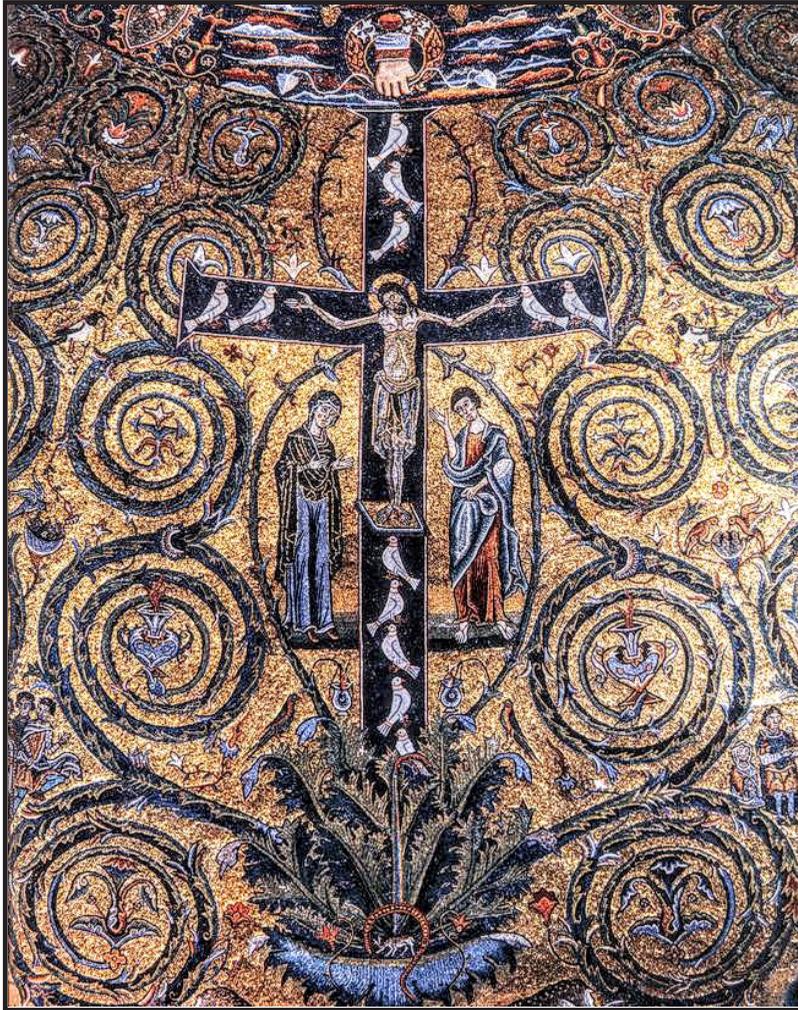


# THE CHRISM MASS

2026



CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of* SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
AND THE SHRINE *of* SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL  
ARCHDIOCESE *of* PHILADELPHIA



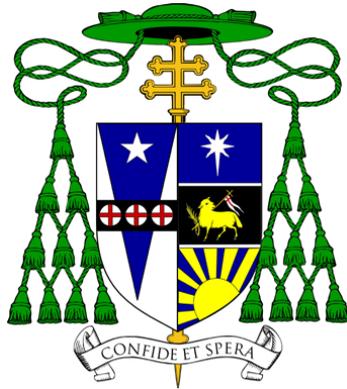
**INVOCATION TO  
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:  
and you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits,  
who prowl through the world  
for the ruin of souls. Amen.



THE CHRISM MASS  
WITH THE  
BLESSING *of* OILS  
AND  
CONSECRATION *of* CHRISM



Principal Celebrant and Homilist  
MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PÉREZ  
ARCHBISHOP *of* PHILADELPHIA

HOLY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2, 2026  
10:00 AM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of* SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
AND THE SHRINE *of* SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

# THE CHRISM MASS

## PRELUDE

LOCUS ISTE

ANTON BRUCKNER (1824-1896)

*English translation, sung in Latin*

This place was made by God;  
a priceless holy place,  
it is without fault.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

SIR JOHN STAINER (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be saved.

O MENSCH, BEWEIN DEIN SÜNDE GROß, BWV 622

J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

Alexandr Kislitsyn, *violin*  
Mark Loria, *organ*

AVE MARIA

PHILIP W. J. STOPFORD (b. 1977)

*English translation, sung in Latin*  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

CANTICLE of JESUS CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER

NORMAND GOUIN

*Composed especially for the  
2014 Chrism Mass of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

Je - sus Christ has made us in - to a king - dom,  
priests for his God and Fa - ther. To  
him be glo - ry and pow - er for - ev - er. A - men.

