

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

September 22 - September 28, 2025

Monday, 9/22	9:00 a.m.	Alice Guild
Tuesday, 9/23	9:00 a.m.	Serge Triau
Wednesday, 9/24	9:00 a.m.	Jimmy Gerard
	7:30 p.m.	Wanda Fangmeyer
Thursday, 9/25	9:00 a.m.	Peg Smith
Friday, 9/26	9:00 a.m.	Jimmy Gerard
Saturday, 9/27	5:00 p.m.	Jimmy DuMoulin
Sunday, 9/28	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Rev. William Brailsford
	11:15 a.m.	Michael Andrew Kneisly
	1:00 p.m.	Julianne Orband (L)
	5:00 p.m.	Wanda Fangmeyer

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Tom Boyce, husband of Anne Boyce, Anne Muller, mother of Betty Baklarz.

Please pray for the sick...Michael Asuncion, Rosaura Barre-ra, Emmy, Tom Hoffman, Ryan Michael Maguire, Allen Kay, Evelyn Roebuck, Virginia Hartswick, George Beall, Dee Comly, Richard Yeast, Joan Dudenhoeffer, Virginia Kingeo, Diana M. Lacour Kustedjo, Marie C. Williams, Tom Breece, Deacon James McCann, Tristan Olin-Fixico, Patricia McGowan, Christine Degen, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/ 1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-3

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

September the 21st is normally the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle. In honor of his feast day, I want to talk about the history of our Cathedral Parish of Saint Matthew the Apostle which is the mother Church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. I have taken much of the material here from the cathedral website.

The parish of Saint Matthew the Apostle was the fourth established in the District of Columbia in the northeast corner of 15th and H Streets NW it was dedicated on November the 1st 1840 and served its parishioners throughout the 1890s.

In 1892, its-then pastor, Monsignor Thomas Sim Lee, purchased the land on which the current church structure is located on Rhode Island Ave. NW. He commissioned the architect Christopher Grant La Farge to work on the design of the new church structure. LaFarge had worked on the plans for the cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City and the cathedral of Saint James in Seattle. His church design was accepted in 1893. The cornerstone was laid and blessed in 1893 and the first mass celebrated in 1895. Construction continued in various stages with the dome put in place in 1913. After Monsignor Lee's death, the new pastor, Monsignor Edward Buckley completed the interior.

In 1939, Saint Matthew's was designated a Cathedral when the combined Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington was created under the leadership of Archbishop Michael Curley of Baltimore. Upon Archbishop Curley's death in 1947, Washington was separated from Baltimore, and the Archdiocese of Washington was established. Saint Matthew's became the Mother Church of the new archdiocese. In 1974, the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On November the 25, 1963, the funeral of the 35th President of the United States, John F Kennedy, was celebrated in the Cathedral and is memorialized by a marble plaque imposed in the floor immediately before the gates of the sanctuary commemorating the place where casket was placed for the funeral Mass and rites. Funeral services have also been held at the Cathedral for other notables, such as Chief Justice United States William Rehnquist and Associate Justice William J. Brennan.

Mother Teresa visited Saint Matthew's in 1974. A statue of Mother Teresa and the homeless man, sculpted by the Russian artist Leonid Bodnia, was installed in Our Lady's Chapel to commemorate her visit. On October the 6, 1979, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass for the clergy of the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore and Dioceses of Arlington Richmond and Wheeling Charleston. A bust in the commemoration of his visit, sculpted by Gordon Kray, is displayed in the Saint Anthony chapel.

In 1999, the Cathedral underwent a major restoration with major repairs in the to the exterior dome, along with extensive work on the interior to refurbish the mosaics and other artwork in the interior, to upgrade the lighting and sound systems and other functional parts of the interior. The extensive effort was completed in 2003 with the grand celebration on September 21, 2003, the feast of Saint Matthew. A plaque commemorating the stewards who gave generously to the restoration is located at the entrance to the baptistry.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I value true wealth over material wealth? How can I do so more fully?

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HAPPENING ON OCTOBER 19

Need an uplifting reminder that the Gospel calls us to help the poor, vulnerable, widowed and outcast? You'll get that and so much more by attending a special choral production of Marty Haugen's *Agapé* at 7:30 pm Sunday, October 19, at our church. Coordinated by parishioner Christopher Youstra, the former music director of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Columbia, the performance brings together members of that church's choir with our parish's Contemporary Ensemble to present this piece based on the Roman liturgy and featuring words by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Dorothy Day, and Oscar Romero.

Hear an excerpt from *Agapé*, the piece, "Thanks Be to God," here: <https://open.spotify.com/track/4Sn02ENc0P2Tm2kD75rJ8b?si=e4eaf6a905f34b4d>.

