

TODAY'S READINGS

Whenever we read passages like this, it's helpful to keep one truth in mind: Jesus always spoke from experience. So when he said that the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the persecuted were blessed, he was not just presenting a fanciful or idealistic set of dreams. He was speaking out of experience about what it was like to have his life shaped by his Father and not by any philosophy of worldly success.

Jesus knew what it meant to be poor and yet have the kingdom of God as his inheritance. He had nowhere to lay his head (Luke 9:58)—but not because he had no other option. No, he chose a life of simplicity because his heart was set on higher riches (Matthew 6:33). He deliberately chose to pray throughout the night (Luke 6:12) and to fast for forty days and nights (Matthew 4:2) because he wanted God to fill him up.

Jesus so wanted to give people everything he had received from his Father that he openly mourned his disciples' unbelief and Jerusalem's rejection of him (Mark 9:19; Matthew 23:37). Finally, he knew that, like the prophets, he would be hated, reviled, and persecuted—not because he was obnoxious but because his words struck against the hardness of sin in the human heart. But again, like the prophets, he could not keep from speaking out, so greatly did God's love for his people compel him.

Jesus didn't come to earth to be poor, hated, and sad. He came to reveal the kingdom of God to a fallen people. Likewise, he doesn't call us to become poor, hated, or sad. No, he offers us an experience of his Father's love so great that everything else pales in comparison. He offers us a kingdom so magnificent that we will willingly endure hardship for the sake of embracing this kingdom and spreading its message into the world. With such promises, why would we ever fear God's calling?

"Jesus, you said that your Father 'is pleased' to give us the kingdom (Luke 12:32). Open my eyes to the treasure of his kingdom. Let me know its blessing as deeply as you do."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday 15th	Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday 16th	Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday 17th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 18th	Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25
Friday 19th	Is 58:1-9 / Mt 9:14-15
Saturday 20th	Is 58:9-14 / Lk 5:27-32
Sunday 21st	Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

To our ministers of hospitality and anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry, please consider serving on Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, when ashes will be distributed at all Masses. To help at the 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm, 1:15pm or 5:30pm Masses, sign up in the back of the church or send an email to Reply@stmatthewscathedral.org. Thank you.

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Cuando leemos un pasaje como el Evangelio de hoy conviene tener presente una verdad muy útil: Jesús siempre habló por experiencia propia. Cuando dijo que los pobres, los que pasan hambre, los que sufren dolor y hasta los perseguidos eran dichosos, no estaba solamente proponiendo una serie de aspiraciones idealistas o novedosas, sino que se refería a lo que su familia y Él mismo habían experimentado por llevar una vida de amor y obediencia a Dios.

Cristo sabía lo que era ser pobre: el reino de Dios era su herencia, pero no tenía dónde reposar la cabeza (Lucas 9,58), aunque no por falta de soluciones; buscó una vida de sencillez porque tenía el corazón enfocado en los tesoros celestiales (Mateo 6,33); deliberadamente se dedicaba a orar toda la noche (Lucas 6,12) y una vez ayunó durante 40 días y 40 noches (Mateo 4,2), porque quería que Dios lo llenara de su amor y su poder.

Jesús quería dar a todos los seres humanos lo que Él había recibido de su Padre; por eso le dolía tanto la incredulidad de sus discípulos y el hecho de que Jerusalén lo hubiera rechazado (Marcos 9,19; Mateo 23,37). Finalmente, sabía que sería odiado, calumniado y perseguido, como lo fueron los profetas, no porque su conducta fuera censurable o antisocial, sino porque su palabra destruía la dureza del pecado en el corazón de las personas. Pero, al igual que los profetas, tampoco podía dejar de predicar y enseñar, porque el amor de Dios lo movía con fuerza.

Jesús no vino al mundo a ser pobre ni a enfrentar odio y persecución; vino a dar conocer El Reino de los cielos al pueblo de Dios caído en el pecado. Del mismo modo, el Señor no desea vernos pobres ni llevando su Padre, que es tan grande que, por comparación, todo lo demás pierde brillo y color. Cristo nos ofrece un reino tan magnífico que todos desearíamos soportar cualquier dificultad con tal de experimentarlo y propagar en el mundo la buena noticia de que el Reino de los Cielos está entre nosotros. Con promesas tan magníficas, ¿por qué nos iba a causar desánimo o intranquilidad?

