

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 17, 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**

The Cathedral Shop is open
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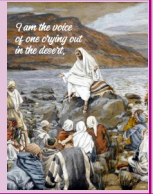
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Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 17, 2023

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor”.
IS. 61:1 R. Alleluia, alleluia.



MASS Intentions

December 16	Saturday Advent Weekday
12:05	Barbara Fried
5:15	Harvey Family
December 17	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday
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
December 18	Monday Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Kathleen Mooney
12:05	Steven Buonomo
December 19	Tuesday Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Intentions of Alberta Schooley (100th Birthday)
12:05	Bobby Mullenix
December 20	Wednesday Late Advent Weekday
7:15	For the Repose of the Soul of Juan Chico
12:05	John Zebuski
December 21	Thursday Late Advent Weekday St. Peter Canisius
7:15	Shannon Elizabeth Miranda
12:05	Police Officer Daniel Faulkner
December 22	Friday Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Bradley Allen Simms
12:05	Intentions of Evelyn M. Deluna
December 23	Saturday Late Advent Weekday St. John of Kanty
12:05	Bridgitta Classon
5:15	Wajih M. Abed
December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	James F. Mootz, III
11:00	Rose Marie Saunders
12:30	Frene & Vicente Colón

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday! This Sunday in many ways indicates the nearness of the Birth of Jesus. For example, the Entrance for today's Mass is from Philippians 4: 4-5. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." We rejoice because we know what the Birth of Jesus means for us and the whole world. Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. His Birth is the fulfillment of all the promises of the Old Testament that God would save his people, rescue them from their sin, and bring them into everlasting communion with him. The upcoming celebration of the Nativity of the Lord renews these ancient promises by making them present to us in our here-and-now encounter with the Divine Infant. The Lord is truly near with his eternal gifts given again of salvation and redemption, gifts fully realized with his Death and Resurrection. Our personal rejoicing is more complete if we have taken seriously our own preparation for Christmas. We still have some time to prepare. May this Sunday impel us to prepare in a more deliberate and focused way for the Birth of Jesus.

An Advent Confession is a very important part of our preparation for Christmas. We have the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation available 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. Parents bring your children, children bring your parents, and neighbors bring your neighbors, to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Lord is kind and merciful!

The 2024 Parish Calendars distributed this Sunday and next Sunday have been made available to us by Mr. Christopher Dinan of the Dinan Funeral Home on Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. I am very grateful to Mr. Dinan for his generosity to the Cathedral Parish. Please keep the calendar in a handy place in your home or office for easy reference for the Cathedral Basilica information and for the liturgical observances throughout the year.

This year the Fourth Week of Advent only includes the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023, with Christmas Day the next day, December 25, 2023. Thus, there are two Mass obligations back-to-back. The faithful are bound to observe the obligation of Holy Mass for a Sunday as usual for the Fourth Sunday of Advent with attendance at the Anticipated Mass or on Sunday morning. The faithful are bound to observe the obligation of Holy Mass for Christmas at the Vigil Mass or on Christmas Day. Let us look at these back-to-back obligations as opportunities to have God truly at the center of our Christian lives and give him the worship that is due rather than as some kind of burden or imposition.

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 young adult ministries 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.

Your generosity on 12/10 was:

Regular \$4,130
Special 935 (to the Landscape needs of the Cathedral
Electronic* 2,961 Parish)
Total \$8,026

*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 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

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*

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

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CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Thursday, December 21, 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

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. 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

HORARIO EN ESPAÑOL DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD DE LA CATEDRAL BASILICA

<https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Spanish-Christmas-Flver-2023.pdf>

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Y estos huesos secos vivirán
ERZQUEL 57
DESDE NUEVA YORK
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01.13.2024 | 9AM -5 PM
En el Hall de Santos Innocent | 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave. Phila. Pa 19124



CUANDO CONFESAMOS NUESTROS PECADOS, ESTAMOS EJERCENDO 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.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, Domingo de Gaudete! Este domingo indica de muchas maneras la cercanía del Nacimiento de Jesús. Por ejemplo, la Antífona de entrada para la Misa de hoy es de Filipenses 4: 4-5. “Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; les repito, estén alegres, el Señor está cerca”. Nos alegramos porque sabemos lo que significa el Nacimiento de Jesús para nosotros y el mundo entero. Jesús es nuestro Salvador y Redentor. Su Nacimiento es el cumplimiento de todas las promesas del Antiguo Testamento de que Dios salvaría a su pueblo, lo rescataría de su pecado y lo llevaría a la comunión eterna con él. La próxima celebración de la Natividad del Señor renueva estas antiguas promesas haciéndolas presentes en nuestro encuentro aquí y ahora con el Divino Niño. El Señor está verdaderamente cerca con sus dones eternos de salvación y redención, dones plenamente realizados con su Muerte y Resurrección. Nuestro regocijo personal es más completo si hemos tomado en serio nuestra propia preparación para la Navidad. Todavía tenemos algo de tiempo para prepararnos. Que este domingo nos impulse a prepararnos de una manera más deliberada y enfocada para el Nacimiento de Jesús.

Una Confesión de Adviento es una parte muy importante de nuestra preparación para la Navidad. Tenemos el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación disponible todos los días de la semana en la Catedral Basílica: los domingos a las 9:00 AM. 12 PM del mediodía en español y 5:30 PM, los sábados a las 4:15 PM y de lunes a viernes a las 11:30 AM. Los padres traen a sus hijos, los hijos traen a sus padres, los vecinos traen a sus vecinos, al Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. ¡El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso!

