

## Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Lk 3:1-6*



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Dec. 8, Saturday, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day**

7:15 Pro Populo (C)  
12:05 Intention of the Priest Celebrant (B)  
5:15 Patricia Mulholland

**Dec. 9, Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Ann Zuccarina  
11:00 Mary & Charles McGinnis  
12:30 Intención de Aura Hurtado  
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

**Dec. 10, Monday, Advent Weekday**

7:15 Lena Quici  
12:05 William McWilliams

**Dec. 11, Tuesday, Advent Weekday, St. Damasus I, Pope**

7:15 Ann Toland  
12:05 William F. McWilliams  
9:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant.  
OL of Guadalupe, in Spanish

**Dec. 12, Wednesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:15 Daniel Melleby  
12:05 Timothy Navin  
7:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant.  
OL of Guadalupe, in Latin

**Dec. 13, Thursday, Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

7:15 Intention of the Chico Guzman Family  
12:05 Essie Mae Rubin

**Dec. 14, Friday, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:15 Kalina Kozloswski  
12:05 Robert D. Mears, Jr.

**Dec. 15, Saturday, Advent Weekday**

12:05 Andres Castellanos  
5:15 Michael Bygott

**Dec. 16, Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Walter Wolf  
11:00 Carmela & Anthony Cardona  
12:30 Intencion de Luis E. Tellado  
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and soon it will be the Third and Fourth Sunday of this holy time of the year. These Advent weeks are more than a long Christmas Vigil. Rather they have their own unique and immediate purpose to prepare us to celebrate well the great event and mystery of Christmas. With every Christmas Christ is born anew within and among us. As Catholic Christians we do not simply recall the wonderful Birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. We also believe that this same Divine Infant is born today! So, these Advent weeks are intended to prepare us to receive so great a gift in our time. I encourage you to hear the loud and clear invitation in the Gospel this Sunday, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Our preparation must be intentional and focused. So, please find time each Advent day to pray. In the quiet of your prayer, ask the help of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to pray with you to ready your life—heart, mind and soul—to receive the Lord with joy and love this Christmas. To receive the Lord is to receive his grace and the conviction to follow his Gospel way as our way of life. Make a good Advent Confession. As you can see elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin, there are so many opportunities for the celebration of this Sacrament during these weeks of Advent. A well-kept Advent promises a Christmas filled with many blessings.

Our Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate, Sister Mary Luchia is working very hard in our parish since she began her ministry among us this past November. These past few weeks, Sister Mary Luchia has focused her visitation on the homebound within the Cathedral Parish both in the many nursing facilities and in private homes. The primary purpose of these visits is to encourage our homebound parishioners, who at other times receive the Sacraments, to deepen their experience of faith and to know how much they are a part of our Parish community. The next group of parishioners that Sister will visit will be the families that have children in area Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs. Sister is very interested in getting to know our parishioners, please introduce yourself to her when you see her at Mass and in the neighborhood. Most of all, please keep this very important work of parish evangelization in your prayers.

The Giving Tree is a beautiful Advent custom in our Cathedral Parish. Thank you so very much for your generous response again this Advent. If you are interested in delivering some of the gifts to the neighboring institutions that benefit from our Giving Tree, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be for expenses associated with the celebration of the Christmas Feasts. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways, especially to the Annual Fall Collection.

God bless you,  
Father Dennis Gill

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION



The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.  
**Upcoming Baptisms:** Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar 3, Apr. 7.

A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session or email Nora at [nmartin@archphila.org](mailto:nmartin@archphila.org); provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending.  
**Next 3 sessions: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, in the Basilica, 12:30 to 1:30 PM.**

## Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

## Christmas Crèche Exhibit From Around the World

Fine Art & Folk Art  
The Christmas Crèche

St. Charles Seminary  
Ryan Memorial Library

On display until Jan. 25, 2019

All are welcome! No fee

100 East Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA 19096  
(610)667-3394



## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

December 13, 2018, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

## The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, visit our Religious Education website, [www.cathedralre.org/](http://www.cathedralre.org/). For additional questions contact Patty Smith at [patty.smith@CathedralRE.org](mailto:patty.smith@CathedralRE.org) or at 267.250.0074 (text messages acceptable).



## CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to: [Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com](mailto:Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com)  
The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.

## Gospel Reflection Gatherings

*New Liturgical Year "C" The Year of St. Luke*

**Tuesdays during Advent, 11 AM – Neumann Room**

Come on Tuesday before each Sunday in Advent:

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

We reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.

Find the Sunday readings at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

*Prepare your heart for this great feast of Christmas,  
the Feast of the Incarnation. All are welcome!*

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors. Offertory collection for 12/02/2018 was \$6,729 (1st), \$1,284 (2nd).

*Thank you very much for your generous financial support to the Cathedral Parish.*

## Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ *Ora por los enfermos:*

Beverly Martin, Evan C. Farrington, Darcel Burney, Sergia Hernandez, Marcia Clark, Fruma Ludwig, John Cantwell, Jr., Jeffrey Press, Daniel Kilpatrick, Carol Snipes, Eileen & Herbert Luscomb, Teresa Mirabelli, Megan Marie Douthwright, Janice Holshin, Rose Rippe, Russell Heim, Karen Spadaccini, Pearl Hammond, Sam O'Connor, Mary W., James Pinto, Mary Frances McElhare, Joan Decker, George Gunning, April DeMatto, Laura Kerr, Cris Burbage, Robin Abate, Bryan Anderson, Glen Jackanis, Susan Silverstein, Joshua White, Susan Kirk, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David Shea, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, Nancy Rice, Frank Byrne, Gerald Leo, Eileen Swartz, Dan Moyer, Rose Johnston, William Zawacki, Carla McCollaum, David Hernandez, Edward Panek, Irene McCarthy, Paige Bednarsky, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.. **Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list. Por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.**

## What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Dec 9** Cathedral Christmas Concert, Basilica, 3 PM  
**Dec 11** Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11 AM  
Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:30 PM  
**Dec 12** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8 AM  
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM  
**Dec 13** [Catholic Schoolhouse](#) Homeschool Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 8:30AM (Must register to participate)  
Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room,  
7 PM

## EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

### ¡Misas en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe!



**Diciembre 11, 2018, 9:00 PM, en español**  
**Procesión a las 8 PM, en la Basílica**

**Diciembre 12, 2018, 7 PM, en latín**  
**(Rito Extraordinario), en la Basílica**

### Acompañe a las Hermanas por La Vida A una Hora Santa

en agradecimiento por su fundador,  
**el Emmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Cardenal John O'Connor**  
**Sábado, 15 de diciembre, 2018, 4:00 PM**  
**En la Basílica, con música**

### Visita Pastoral

**Domingo, 16 de diciembre, 2018, 12:30 PM**

El Reverendísimo Edward M. Deliman M.Div., V.G. Obispo Auxiliar de Filadelfia. El será el celebrante y homilista de la Santa Misa en español a las 12:30 PM. Todos están invitados y son bienvenidos a esta Misa. Por favor, acompañenos para darle al Obispo Deliman una cálida bienvenida. *Nota: La celebración de la Santísima Virgen del mes de diciembre se pospuso para enero.*

### Hora Santa de Reparación y Petición

**Domingo 16 de diciembre, 2018, de 5:30 a 6:30 PM**

Invitamos a todos los católicos del área de Filadelfia a una noche de oración ante Jesús Sacramentado para implorar que derrame su Misericordia sobre su Iglesia en estos momentos de profunda crisis. Nos unimos para reparar por nuestros pecados y los de nuestros obispos y sacerdotes. Lo hacemos con la segura esperanza de que de la superabundante misericordia de Cristo vendrá la purificación, sanación y restauración de la santidad que tanto anhelamos. **Lugar:** En la Basílica

### ¡HOY! Concierto Navideño

**9 de diciembre, 2018, 3 PM, en la Basílica**

**Costo:** \$25 por persona, puede comprar boletos a la entrada.

### Concierto comunitario: Epiphany Singers

**Diciembre 18, 2018, 7:00—9:00 PM en la Basílica.**

Donación Voluntaria. Obras de Victoria, Poulenc, James MacMillan, John Tavener, Paul Mealor y otros.

