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Special Mass to Celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The faithful and members of the community are invited to gather in solidarity and prayer for migrants and refugees at a [special Mass](#) to commemorate the **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, will celebrate the Mass and give the homily. Bishop Robert Boxie, III, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will lead the rosary prayer.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Rosary Prayer: 4:35 p.m.

Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20036

This Mass will be livestreamed [here](#).

This year's theme for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, chosen by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, is **"Even Just One of These Children,"** highlighting the challenges of displaced minors and the need to protect their safety, dignity, and rights. Rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, the Church calls all people of faith to welcome, accompany, and protect migrants and refugees, especially the most vulnerable.

Media are welcome to attend and cover the celebration.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington includes 671,000 Catholics in 140 parishes and nine missions, with 90 Catholic schools in the District of Columbia and in the five surrounding Maryland counties of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery.