

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

Second Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 8, 2024



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*

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 Basilica, 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 el 10 de agosto del 2021

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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

Mass Intentions

December 7	Saturday St. Ambrose 12:05 Essie Mae Rubin 5:15 Arilein Rosy Almonte
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Elizabeth Hughes Fong 11:00 James Shanley 12:30 Guadalupe Pina Rios 6:30 For the Living & Deceased Del Raso Family
December 9	Monday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:15 For the People of the Parish 12:05 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 5:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
December 10	Tuesday, Advent Weekday Our Lady of Loreto 7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Members of the League of the Sacred Heart 12:05 Walter B. Croke
December 11	Wednesday, Advent Weekday St. Damasus I 7:15 John Haggerty 12:05 Alfred Quasti, Jr.
December 12	Thursday Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:15 Clare D'Agostino 12:05 For the intentions of Carol Sheckler
December 13	Friday St. Lucy 7:15 Essie Mae Rubin 12:05 For the intentions of Samantha & Steven Moylan (successful marriage)
December 14	Saturday St. John of the Cross 12:05 Gloria Soto de Garcia 5:15 The Harvey Family
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Marie Diguseppe 11:00 James Shanley 12:30 Querubina y Jesus Herrera 6:30 Anne DeVera

The Cathedral Shop is open

Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

[Click Here](#), or go to:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>; [Worship Aid](#)

Join us in **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY**
Every Sunday from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Parking available - *All are Welcome!*

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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: Monday - Friday at 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**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

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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.

*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 12/1 was:

Regular	\$4,490
Special	1,217 (to the poor and needy of the
Electronic*	<u>2,639</u> Cathedral Parish)
Total	\$8,346

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.

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 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he 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:



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Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and soon it will be the Third and Fourth Sunday of this holy time of the year. These Advent weeks are more than a long Christmas Vigil. Rather they have their own unique and immediate purpose to prepare us to celebrate well the great event and mystery of Christmas. With every Christmas Christ is born within and among us anew. As Catholic Christians we do not simply recall the wonderful Birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. We also believe that this same Divine Infant is born today! So, these Advent weeks are intended to prepare us to receive so great a gift in our time. I encourage you to hear the loud and clear invitation in the Gospel this Sunday, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Our preparation must be intentional and focused. So, please find time each Advent day to pray. In the quiet of your prayer, ask the help of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to pray with you to ready your life—heart, mind and soul—to receive the Lord with joy and love this Christmas. To receive the Lord is to receive his grace and the conviction to follow his Gospel way as our way of life. Make a good Advent Confession. As you can see elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin, there are so many opportunities for the celebration of this Sacrament during these weeks of Advent. A well-kept Advent promises a Christmas filled with many blessings.

Monday, December 9, 2024, is the transferred observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While the Holy Day obligation is suspended in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this year, I encourage you to attend Mass on Monday. 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. Please see the Mass and Confession schedule for this Solemnity elsewhere in the parish bulletin.

This Thursday, December 12, 2024, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. This Advent feast of our Blessed Mother reminds us how close Mary is to us as we prepare for the Nativity of her Divine Son. She is ever ready to help us with her prayers and the witness of her life to follow after her Son, listening attentively to his word and seeking a greater share in his grace to be faithful to his ways. When Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin in Mexico, she appeared with her expected Son in her womb. This manifestation of our Blessed Mother vividly reminds us of the sacredness of life in the womb and our duty to protect this unborn life in whatever way possible to us. One of these ways is to ask the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray for the legal protection of all human life, especially the unborn. Archbishop Pérez will celebrate Holy Mass in anticipation of the feast on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:00 PM in 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 make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

God Bless you!
Father Dennis Gill
Rector



SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN
 Todos los domingos a las 12:00 PM
 en la Capilla de la Catedral

**SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA
 CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA
 VIRGEN MARÍA**

Lunes 9 de diciembre

7:15 AM - Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral
12:05 PM - Misa en la Basílica Catedral,
 con Música Litúrgica (transmisión en vivo)
5:15 PM - Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral,
 con Música Litúrgica

11:30 AM

Confesiones en la Basílica Catedral

Estacionamiento gratuito disponible para
 nuestros visitantes en el estacionamiento
 adyacente a la Catedral.