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ECCE SACERDOS MAGNUS

EDWARD ELGAR  
(1857-1934)

*English translation, sung in Latin*

Behold a great priest,  
who in his days pleased God.  
Therefore by an oath  
the Lord made him increase among his people.  
He gave him the blessing of all nations  
and confirmed his covenant upon his head.

## INTROIT

ARR. J. BANKSON



*Ant.* All jus - tice you have loved and taught  
 1. My heart is stirred by no - ble themes,  
 2. A - mong your friends and fam - i - ly,  
 3. Gird - ed with strength and ma - jes - ty  
 4. There - fore the Lord a - noint - ed you  
 5. And we will sing for - ev - er - more



*Ant.* But hat - ed all in - iq - ui - ty,  
 1. My song is for my Lord, the King!  
 2. The fair - est and most ra - di - ant,  
 3. And splen - dor from the high - est - place,  
 4. With oil of joy and grace un - told.  
 5. And let your glo - rious prais - es ring,



*Ant.* So God a - noints and rais - es you  
 1. And as a writ - er's nim - ble pen,  
 2. The Lord blest you a - bun - dant - ly  
 3. Your cause is truth and gen - tle - ness  
 4. The sweet - est fra - grance will ex - ude  
 5. Pro - claim your name in all the earth



*Ant.* A - bove your hu - man com - pa - ny.  
 1. May my soul free - ly shout and sing.  
 2. With grace up - on your lips and hands.  
 3. And up - right - ness and love and grace.  
 4. From head and hands, from heart and soul.  
 5. For ev - 'ry - one to join and sing.

SIGN of THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

MASS XVI

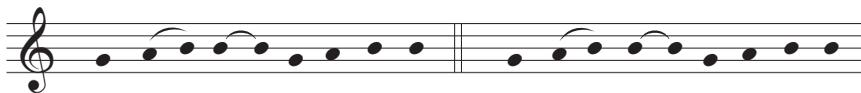
Chant Mode III



V. Ký - ri e, e - lé - i - son. R. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.



V. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. R. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.



V. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. R. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

GLORIA

MASS of SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NORMAND GOUIN



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on



earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -



dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

*Choir or Cantor alone:*

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.  
 A-men. A-men.

COLLECT

## LITURGY of THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

*Spanish translation, read in English*

Lectura del libro del profeta Isaías

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,  
 porque me ha ungido  
 y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres,  
 a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,  
 a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos,  
 la libertad a los prisioneros,  
 y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor,  
 el día de la venganza de nuestro Dios.

El Señor me ha enviado a consolar a los afligidos,  
 los afligidos de Sión,  
 a cambiar su ceniza en diadema,  
 sus lágrimas en aceite perfumado de alegría  
 y su abatimiento, en cánticos.



*English translation, read in Spanish*

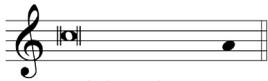
A reading from the Book of Revelation

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

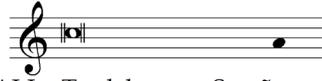
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood,  
who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father,  
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,  
and every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him.  
All the peoples of the earth will lament him.  
Yes. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
“the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”



Cantor: Palabra de Dios.



ALL: Te alabamos, Se - ñor.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

JAMES J. CHEPPONIS



Praise and hon-or to you. Praise and hon - or to you.



Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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*Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

*Spanish translation*

*El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí.*

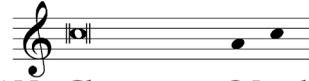
*Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.



ALL: And with your spir - it.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Spanish translation, read in English*

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue a Nazaret, donde se había criado.  
 Entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre hacerlo los sábados,  
 y se levantó para hacer la lectura. Se le dio el volumen del profeta Isaías,  
 lo desenrolló y encontró el pasaje en que estaba escrito:  
 El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,  
 porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva,  
 para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos,  
 para dar libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor.

Enrolló el volumen, lo devolvió al encargado y se sentó.  
 Los ojos de todos los asistentes a la sinagoga estaban fijos en él.  
 Entonces comenzó a hablar, diciendo:  
 “Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír”.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.



ALL: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

# RENEWAL *of* PRIESTLY PROMISES

*All stand*

Archbishop Pérez addresses the priests:

Beloved sons,  
on the anniversary of that day  
when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood  
on his Apostles and on us,  
are you resolved to renew,  
in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people,  
the promises you once made?

**Priests: I am.**

Archbishop Pérez:

Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus  
and more closely conformed to him,  
denying yourselves and confirming those promises  
about sacred duties towards Christ's Church  
which, prompted by love of him,  
you willingly and joyfully pledged  
on the day of your priestly ordination?

