

► **MORE WAYS TO EXPLORE THE CATHEDRAL**

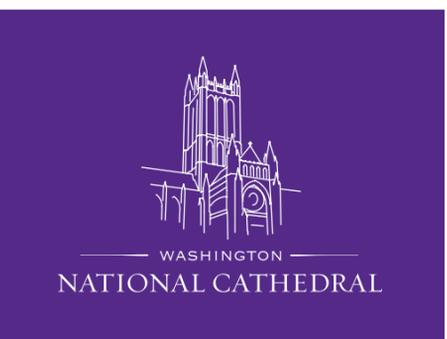
We hope you enjoyed using this guide. Here are some additional ways to enjoy the National Cathedral with your family:

- **Explore the Bishop's Garden** Located on the south side of the Cathedral, this special garden includes plants found in Medieval gardens, plants native to the area, and plants referred to in the Bible. Smell the flowers and herbs, listen to the fountains, and watch goldfish swim in the pond.
- **Listen to the bells** Go to the south lawn or the Bishop's Garden to hear music from the Cathedral's bell tower. Carillon recitals are played each Saturday, 12:30 pm-1:15 pm, except the Saturday before Easter. Peal bells are rung on Tuesday evening, 7 pm-9 pm, and Sunday after the 11:15 am service (usually at 12:30 pm), except Palm Sunday.
- **Discover Bethlehem Chapel** This lower-level chapel is filled with images of Jesus' birth and the Christmas holiday. Find wise men, camels, stars, and animals in the needlepoint kneelers hanging behind the chairs and in the stone carving behind the altar.
- **Visit the crèche exhibit** During the winter holidays, come see the Cathedral's annual exhibition of nativity scenes from around the world. Crèches are on display from late November to early January.
- **Listen to the great organ** Most weeks, a Cathedral organist gives a short talk about the Cathedral's great organ at 12:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday, followed by a mini-recital.
- **Enjoy a snack** Treat yourself to a sandwich, beverage, or snack from the Cathedral café, located across from the Cathedral on South Road.
- **Extend your visit online** Visit our website to watch videos, take virtual tours, and learn about upcoming programs. The best way to stay in touch is at www.nationalcathedral.org. You can also join our online communities on Facebook (@wncathedral), Twitter (@wncathedral), and Instagram (@wncathedral).

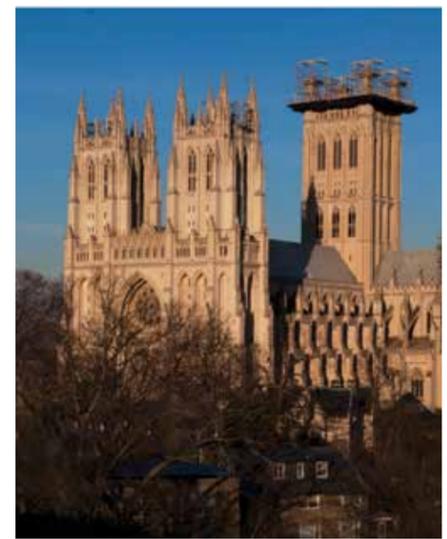


FAMILY GUIDE

EXPLORE THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL WITH CHILDREN



WELCOME TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



Washington National Cathedral is a church for the whole country. It is open to people of all faith backgrounds. It is also a Christian church that holds Episcopal worship services. Important events in our country's life are remembered here, from celebrating the achievement of landing on the moon to mourning the death of a president.

