

# 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 10, 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:  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,  
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,  
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK  
AND HOMEBOUND**

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## Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 10, 2023

*“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.*



### MASS Intentions

<b>December 9</b>	<b>Saturday Advent Weekday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin</b>
12:05	Intentions of Paul Springer
5:15	Antonio DiCandilo
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Adelmo Marrone
11:00	Clare D'Agostino
12:30	Juan & Querubina Herrera
6:30	Linda Susan Frank
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Monday Advent Weekday St. Damasus I</b>
7:15	Nora & John Murray
12:05	Carol Spritzer
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:15	Kathleen Geppert
12:05	Intentions of Alberta Schooley (100th Birthday)
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Wednesday St. Lucy</b>
7:15	Essie Mae Rubin
12:05	Intentions of Steve Jun
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Thursday St. John of the Cross</b>
7:15	Kathleen Taylor
12:05	Gloria Soto de Garcia
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Friday Advent Weekday</b>
7:15	O'Connor Family
12:05	Theresa S. Brehony
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Saturday Advent Weekday</b>
12:05	Barbara Fried
5:15	Harvey Family
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Peg, Gene, Maureen Janda, Peggy Ann & Sean
11:00	Kellie M. Connor
12:30	Sebastian Rodriguez Picos
6:30	Margaret & Charles

Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.* Saint John the Baptist is a principal figure of Advent. He is the last of the great prophets to announce the coming of the Savior. We meet him in the Gospel this Sunday as the promised messenger to help prepare the way of the Lord (see Mark 1: 1-8). Not only does Saint John announce the advent of Christ but he also announces how to prepare for the coming of the Lord. This preparation is to be marked by repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Yes, as with the first advent declared by the Baptist, so our Advent, this Advent 2023, is time to repent. With the celebration of Christmas, the Divine Infant comes anew to us with his grace and life. Our Christian task is to prepare interiorly for such gifts and so we keep the days of Advent with sincere efforts to turn away from what separates us from the grace and life already given to us and to be given again. In this way, the celebration of Christmas will truly be an occasion to receive the Savior in our hearts and souls. Sin and grace cannot live side by side. Let us do everything we can to purify ourselves and rededicate ourselves to the Gospel this Advent. Let us lead a more examined life. Let us make a good Advent Confession. We have Confessions every day of the week at the Cathedral Basilica - on Sunday at 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon in Spanish, and 5:30 PM, on Saturday at 4:15 PM and Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. Saint John the Baptist is speaking directly to each of us this Second Sunday of Advent.

*On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas.* Archbishop Nelson Perez will celebrate Mass on Monday evening, December 11, 2023, at 9:00 PM in the Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome! *Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!*

*On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 3:00 PM, the Blessing of the Nativity on the lawn of the Cathedral Basilica at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway will take place.* The choral group from Saint Francis Xavier School will sing prior to and following the Blessing. All are welcome!

*Our Parish Pastoral Council is a vital organ within our parish community.* This representative group of parishioners advises me on matters that are central to our parish life. I am so very grateful for their assistance and their keen pastoral insights. I am thankful to all of you who nominated potential new members this past Fall. First, I extend profound gratitude to Gene and Marie Mattioni, representing a married couple in the parish, and Lou Ferrero, representing a senior adult in the parish, for their generous contribution to the Parish Pastoral Council over the last three years. Second, after processing the nominations from the parishioners, the following replacements will join the Council, Aaron and Charlotte Pisacane, representing a married couple, and Piero Conosciani, representing a senior adult. The full list of members of the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on the Cathedral website.

*Invite a family member, a neighbor, and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.*

*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 outreach services in 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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

### Your generosity on 12/3 was:

Regular	\$4,735
Special	1,634 (to the Retired Religious)
Electronic*	2,961
Total	\$9,330

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.  
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](mailto: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](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

### LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

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

## 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*

### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

**-Adult faith formation-**

### The Sacrament of Holy Orders

**Thursday, December 14, 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](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org)



#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://www.osvhub.com/cathedralofsspeterpaul/giving/funds>

### 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:** Judy Andrade, Alex & Paige Bednarsky, 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, 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](mailto: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*

**FIESTA DE NUESTRA  
SEÑORA DE  
GUADALUPE**

LA PATRONA DE LAS AMÉRICAS

**HORARIO DE MISAS**

**LUNES, DICIEMBRE 11, 2023**

PROCESIÓN: 8:30 PM  
MISA SOLEMNE (EN ESPAÑOL):  
9:00 PM  
CELEBRANTE: ARZOBISPO  
NELSON J. PÉREZ IN THE  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA

**MARTES, DICIEMBRE 12, 2023**

(MASSES IN ENGLISH)

7:15 AM EN LA CATHEDRAL CHAPEL  
12:05 PM EN LA CATHEDRAL CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS AT 11:30 AM  
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**REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*Hoy es el Segundo Domingo de Adviento.* San Juan Bautista es una figura principal del Adviento. Es el último de los grandes profetas en anunciar la venida del Salvador. Lo encontramos en el evangelio de este domingo como el mensajero prometido para ayudar a preparar el camino del Señor (ver Marcos 1: 1-8). San Juan no sólo anuncia el advenimiento de Cristo, sino que también anuncia cómo prepararse para la venida del Señor. Esta preparación debe estar marcada por el arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Sí, como ocurrió con el primer advenimiento declarado por el Bautista, así nuestro Adviento, este Adviento 2023, es tiempo de arrepentirnos. Con la celebración de la Navidad, el Divino Niño viene de nuevo a nosotros con su gracia y su vida. Nuestra tarea cristiana es prepararnos interiormente para tales dones y por eso guardamos los días de Adviento con esfuerzos sinceros para alejarnos de lo que nos separa de la gracia y la vida que ya nos han sido dadas y que nos serán dadas nuevamente. De esta manera, la celebración de la Navidad será verdaderamente una ocasión para recibir al Salvador en nuestro corazón y en nuestra alma. El pecado y la gracia no pueden vivir uno al lado del otro. Hagamos todo lo que podamos para purificarnos y volver a dedicarnos al evangelio en este Adviento. Llevemos una vida más examinada. Hagamos una buena Confesión de Adviento. Tenemos Confesiones todos los días de la semana en la Catedral Basílica: los domingos a las 9:00 a.m., 12:00 del mediodía en español y 5:30 pm, el sábado a las 4:15 pm y de lunes a viernes a las 11:30 am. San Juan Bautista nos habla directamente a cada uno de nosotros este Segundo Domingo de Adviento.

*El martes 12 de diciembre del 2023 celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la patrona de las Américas.* El Arzobispo Nelson Pérez celebrará Misa en la noche del lunes 11 de diciembre del 2023 a las 9:00 pm en la Catedral Basílica. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! ¡Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ruega por nosotros!

*El miércoles 13 de diciembre del 2023, a las 3:00 pm, se llevará a cabo la Bendición del Nacimiento en el césped de la Catedral Basílica en la calle 18 y Benjamin Franklin Parkway.* El grupo Coral del Colegio San Francis Xavier cantará antes y después de la Bendición. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

*Nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial es un órgano vital dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial.* Este grupo representativo de feligreses me asesora sobre asuntos que son centrales para nuestra vida parroquial. Estoy muy agradecido por su ayuda y su profundo conocimiento pastoral. Estoy agradecido a todos los que nominaron nuevos miembros potenciales el otoño pasado. Primero, extendiendo mi profundo agradecimiento a Gene y Marie Mattioni, que representan a un matrimonio de la parroquia, y a Lou Ferrero, que representa a un adulto mayor de la parroquia, por su generosa contribución al Consejo Pastoral Parroquial durante los últimos tres años. En segundo lugar, después de procesar las nominaciones de los feligreses, se incorporarán al Consejo los siguientes reemplazantes: Aaron y Charlotte Pisacane, en representación de un matrimonio, y Piero Conosciani, en representación de un adulto mayor. La lista completa de miembros del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial se puede encontrar en la página web de la Catedral.

*Invita a un familiar, un vecino (a) y/o un/a amigo (a) a acompañarte a la Santa Misa el próximo domingo en la Catedral Basílica.*

*Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia Catedral.* La segunda colecta el próximo domingo estará dirigida al apoyo de los servicios de extensión en 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/>. Muchas gracias.



CUANDO CONFESAMOS NUESTROS PECADOS, ESTAMOS EJERCIENDO EL DON DE NUESTRO LIBRE ALBEDRÍO: LA ELECCIÓN DE DECIRLE A DIOS QUE LE HEMOS HECHO DAÑO A ÉL Y A LOS DEMÁS Y BUSCAMOS RESTAURAR NUESTRA RELACIÓN CON ELLOS.

*Ofrecemos confesiones en español todos los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral.*

**ENVÍA TUS INTENCIONES  
DE ORACIÓN A:**

[prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org](mailto:prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org).