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### UN NUEVO COMIENZO

En los evangelios, san Lucas precisa el año cuando Juan Bautista comenzó a anunciar la salvación de Dios. Sólo Mateo y Lucas hacen mención de cómo y dónde nació Jesús; los cuatro evangelios mantienen silencio en cuanto a la fecha exacta del nacimiento de Jesús. La preocupación por fechas correctas y detalles es una noción moderna. Los evangelistas están mucho más resueltos a destacar lo que significa que Dios haya irrumpido de manera tan personal en la historia de la humanidad. La Buena Nueva es que Dios viene a nuestro encuentro sin importar nuestra condición; o sea, ya estemos enfermos, divorciados, cuidando de nuestros mayores, deprimidos, sufriendo la pérdida de un negocio o separados de la familia. Dios viene a nuestro encuentro cuando nos encontramos estancados, en las peores situaciones o cuando hemos comenzado a distanciarnos. En los evangelios, y para sorpresa de toda la gente “buena”, Jesús pasa mucho tiempo con hombres y mujeres de reputación dudosa. Jesús actúa opuestamente a lo que espera la sociedad: Perdona los pecados y pone esperanza en el corazón de las personas. Como dijera una vez Oscar Wilde: “Todo santo tiene un pasado y todo pecador un futuro”, lo cual es otra manera de decir que nunca es tarde para darle cabida a Dios en nuestro corazón, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y buscar un nuevo comienzo. Comenzar de nuevo significa orar para hacer la voluntad de Dios y buscar una proporción para ofrecer nuestro tiempo, nuestras habilidades y nuestros recursos a nuestra comunidad y al mundo a nuestro alrededor—lo que san Pablo llama en la lectura de hoy, “los frutos de la justicia” (Filipenses 1:11). Parece más fácil dar alrededor del tiempo de Navidad cuando se apodera de nosotros el espíritu navideño y eso está bien. Pero lo más difícil, aunque esencial, es llevar ese espíritu navideño todo el resto del año.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Toma parte activa en la celebración parroquial de la reconciliación de Adviento o en el sacramento de la reconciliación y experimenta de nuevo el amor misericordioso de Dios.

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### Las Posadas

**Del 15 al 23 de Diciembre, 7:00 PM**

**El 15 y 23 de dic. se celebrarán en el Salón de la Capilla**  
Para detalles de los lugares donde se celebrarán las posadas del 16 al 22 de diciembre, por favor hablar con el Diacono Epifanio o con Miriam Rodriguez después de la Misa.

### El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

**Enero 27, 2019— 1:30 PM**

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; **Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para suscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente, llame a la oficina parroquial para más información en dicho caso.**

*Come and Experience Great Music  
in the Cathedral*



**THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**TODAY, December 9, 2018, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

*Repertoire*

Cradle Song – Arnesen; The Lamb – Tavener  
The Holly and the Ivy Arr. by Davies;  
Magnificat – Esenvalds;  
I Wonder as I Wander – Pilkington;  
In Dulci Jubilo; Birthday carol willcocks; Hodie Sweelinck

*Tickets available at the door & online*

Premium Reserved— \$35  
General Admission—\$25  
Student—\$15

<https://cathedralphilaconcerts.ticketleap.com/>

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*



*Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 9:00 P.M*

*Mass in Spanish, procession at 8 PM*

*Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Hispanic Catholics*

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 7:00 P.M*

*Feast Day, Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
(Latin Mass)*

*Both Masses will take place in the Cathedral Basilica  
All are welcome!*

**The Christmas Crèche Committee Cordially Invites You**

*To the Blessing of the Nativity Scene*

**Wed., Dec. 19, 2018, 3:00 PM outside the Cathedral  
Carols by the Students of St. Francis Xavier School.**

*Sponsored by the AOH & the Knights of Columbus*



**ADVENT**

**THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY**

There is no one who can teach us to prepare for Christ's coming better than Mary, whose faithful anticipation of Christ's birth is the perfect model for how we should anticipate Christmas. Simply put, there's no better way to get to the Christ child than through His mother. Join us as we again stream for free The Bible and the Virgin Mary. And this year, be one of the first to see a new edition featuring Bible passages read by Scott Hahn.