Free-will donations made at this choral production will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which calls its members to see the face of Christ and be the face of Christ to neighbors in need – people who may need money, food, and shelter and seek it from our church. For more information, please contact St. Vincent de Paul Society President Carolyn Brauer at Carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.

PARISH RAISES \$2,828 TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER THROUGH THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Less than a month before the next Baby Bottle Campaign begins, Kathleen Garcia, executive director of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, thanked St. Francis parishioners for the \$2,923 in donations that the parish gave during the 2024 campaign.

"By filling a baby bottle with dollars and spare change, or perhaps contributing online, your church has come together to raise vital funds that help our life-affirming services possible," Ms. Garcia wrote. "We can directly empower women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing testing, sonograms, educational counseling, and practical support to help them choose life and build a brighter future for themselves and their babies."

Please be on the lookout for the baby bottles in the Gathering Space or the online link next month as we prepare for the 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting the mission of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

POOR BOX DONATIONS The donations for next weekend will go to **UMAN (Upper Montgomery Assistance Network)**. *Thank you for your generosity!*

FAITH DIRECT NEWS

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving - our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you - your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's New about ParishSOFT Giving?

Weekly Giving: If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.

More Flexibility: Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you – not just the 4th or the 15th.

More Ways to Give: Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

You will receive more information as we get closer to launch. Thank you for your continued generosity. You can still sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD110 or call their Customer Service team at 866- 507-8757.



REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 28 FOR THE PARISH PICNIC!

Our Parish Picnic is coming up Sunday, October 5, on the parish grounds! Come join us from 12:30-4 pm for a lunch catered by Simply Fresh, lawn games, ice cream, face painting, a Moon bounce, and crafts. The Blessing of Animals will take place at 3 pm. Please RSVP for the lunch and volunteer to help decorate the Parish Center at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/225373>. You can also respond by filling out the form on the table in the Gathering Space by Sunday, September 28. For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinator of Special Events Sylvia Jones at decaffqueen@gmail.com.

COME CELEBRATE THE 3RD SPANISH MASS ANNIVERSARY

Please save the date on **Sunday, September 28**, when Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz will mark the third anniversary of our parish offering the Mass in Spanish at the 1 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend this anniversary Mass, which regularly draws more than 200 people each week. There will be a potluck reception held after the Mass in the Gathering Space. If you would like to contribute to the potluck, then please contact parishioner Lourdes Garcia at legarcia@comcast.net.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Pope Francis led Midday Prayer with the United States' bishops at the cathedral on September 23, 2015, during his apostolic visit to the United States. Pope Francis' visit to Saint Matthew's Cathedral in 2015 is memorialized on a commemorative plaque on the wall behind the statue of Mother Teresa and a homeless man.

Until next week,
Fr. John



2025-26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***It is not too late to register for
this year's Religious Education
Program!***

Children are welcome to start classes once registration is received and processed. Registration forms, program calendars, and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>, in the Church Gathering Space, and in the Parish Office. Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligioused@sfadw.org. *If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.*

Registering for Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. ***Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.***

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their children are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

Ways to Serve

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist for weekly classes
- Classroom Aide
- Substitute Catechist
- Support for Service Projects
- Support for Art Projects (at home preparation)
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our class meets in-person next Sunday, September 28, from 3:30-4:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Catechetical Sunday Blessing of Catechists at all Masses this weekend:

Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

All parish catechists and Catholic school teachers will be invited to present themselves for a blessing as part of the Prayer of the Faithful. For new and returning catechists, we thank you for allowing us to pray for you and bless your ministry.

CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-8 INVITED TO JOIN THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate invites all children in grades two through eight to join the St. Francis Children's Choir. The choir will sing at the 11:15 am Masses on the first Sunday of the month during the school year and will also sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. In the spring, the choir will present a musical play as well! Please see the flyers in the Gathering Space and contact Music Director Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com to register your child.

COME TO FR. PAUL'S TALK ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON OCTOBER 15

Are you looking to better understand Catholic social teaching and how it can help us navigate thorny issues of the day? If so, then please plan to join us at 7:30 pm Wednesday, October 15, in the church when Fr. Paul Lininger, OFM Conv., speaks on "Whatever Happened to Matthew 25?" Fr. Paul will discuss the key principles and ethical guidelines rooted in the Church's social doctrine. He will also offer a framework for moral and ethical decision-making in the context of social, economic and political issues. Please join us for what promises to be an engaging and practical talk! For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

LAMB OF GOD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Come Pray with us. - All are welcome!

