

Readings for December 8

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse. (Isaiah 11:1)
Have you ever seen a Jesse Tree? It's an ancient Advent tradition consisting of a carving, painting, or stained-glass window—even an actual tree—that portrays the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of the Messiah. Jesus is usually at the top. Many medieval Jesse Trees also included a depiction of Jesse himself lying at the base of the tree. That's because the design comes from today's first reading: a shoot sprouting "from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesse was the father of King David and an ancestor of Jesus, so the branches of the Jesse Tree are meant to display Jesus' rich and varied heritage. The Tree reminds us how faithful God was during the "long Advent" when his people waited for the Messiah. Each person and event represented on the tree depicts part of God's plan to save his people. Prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah often show up. So do David, Solomon, and other kings, as well as virtuous women like Ruth, Esther, and Susanna.

Even if you don't decorate a Jesse Tree in your home, the ideas behind it can help you prepare for Christmas. During Advent, it's traditional to review stories from the Old Testament that promise the coming of the Messiah. Stories of these ancestors of Jesus illustrate God's commitment to his plan to save us. It's a commitment that stretched from the very beginning, through thousands of years, right up to Christmas Day. It's a commitment too that reaches even to the present.

Jesus' birth has brought about something new and wonderful, and the Jesse Tree illustrates it: a salvation that is far more wide-reaching than we ever could have imagined.

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness to your promises! Thank you for making me a part of your family."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 8	Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday 9	Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday 10	Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday 11	Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
	<i>St. Damasus</i>
Thursday 12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab /
	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday 13	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
	<i>St. Lucy</i>
Saturday 14	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13
	<i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Sunday 15	Is 35:1-6a,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
	<i>Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday</i>

Social Justice & Community Service

Reminder: Gifts for Christmas Drive – If you have taken a gift tag, please be sure to bring your new, wrapped, and labeled gift to Mass today. To drop off your gift during the week, please take it to the rectory no later than Wednesday, **December 11** (rectory closes at 8pm). If you have any questions or **are no longer able to purchase your gift**, please contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com. You may also call or email Norma Canedo at 202-347-3215 or ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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. [Email C†YA with questions.](#)

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.](#)



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>.

Liturgy & Music

Advent Marian Celebration with *Voix de Femmes* – Enjoy a one-hour free 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; see below) 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**.

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!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – St. Matthew’s will celebrate the



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, **December 12** with a Rosary and bilingual Mass, celebrated by Fr. John Benson, beginning at 7pm in the Cathedral, followed by music and refreshments in the West Conference Room. All are welcome.

Advent Confessions – During the third week of Advent, on **December 16 – 20** (except **December 17**) and on **December 23** and Christmas Eve, **December 24**, two priests will be available in the Cathedral from 11am to Noon to hear confessions. Note also our [Advent Penance Service](#) (see the flier in this bulletin) at 12:10pm on Tuesday, **December 17** (no confessions at 11am that day). <https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/2019adventconfessions>

Parish Calendar December 8 – 15

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.

Monday 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, (not a Holy Day of Obligation; regular schedule of Masses is observed). **Archbishop Gregory** celebrates the 12:10pm Mass.

Tuesday 10—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 11—RCIA Inquiry meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

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

Thursday 12—A Rosary and bilingual Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe begins at 7pm in the Cathedral, followed by music and refreshments in the West Conference Room.

Saturday 14—A study of the Prologue to the Gospel of John is held at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Sunday 15—Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday
A Sunday Children’s Faith Formation Christmas party is held at 9:45am in the North Conference Room. 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. Young Adult Coffeehouse meets in the North Conference Room after the 5:30pm Mass (**final for 2019**). *Lessons and Carols* is presented in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, followed by a sing-along in the Great Hall.

• POSITION OPENING •

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, & retirement benefits. To apply, contact Pam Erwin at 202-347-3215.

Faith Formation

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.

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 (no meeting **December 12**).

Saturday Bible Study on Prologue to Gospel of 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 every Mass. The Prologue remains one of the special Christmas Day readings, profound but often overlooked.

Little Rock Bible Study Comes to the Cathedral – Looking ahead, our 2020 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!

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 \(en español\)](#).

Welcome, Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation – This 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. They also will offer olive wood crafts for sale, handmade by Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem, after Masses.

