



strengthening our faith

by rebuilding our heritage

February 2014

My dear friends,

As I sit here at my desk, I'm hearing reports on the radio of more snow—not much, just enough to cover the grass. This time last week, I was in Florida enjoying warmer weather and good friends. Looking ahead, we are reminded that Lent is almost here! Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is celebrated this year on March 5. The Lenten season is filled with many challenges and opportunities. The greatest of these is not to turn it into solely an individual journey, but to recognize it as a journey that we share with our faith family, the Church. Lent is for the Church, the people of God, and as such, we journey as one.

As we start our Lenten journey, this year I would like to share a brief reflection from Pope Francis.

One of the greatest dangers lying in wait for us is “getting used to it.” We become so used to life and to everything in it that nothing surprises us—neither the good, to give thanks, nor the evil, to truly sadden us. I am surprised and perplexed when I ask an acquaintance how he is, and he replies: “Bad, but I’m used to it.”

We get used to getting up each day as if there were no other way of seeing things. We get used to violence as something that’s unavoidable. We get used to poverty and misery habitually walking through the streets of our city. We get used to seeing women and children at night in the inner city carrying away the castoffs of others. We get used to living in a paganized city where children do not know how to pray or make the Sign of the Cross.

Getting used to things anesthetizes the heart, destroying the capacity for that amazement that renews us in hope. We are left with no room for the recognition of evil and the power to struggle against it.

On the other hand, there are moments so powerful that they shock us out of this unhealthy perspective and reveal a reality that challenges us a little more each time. For example, when we lose some very beloved person or thing, we tend to value and be thankful for what we have—what, a moment earlier, we hadn’t really appreciated. Along our journey as disciples, Lent presents that powerful moment, that turning point that brings our hearts out of the routine and laziness of habit.

Lenten Liturgies at the Cathedral

Lent is a special time in the life of a parish. There is no better way to heed the clarion call of Lent than to join the Church in the celebration of the liturgies. The prayers and readings—the Liturgy of the Word—and the Liturgy of the Eucharist will give us the strength and the guidance to make the journey through the desert to the empty tomb of promise, to rise with Christ on Easter Sunday after having been plunged into his death at our Baptism. If we make the journey with integrity, then we will arrive at the tomb and see the future, and, indeed, share in his resurrection.

Once again this Lenten season, the Cathedral will offer ample opportunities to prepare for the great Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. Enclosed is our Lenten brochure, which I urge you to keep close at hand in the weeks ahead. And don't be shy about picking up an extra copy or two for your family, friends and co-workers.

On Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, we will wear the sign of penitence as a reminder of the need for our inner conversion, for the rending of our hearts, not our garments, and for our return to the Lord our God. (*Joel 2:13*). On Sunday, **March 9**, our catechumens and candidates will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to participate with Cardinal Wuerl in the Rite of Election. Please keep these men and women in your prayers.

The Stations of the Cross, in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II, will be celebrated in English on the Fridays of Lent at 6pm and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15pm. The Stations of the Cross, or Via Crucis, is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary. I urge you to take advantage of this beautiful devotion, which is particularly fitting for Lent.

Each Wednesday of Lent beginning on **March 12**, priests will be available for confessions in both English and Spanish from 6:30pm until 8pm (and from 6:15pm to 7:15pm on Wednesday of Holy Week). We will continue our regularly scheduled confessions on weekdays, 11am to Noon and on Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm. On Tuesday, **April 15**, we will hold a Communal Penance Service at 12:10pm with at least 15 priests available for individual confessions.

Lenten Faith Formation Offerings

Join us for "**Reconciled: Salesian Perspectives on Mercy, Humility, and Forgiveness**," our annual **Lenten Morning of Recollection**, on Saturday, **March 8**. Our Advent Day of Recollection presenter this past December, Oblate of St. Francis de Sales Father Michael Murray, will return to lead us in prayer and reflection. An excellent way to begin your Lenten journey, this morning retreat will begin at 9am in the North Conference Room and will conclude with our 12:10pm Mass. All are welcome. A freewill offering will be taken. Please RSVP to Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

"Encountering Jesus": St. Matthew's Lenten Lecture Series will highlight ways in which we can strive to draw closer to Jesus Christ in our everyday lives and share the power of those encounters with others. The four-part series will include the following talks: "Where Do We Meet Jesus?" (Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi), "Encountering Jesus in the Word" (Sister Patricia A. Parachini, SNJM), "Encountering Jesus in the Sacraments" (Father Raymond B. Kemp), and "Encountering Jesus in Works of Charity" (Father James J. Greenfield, OSFS). The series begins on Thursday, **March 13** and continues every following Wednesday and Thursday through the first week in April in the North Conference Room. Wednesday lectures will be given from 12:45pm to 1:45pm, and Thursday lectures will be given from 7pm to 8pm. All are welcome at any or all lectures. No registration is required.

