

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

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December 3, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass on Saturday
in the Cathedral Basilica

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in
the Cathedral Basilica

12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the
Cathedral Chapel
(Misa en español, en la Capilla)

6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

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

Saturdays: 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

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

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in the Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
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SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
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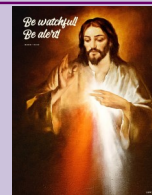
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023

“Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation”.
PS. 85:8 R. Alleluia, alleluia.



MASS Intentions

December 2	Saturday, Weekday
12:05	Lucinda Gursky
5:15	Ercolino Ranalli
December 3	First Sunday of Advent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Rosemary Napierkowski
11:00	Essie Mae Rubin
12:30	Gregorio Gonzalez
6:30	Ralph Kalish
December 4	Monday Advent Weekday St. John Damascene
7:15	Attilio Teruzzi
12:05	Intentions of the Chico Guzman Family
December 5	Tuesday Advent Weekday
7:15	Tina Davis
12:05	Anthony Masi, Jr.
December 6	Wednesday Advent Weekday St. Nicholas
7:15	Dennis Dunphy
12:05	Joseph Feeney
December 7	Thursday Advent Weekday St. Ambrose
7:15	For the intentions entrusted to SKD
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
5:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
7:00	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant (Spanish Mass)
December 8	Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:15	For the People of the Parish
12:05	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
5:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
December 9	Saturday Advent Weekday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
12:05	Intentions of Paul Springer
5:15	Antonio DiCandilo

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new year of grace. The Gospel for this Sunday with its directive, “Be watchful! Be alert! (see Mark 13: 33),” gives us a focus for Advent. Advent, as a liturgical time, passes very quickly and it always seems Christmas arrives too soon. So, we need to seize the opportunity Advent provides to anticipate joyfully the Birth of the Savior with concrete ways to prepare. I have three suggestions for you. If you do not already do this, set aside a brief period of time in the morning and evening to pray, perhaps to pray a psalm or at one of these times to pray the Holy Rosary. Plan now when you will make your Advent Confession. Prepare for this Confession by reviewing the past year and decide how the grace of the Sacrament will help you live more consistently a Christian life. Read a good book about Jesus Christ. There are countless books by great Catholic authors reflecting on the life of the Savior and Redeemer. Advent is a time that demands our attention, or is lost to us. Let us pray for one another that we have a blessed Advent!

Today, we begin our Annual Eucharistic Devotion, our Parish Forty Hours. The celebration of Holy Mass is at the heart of our Catholic Faith. We believe that the Mass is the actual Sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We believe that the bread and wine become truly and really the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe that when we receive Holy Communion we actually take into our hearts the event of Christ’s saving death and resurrection. Forty Hours, especially the opportunities for prayer and adoration before the Real Presence of Christ, deepens our Eucharistic faith and helps us to live out of this same faith. Plan now to be a part of our Parish Forty Hours Devotion! See the schedule for the Forty Hours elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin.

On Monday, December 4, 2023, all the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia - Diocesan and Religious Priests - will participate in the annual Day of Sanctification for Priests. The priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia, for a day of prayer and reflection. Please keep our priests in prayer for this occasion, especially for their holiness of life and zeal in the service of the Church.

This Friday, December 8, 2023, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a Holy Day of Obligation. This Advent Holy Day reminds us how our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin and so to be a worthy dwelling for the Son of God. The Blessed Mother, under this title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Plan now on the Mass you will attend on the Holy Day and ask Our Lady to intercede for our nation in your prayers. Please see the Holy Day Mass schedule elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin.

Next Sunday, the Parish Calendars will be distributed for 2024. You are welcome to take an extra calendar for anyone you know who is homebound in your neighborhood.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the support of the landscape needs of the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill, Rector



PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

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

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.
And let us remember to pray for each other
always!*

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

Your generosity on 11/26 was:

Regular \$4,328
Special 1,146 (to the liturgical music programs of the
Electronic* 2,540 Cathedral Parish)
Total \$8,014

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.
Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish

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, email us at info@cathedralphila.org or call the office at 215-561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Artman, 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.
- Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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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*

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

**The Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick
Holy Viaticum**

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 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, 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org

DEC. 10, 2023 3PM
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will once again be having our **annual Christmas Concert on December 10, 2023 at 3pm**. Join the Cathedral Choirs and instrumentalists as they perform works by Gjeilo, Whitacre and Bettinis as well as beloved Christmas Carols for all to participate.

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The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us as we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Each Friday at 3:00 PM.

**Join Via Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541
Passcode: Mercy**

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

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: John Lang, Shelley Lord, Milagro Portal, Bobby, Benjamin Garrett, Felicidad P. Manzon, Jose Estrada Molina's intentions, Angelica's intentions, Chris Geary, Nwafor's intentions, Mauricio Alvarez, Laurette Mugisha, Rojo Imedio Family, Alex & Paige Bednarsky, Laura and Gaby, Maybel Matthews, Maria del Carmen Martin, Angel Morel, Allison Torres, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org., 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.