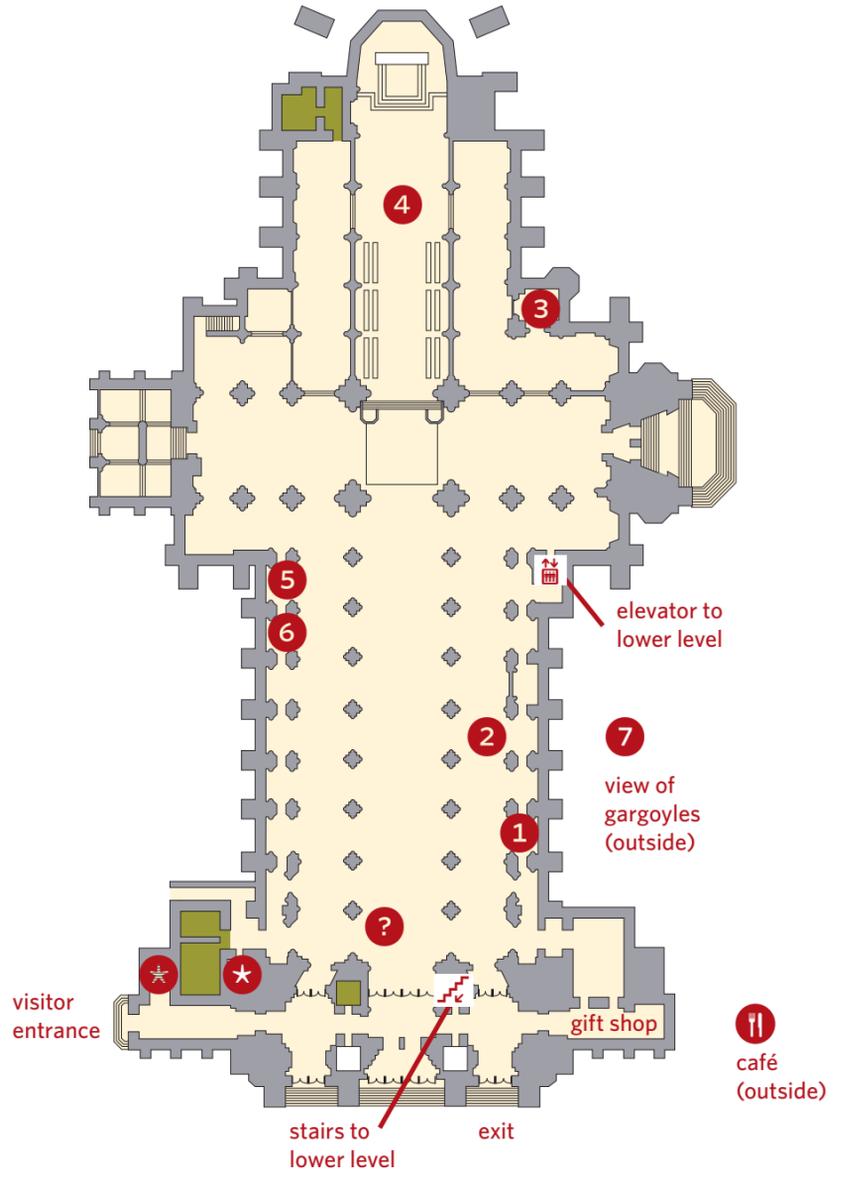
The Cathedral also hosts special prayer services that include leaders from different faiths, like rabbis from the Jewish faith, imams from the Muslim faith, Buddhist monks, and American Indian tribal leaders. People come here to learn and to understand each other better.

This is a place where **everyone** is welcome!

Enjoy the Cathedral with Children

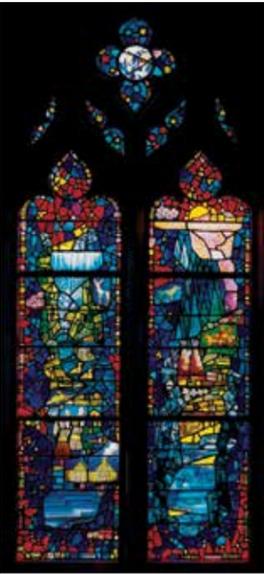
This brochure introduces a few works of art and places in the Cathedral that may appeal to families; but there is much, much more to discover—more ideas are listed on the back panel.

► **EXPLORE MORE** www.cathedral.org



► **USE THIS MAP** to explore the Cathedral's main level.

