el mundo puedan compartir la oración de Jesús: "que todos sean uno... que el mundo crea" (Jn 17:21).

Únanse con Nosotros para la Marcha por la Vida en enero – El Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida invita a nuestros feligreses y amigos a reunirse con nosotros el viernes, **24 de enero** para la Marcha por la Vida en el Mall Nacional. Nos encontraremos en la Capilla de San Antonio de la Catedral después de la Concentración y Misa por la Vida a las 10:00 de la mañana. Por favor póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers si planea ir con nosotros al jsilvers@cbndc.org. También puede comunicarse con el padre John Benson o Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215 o socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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 *Únese 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).