"Jesús, Señor y Redentor mío, Tú nos dijiste que el Padre le complacía darnos el Reino (Lucas 12,32). Ayúdame a abrir los ojos, Señor, para contemplar los tesoros de este Reino y conocer sus muchas bendiciones."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 15	Stgo 1:1-11 / Mc 8:11-13
Martes 16	Stgo 1:12-18 / Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles 17 <i>Miércoles de Ceniza</i>	Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mc 7:14-23
Jueves 18	Deut 30:15-20 / Lc 9:22-25
Viernes 19	Is 58:1-9 / Mt 9:14-15
Sábado 20	Is 58:9-14 / Lc 5:27-32
Domingo 21	Deut 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lc 4:1-13

VIA CRUCIS

El Via Crucis, revisado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en Inglés los viernes a las 6 de la tarde y en español los domingos a las 2:15 de la tarde durante la Cuaresma. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en esta devoción cuaresmal.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

rites of sending and election

Today Sunday, **February 14**, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 5:30pm Mass for twenty women and men who have been preparing to become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. During this brief ceremony, the parish community will affirm these individuals and send them to Archbishop Wuerl for a special liturgy at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the First Sunday of Lent. During this Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, Archbishop Wuerl will welcome these men and women and encourage them on their faith journeys. At the Easter Vigil, thirteen of these will become Christians through Baptism, six will formally join the Catholic Church from other Christian denominations, and one will complete his Catholic initiation. Please keep these women and men in your prayers.

Wednesday evening Lenten confessions

This Lent, St. Matthew's will offer Confessions on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8pm, beginning on **February 24**. In addition to our regular Confessions (Monday-Friday, 11am-Noon, and Saturdays, 4-5pm), Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish on Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30-8pm, except Ash Wednesday. Come and experience forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father through the Son!

Stations of the Cross (via Crucis)

The Via Crucis is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, that divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (cf Lk 1: 49-50) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross, 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. Please join us for this beautiful devotion, which is particularly fitting for Lent.

Interested in becoming a lector?

An orientation and training session for those wishing to become lectors will be held Saturday, **February 20**, in the North Conference Room, 9:30am-1pm. We welcome both registered and "weekday parishioners"—members of other parishes who work in the downtown area and attend weekday Masses here. Those attending will be asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. Candidates who are invited to become lectors will be asked to commit to reading at Mass at least twice each month. To register, call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x517 by Wednesday, **February 17**.

The Word Among Us for Lent

Copies of the Lenten edition of *The Word Among Us* magazine are provided by St. Matthew's to help and encourage you in your Lenten preparations. Please pick one up for yourself and your family at the back of the Cathedral.

Presidents' Day

Monday, **February 15**, is Presidents' Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There will be no Confessions, and the Rectory offices will be closed.

WELCOME!

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

Primera semana de Cuaresma: La Tentación de Jesús

En el relato de Lucas de las tentaciones de Jesús vemos cómo la riqueza, el poder y la estima nos pueden tentar como tentaron a Jesús. La Cuaresma nos llama a profundizar nuestra vida de fe. Al comenzar esta Cuaresma con la Operación Plato de Arroz de Catholic Relief Services, recemos y sacrifiquémonos para que por medio de nuestra vida de fe podamos mejorar la vida de nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados.

Ayunar

Miércoles de Ceniza (**17 de Febrero**) y Viernes Santo (**2 de Abril**) son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los católicos que ya llegaron a los 18 años de edad, pero que son menores de 60 años, están obligados al ayuno, que consiste en una sola comida completa durante el día. Todos los católicos que han cumplido 14 años están obligados a los días de abstinencia en los cuales no se debe de comer carne. Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

Confesiones los Miércoles de Cuaresma

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Catedral de San Mateo tendrá confesiones disponibles todos los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8 de la noche comenzando el **24 de Febrero**, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes-viernes, 11-12 y sábados 4-5 de la tarde) tendremos confesiones en Inglés y Español, exceptuando el Miércoles de Ceniza.

Día de los Presidentes

Este Lunes **15 de Febrero** es día de los Presidentes. Fiesta federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas

¿Comprometida? ¿Sabía que...?

La Catedral está reservada hasta el final de este año para bodas a las 2 de la tarde. En las mañanas y tardes, todavía hay disponibilidad en algunos fines de semana, pero, esas horas se están reservando también. Los sacerdotes les aconsejan que si están interesados en celebrar su matrimonio aquí en la Catedral, deben llamar a uno de ellos lo más pronto posible, en cuanto se comprometan, para hablar sobre los requisitos de la preparación matrimonial y las fechas de las bodas.



