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**Cardinal Robert McElroy to Honor the Nation's
250th Anniversary with a Special Mass**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will commemorate the **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence** with a **Mass of Thanksgiving**.

Sunday, July 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20036

A livestream of the Mass will be available [here](#).

Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, will serve as the principal celebrant and homilist for this liturgy, which will honor the nation's founding, offer prayers of thanksgiving for our founding principles, and renew a shared commitment to the promise of liberty and justice for all.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is home to more than 671,000 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.