Christmas Offering – During Advent we reflect upon the many blessings of the Lord, including those graces experienced at St. Matthew’s. **Sacrificial giving is all about our support of our parish family.** It’s about giving back to God what he has given to us. It’s not the size of the gift that’s important, but rather *giving of our substance*—giving back in proportion to what we have received, giving even when it’s not easy to give. You may mail your Christmas offering to the rectory office, drop it in the offertory, or give via [Faith Direct](#) or at www.stmatthewscathedral.org. (Choose *Make a Gift* on the front page, then *Donate* under *Make a One-Time Gift*. After typing address and credit card information, click *Review Donation* and *Continue*. Choose *Comments*, and in the window type “Christmas.”). We truly appreciate your generosity.

Christmas Flowers – Each year every effort is made to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas in a way that truly reflects the noble simplicity of that holy season. Your generous support is needed again. You may mail your Christmas flower offering to the rectory office, drop it in the offertory, or donate online or via [Faith Direct](#). Many requests are made this time of year, so please be assured of our gratitude for all gifts.

Christmas Cards – 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.



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. To find Christmas resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington, visit FindthePerfectGift.org.



Walk with Mary

HEALING AND PEACE UNDER HER MANTLE

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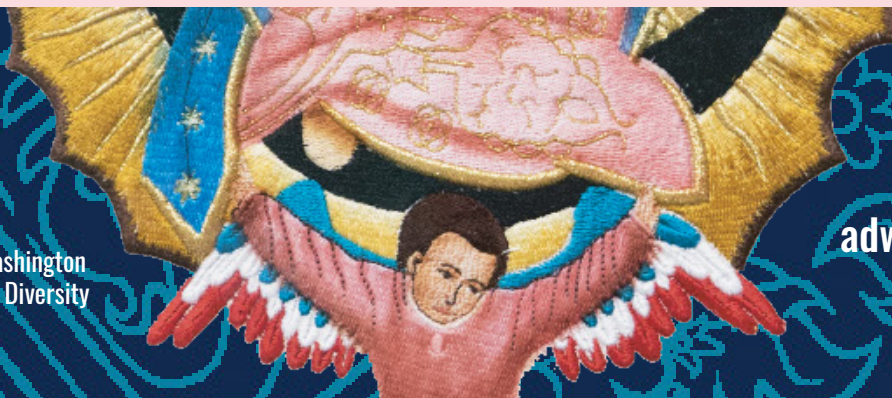
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Sunday, December 15, 2019 7:30pm

Join us for our annual, much-anticipated evening of splendid choral music, hymns and songs and inspiring readings presented by the Schola Cantorum and Saint Matthew's Festival Singers and the Cathedral Lectors.

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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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
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<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
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* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

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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.

Come Home for Christmas

Advent Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

12:10 p.m.



We invite you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Communal Penance Service, *Come Home for Christmas*.

Experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship.

Rev. John Benson, Presider and Homilist

Join parishioners and friends as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness from sin and reconciliation with God in preparation for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

Priests from around the Archdiocese, as well as St. Matthew's priests, will be available for individual confessions in multiple languages.

Questions?

Contact the Rectory at 202-347-3215

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Vuelve a Casa Para Navidad

**Servicio Comunitario de
la Penitencia de Adviento
Martes 17 de diciembre de 2019
12:10 del mediodía**



Les invitamos a que experimenten el amor de Jesucristo a través del sacramento de la Reconciliación en nuestro Servicio Comunitario de la Penitencia de Adviento.

Experimenten el poder del sacramento, que nos devuelve a la gracia de Dios y nos une en una amistad íntima con Él.

**Padre John Benson,
Celebrante y Homilista**

Únanse a los feligreses y amigos a reconocer nuestra necesidad de perdón del pecado y de la reconciliación con Dios en la preparación para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo en la Navidad. Sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis estarán disponibles para las confesiones en distintos idiomas.

¿Preguntas?

Llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215
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Lecturas del 8 de Diciembre

Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos. (Mateo 3, 2)
 Cuando San Juan Bautista apareció proclamando el Reino de Dios en las colinas de Judea, sus palabras resonaron como un trueno en la vida cotidiana de sus connacionales. Israel no tenía profetas desde hacía 400 años y esto era muy novedoso, así que la gente se aglomeraba para escuchar el mensaje: “¡Vuélvanse a Dios, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca!”