CATHEDRAL BULLETIN CALENDAR
CALENDARIO DE LA CATEDRAL

FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 21

CATHEDRAL OF
SAINT MATTHEW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SUNDAY—Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room after all Masses except the 7am Mass.

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

The Cathedral Club meets after the 11:30am Mass in the West Conference Room.

Always Our Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

MONDAY—Presidents' Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no Confessions.

The Rectory offices are closed.

TUESDAY—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

El Grupo de Oración en Español se reunirá a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY—**Ash Wednesday.** Masses are celebrated at 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm (**Archbishop Wuerl**), 1:15pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (en Español), with distribution of ashes at all Masses.

No confessions are scheduled.

Stations of the Cross are prayed at 3pm.

Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en Español) a las 8pm.

THURSDAY—A Serra Club talk is given after the 7am Mass in the North Conference Room.

FRIDAY—**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by Simple Lenten Meals served in the North Conference Room.

SATURDAY—A Mass for the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at 12:10pm.

SUNDAY—Clase de Bautizo se ofrecerá a las 9 de la mañana en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

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

El Vía Crucis se rezará (en español) a las 2:15pm.

ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN

St. Matthew's Gay and Lesbian Ministry will hold a confidential support group meeting today, Sunday, **February 14**, 3:30-5:15pm in the West Conference Room. Parents of gay and lesbian individuals are especially encouraged to attend.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2009 Year-End-Contribution Statements have been sent out to those who have contributed \$250 or more. However, statements of any amount will be sent out upon request. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x517.

**FAITH IN ACTION AT
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL**

St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry provides for the material and spiritual needs of 55-70 homeless adults in our community. The program operates from 7:30am to 11am on Mondays. Most volunteers serve every other Monday. We always need new volunteers to make bag lunches once a month, bring breakfast foods, or serve on Monday mornings. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Teresa Volante at tvolante@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x552.

Clothing donations. If you have new or gently used men's or women's casual clothing (jeans, shorts, belts, t-shirts, sweaters, sneakers, etc.) to donate or want to purchase items that are most needed, contact Teresa (contact info above) to make arrangements. Donations will not be accepted at the door without prior approval, nor can we accept dress clothes, household items, dirty or damaged items, or small-sized women's clothing. Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

The Social Justice & Community Services ministry is planning a parish health and wellness fair at the Cathedral this fall. If you have interest or expertise in health and wellness, we would greatly appreciate your input and help. To contribute ideas and learn more, attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, **February 24**, at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room. For more information or to share ideas, contact Teresa Volante (contact info above)

FIRST WEEK OF LENT—JESUS' TEMPTATION

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus, we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (**February 17**) and Good Friday (**April 2**) are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years of age are bound to observe the fast, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday must observe days of abstinence, during which no meat may be eaten. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

DECLARACIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIONES

La Declaración de sus contribuciones como feligrés de la Catedral que corresponde al año 2009 ya ha sido enviado por correo. Tenga en cuenta, que la declaración o informe de sus donaciones, no se envían si durante todo el año no se ha llegado a la suma de \$250.00. Contribuciones con otra cantidad serán enviadas solo si son pedidas. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre su declaración, por favor llame a la Rectoría.

CATHEDRAL OF
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
presents the annual

Lenten Lecture Series

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Lenten Lecture Series will focus on
“The Lenten Liturgies and Our Lives.”

Our five-part series will include talks on:

- The Symbols and Traditions of Lent
 - The Catechumenate
 - The Lenten Scriptures
 - The Holy Week Liturgies
 - Lenten Music

The series will begin **Wednesday, February 24**
and will continue every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**
in **Lent**.

Wednesday lectures will be from **12:45PM to 1:45PM** in the **North Conference Room**.

Thursday lectures will be from **7:00PM to 8:00PM**
in the **North Conference Room**.

[The lecture on Thursday, March 18 will be in the Great Hall.]



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LENTEN REFLECTIONS IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION

Parish Day of Recollection

Lent is the forty-day liturgical season during which the Church invites all Christians to renewal and reconciliation. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we journey with our Lord Jesus to the Cross on Good Friday and to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Join us the morning of Saturday, February 27 for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection. Fr. Russel Murray, OFM returns to lead us in prayer and reflection on the guidance and support St. Francis of Assisi gives us to make the Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with our Lord Jesus. The day will include presentations by Fr. Murray, time for private reflection, opportunities to mingle, and Mass to close our time together.

Prepare to proclaim Christ's glorious Resurrection this Easter by joining us for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection!

SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLACE: NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

Fr. Murray is a member of the Order of Friars Minor (The Franciscans), Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and a member of the Washington Theological Union faculty in the Department of Systematic and Moral Theology. He holds a doctorate from the University of St. Michael's College as well as a Master of Divinity degree from Washington Theological Union. He has served as a member of the Directorate of Evangelization and as Regional Vocation Director for the Holy Name Province as well as Civilian Chaplain with the National Naval Medical Center.

For more information or to RSVP,
contact Heather Kinney,
Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, at
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MASS INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 14–FEBRUARY 20

SUNDAY: 5:30pm (Vigil) Bill Foster; 7am Sandra Ann Haasl (living); 8:30am Philip Paradise; 10am Laila Serpey; 11:30am Ludi Borrero de Fontares; 1pm Alfonso Contreras; 5:30pm All Parishioners.

MONDAY: 8am Oswald Swann; 12:10pm Georgina & Luis Gonzalez.

TUESDAY: 7am Mary Jean Tracy Erickson; 8am John Kekeh; 12:10pm Gloria Gadioma; 5:30pm Frank Cowles.

WEDNESDAY: 7am Joseph Klug Kuhn; 8am Julio Luna; 11am George F. Gall, Jr.; 12:10pm Msgr. Roy Klister (living); 1:15pm Sue Peterson; 5:30pm Mary Thongale; 7pm Jorge Diaz (living).

THURSDAY: 7am Lucille Barrett; 8am James J. Harnett, Jr.; 12:10pm Joe Di Battista; 5:30pm Irene Vicerál.

FRIDAY: 7am The Privo Family in Haiti; 8am Manual Gonzalez; 12:10pm Mario & Norma Di Battista; 5:30pm Sara Sallitto.

SATURDAY: 8am Jose Maria Urribarry; 12:10pm Marcosa Cancio; 5:30pm All Parishioners.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Did you know that St. Matthew's offers a five-week preparation program for adults 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, *April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13* from 7pm to 8:30pm with a retreat on Saturday, *May 15*. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. For more information or to register, please contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x530 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org. (*This preparation is only for those baptized Catholics who celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist as children. For others, please contact Heather Kinney to discuss participation in the RCIA process.*)

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The next Inquiry session for those interested in learning more about the process of becoming Catholic and/or the basics of the Catholic faith will be Wednesday, *March 10*, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x530 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org if you have questions.

ENGAGED? DID YOU KNOW....?

The Cathedral is booked through the end of the year for Saturday afternoon wedding celebrations. Morning and evening weddings are possible on some weekends, but those times are being reserved as well. Our clergy advise that, if you are interested in having your wedding at St. Matthew's, you should call the rectory and speak to one of them as soon as possible upon your engagement to discuss marriage preparation requirements and wedding scheduling.

VOCATIONS CORNER

ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION ON VOCATIONS—For information, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org, or visit adw.org/vocations/priesthood, or Sister Rebecca Burke, O.S.F., Delegate for Consecrated Life, at 301-853-4576 or visit adw.org/vocations/secretary.

FEEL CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?—The archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interested in speaking with men with an interest in becoming a permanent deacon. Learn more online at www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp. The site includes contact information, current admissions criteria for the Archdiocese of Washington's permanent deacon formation program and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

**VOIX DE FEMMES SINGS
THE MUSIC OF HILDEGARD**

On Friday evening, *February 26*, at 7:30 pm, St. Matthew's Cathedral is pleased to host an event featuring the music, poetry and Illuminations of Hildegard Von Bingen (1098-1179), with Voix de Femmes, Allison Mondel, guest conductor and soloist; and also featuring the Communitas Schola, Tim Fitzgerald, conductor and Michael Holmes, recorder. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be gladly accepted. For more information, call Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141.

MASS AND DINNER FOR MARDI GRAS

The Younger Members of the John Carroll Society invite you for Mass and Dinner to celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday, *February 16*. Mass will be at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle with Msgr. Peter Vaghi, followed by a three-course dinner at Sesto Senso (located around the corner from the Cathedral at 1214 18th Street, NW). The cost of the dinner is \$35, payable by check or credit card. For more information, call the John Carroll Society at 202-537-6110. Founded in 1951, the John Carroll Society promotes the enhancement of spiritual, intellectual and social fellowship among its members in service to the Archbishop of Washington.