**Priests: I am.**

Archbishop Pérez:

Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God  
in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites  
and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching,  
following Christ the Head and Shepherd,  
not seeking any gain,  
but moved only by zeal for souls?

**Priests: I am.**

Archbishop Pérez addresses the deacons and the lay faithful:

As for you, dearest sons and daughters,  
pray for your Priests,  
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,  
and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest,  
so that they may lead you to him,  
who is the source of salvation.

**People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

Archbishop Pérez:

And pray also for me,  
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office  
entrusted to me in my lowliness  
and that in your midst I may be made day by day  
a living and more perfect image of Christ,  
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,  
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

**People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

Archbishop Pérez:

May the Lord keep us all in his charity  
and lead all of us,  
shepherds and flock,  
to eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE BLESSING *of* THE OILS AND THE CONSECRATION *of* THE CHRISM

PRESENTATION *of* THE BALSAM, THE OILS AND THE GIFTS *of* BREAD AND WINE

O REDEEMER

BRIAN LUCKNER



O Re-deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to — you.

THE BLESSING *of* THE OIL *of* THE SICK

THE BLESSING *of* THE OIL *of* CATECHUMENS

THE CONSECRATION *of* THE CHRISM

*All concelebrants please stand.*

*All concelebrants extend your right hand toward the Chrism, without saying anything,  
until the end of the prayer, as Archbishop Pérez prays:*

*"Therefore we beseech you, Lord:..."*

# LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION of the GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### I WAS GLAD

DAVID HURD (b. 1950)

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;  
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
The assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.  
For there are the thrones of judgment, The thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you  
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your tow'rs.  
For my brethren and companion's sake, I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### SANCTUS

### A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

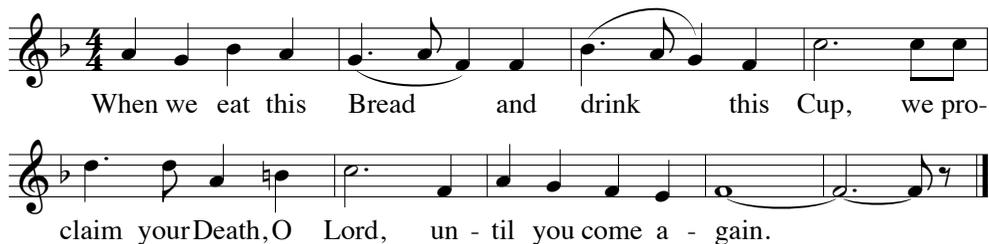
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MYSTERY of FAITH

A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

RITE of PEACE

AGNUS DEI / CORDERO de DIOS

MISA LUNA

PETER M. KOLAR



*Cantor* *Todos*  
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca - do del mun-do,  
ten pie - dad, ten pie - dad, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros.

ÚLTIMA VEZ



*Cantor* *Todos*  
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca - do del mun-do,  
Da-nos la paz, da-nos la paz, da-nos la paz, Cris - to Je-sús.

Peter M. Kolar  
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COMMUNION

Cathedral Basilica Choir  
*English translation below, sung in Latin*

*Chant*

I WILL SING FOREVER OF YOUR MERCIES, O LORD    NORMAND GOUIN

**Antiphon**

I will sing for - ev - er of your  
mer - cies, O Lord, through all a - ges my  
mouth will pro - claim your fi - del - i - ty.

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HYMN of PRAISE

UBI CARITAS    MAURICE DURUFLÉ (1902-1986)

*English translation, sung in Latin*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

## CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING, BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon - ho - ly: "This my  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -  
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
 what they do, for - give." Yet we heard as  
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,  
 trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,  
 earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,  
 pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give.  
 love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -  
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er  
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your  
 May your care and mer - cy lead us To a  
 And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in



newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
 in com - mun - i - ty;  
 chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -  
 just so - ci - e - ty;  
 mind e - ter - ni - ty;



power us For the work of min - is - try.

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*The newly blessed and consecrated Holy Oils are available  
one half hour after the Chrism Mass in the first floor auditorium  
of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center until 1:30 p.m.  
The old Holy Oils should be replaced promptly  
in anticipation of use at the Easter Vigil.  
If additional Holy Oils are needed during the year,  
please contact the Cathedral Rectory.*

## CARE OF THE HOLY OILS

The annual celebration of the Chrism Mass provides the opportunity to restate some of the important norms that pertain to the Holy Oils to heighten our corporate reverence toward them. During the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass, the Archbishop consecrates the chrism and blesses the other oils. The distribution of the new oils takes place in the auditorium of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

### The Holy Oils

The Church requires the use of proper oils for the celebration of the Sacraments. In the case of Confirmation, the use of the proper oil, the Sacred Chrism, involves the validity of the Sacrament. Only oils pressed from olive plants or from other plants that have been recently consecrated or blessed by the Bishop may be used in the administration of the Sacraments (Canon 847§1). Old oil can only be used when there is a true necessity (Canon 847§1). The Holy Oils can never be diluted under any circumstances with additional oil, even in order to fill an oil stock or container or to display the oils in an ambry or a repository. Perfumes or other substances can never be added to the consecrated and blessed oils. Also, the Holy Oils may never be employed for non-sacramental use.