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 TODAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!** *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!**

## 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. Gabrielle Mary to

[sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org) or 215-587-3795

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

THE PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

### MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

PROCESIÓN: 8:30 PM

MISA SOLEMNE (IN SPANISH):

9:00 PM

CELEBRANTE: ARZOBISPO

NELSON J. PÉREZ IN THE

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# EVANGELIZATION

## Disruptive Peace is Coming...

As we begin this second week of Advent, we continue in this season of *devout and expectant delight*, viewed through the lens of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Last week we explored the theme of Hope, where we realized we live in the “already, but not yet” hope of Christ’s coming: we prepare to recall the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity at Christmas, and we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time, when He will come in glory with salvation for His people. Today we continue with our reflection on Peace.

We have become very complacent as people, as a society, as Catholic Christians. We live in a world of intense darkness, in many aspects, and we have become content living in this darkness. Our status quo of loneliness, divorce, racism, violence, fear, anxiety, sickness, poverty, of never *being* enough, of never *having* enough... desperately needs to be disrupted. This is precisely why we need God to “disrupt us” ... with His *Peace*. What was that, Father Artman?!

The opposite of peace isn't necessarily conflict. More often than not, its opposite is chaos. Just reread Genesis 1: “In the beginning... the earth was without form, with darkness over the abyss.” This situation was in need of a good, holy disruption. “God said: Let there be light, and there was light.” God saw that the light was good, and everything he created after that was good, as well. Peace – God’s peace, His creation of order – is the over-arching theme of the creation story: God puts everything in its right place.

Then sin entered the world. The Fall of Man made us believe that *we* are not enough, that we do not *have* enough, the *God* is not enough. Psalm 23 tells us that the Lord is our Shepherd, and we shall not want. But we *do* want, more and more, in all kinds of different ways. This becomes our new status quo. Deep down, we know this isn't right, but we don't know how to fix it. We cry out for God's *disruptive peace* to make everything right.

Soon, God will come to us in the piercing cry of a newborn to disrupt our status quo. Isaiah prophesizes, "For to us a child is born, unto us a son is given... he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The angels' song of “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth” will soon be heard.

God's *disruptive Peace* approaches, bringing a healing that will restore harmony to all. In the midst of pain and suffering, the balm of God's peace is drawing near. Amidst desperate pleas for freedom from oppression, the soothing presence of God's peace is on the horizon. In the depths of loneliness and sadness, the comforting embrace of God's peace is on its way.

As we continue on the path of Advent, may our hearts resonate with the promise of the Peace of God that surpasses all understanding, heralded by the birth of Christ. Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Brandon Artman  
Parochial Vicar

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
CATHOLIC ADULTS  
AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!**

**EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Gather for the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass  
in the Cathedral Basilica and fellowship after Mass

**Confessions at 5:30 PM**

The Fellowship will be in Drexel Hall Which is below  
the Cathedral Chapel

*Parking available*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
January 1, 2024**

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023

11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed  
Sacrament in the Cathedral Basilica

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

12:00 AM Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Cathedral  
Basilica

New Year's Party follows Mass in the Drexel Hall



**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS 2023**

**Sundays of Advent**

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

**Monday through Friday**

11:30 AM in the Basilica

**Saturdays of Advent**

4:15 PM 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/](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/)

**MASSES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,  
DECEMBER 24, 2023**

*It is required to participate at Holy Mass for  
Sunday and Christmas*

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Basilica  
on Saturday, December 23

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

12:30 PM Mass in the Chapel in Spanish

*There is no 6:30 PM Mass on December 24, 2023*

*Confessions on Saturday, December 23*

*at 4:15 PM in the Basilica*

*Confessions on Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 AM  
in the Basilica and 12 Noon in the Chapel in Spanish*

**MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023**

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

**Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023**

5:00 PM Solemn Vigil Mass and 7:30 PM Vigil Mass  
(English and Spanish) in the Basilica

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

**Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2023**

12:00 AM Solemn Mass during the Night  
(Midnight Mass) in the Basilica

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

*There is no evening Mass on December 25, 2023*

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

# Holy Child

## Advent Reflection Series

Saturdays 4:30 -5 p.m.  
Ven. Cornelia Connelly Memorial  
Reflection and Prayer for Advent  
inspired by  
Ven. Cornelia Connelly,  
foundress of the  
Society of the Holy Child Jesus

DEC. 10, 2023 3PM  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**TODAY, December 10, 2023  
at 3pm, is our Annual  
Christmas Concert.**

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*Lord Jesus Christ!*