Los calendarios parroquiales del 2024 distribuidos este domingo y el próximo domingo han sido puestos a nuestra disposición por el Sr. Christopher Dinan de la funeraria Dinan en Spring Garden Street, Filadelfia. Estoy muy agradecido al Sr. Dinan por su generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral. Mantenga el calendario en un lugar a mano en su hogar u oficina para consultar fácilmente la información de la Catedral Basílica y las celebraciones litúrgicas durante todo el año.

Este año, la Cuarta Semana de Adviento solo incluye el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, el 24 de diciembre del 2023, y el día de Navidad el día siguiente, el 25 de diciembre del 2023. Por lo tanto, hay dos obligaciones de Misa consecutivas. Los fieles están obligados a observar la obligación de la Santa Misa un domingo como de costumbre para el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento con asistencia a la Misa anticipada o el domingo por la mañana. Los fieles están obligados a observar la obligación de celebrar la Santa Misa de Navidad en la Misa de Vigilia o el día de Navidad. Consideremos estas obligaciones consecutivas como oportunidades para tener a Dios verdaderamente en el centro de nuestra vida cristiana y darle la adoración debida en lugar de ser una especie de carga o imposición.

Invita a un familiar, un vecino y/o un amigo 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 ministerios de jóvenes adultos 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.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector

ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

If you forgot to bring your gift last week please bring it to the Parish Office (1723 Race St.) **between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, no later than December 18th.**

This will allow for the distribution of the gifts for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.

Please do not leave the presents under the tree.

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

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



Paige Rivera
Peter Javier Rivera, III
Peyton Rivera
Belle Alcalde
Ashton Scott Goldman
Jose Abraham Hernandez Lopez
Sophia Wynn Parsons

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



Nicholas Robert & Gianna Orsimarsi Marsico
Theodore Patrick & Olivia Catherine Karach Younkens
Nicholas Lewis & Jessica Haley Stecklein Foster
Richard & Adriana Maria Lombardo Van Dang
Ronald Nicholas and Gabrielle Marie Auletto
Malandro, Jr.
Matthew Michael & Kelly Eileen Hughes Astolfi
Tyler James & Brittany Jo Paraschak Hill
Nikolao Mikaele and Gabriella Stezzi Savaiinaea

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica



Frank Munafò
Elizabeth Nowacky

May they rest in the peace of Christ!

EVANGELIZATION

Joy to the World!

In our Advent meditations on Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, so far we have looked at Hope – living in the “already, but not yet” of the two-fold coming of Christ: at Christmas and at the end of time. We have also reflected on Peace – the *disruptive Peace* of Christ which brings order, which is so desperately needed, into our world of chaos. Today, we consider Joy.

Joy to the World is a popular Christmas carol. But may I suggest that it is a great Advent carol. What?! Look at Verse 1: “Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.” Did *all* of the earth receive Christ when he was born? Scripture tells us he was not readily received by everyone. Isaiah tells us that the Suffering Servant, who prefigured Christ, “was despised and rejected... and we esteemed him not” (Is. 53:3). We know that one day, all on earth *will* receive the King: “Every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil. 2:9-10). We look forward to this at Christ’s *Second Coming* at the end of time. Heaven and nature will sing out and repeat the sounding joy for all eternity.

Verse 3: “No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found.” Certainly that is not our current experience; the world is not sin-free. Not yet, at least. Jesus told us that we should not be alarmed when we hear of the world’s brokenness. “This must take place, but the end is not yet” (Mk. 13:7). On the Cross, Christ offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins. Raised from the dead, the Risen Christ now sits at the Father’s right hand for all eternity: “He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love.” He awaits the perfect moment - a time when all good things will come to fruition. So we have hope.

Joy to the World is clearly a song about Christ’s Second Coming - when the full expression of his glory will be revealed. It doesn’t really have anything to do with Christmas - Christ’s *First Coming*. Or does it? After all, there can be no Second Coming without a First Coming. This song is all about the fulfillment of what Christ came to do in the first place. Christmas is not only a time to look back at the grace accomplished when the Word became Flesh; it is also a time to look *forward* to the grace that was accomplished for our future. The Cradle led to the Cross, which led to the Crown. When we sing this carol, we are proclaiming the ultimate Joy to be revealed. This is why we can sing “Joy to the World” at Christmas and in Advent. Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Brandon Artman
Parochial Vicar

Prayer for your third week of Advent

We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers;
and by the grace of Thy coming
bring light into our darkened minds.
Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass Schedule

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/>

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 (*livestreamed*)
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 (*livestreamed*)
8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass, and
12:00 PM Noon Solemn Mass in the Basilica (*livestreamed*)

There is no evening Mass on December 25, 2023

The complete schedule can be found at
<https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Christmas-schedule.pdf>

Horario en Español
<https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Spanish-Christmas-Flyer-2023.pdf>

THREE PHILADELPHIA PRIESTS NAMED AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Pope Francis has named Rev. Keith J. Chylinski, Rev. Christopher R. Cooke, and Rev. Efrén V. Esmilla as new auxiliary bishops of Philadelphia.

The Bishops-elect will succeed recently retired Auxiliary Bishops Edward M. Deliman and Michael J. Fitzgerald as well Bishop Timothy C. Senior, who had served as an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia from 2009 until the summer of 2023 when he was appointed the Bishop of Harrisburg.

They will join Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre, who has served in that capacity since 2010.

During this time of transition, Bishops-elect Chylinski, Cooke, and Esmilla will continue in their current priestly assignments.

"I ask that all people in our local Church join me in praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen our new bishops as successors to the Apostles..." Archbishop Pérez

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



Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are prepared to serve the spiritual needs of our Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes**. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313**. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.

 *Third Sunday* **Advent**