The care of the Holy Oils is the responsibility of the pastor or priest chaplain. The pastor obtains the new oils from his own Bishop and keeps them carefully in a fitting place (Canon 847§2). The Bishop is instructed, in the directions for the celebration of the Chrism Mass, to advise the priests of the manner in which the Holy Oils are to be treated and honored, and carefully reserved (*The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism*, 28).

## **Disposing of Old Oils**

Each year in anticipation of the Chrism Mass, the pastor should see that all the old oils are collected from the ambry or repository, including all vessels with oil for the sick, and disposed of by burning them (*Book of Blessings*, 1127), or burying them. It is not fitting that the Holy Oils be burned along with trash or other household items. It is a custom in some places to burn all the old oils and the oil-saturated cottons in the new fire of the Easter Vigil.

## **Vessels for the Holy Oils**

Only vessels specifically designated for the Holy Oils—the traditional oil stocks or other containers designed solely for the Holy Oils—are to be used. These vessels should be worthy of their liturgical function and be closed in such a way as to prevent the oils from being spilled and to ensure they remain fresh (*Book of Blessings*, 1126). Each vessel is to be clearly identified for its content. Household bottles, jars and plastic containers are not appropriate for the use of the Holy Oils. The vessels for the Holy Oils are to be thoroughly cleansed with soap and water before they are used for new oils.

Only the amount of new oils typically needed for the year for the administration of the Sacraments will be provided. Holy Oils should not be requested simply for their display. If during the year, additional Holy Oils are needed for sacramental use, please contact the Rector at the Cathedral Rectory.

## **Reservation of the Holy Oils**

The Holy Oils, according to ancient tradition, are reverently reserved in a special place in the church. Typically, this place is in the sanctuary; however, reservation may also be in the baptistry (*Built of Living Stones*, 117). An ambry or repository must be secured and locked (*Book of Blessings*, 1125). The vessels reserved in the ambry or repository must contain only the consecrated and blessed oils. Once again, Holy Oils in these vessels can never be diluted for the sake of display.

*The above norms for the care of the Holy Oils were originally approved by Cardinal Justin Rigali on 25 March 2010. Revised on January 10, 2023.*

CATHEDRAL BASILICA MUSIC MINISTERS

**CANTOR**

Jackie Dunleavy

**PSALMIST**

Jessica Kerler

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA CHOIR**  
**ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR of PHILADELPHIA**

**INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Ed Jakuboski, *trumpet I*

Steve Heitzer, *trumpet II*

Todd Williams, *horn*

Justin Moore, *trombone*

Alexandr Kislitsyn, *violin*

William Kerrigan, *percussion*

Mark Loria, *organ*

Ms. Charlene Angelini

*Director of Cathedral Parish Music and  
The Archdiocesan Choir of Philadelphia*

Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
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# National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

*One Nation Under God*

culminates at the

Cathedral Basilica  
of Saints Peter and Paul  
Philadelphia, PA

**July 2-5, 2026**

- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Procession
- Continuous Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral
- Service Events
- and more!

**Schedule of events & adoration signups at**  
[archphila.org/underGod](http://archphila.org/underGod)

# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY, JULY 2

Reception of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

- 7:00 PM - Young Adult event
- 8:00 PM - Continuous Adoration begins

Signup



## FRIDAY, JULY 3 (LEGAL HOLIDAY)

Day of Service flowing from the Graces of the Eucharist

- 11:30 AM - Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- 12:05 PM - Sung Mass in the Basilica

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

Day of Adoration and Prayer for the United States of America

- 10:00 AM - Showing of the Cabrini Film
- 1:00 PM - Showing of the Cabrini Film
- 3:30 PM - Showing of the Cabrini Film

Signup



## SATURDAY, JULY 4 (CONTINUED)

- 11:30 AM - Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in the Basilica
- 12:05 PM - Sung Mass in the Basilica
- 4:15 PM - Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- 4:30 PM - Family Rosary Across America, Relevant Radio
- 5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass for Sunday

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

Conclusion of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (Regular Sunday Mass schedule)

- 11:00 AM - Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica (Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel) and Eucharistic Procession to Saint Peter Church (Shrine of Saint John Neumann) Social to follow.

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Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector

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