Lea la [OBSERVACIÓN DE LA
 SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA
 CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA
 VIRGEN MARÍA EN 2024
 ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE FILADELFIA](#)

**FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE
 GUADALUPE, PATRONA DE LAS
 AMÉRICAS**

Horario de Misas

Miércoles, 11 de diciembre del 2024

Procesión: 8:30 PM

Misa Solemne (in Spanish): 9:00 PM

Celebrante: Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez in
 the Cathedral Basilica

Free parking available

**Jueves 12 de diciembre del 2024
 (Misas en inglés)**

Misa a las 7:15 am en la Capilla Catedral

Misa a las 12:05 pm en la Capilla Catedral

**Confesiones a las 11:30 am en la
 Catedral Basílica**

No hay estacionamiento disponible

REFLEXIÓN DEL RECTOR

Queridos feligreses,

Hoy es el segundo domingo de Adviento y pronto será el tercer y cuarto domingo de este tiempo sagrado del año. Estas semanas de Adviento son más que una larga Vigilia de Navidad. Más bien, tienen su propio propósito único e inmediato: prepararnos para celebrar bien el gran acontecimiento y misterio de la Navidad. Con cada Navidad, Cristo nace de nuevo dentro y entre nosotros. Como cristianos católicos, no solo recordamos el maravilloso nacimiento del Salvador en Belén. ¡También creemos que este mismo Divino Niño nace hoy! Por lo tanto, estas semanas de Adviento tienen como objetivo prepararnos para recibir tan gran regalo en nuestro tiempo. Los animo a escuchar la invitación fuerte y clara del evangelio de este domingo: *“Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos.”*. Nuestra preparación debe ser intencional y enfocada. Por lo tanto, por favor, encuentren tiempo cada día de Adviento para orar. En el silencio de su oración, pidan la ayuda de María, la Madre de Jesús, para que ore con ustedes para preparar su vida (corazón, mente y alma) para recibir al Señor con alegría y amor en esta Navidad. Recibir al Señor es recibir su gracia y la convicción de seguir su camino evangélico como nuestro modo de vida. Hagan una buena confesión de Adviento. Como pueden ver en otras partes del boletín parroquial, hay muchas oportunidades para la celebración de este sacramento durante estas semanas de Adviento. Un Adviento bien celebrado promete una Navidad llena de muchas bendiciones.

El lunes 9 de diciembre del 2024 se traslada la celebración de la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María. Si bien la obligación de la Fiesta Santa está suspendida en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia este año, los animo a asistir a la Misa del lunes. Esta Fiesta Santa de Adviento conmemora la concepción de María en el vientre de su madre sin ninguna mancha de pecado original. Este regalo a María la prepara para ser la digna Madre del Niño Jesús. María, bajo el título de la Inmaculada Concepción, es la Patrona de los Estados Unidos de América. Consulte el horario de Misas y Confesiones para esta Solemnidad en otra parte del boletín parroquial.

Este jueves 12 de diciembre del 2024 celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas. Esta fiesta de Adviento de nuestra Santísima Madre nos recuerda cuán cerca está María de nosotros mientras nos preparamos para la Natividad de su Divino Hijo. Ella está siempre dispuesta a ayudarnos con sus oraciones y el testimonio de su vida para seguir a su Hijo, escuchando atentamente su palabra y buscando una mayor participación en su gracia para ser fieles a sus caminos. Cuando Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se apareció a San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin en México, apareció con su Hijo esperado en su vientre. Esta manifestación de nuestra Santísima Madre nos recuerda vívidamente la santidad de la vida en el útero y nuestro deber de proteger esta vida no nacida de cualquier manera que nos sea posible. Una de estas formas es pedir la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para orar por la protección legal de toda vida humana, especialmente la de los no nacidos. El Arzobispo Pérez celebrará la Santa Misa en anticipación de la festividad el miércoles 11 de diciembre del 2024 a las 9:00 PM. en la Catedral Basílica.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará 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 hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Dios los Bendiga!
 Father Dennis Gill
 Rector

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024**

7:15 AM in the Cathedral Chapel
12:05 PM in the Cathedral Basilica,
with Liturgical Music ([livestreamed](#))
5:15 PM in the Cathedral Chapel, with Liturgical Music

11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica

*Free parking available for our visitors in the parking lot
adjacent to the Cathedral
GPS address: 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103*

**Archbishop Nelson Pérez, upon consultation on the
matter and in accord with Canon 87 §1, dispenses from
the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Monday,
December 9th, 2024.**

This dispensation is not to minimize the importance of this Solemnity in the life of the clergy and faithful. Rather, the Archbishop grants this dispensation due to the shortness of time to instruct on this change in observance, with the recognition that most calendars are in place without the possibility to properly observe the obligation and, most of all, to ease the consciences of the faithful.