ROSE MASS TO HONOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Please join the John Carroll Society in honoring health care workers at the nineteenth annual Rose Mass, to ask God's blessing on healthcare professionals, followed by a luncheon on Sunday, *March 14*, at 10:30am at the Church of the Little Flower, 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Donald Wuerl and the homilist will be Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio. Honorees include Michael L. Palmer, M.D., Thomas Fluery, M.D., Richard M. Williams, D.D.S. and Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Duffy. For more information, contact Connie Mitchell at 202-537-6110 or visit www.johncarrollssociety.org.

BLOG ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Want to learn more about our Catholic faith? Check out the Archdiocese of Washington's blog at blog.adw.org.

**TELL US ABOUT
THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Do you know someone who is sick, homebound or has other difficulties due to health or advanced age? If so, please let us know. Drop this completed form in the collection basket, return it to the Rectory, or call Teresa Volante at 202-347-3215 x552. This will help us to better reach out to parishioners who cannot come to Mass or might otherwise like a visit or a phone call.

(Name of sick or elderly person)

(Phone number of sick/elderly person)

(Address of sick/elderly person if you know it)

(Your name)

(Your phone number)

**DÉJENOS SABER SOBRE
LOS ENFERMOS E IMPEDIDOS**

¿Conoce a alguien que está enfermo, o tiene otras dificultades debido a la salud o edad avanzada? Si es así, déjenos saber. Llene este formulario y puede echarlo en la cesta de la colecta o traerlo a la rectoría, o puede llamar a Teresa Volante al 202-347-3215 ext. 552. Esto nos ayudará a saber y ayudar a las personas que no pueden venir a misa, con una visita o llamada telefónica.

(Nombre de la persona anciana o enferma)

(Número de teléfono de la persona enferma)

(Dirección de la persona enferma, si usted sabe)

(Su nombre)

(Su número de teléfono)

**NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY**

The Missionaries of Charity are seeking night volunteers at the Gift of Peace, their home at 2800 Otis St., NE. Volunteers arrive by 8pm and stay through 6am the next day. They help to get residents ready for bed, provide their medications, and assist them to the bathroom. Volunteers have a private sleeping room and a shared bath. Those arriving earlier than 8pm are given supper. Mass is at 7am and breakfast is available afterwards. Off-street parking is available. The Rhode Island Ave. bus stop is about a block away and the G-8 from the CUA Metro stops immediately behind the house. New volunteers are not completely on their own, as there are usually one or two volunteers residing at the home. Call Sr. M. Jasmine, MC at 202-269-3313 for more information.

CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Join us on Sunday, **February 21**, at 3pm for the Winter meeting of the Catholic Historical Society of Washington at the Little Sisters of the Poor on Harewood Road. Sr. Constance Carolyn, LSP, will speak to us about the Little Sisters and their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, who was canonized in October 2009. Note the change in meeting location. Parking is available or take the Metro to the Brookland/CUA Station. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Little Sisters of the Poor at 202-269-1831.

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?

THERE IS HOPE! Rachel's Vineyard Ministries© & Centro Tepeyac invite you to attend a healing weekend starting on **February 26, June 25 or October 22**, Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. Strict confidentiality! For more information visit <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org> or call Eugenia at 301-300-1997.

¿SUFRES A CAUSA DE UN ABORTO?

¡HAY ESPERANZA! El Ministerio del Viñedo de Raquel© y el Centro Tepeyac te invitan a participar de un fin de semana de sanación. Los fines de semana serán el **26 de Febrero, 25 de Junio y el 22 de Octubre**, los Viernes por la tarde hasta el Domingo ¡Estricta confidencialidad! Para más información llame a Eugenia al 301-300-1997 ó <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>.

**SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT ON
CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA**

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America is the newest exhibit at The Ripley Center of the Smithsonian National Gallery, open **now through April 25**. Rare artifacts and photographs from more than 400 communities, including a letter signed by Thomas Jefferson, highlight the role of Catholic sisters in American life. Enjoy this great witness to the lasting contribution to American life made by our Catholic sisters. The S. Dillon Ripley Center is located on Jefferson Drive between the Smithsonian "Castle" and the Freer Gallery of Art.

**NATIONAL GALLERY EXHIBIT OF
THE SACRED MADE REAL**

Arrestingly real sculptures and paintings of the saints, the Immaculate Conception, and the Passion of Christ are among some 20 Spanish masterpieces of the 17th century on view in a landmark exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, East Building. *The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture, 1600-1700*, which will be open **February 28 through May 31**, will showcase major paintings by Diego Velázquez, Francisco de Zurbarán, and Francisco Pacheco, with painted and gilded sculptures carved by Gregorio Fernández, Juan Martínez Montañés, and Pedro de Mena, among others.