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Cardinal McElroy to celebrate Mass for Peace on April 11

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Responding to the call of Pope Leo XIV, Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, will celebrate a **Mass for Peace** this weekend.

Saturday, April 11, 2026

5:30 p.m.

[Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle](#)

1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20036

Cardinal McElroy has also invited all parishes throughout the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington to celebrate a Mass for Peace on Saturday in response to the Holy Father’s call for prayers.

At his [April 8 general audience](#) at the Vatican – just hours after a two-week ceasefire agreement was reached between Iran and the United States – Pope Leo said he would like to “reiterate my invitation to everyone to join me in the Prayer Vigil for Peace.”

“I welcome with satisfaction, and as a sign of deep hope, the announcement of an immediate two-week ceasefire,” the pope told the faithful. “I urge you to accompany this time of delicate diplomatic work with prayer, in the hope that a willingness to engage in dialogue may become the means to resolve other situations of conflict in the world.” Masses for Peace will be offered around the world on April 11.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is home to more than 655,000 Catholics, 140 parishes and 90 Catholic schools, located in Washington, D.C., and five Maryland counties: Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s.