We meet from 7:30 to 9:00 pm Tuesday evening in the St. Clare Chapel in the Rectory. We will meet September 23 & 30. Our meeting starts with songs of praise and worship and moves into prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. After prayer time we read, discuss, and reflect on the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. This helps us to expand our knowledge and understanding of God's word for us today.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Pasta w/meat
(Ravioli, Lasagna, Spaghetti w/meatballs)
307 cans needed
Soup-Beef or Chicken base with noodles, pasta
500 cans needed
Canned Fruit 200 cans needed
Canned beans (red, black, cannellini, etc.) 200 cans each
needed

Diapers No. 4 & 6 . Adults: Medium & Large

Paper Bags (Wegmans or Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper or Grocery Bags.
Plastic egg cartons are also needed.

Please place donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin
in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch.

***Your donations supported 381 families this past week.
God Bless You! Thank you for your support.***

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is offering 8 bereavement sessions from October 21 through December 9, 2025. The sessions take place on Tuesdays between 7:30 and 9:00 PM. The virtual sessions are available through the Zoom technology. The goal of these sessions is to provide a safe and inviting space where grief can be shared freely without expectations, fear or criticism. Group members connect with each other through their loss and help each other through attentive and compassionate listening. Members seek to move through their pain and burdens to finding God in life-giving relationships. There are no fees, but registration is required. If interested, please contact Jim Hoffman at 202 577 2213 or email: hoffmanlp@gmail.com to register.

THE ONGOING CRISIS IN GAZA

From Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services/President of the USCCB

It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza that I write to you today. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

To donate through CRS: 1-877-HELP-CRS or online at Support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict.

Our prayers and support can make a difference, and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

ON SEPTEMBER 28, JOIN US AT THE PROCESSION AND MASS COMMEMORATING THE 111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Would you like to take a stand with members of our migrant and refugee communities in the Archdiocese of Washington? If so, then please join us at the Reflection Procession and solemn Mass in honor of the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, September 28.

This year's theme, chosen by the Holy Father, "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope," calls us to recognize the courage and faith of those who leave everything behind in search of a better future.

The day will begin with a prayerful pilgrimage at 2:30 pm, departing from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, 3211 Sacred Heart Way NW, Washington, DC and concluding at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW. Together, we will walk in solidarity—lifting our voices, hearts, and prayers for those who journey in search of safety, dignity, and hope, and who continue to face profound challenges. Organized in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Service, the procession offers a powerful opportunity to foster compassion, understanding, and unity with migrants and refugees.

Join us for the celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle at 5:30 pm. The principal celebrant will be Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, whose presence will mark this occasion with spiritual significance and pastoral care.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323 is recruiting new members. Join the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world and the "strong right arm" of the Catholic Church. We are dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity and family while having a lot of fun doing good for others! For more information please contact Membership Director, John DeMare, johnd2323@comcast.net or 240-354-6648. ***Vivat Jesus!***



SCAN ME

DOES YOUR SOUL NEED A RETREAT?

As summer winds down, maybe it's time to plan for your spiritual renewal this fall. **Personal Retreat Days at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center** are a peaceful opportunity to step away from the noise, rest in God's presence, and nourish your soul. Fall Personal Retreat Days are September 26, October 10, November 14.

Details

Schedule: 9am-4pm.
Optional time for one-on-one spiritual direction.
Includes a delicious lunch.
Mass, Confession & Eucharistic Adoration included in schedule.
Private room provided for your personal refuge.

Cost: \$108* per person

Price increases after early-bird deadlines.

Looking for something else visit Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center website: [our-lady-of-bethesda-retreat-center](https://our-lady-of-bethesda-retreat-center.org), 7007 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda MD 20817 (301) 365-0612.

Anuncios del Boletín para el 21 de septiembre de 2025:



¡Inscríbase antes del 28 de septiembre para el Picnic Parroquial!

¡Nuestro Picnic Parroquial se celebrará el domingo, 5 de octubre en la parroquia! Acompañenos de 12:30 a 4:00 p. m. para disfrutar de un almuerzo preparado por Simply Fresh, juegos de jardín, helados, pintacaritas, un castillo inflable y manualidades. La Bendición de los Animales tendrá lugar a las 3:00 p. m. Por favor, confirme su asistencia al almuerzo y ofréczase como voluntario para ayudar a decorar el Centro Parroquial en <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/225373>. También puede responder llenando el formulario que se encuentra en la mesa del Espacio de Reunión antes del domingo, 28 de septiembre. Para más información, contacte a Sylvia Jones, Coordinadora del Ministerio de Eventos Especiales, en decaffqueen@gmail.com.