Father Jack Hurley will continue his **Bible study on the Gospel of John** on Saturdays, **March 15 and 22 and April 5** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. All are welcome as we study the Last Supper, the Passion, and the Resurrection. No registration is required.

Did you know that, during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers a preparation program for active adult Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite all baptized adult Catholics who have received First Eucharist but not Confirmation to take advantage of this great opportunity! Sessions will be held on Thursdays, **May 1, 8, 15, and 22** from 7pm to 9pm with a retreat on Saturday, **May 17**. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Ascension Sunday, **June 1**. Registration forms are available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website. Please register no later than Friday, **April 4**. (This preparation is only for those baptized Catholics who have already celebrated their First Eucharist. For others, please contact Heather Kinney to discuss participation in the RCIA process.)

Know Someone Who Is Looking for Something? Maybe It's God

As you make your own Lenten preparations, I ask you to take advantage of the opportunity the season gives us to reach out to people who you know have drifted from their faith. Please, take a few minutes to think about people in your life who might appreciate a special invitation to come back to Church, for prayer, Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Lenten season is always a very busy one around the Cathedral. Please keep the staff and me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers and personal best wishes for a blessed season of Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

HOLY WEEK 2014

APRIL 13: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

- 5:30PM (Saturday, April 12) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
 7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
 8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
 9:45AM Blessing of Palms, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL
 10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
 † 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
 1PM MOST REV. FRANCISCO GONZÁLEZ, S.F. (en Español)
 5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

APRIL 14: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 8AM Mass
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
 12:10PM Mass
 1PM to 6PM *The Cathedral is closed & reopens at 6PM.*
 † 7PM CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)

APRIL 15: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 8AM Mass
 11AM *No confessions scheduled*
 † 12:10PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
 5:30PM Mass

APRIL 16: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 8AM Mass
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
 12:10PM Mass
 5:30PM Mass
 6:15PM to 7:15PM Confessions (4 confessors)
 7:30PM TENEBRÆ (choir)

† Interpreted for the deaf

APRIL 17: HOLY THURSDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
 12:10PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (contemporary choir)
 † 5:30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM
 9:45PM NIGHT PRAYER
The Cathedral closes at 10PM.

APRIL 18: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
 NOON REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. J. CLETUS KILEY, Director of Immigration Policy, UNITE HERE
 † 1PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
 4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S. JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN, MOST REV. FRANCISCO GONZÁLEZ, S.F.
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

APRIL 19: HOLY SATURDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)
 NOON to 7PM *No Masses during the day. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*
 † 8PM EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)

APRIL 20: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses:

- 7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
 8:30AM JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
 10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
 † 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)
 1PM REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)
 5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)
The Rectory is closed today & Easter Monday, April 21.

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MASSES & CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday:

- 5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass (cantor)
 7AM Mass
 8:30AM Mass (cantor)
 10AM Mass in Latin – Novus Ordo (choir*)
 † 11:30AM Mass (choir*)
 1PM Mass (en Español)
 5:30PM Mass (contemporary choir)

*The *Schola Cantorum* sings from the first Sunday after Labor Day until the Baptism of the Lord, and then again from Ash Wednesday until the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Weekday Masses:

7AM, 8AM, 12:10PM & 5:30PM

Saturday Masses:

8AM & 12:10PM

Masses on federal holidays:

8AM & 12:10PM

Confessions (except Holy Days and federal holidays):

Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon
 Saturday, 4PM to 5PM or by appointment

The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., between Connecticut Avenue and 17th Street. The nearest Metro rail station is on the Red Line at Farragut North (L Street exit). Metro bus routes stop at Connecticut Avenue and M Street, a few hundred feet to the west of the Cathedral. Metro information can be obtained by contacting 202-637-7000 or www.wmata.com.