***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*

**LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA
SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA
8 de diciembre del 2023
*Día Santo de Precepto***

Tendremos Misa en español a las
7:00 PM para la Vigilia del 7 de
diciembre del 2023 en la Capilla de la
Catedral

***Puedes enviar tus intenciones personales
de oración aquí: [https://
cathedralphila.org/cathedral-prayer-
request/](https://cathedralphila.org/cathedral-prayer-request/) o contacta al Padre Welsh.***

**DEVOCIÓN EUCARÍSTICA ANUAL –
CUARENTA HORAS EN LA
CATEDRAL BASÍLICA
DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO
DOMINGO, LUNES Y MARTES
3, 4 Y 5 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2023**

Tendremos el privilegio de tener esta
Devoción Eucarística Anual comenzando
el Primer Domingo de Adviento, las
primeras Cuarenta Horas en la
Arquidiócesis con el comienzo del nuevo
Año Litúrgico. Estos tres días de oración
nos alientan a tomarnos un tiempo para
reflexionar sobre el gran regalo de la
Eucaristía a la Iglesia.

**The Annual Novena to Our Lady of
Guadalupe** takes place at the Worship
Site of St. Joan of Arc until December 11
culminating with Mass on the feast day of
December 12.

The Novena begins at 7:00 PM each
evening followed by food and fellowship.

On the evening of December 11 we
pilgrimage to **the Cathedral Basilica of
Sts. Peter and Paul** to celebrate Mass
with the entire Archdiocese. You are
more than welcome to walk with us and
celebrate Mass at the Cathedral.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es el primer domingo de Adviento, el comienzo de un nuevo año de gracia. El evangelio de este domingo con su directriz: “¡Velen y estén preparados! ¡Velen y estén preparados! (ver Marcos 13: 33)”, nos da un enfoque para el Adviento. El Adviento, como tiempo litúrgico, pasa muy rápido y siempre parece que la Navidad llega demasiado pronto. Por tanto, debemos aprovechar la oportunidad que nos brinda el Adviento para anticipar con alegría el Nacimiento del Salvador con formas concretas de preparación. Tengo tres sugerencias para ti. Si aún no lo has hecho, reserve un breve período de tiempo en la mañana y en la tarde para orar, tal vez para rezar un salmo o en uno de estos momentos para rezar el Santo Rosario. Planifique ahora cuándo hará su Confesión de Adviento. Prepárate para esta Confesión repasando el año pasado y decide cómo la gracia del Sacramento te ayudará a vivir una vida cristiana de manera más consistente. Lea un buen libro sobre Jesucristo. Existen innumerables libros de grandes autores católicos que reflexionan sobre la vida del Salvador y Redentor. El Adviento es un tiempo que exige nuestra atención o lo perderemos. ¡Oremos los unos por los otros para que tengamos un Adviento bendecido!

Hoy comenzamos nuestra Devoción Eucarística Anual, nuestras Cuarenta Horas Parroquiales. La celebración de la Santa Misa está en el corazón de nuestra fe católica. Creemos que la Misa es el verdadero Sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz. Creemos que el pan y el vino se convierten verdadera y realmente en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Creemos que cuando recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, realmente tomamos en cuenta el evento de la muerte y resurrección salvadora de Cristo. Cuarenta Horas, especialmente las oportunidades de oración y adoración ante la Presencia Real de Cristo, profundiza nuestra fe Eucarística y nos ayuda a vivir de esta misma fe. ¡Planifique ahora ser parte de nuestra Devoción Parroquial de Cuarenta Horas! Consulte el cronograma de las Cuarenta Horas en otra parte del boletín parroquial.

El lunes 4 de diciembre del 2023, todos los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia (sacerdotes diocesanos y religiosos) participarán en el Día Anual de Santificación de los Sacerdotes. Los sacerdotes se reunirán con el Arzobispo en la Parroquia Madre de la Divina Providencia, King of Prussia, para un día de oración y reflexión. Por favor mantengan a nuestros sacerdotes en oración para esta ocasión, especialmente por su santidad de vida y celo en el servicio de la Iglesia.

Este viernes 8 de diciembre del 2023 es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, un Día de Precepto. Esta fiesta santa de Adviento nos recuerda cómo nuestra Santísima Madre fue concebida sin pecado original para ser morada digna del Hijo de Dios. La Santísima Madre, bajo este título de su Inmaculada Concepción, es la patrona de los Estados Unidos. Planifique ahora la Misa a la que asistirá el día de precepto y pídale a Nuestra Señora que interceda por nuestra nación en sus oraciones. Consulte el horario de Misas del día de precepto en otra parte del boletín parroquial.

El próximo domingo, se distribuirán los calendarios parroquiales para el 2024. Le invitamos a llevar un calendario adicional para cualquier persona que conozca que esté confinada en su vecindario.

*Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo estará dirigida al apoyo de las necesidades de jardinería de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o donar electrónicamente. Consulte [http://
cathedralphila.org/donate/](http://cathedralphila.org/donate/). Muchas gracias.*

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

PLEASE TAKE ONE OR MORE PAPER ORNAMENTS. We are giving our families **GIFT CARDS of \$25-\$50** or more. Cards from Walmart, Target, CVS, Dollar Tree, or Visa are the most helpful. Please return the cards with the ornaments you chose; you may put them in the collection basket or give them to a sacristan. **YOU MAY DONATE ON OUR ONLINE PLATFORM TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL RECEIVE WRAPPED GIFTS as indicated on the ornaments. Please purchase the gift (s), and RETURN THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT, wrapped or in a gift bag, to a sacristan, a priest, or the parish office.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE IN BY THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10TH! *We need time to distribute the gifts!*

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, please call or leave a message with Sister Mary Raphael, 215-561-1313, x134. Thank you for your generosity!

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ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION, "THE O ANTIPHONS"

DECEMBER 16, 2023 FROM 9AM-3:30PM

This day of recollection includes Mass, Confessions, personal prayer time, Eucharistic Adoration and spiritual conferences.

Retreat Director: Mother Maria Catherine of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

Location: Drexel Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (free parking available)

RSVP: sr.gbraccio@archphila.org or
215-587-3795

Men's Study Group

We will meet for one hour on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Drexel hall at 7 PM.**

For more information contact Michael McGeough at
mmcgeough64@gmail.com

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EVANGELIZATION

Hope, and the "Already, but Not Yet"

In Her wisdom, the Church gives us the season of Advent as a time of preparation. We not only prepare to remember and celebrate the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity at Christmas, the Incarnation; but, likewise, we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time, when He will come in glory with salvation for His people. This is "the life of the world to come" that we profess each Sunday. This duality reminds us that Advent is truly a period of *devout and expectant delight*, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes Advent. So, what does "devout and expectant delight" look like? Perhaps it can be summed up in the four traditional themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This week we will look at Hope.

The Old Testament prophets foretold the Messiah's coming with anticipation, offering hope amidst despair. Isaiah prophesied a shoot springing from the stump of Jesse, a symbol of hope rooted in the Davidic lineage. He also declared that the people who walked in darkness, those who lived in a land of deep darkness, would see a great light. Isaiah's words illuminate the transformative power of Christ's arrival, dispelling the shadows of despair and filling hearts with radiant light. Micah proclaimed the emergence of a ruler from humble Bethlehem, instilling hope that the smallest among towns could birth the greatest of leaders. These prophetic visions were beacons of light to people, speaking of a future that found fulfillment in the birth of Jesus Christ.

But hope transcends the historical moment of Christ's birth. The Church Fathers lived, as we do now, in a time when Christ had already come. Still, they awaited, as do we, the promised Second Coming of the Lord. This tension of "already, but not yet," is a paradoxical concept that encapsulates the duality of Advent. Saint Augustine urged endurance in God's unfolding plan of redemption, recognizing that while the Kingdom of God has been inaugurated, its full realization was yet to come. "Patience is the companion of wisdom," he affirms. Saint Gregory of Nyssa reflects on the transformative power of hope, emphasizing its role in shaping human character. "Hope guides the course of life, giving it direction and a goal." This perspective calls us to align our lives with the anticipation of Christ's return, allowing hope to guide our journey of faith.

Embracing the "already, but not yet" tension of Advent in our world today can be a challenging, yet transformative, practice for us. The commercialism that obscures the true meaning of Christmas, can – and ought – to be drowned out by the Advent message of hope. It involves intentional, patient reflection and prayer amidst our secular world that is already celebrating the Christmas (or "holiday") season.

Hope invites us to embrace patience and to delight in this devout time of expectancy. We prepare ourselves to remember and celebrate the First Coming of Christ at Christmas, while daring to believe and hope, in light of the death and Resurrection of Christ, for the final triumph of good over evil, of justice over injustice, of love over hatred, in this life and in eternity. Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Brandon Artman
Parochial Vicar

**FORTY HOURS
AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY
DECEMBER 3, 4, AND 5, 2023**

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is privileged to have this Annual Eucharistic Devotion beginning the First Sunday of Advent, the first Forty Hours in the Archdiocese with the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. These three days of prayer encourage us to take time to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist to the Church, to each of us.

The complete schedule of the Forty Hours can be found on the Cathedral website, <https://cathedralphila.org/>. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is around the clock during the Forty Hours.

Join us especially for Evening Prayer on Monday, December 4, and Tuesday, December 5, at 5:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica. Clergy are invited to be in choir for Evening Prayer on both evenings. Parking is available.

As the Church in the United States invites all Catholics to grasp more deeply the Mystery of the Eucharist with the Eucharistic Revival (see <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>), the Eucharistic Procession and the Forty Hours provides wonderful opportunities for everyone, especially families, to do so.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8th, 2023
A Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, December 7

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Chapel with Liturgical Music

7:00 PM Mass in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel

Friday, 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.**

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OUR MINISTRY

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church
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This is a free event from Sacred Heart Church and the Living Scripture Institute, (LivingScriptureInstitute.org) the training arm of Rachel's Vineyard, Grief to Grace, and Duty to Heal.

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