To read the complete letter [CLICK HERE](#)

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**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-
Thursday, December 12, 2024, 7:00 PM**

*The Sacrament of the Holy Orders
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

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
P.A.T.H.
RETREAT
PRAY, ACT, TRUST, HOPE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.
NEUMANN ROOM OF THE
CATHEDRAL BASILICA
18TH & RACE, PHILA., PA 19103

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, & DISCERNMENT

GIVING TREE 2024!

**Get Ready to Share the
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As we journey through Advent,
our Advent Giving Tree is
already on display.

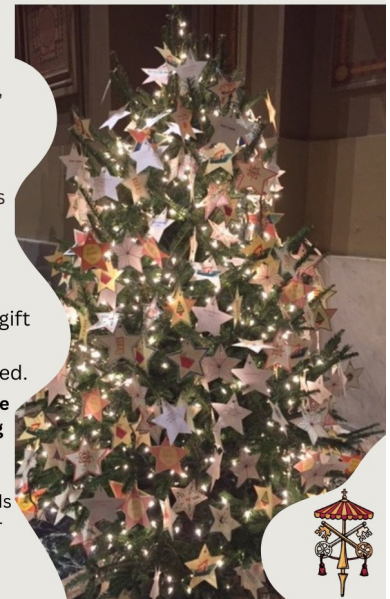
This continues to be a
wonderful opportunity to bless
those in need within our
community!

Choose an Ornament:

Each ornament will represent a gift
request from charitable
organizations and families in need.

For charitable organizations, **please
return your gifts in gift bags along
with the ornament by today,
Sunday, December 8.**

For families, you can bring gift cards
to Mass or contribute through our
online giving platform ([via the
Donate button on our website](#)).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
ADVENT
Retreat Day
NOW WE DARE TO HOPE:
THE PROMISE AND GIFT OF
EVERY ADVENT
- REVEREND GERALD DENNIS GILL, PRESENTER
RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA AND
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
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DELEGATE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE,
at sr.mfaustina@archphila.org

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:
Deacon Pete Dolan, Sam Whitehouse, Korleen and Nelson Dominguez, Ignacio Ramos, Riolinda Lyngdoh, Oscar Anibal, Fr. Joseph's intentions, Jean & Frank J Molloy Jr; Jorgelina, Miltiza's intentions, Brandon Arrington, Eleodoro Frias, Yasmin Estevez, Baby Bill, Flia. Torres Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, 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.**

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



*Jerad James Oakes
Dylan Delcid Lemus
Dariel Hernandez
Presley Santos
Elizabeth Shirin Whitley*

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



*Gregory Lawrence & Bianca Maria Chiarlanza Horlacher
Emmanuel Jan & Kate Elaine Algarme Espino
Anthony Joseph & Molly Anne Fluehr Corrado, Jr.
Adam Patrick & Adrienne Nicole Feldmiller Wyke
Joseph Henry & Isabela Marcal Palmieri Herlihy
Michael Joseph & Juliana Nicole Furey DeMarino
James Patrick & Meaghan Cappelloni Kenyon
Kyle Thomas & Jaclyn Ann Drury Springsteen
Rafael Anaya & Raquel Hernandez Roque Pena
Francis Robert & Briana Mia Lucchesi Mule
Jason Alfred & Laura Colston Hannifan Zajdel
Nicholas & Meagan Gulmi Ceritano, Jr.
John Patrick & Christina Marie Murphy Bruno*

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica



*Daniel Pollett
Mary Joyce Courey
Zorianna Klufas*

May they rest in the peace of Christ!

Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

HOLY CHILD

Advent Reflection Series

*“You must not hide the gifts God has given you,
but use them in His service”*

Ven. Cornelia Connelly

SATURDAYS IN ADVENT FROM 6:15-6:45 PM

Reflection and Prayer for Advent

inspired by Ven. Cornelia Connelly, foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus

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Valentin Radu, Artistic Director & Conductor

Concert **38** Season

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Sts Peter & Paul
Philadelphia**

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Questions? Call Sister Mary Raphael in Outreach: 215-561-1313.

Leave a message and she will call you back.

Thank you and God bless you!!



Volunteer with **CHRIST IN THE CITY**

at **LUNCH IN THE PARK**

What: Serving lunch for the homeless of Philadelphia

Who: Parishioners of the Cathedral

When: Christmas Day (12-1pm)

Where: Cathedral Lawn

How: Sign up with QR code below



If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the QR code. Contact Sophia with any questions at sophia@christinthecity.org

First time volunteers must attend a training beforehand.

**SIGN UP
HERE!**