For more information, contact the Rectory:
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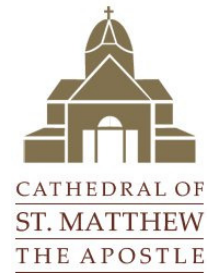
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LENT 2014



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 Rector

Each year on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that all we see and experience in our world will pass away. Our only hope is in the Lord, who will rescue and bring us to eternal life in Him. While we battle with the trials and sufferings of this world, God is constantly there to refresh us. My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you will reach out to the Lord with a spirit renewed through prayer and penance and with an ever-increasing awareness of the power of His love for us. I hope that this Lent will be a time when all of us will grow ever deeper in our love for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Please join us at St. Matthew's Cathedral to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs. I hope that my staff and I can be of help in providing you with ample opportunities for prayer, study, reflection, and reconciliation here at the Cathedral.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:

7AM	REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
8AM	REV. JAMES J. GARDINER, S.A.
11AM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
† 12:10PM	DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
1:15PM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (cantor)
3PM	Stations of the Cross, DEACON JAMES A. GARCIA
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español con cantor)
8PM	Via Crucis, DEACON JUAN CAYRAMPOMA (en Español)

Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass. No confessions scheduled today

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS)

The *Via Crucis* is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (*cf Luke 12:49-50*) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations, in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II, will be prayed in English on Fridays at 6PM and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15PM throughout Lent, in addition to their celebration on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at the times listed for those days.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions (Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon and Saturdays, 4PM to 5PM), Confessions in English and Spanish will be heard each Wednesday of Lent except Ash Wednesday, 6:30PM to 8PM, and on April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6:15PM to 7:15PM.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN MUSIC

LETARE VESPERS

Sunday, March 30, 4PM
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM
The annual Lenten evening prayer sung entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets

TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16, 7:30pm
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM
The ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, April 18, Noon
REV. J. CLETUS KILEY, Director of Immigration Policy, UNITE HERE
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM
All musical programs will be given in the Cathedral and are open to the public. Free-will donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

RECONCILED: SALESIAN PERSPECTIVES ON MERCY, HUMILITY, AND FORGIVENESS
Saturday, March 8, 9AM – 1PM
REV. MICHAEL S. MURRAY, O.S.F.S.
Executive Director, De Sales Spirituality Center
Location: North Conference Room
For more information, contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x530 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
Borrowing the title of noted author Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi's latest book, this series will highlight ways in which we can strive to draw closer to Jesus Christ in our everyday lives and share the power of those encounters with others.

Week 1 – Where Do We Meet Jesus?
Thursday, March 13, 7PM to 8PM
REV. MSGR. PETER J. VAGHI
Pastor, Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda MD; author, *Encountering Jesus in Word, Sacraments, and Works of Charity*
This lecture will be offered only once.

Week 2 – Encountering Jesus in the Word
Wednesday, March 19, 12:45PM to 1:45PM
Thursday, March 20, 7PM to 8PM
SR. PATRICIA A. PARACHINI, S.N.J.M.
Affiliate Faculty, Loyola University Maryland

Week 3 – Encountering Jesus in the Sacraments
Wednesday, March 26, 12:45PM to 1:45PM
Thursday, March 27, 7PM to 8PM
REV. RAYMOND B. KEMP
Special Assistant to the President, Georgetown University

Week 4 – Encountering Jesus in Works of Charity
Wednesday, April 2, 12:45PM to 1:45PM
Thursday, April 3, 7PM to 8PM
VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S.
Provincial, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
All lectures will be given in the North Conference Room. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x530 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to join us for Simple Lenten Meals on Fridays during Lent, following the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a parish group will sponsor a simple meal and offer attendees the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization. A different parish group sponsor and a different charity will be featured each week—check our parish website for details.
Location: North Conference Room

BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF JOHN

Saturday, March 15 – The Lord's Supper
Saturday, March 22 – The Passion
Saturday, April 5 – The Resurrection
REV. JOHN J. HURLEY
All sessions will meet from 10:30AM to 11:45AM in the East Conference Room. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x530 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

† HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

"COME HOME FOR EASTER"
Tuesday, April 15, 12:10PM
A communal penance service with many priest confessors available for individual confessions, including several who are fluent in American Sign, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, or other languages

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As morning breaks I look to you, O God, to be my strength this day. (Psalm 63)

Morning Prayer at 9am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday
Night Prayer at 9:45pm on Holy Thursday
We will pray in the St. Anthony Chapel, led by one of our rectory priests.
Prayer leaflets will be available.
Please join us.