Go to [stpaulcenter.com/](http://stpaulcenter.com/)

**Enter your email and begin watching for free.  
(Additional resources available for a fee)**



**UPCOMING HOLY HOURS**



*Join the Sisters of Life for a Holy Hour  
in thanksgiving for their founder  
John Cardinal O'Connor*

**Saturday, December 15, 2018, 4:00 PM  
In the Cathedral Basilica, with Music**

***Holy Hour of Reparation and Petition***  
**Monthly on Sundays continuing December 16, 2018**  
**5:30PM in the Cathedral Basilica,**  
**followed by 6:30 PM Mass**

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to attend a monthly holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's superabounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long.

## Advent Giving Tree

*Please participate in the Advent Giving Tree!*



The *Advent Giving Tree* in the Basilica is decorated with gift tags which identify gift ideas for the less fortunate in our area. This year the gifts will be distributed to Guiding Star Home for women, St. Francis Inn, Women of Hope, St. John's Hospice, and other neighborhood institutions that service the homeless and needy. During the first weeks of Advent take a gift tag or tags. The gifts may be dropped off in the **Sacristy** before or after Mass, wrapped and **with the identifying tag on each gift by the Third Sunday of Advent, December 16. This will allow for the distribution of the gifts for Christmas.** Thank you in advance for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.

**Please don't leave the presents under the tree.**

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Lessons & Carols Service at Old St. Joseph's Church Sun. Dec. 16, 3 PM.** Choral and organ music will include works by Bach, Mathias, and Rutter. Admission is free and a reception will follow. All are cordially invited! (4th and Walnut) <http://oldstjoseph.org/>

**Cathedral Community Concert: Epiphany Singers December 18, 2018**

**7:00—9:00 PM in the Basilica. Free will offering**  
**Performing pieces by Victoria, Poulenc, James MacMillan, John Tavener, Paul Mealor and others.**

Epiphany singers is an auditioned ensemble consisting of college-aged singers. Their mission is to provide a musical outlet for students in the city. Focusing on community building, learning and musical growth, they hope to deliver high-level performances of classical music to the community of Philadelphia.

**Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of obligation)**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 12 Midnight**

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass. This Solemn Mass will take place in the Cathedral Chapel. Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

**St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture**

**Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues. Speaker: Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Location: St. Genevieve Parish Church, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031. To Learn More Contact: St. Genevieve Rectory-215-836-2828 or [rectory@stgensparish.com](mailto:rectory@stgensparish.com).

## Masses for Christmas 2018

**Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018**

5:00 PM Vigil Mass & 7:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Basilica

9:00 PM Representación Navideña

9:30 PM Misa de Gallo (in Spanish) in the Basilica.

11:00 PM Lessons and Carols in the Basilica.

**Tuesday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2018**

12:00 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica.

8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Solemn Mass, and 12:00 Noon Solemn Mass in the Basilica.

There is no evening Mass. ([Full schedule](#) in next bulletin)

### Confessions for Advent

Sundays of Advent 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Saturdays of Advent 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Monday through Friday, December 17 through December 21 and Monday, December 24, 11:00 AM in the Basilica

*Resources for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:*  
[odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/](http://odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/)

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### BEGINNING ANEW

Luke's Gospel pinpoints the year when John the Baptist first began to announce the salvation of God, yet all four Gospels are silent on the date of Jesus' birth. Preoccupation with dates and accuracy is a modern notion. The Gospels are focused more on why God had broken so personally into human history: the Good News that God comes to meet us whatever our condition; when we have hit the wall, bottomed out, or just drifted away. To the astonishment of "good" people, Jesus spends a lot of time with men and women of low reputation. Jesus forgives their sins and puts hope in their hearts—exactly the opposite of what society expects. It is never too late to allow God into our hearts and, repenting of our sins, begin anew. To begin anew, pray to do God's will and then give a proportion of time, abilities, and resources to our community and the world around us—what Saint Paul calls producing "the harvest of righteousness" (Philippians 1:11). It seems easier to give when we are in the Christmas spirit, and that is all well and good. But what counts more is taking that spirit into the rest of the year

### *Living Stewardship Now*

Take part in the parish Advent penance service or the sacrament of reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

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### Tours of the Cathedral Basilica



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass.** Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.