Juan no tenía deferencias especiales para los ricos y poderosos y condenaba el pecado dondequiera lo encontraba: en la corte real, en el templo o en la gente. Por eso reprendía a los saduceos y fariseos que iban a bautizarse sin arrepentirse de corazón, y recalca que el solo hecho de cumplir los rituales no los libraría del castigo por el pecado (Mateo 3, 7-10).

Este mensaje es tan válido hoy como lo fue entonces y se aplica a nosotros tanto como a los judíos de hace siglos. ¿Qué respuesta podemos dar al mensaje del Bautista?

En la Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos (capítulo 15) encontramos pautas muy útiles para preparar el camino del Señor en nuestro corazón. Primero, haciendo oración y leyendo la Palabra de Dios, que nos fue dada para instruirnos y animarnos. Luego, recibiendo los sacramentos, especialmente los de la Confesión y la Sagrada Eucaristía. También, viviendo unidos en la familia, con la comunidad cristiana y con Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor; siendo tolerantes y solidarios con el prójimo; ayudándonos fraternalmente unos a otros, como Cristo nos acepta y nos ayuda a nosotros, y pidiéndole fortaleza a Dios, porque solo con su amor es posible aceptar y perdonar a nuestros semejantes, especialmente a quienes nos han desairado o perjudicado.

Además, podemos pedirle al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de su fuerza para amar y servir a los demás. Dios, que es siempre fiel, nos dará la gracia necesaria para reformar nuestra vida de acuerdo con su voluntad.

“Señor Jesús, queremos pedirte que nos des el regalo de aceptar dócilmente la voluntad de nuestro Padre en este Adviento, para obedecerla con fe y gratitud.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

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

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Lunes 9 Gén 3:9-15,20 / Ef 1:3-6,11-12 / Lc 1:26-38

La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

Martes 10 Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles 11 Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

San Dámaso

Jueves 12 Za 2:14-17 o Apoc 11:19;12:1-6a,10ab /

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47

Viernes 13 Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Santa Lucía

Sábado 14 Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9^a,10-13

San Juan de la Cruz

Domingo 15 Is 35:1-6a,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Intenciones de Misas Mass Intentions December 8 – 15

Sunday, December 8

5:30pm Vigil (December 7) – All Parishioners

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

Monday, December 9

7am – Lauren & Francis O’Neill (living)

8am – Friends of C-Family (living)

12:10pm – Angela E. Giancarlo (living)

5:30pm – Soderberg Family (living)

Tuesday, December 10

7am – Tiago Halm de Carvalho e Branco

8am – Edna De León (living)

12:10pm – Pedro de Jesus

5:30pm – Frances Steffen

Wednesday, December 11

7am – Pilar Gonzalez

8am – Flor Celebrado

12:10pm – Conuelo Juson

5:30pm – Timothy Steller (living)

Thursday, December 12

7am – Corrie Wynn-Johnson (living)

8am – Salud Victoria Roldan

12:10pm – Burbano Family (living)

5:30pm – Paul F. Leonard

Friday, December 13

7am – Eleanor Health

8am – All victims/survivors of clergy abuse

12:10pm – Elda Rodriguez

5:30pm – Donald Ervin

Saturday, December 14

8am – Tiago Halm de Carvalho e Branco

12:10pm – Lisa McCarty

5:30pm – Araque & Cundin Families

Sunday, December 15

7am – Ms. Lisa Fisher (living)

8:30am – Lauren O’Neill (living)

10am – All Parishioners

11:30am – John & Gloria Ryan

1pm – Delia Rodriguez

5:30pm – Amalia Cabrales

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.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción – El lunes **9 de diciembre** es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, no es día de precepto. Horario regular de misas en inglés. 7:00, 8:00 de la mañana, 12:10 del mediodía, (celebrada por el **Arzobispo Gregory**), y 5:30 de la tarde.

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 correo electrónico a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe – San Mateo celebrará la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el jueves **12 de diciembre** con el Rosario y una Misa bilingüe, celebrada por el padre John Benson, a partir de las 7:00 de la tarde en la Catedral, seguida de música y refrescos en el salón de conferencias Oeste. Todos son bienvenidos.

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 el **viernes 13 de diciembre** por la tarde y el sábado por la mañana a cargar regalos para las familias y los conductores. Puede llamar al padre John Benson o Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215. También puede mandar un correo electrónico a ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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.

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.

Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únense en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que cada país decida tomar las medidas necesarias para hacer del porvenir de los más jóvenes una prioridad, sobre todo el de aquellos que están sufriendo.