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

November 30, 2025

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



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

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

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 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

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First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 30, 2025

"Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation!" Cf. Psalm 85: 8 Alleluia, alleluia.



12:05 Michael Olmo

5:15 Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-

Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh

November 30 First Sunday of Advent (Annual Eucharistic Devotion- Forty Hours)

8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 For the Holy Souls 11:00 President Judge Emerita

Federica Massiah-Jackson

12:30 Agustina Torres 6:30 Michael Olmo

December 1 Monday, Advent Weekday (Annual Eucharistic Devotion—Forty Hours)

7:15 Zorianna Klufas 12:05 Mary Ellen Berger

December 2 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

(Annual Eucharistic Devotion – Forty Hours)
 7:15 Nickolas Milanytch
 12:05 Laura A. Kopczynski

December 3 Wednesday

St. Francis Xavier

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin 12:05 For the intentions of the Chico Guzman Family

December 4 Thursday, Advent Weekday St. John Damascene

7:15 For the intentions entrusted to

St. Katharine Drexel 12:05 John F. O'Connor

December 5 Friday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Zorianna Klufas

12:05 Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh

December 6 Saturday, Advent Weekday St. Nicholas

12:05 Harry John Keogh 5:15 Lillian Del Conte

December 78:00
9:30
Second Sunday of Advent
For the People of the Parish
For the living & deceased

For the living & deceased members of the League of the

Sacred Heart
11:00 Essie Mae Rubin
12:30 Gregorio Gonzalez

6:30 Ruben Martinez



Dear Parishioners.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. "Stay awake (Matthew 24: 42)!" The Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent compels us to be alert and ready for the coming of the Lord during the whole time of Advent. As the Lord came in history and will come at the end of time, so he comes to us anew with the celebration of his Birth at Christmas. As Christians, we have the duty to prepare for this Birth and not simply to anticipate it. Let us resolve that this Advent will be a time of focused prayer in preparation for the Nativity. Pray with the prophet Isaiah, who prepared Israel for the Savior; pray with Mary who bore the Savior in her womb. Prepare with a good sacramental Confession. Advent passes so quickly, so we must stay awake! We must prepare well!

The Annual Forty Hours Devotion takes place this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the first three days of Advent. Please see elsewhere in this edition of the parish bulletin more information about the schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion. This Devotion gives us the opportunity to pause, to reflect and to pray. We pause from the busyness of our lives and spend time with our Lord truly present to us in his Holy Body and Blood. We reflect on the gift without equal from Almighty God, the Holy Eucharist—the saving Sacrifice of his Son—that brings us the constant graces of redemption. We pray—we adore the Lord—to praise him and to unite ourselves with him as we live our daily Christian lives. Please join us for the Forty Hours Devotion!

Thank you to all who have taken a star or several from the Advent Giving Trees in the Cathedral Basilica. A few stars remain. The Advent Giving Tree is a splendid expression of our duty as Christians to reach out to the poor and needy all the time, but especially as we prepare to commemorate the Birth of Jesus who shares his divinity with our humanity. This marvelous exchange impels us to recognize the Christ then in each person so deserving of our attentive care. Please return your Advent Tree gifts to the Sacristy by December 7, 2025.

On Monday, December 1, 2025, 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.

Look for the Schedule of Confessions and Masses for Christmas and New Year's Day in the mail.

This is the last Sunday of November, the Month of the Holy Souls. Let us remember especially during Mass and in our prayers at home all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. May they soon know the full glory of God in Heaven.

Next Sunday, the Parish Calendars will be distributed for 2026. 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 national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. 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/.

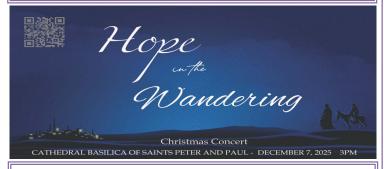
God Bless! Father Dennis Gill, Rector

SACRED JUBILEE SITE



The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel are designated Sacred Jubilee Sites for the Holy Year 2025.