Venga a celebrar el tercer aniversario de la Misa en español el 28 de septiembre

Por favor, guarde la fecha el domingo 28 de septiembre, cuando el P. Grzegorz Okulewicz celebrará el tercer aniversario de nuestra parroquia ofreciendo la Misa en español a la 1 pm. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir a esta Misa de aniversario, que atrae regularmente a más de 200 personas cada semana. Habrá una recepción compartida después de la Misa en el Espacio de Reunión. Si desea contribuir a la comida compartida, comuníquese con la feligresa Lourdes García a legarcia@comcast.net.

Concierto a beneficio de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl el 19 de octubre

¿Necesita un recordatorio inspirador de que el Evangelio nos llama a ayudar a los pobres, vulnerables, viudos y marginados? Lo encontrará y mucho más asistiendo a una producción coral especial de Ágape de Marty Haugen a las 7:30 p. m. el domingo, 19 de octubre en nuestra iglesia. Coordinada por el feligrés Christopher Youstra, exdirector musical de la parroquia de San Juan Evangelista en Columbia, la presentación reúne a miembros del coro de esa iglesia con el Conjunto Contemporáneo de nuestra parroquia para presentar esta pieza basada en la liturgia romana, con textos del Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day y Oscar Romero.

Escuche un extracto de Ágape, la pieza "Gracias a Dios", aquí: <https://open.spotify.com/track/4Sn02ENc0P2Tm2kD75rJ8b?si=e4eaf6a905f34b4d>.

Las donaciones voluntarias realizadas en esta producción coral beneficiarán a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, que llama a sus miembros a ver el rostro de Cristo y a ser el rostro de Cristo para el prójimo necesitado: personas que necesitan dinero, comida y refugio y los buscan en nuestra iglesia. Para más información, contacte con la presidenta de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, Carolyn Brauer, en Carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.

Parroquia recauda \$2,928 para apoyar la misión del Centro de Embarazo Shady Grove a través de la Campaña del Biberón

A menos de un mes del inicio de la próxima Campaña del Biberón, Kathleen García, directora ejecutiva del Centro de Embarazo Shady Grove, agradeció a los feligreses de San Francisco por las donaciones de \$2,923 que la parroquia realizó durante la campaña de 2024.

"Al llenar un biberón con dinero y monedas, o quizás contribuyendo en línea, su iglesia se ha unido para recaudar fondos vitales que hacen posible nuestros servicios de afirmación de la vida", escribió la Sra. García. "Podemos empoderar directamente a las mujeres que enfrentan embarazos no planificados al brindarles pruebas, ecografías, consejería educativa y apoyo práctico para ayudarlas a elegir la vida y construir un futuro mejor para ellas y sus bebés".

Estén atentos a los biberones en el Espacio de Reunión o en el enlace en línea el próximo mes, mientras nos preparamos para la Campaña del Biberón 2025, que beneficia la misión del Centro de Embarazo Shady Grove. Para más información, contacte a Tony Bosnick, Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación en la Fe para Adultos, en abosnick@sfadw.org.

El 28 de septiembre, únase a nosotros en la Procesión y Misa en Conmemoración del 111.º Día Mundial del Migrante y del Refugiado.

¿Le gustaría unirse a las comunidades de migrantes y refugiados de la Arquidiócesis de Washington? Si es así, únase a nosotros en la Procesión de Reflexión y la Misa solemne en honor del 111.º Día Mundial del Migrante y del Refugiado el domingo, 28 de septiembre.

El tema de este año, elegido por el Santo Padre, "Migrantes, Misioneros de la Esperanza", nos llama a reconocer la valentía y la fe de quienes lo dejan todo atrás en busca de un futuro mejor.

El día comenzará con una peregrinación de oración a las 2:30 p. m. que partirá del Santuario del Sagrado Corazón, 3211 Sacred Heart Way NW, Washington, D.C., y concluirá en la Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol, 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW. Juntos, caminaremos en solidaridad, elevando nuestras voces, corazones y oraciones por quienes viajan en busca de seguridad, dignidad y esperanza, y quienes continúan enfrentando profundos desafíos. Organizada en colaboración con el Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados, la procesión ofrece una poderosa oportunidad para fomentar la compasión, la comprensión y la unidad con las personas migrantes y refugiadas.

Acompañenos a la celebración de la Eucaristía en la Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol a las 5:30 p. m. El celebrante principal será el cardenal Robert McElroy, arzobispo de Washington, cuya presencia marcará esta ocasión con un significado espiritual y cuidado pastoral.

UN RECORDATORIO DEL P. JOHN ... Si alguien está viviendo en un matrimonio que no ha sido reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, sería prudente consultar con un sacerdote para ver si esa situación podría ser rectificada. Puede ser tan simple como renovar sus votos matrimoniales en silencio frente a un sacerdote y recibir la bendición de la Iglesia. De esa manera, uno puede ser elegible para recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía.