

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

December 4, 2022



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Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND**

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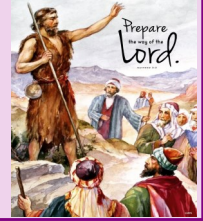
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 4, 2022

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
LK 3:4,6 R. Alleluia, alleluia.*



December 3	Saturday
	St. Francis Xavier
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
5:15	Judith Hutton
December 4	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Domenico Pomponio
11:00	Thomas & Mary Jane Reim
12:30	Gregorio Gonzalez
6:30	Charlotte Thomsen
December 5	Monday
	Advent Weekday
7:15	Living & Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart
12:05	Marguerite P. Grant
December 6	Tuesday
	Advent Weekday
	St. Nicholas
7:15	Bridget Beth Baughman
12:05	Intentions of the Chico Guzman Family
December 7	Wednesday
	St. Ambrose
7:15	Thomas Mack Vonulm
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
5:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
December 8	Thursday
	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
12:05	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
5:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
December 9	Friday
	Advent Weekday
	St. Juan Diego Cauhlaotzin
7:15	Patrick White
12:05	Intentions of Jane Collins
December 10	Saturday
	Advent Weekday
12:05	Intentions of Su Family
5:15	Marylou Walsh

Dear Parishioners,

*This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent passes so quickly and so each week deserves some special attention. This is especially the case with this Sunday’s Gospel. We hear Saint John the Baptist preaching in the desert and declaring, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3: 2).” Frequently throughout the liturgical year, we hear the call to repent. Typically, it is the Lord Jesus calling his followers to turn away from sin so to be truly faithful to his way of life, the Christian life. Today, it is John the Baptist calling us to repentance. This repentance is the same but for a different purpose. It is a repentance of preparation for the coming of the Savior. The Lord Jesus who came in history and will come at the end of time desires to come to each of us anew this Christmas, in our hearts and in our lives. If the Lord is to come with his grace and renew us with his Birth, then we cannot keep company with sin, sin of any kind. Let us resolve today to be sincere about our repentance. Let us examine our Christian lives, confess our sins confident in the mercy of God, and be truly ready for the promised Birth of the Lord within and among us. *There are so many opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Sundays and throughout the week here at the Cathedral Basilica. Schedule now your own Advent Confession.**

This Thursday, December 8, 2022 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This Advent Holy Day commemorates the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother without any stain of original sin. This gift to Mary prepares her to be the worthy Mother of the Christ Child. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. The Holy Day Mass schedule is found elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin.

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.

*I am so very grateful to all those who participated in our Annual Eucharistic Devotion, our Parish Forty Hours, this past week. It was a beautiful witness to our love for the Holy Eucharist. Thank you to our Cathedral Young Adults for all their efforts to promote the Forty Hours and to schedule successfully the round-clock adoration. The response to the annual *Parish Fall Collection* is promising. I thank those who have already contributed and remind those who have not to please consider doing so.*

Please keep the intention for peace in our City and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the landscape needs of the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line opportunities for making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially with the annual Parish Fall Collection (Block Collection) and the Annual Seminary Collection taking place at this time.

Blessed Advent!
Father Dennis Gill
Rector





PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Let us prepare our hearts during this time of Advent to welcome the Messiah. His mother, Mary, the woman of the YES, made the plan of God her own without reservation. Let us ask Mary to become a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish through your will or a planned gift.

Thank you for being a blessing to the Cathedral parish!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 11/27 was:

Regular \$4,115

Special 1,175 (for liturgical music programs of the

Electronic* 2,693 Cathedral Parish)

Total \$7,983

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.

Thank you!

We hope that your generosity will exceed \$13,000 this week.

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass or make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Biedrzycki, and one of them can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- Text to Give** anytime, especially for your Sunday Mass offering – text “Cathedral” to 215-709-9955.
- Venmo us @cathedralbasilica**
- Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos:
 Nancy Cantwell , Denys Rawson, Scott Lawson, Joshua Storey, Colleen, Joe, Kathleen Anderson, David, Frank A. Vara, Joanne Quickle and her intentions, Casey McKee, Antonio, Edi & Fabio, Edmund Napieralski, TerriAnn DiMarcantonio, Joseph Maiellano, Alex and Paige Bednarsky, Lysiane, Liam Wajda, Lily Greenwood, James Marra, Cosimo and his family, Adelin, Dr. Furlong and his daughter Elana, Regina Long, Eridania Guzmán, Allison Torres, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.
To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to:
prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Adopted by the Parish Council
August 10, 2021*

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

[Click Here](#), or go to:
<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>; **Worship Aid**

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

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, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org



*Concerts at the
Cathedral Basilica*

Today, December 4, 2022 – 3pm

Join the Cathedral Choirs and instrumentalists as they perform the Seven “Great O Antiphons” culminating in a thrilling setting of the Magnificat by Leo Nestor.

Excellent faith formation at your fingertips!

Subscribe for free to this exciting online platform, www.FORMED.org. Parish code, 07854f.

**Declaración de la Misión de la
Parroquia Catedral de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo**

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las **6:30 AM**

La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/November-2022.pdf)

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/November-2022.pdf>

«Ven y Verás»

Juan 1:39

Diciembre

9 y 10 del 2022



El fin de semana **comenzará a las 7:00 PM el viernes y terminará el sábado a las 6:00 PM.** Para registrarse llame a la Oficina para Católicos Hispanos al 215-667-2820 **antes del 1 de diciembre.**

UNASE A NOSOTROS PARA UN

CONCIERTO

Multicultural

PRESENTADA POR:
LA PARROQUIA DE
LOS SANTOS INOCENTES

Viernes,
9 de Diciembre
7PM - 9PM

1387 E Hunting Park Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19124

50 / 50 MERIENDAS
RIFAS BEBIDAS
ESTACIONAMIENTO GRATIS ALABANZA Y ADORACIÓN

TODAS LAS DONACIONES BENEFICIAN A LOS JÓVENES ADULTOS QUE PARTICIPARÁN EN LA JORNADA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD EN 2023

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este domingo es el segundo domingo de Adviento. El Adviento pasa tan rápido que cada semana merece una atención especial. Este es especialmente el caso con el evangelio de este domingo. Escuchamos a San Juan Bautista predicando en el desierto y declarando: “Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca (Mateo 3:2)”. Frecuentemente a lo largo del año litúrgico escuchamos el llamado al arrepentimiento. Típicamente, es el Señor Jesús llamando a sus seguidores a alejarse del pecado para ser verdaderamente fieles a su forma de vida, la vida cristiana. Hoy, es Juan el Bautista llamándonos al arrepentimiento. Este arrepentimiento es el mismo, pero con un propósito diferente. Es un arrepentimiento de preparación para la venida del Salvador. El Señor Jesús, que vino en la historia y vendrá al final de los tiempos, desea venir a cada uno de nosotros de nuevo esta Navidad, en nuestro corazón y en nuestra vida. Si el Señor viene con su gracia y nos renueva con su nacimiento, entonces no podemos estar en compañía del pecado, del pecado de cualquier tipo. Decidámonos hoy a ser sinceros acerca de nuestro arrepentimiento. Examinemos nuestra vida cristiana, confesemos nuestros pecados confiados en la misericordia de Dios y estemos verdaderamente preparados para el nacimiento prometido del Señor dentro y entre nosotros. *Hay tantas oportunidades para el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación los domingos y durante toda la semana aquí en la Catedral Basílica. Programa ahora tu propia confesión de Adviento.*

Este jueves 8 de diciembre del 2022 es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, día de precepto u obligación. Esta fiesta de Adviento conmemora la concepción de María en el seno de su madre sin mancha alguna del pecado original. Este don prepara a María para ser la Madre digna del Niño Jesús. María, bajo la advocación de la Inmaculada Concepción, es la Patrona de los Estados Unidos de América. El horario de Misas este día de precepto se encuentra en otra parte de esta edición del boletín parroquial.

El Árbol de Donaciones de Adviento «The Giving Tree por su nombre en inglés» es una hermosa costumbre de Adviento en nuestra Parroquia de la Catedral. Muchas gracias por su generosa respuesta nuevamente este Adviento. Si está interesado en entregar algunos de los obsequios a las instituciones vecinas que se benefician de nuestro árbol de donaciones, llame a la oficina parroquial al 215-561-1313.

Estoy muy agradecido con todos aquellos que participaron en nuestra Devoción Eucarística Anual, nuestras Cuarenta Horas Parroquiales, la semana pasada. Fue un hermoso testimonio de nuestro amor por la Sagrada Eucaristía. Gracias a nuestros adultos jóvenes de la Catedral por todos sus esfuerzos para promover las Cuarenta Horas y programar con éxito la adoración de 24 horas. La respuesta a la *Colecta Anual de Otoño Parroquial* es prometedora. Agradezco a los que ya han contribuido y les recuerdo a los que no lo han hecho que por favor consideren hacerlo.

Mantenga en sus oraciones la intención de paz en nuestra ciudad y el fin de la violencia armada en nuestros vecindarios. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida a las necesidades de jardinería de la Parroquia Catedral. Si es posible, aproveche las oportunidades en línea para hacer su ofrenda semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente con la *Colecta Anual de Otoño Parroquial (Colecta en Bloque)* y la *Colecta Anual del Seminario* que se llevan a cabo en este momento.

¡Bendecido Adviento!
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8th

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

with Liturgical Music

Thursday, December 8

7:15 AM in the Cathedral Chapel

12:05 PM in the Cathedral Basilica, with Liturgical Music

5:15 PM in the Cathedral Chapel, with Liturgical Music

11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica

The Basilica and Chapel are open on Holy Days, the Parish Office is closed.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 11

Procession: 8:30 PM

Solemn Mass: 9:00 PM

Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez in the Cathedral Basilica

Monday, December 12

7:15 am in Cathedral Chapel

12:05 pm in Cathedral Chapel

Confessions at 11:30 AM

in the Cathedral Basilica



The Cathedral Sacramental Prep program is in need of an **adult volunteer** to be an Aide for the First Communion and Confirmation classes, which meet Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 PM. Adult volunteers must have or be willing to acquire Safe Environment training and clearances. Please email mclarke@archphila.org if you can help out!

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Following the 12:05 PM daily Mass the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be offered in the Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica in order to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the protection of refugees from the conflict.

Please join our Parish community as we pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. Also Each Friday at 3:00 PM we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for peace in Ukraine and the conversion of Russia.

Join Via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541pwd=Wmo1V01XWE1QLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541 Passcode: Mercy

"Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, Pray for us!



HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY

Please remember to bring your food donations for St. John's Hospice. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity, God bless you.

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New the Evangelization

[CLICK HERE](#), or

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/18254904>

SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO US!

We encourage you to send your prayer requests to us using this link rather than calling the parish office:

<https://cathedralphila.org/cathedral-prayer-request/>; you may also email us at

prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.



CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sundays of Advent

9:00 AM, 12 Noon (in Spanish in the Chapel), and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Monday through Friday, at 11:30 AM in the Basilica
Saturdays of Advent at 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Basilica

Resources for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship, <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/>

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25
A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
5:00 PM Solemn Vigil Mass and 7:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Basilica

11:00 PM Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass): Sacred Music and Carols

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022
12:00 AM – Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Basilica
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Noon – Solemn Mass in the Basilica

There is no 6:30 PM Mass.

Monday, December 26, 2022
9:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Eucharistic Summit: Sewing Hope into Broken Hearts a virtual event



**December 6, 7, 8
2022**



GIVING TUESDAY

#iGIVECATHOLIC #GIVINGTUESDAY

This year's celebration of Giving Tuesday was a success for the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Thank you for your generosity and support.
May God bless you and your loved ones.

Didn't get a chance to give last Tuesday?
It is not too late to be included.

With your love and support the Cathedral will continue to serve the spiritual needs of all those in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for generations to come!

Thank you for helping us to care for our beautiful Basilica and Saint Katharine Drexel's shrine.

To **DONATE** go to: <https://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/cathedral-basilica-of-ss-peter-and-paul>



Celebrating 110 Years in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Join us **Mondays at 8PM** to pray virtually via Zoom or phone on the **Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary**. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, peace in the world, personal intentions and for the Missions. For more information go to: <https://phillymissions.org/rosary-campaign-for-an-end-to-the->



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Cathedral Parish will be aiding those in need once again. We will assist the following organizations: St. John's Hospice, Visitation Community Center, the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Home, the Sisters of Life maternity home, Guiding Star maternity home, Women of Hope, and the Hispanic Ministry. We will also be helping twelve families who have requested assistance.

The Giving Tree will go up in the Basilica prior to the **First Sunday of Advent, NOVEMBER 27th** and will be covered with decorative paper ornaments. Each will have on it the name of a family/child or an item for one of the organizations. **PLEASE TAKE ONE OR MORE ORNAMENTS** and purchase a gift for that person or group. **RETURN THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT, UNWRAPPED but in a gift bag, along with a brief Christmas prayer greeting**, to the parish office or give it to someone in the sacristy after Mass. **YOU MAY ALSO DONATE GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET, WALMART, WAWA OR VISA**; place in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope labelled "Giving Tree", or mail to the parish office.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE IN BY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11th.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, please call or leave a message with Sister Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator, 215-561-1313, x 134. Thank you for your generosity!