- The numbers show you where to find the works of art or special places described here.
- ★ restrooms
 - ? information
 - ☺ café



1 THE LEWIS AND CLARK WINDOWS

Find the stained glass windows featuring scenes from nature. What animals can you find?

These windows tell the story of Lewis and Clark's expedition west in the early 1800s with symbols of what they saw. Teepees represent American Indian tribes they met on their journey.

Look for two symbols of exploration: a view of Earth from space and a compass.

2 THE SPACE WINDOW

Find the stained glass window that shows a view of space. What do you see? How is this window different from others nearby?

Planets and stars make up this unusual design. This window celebrates human scientific discoveries. In the very center of the large red circle is a small, dark stone. It is a piece of the moon brought back by the Apollo 11 crew and presented to the Cathedral as a gift.



3 CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Look for a small chapel that you enter through wrought iron gates. What makes this room different from others in the Cathedral?

Children's Chapel was designed to the scale of a six-year-old child, with everything from the chairs to the organ to the needlepoint kneelers made in a smaller size.

Can you find animals in the needlework and in the wrought iron?



4 THE HIGH ALTAR, THE ORGAN PIPES, AND THE CATHEDRA

From this location, you can view several important parts of the Cathedral. Do you see a musical instrument? Can you find the special chair that gives the Cathedral its name?

The *high altar* is at the east end of the Cathedral. This is an important table where clergy lead special worship services.

All around you are the 10,600 pipes of the *organ*, a keyboard instrument that is played for worship services and concerts.

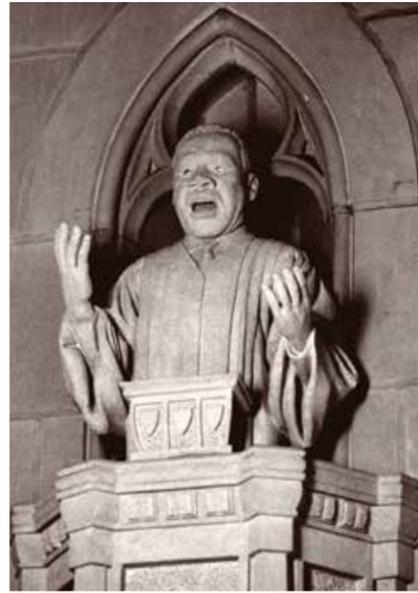
To the north (left) of the altar is a large, stone chair. This is the *cathedra*, or seat of the bishop of Washington.



5 THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STATUETTE

Find the statue of Dr. King, the famous civil rights leader and preacher. What does it look like Dr. King is doing? What are your clues that he is preaching?

This statue shows Dr. King in the robes of a preacher and standing behind a pulpit, the special place used by preachers. Study this pulpit carefully—it represents the pulpit of Washington National Cathedral. Dr. King gave his last Sunday sermon here before he died. He spoke about equality and justice for all people, regardless of their skin color or other differences between them.



6 CARVINGS IN THE HUMANITARIAN BAY

Find the tiny stone carvings below the windows as shown in the photos at the left. Do you see four small faces—a cat, a person, and two dogs? What do they feel like?

This type of art is called *stone carving*.

Most of the stone carvings in Washington National Cathedral are made from limestone. The carvings are all different sizes and show many different subjects.

Standing in this place, what other kinds of stone carvings can you see? What would the Cathedral look like with plain, undecorated walls?



7 CATHEDRAL EXTERIOR: GARGOYLES!

What is a *gargoyle*?

A *gargoyle* is a special type of stone carving on the outside of the Cathedral that serves as a waterspout. The job of a gargoyle is to protect the building from water damage. Gargoyles are connected to the rain gutters on the building.

Walk to the south lawn of the Cathedral to see if you can find gargoyles that look like these creatures:

- FROG
- CAT
- WILD BOAR
- ALLIGATOR
- SKELETON
- DRAGON

Can you think of a word that sounds like gargoyle that describes something you do with water in your mouth?

► **Hint: it's something you might do after you brush your teeth.**

ANSWER *gargle!*

Gargoyle and *gargle* sound alike because both come from an old French word that means *throat*.