From **Dec 29, 2024 – Dec 28, 2025**, pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by going to confession, being repentant, receive communion, go to Holy Mass, truly and praying for the Pope's intentions. Take part in this special year of grace and hope!



CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Holy Viaticum

Thursday, December 4, 2025, 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 info@cathedralphila.org

Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults



Rosary Group

Saturday December 6th 11 AM Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel Left after the main entrance to the Cathedral

Join Our Discord for latest information! https://discord.gg/k4NYBv2tAH

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES

Join us at the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel for our Advent Reflection Series, inspired by Venerable Cornelia Connelly:

Holy Child

When: Saturdays during Advent at 6:15 PM Where: Venerable Cornelia Connelly Memorial, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul We look forward to welcoming you!

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. St. Katharine Drexel, Pray for us.

And let us remember to pray for each other always!

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

The offertory collection for Sunday 11/23/2025 will be posted on a future edition of the parish bulletin.

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.
- on-line **Donate** cathedralphila.org/donate/ or scan this in this OR code:



ADVENT COCKTAILS WITH FR. GILL Wishing you all the joy and blessings of Advent! Join us on December 13, 2025, after the 5:15 p.m. Anticipated Mass in the Neumann Room for an evening of music, wine, and hors d'oeuvres.

A festive celebration for our **senior community**—a perfect time to gather in friendship and joy this Advent season!

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA **FOR THE 83%**

Archbishop Nelson Pérez launched his initiative <u>Trust and</u> Hope as a response to the stark reality that 83% of Catholics are disconnected from the life of the Church.

This Advent, all are invited to pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (November 30-December 24) for the intention of the reconciliation of inactive Catholics with the Church, their home. To participate, visit https://www.phillyevang.org/novena/

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: David T.Wilson, Patrick Gutierrez, Luke, Rich Romeo Jr., Rocío Benavides, Fred Tupling, Roberta Ann Marziani, Juan Resendiz, Dennis, Jeremy Jabanesan, Steve Dang, Ginger, Verónica, Keith Caldwell, Arline Toates, Anthony & Allison, Erick & Waskar, 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.

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



SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA 🎄 CONCEPCIÓN DE LA BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARIA

Fiesta Patronal de los Estados Unidos de América LUNES, DICIEMBRE 8, 2025

Lunes, Diciembre 8 Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral a las 7:15 AM

Misa en la Catedral Basílica con música litúrgica a las 12:05 PM Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral con

música litúrgica a las 5:15 PM

Catedral a las 7:00 PM, precedida por el Santo Rosario a las 6:30 PM

las11:30 AM y a las 6:30 PM en la Capilla en español.

en La oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

BASÍLICA DE LOS SANTOS

PEDRO Y PABLO 8:00 P.M. - ROSARIO POR LOS INMIGRANTES

8:30 P.M. - PROCESIÓN DE IMÁGENES

9:00 P.M - SANTA MISA N EL ARZOBISPO PÉREZ .AL HIS<u>PA</u>NA DE FILADE



REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este domingo es el primer domingo de Adviento. "¡Estén preparados! (Mateo 24:42)". El evangelio de este primer domingo de Adviento nos exhorta a estar alertas y preparados para la venida del Señor durante todo el tiempo de Adviento. Así como el Señor vino en la historia y vendrá al final de los tiempos, así también viene a nosotros de nuevo con la celebración de su Nacimiento en Navidad. Como cristianos, tenemos el deber de prepararnos para este Nacimiento y no solo de anticiparlo. Resolvamos que este Adviento sea un tiempo de oración intensa en preparación para la Natividad. Oremos con el profeta Isaías, que preparó a Israel para el Salvador; oremos con María, que llevó al Salvador en su vientre. Preparémonos con una buena confesión sacramental. El Adviento pasa tan rápido, ¡así que debemos estar preparados! ¡Debemos prepararnos bien!

La Devoción Anual de las Cuarenta Horas se lleva a cabo este domingo. lunes y martes, los tres primeros días de Adviento. Para más información sobre el horario de la Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas, consulte otra sección de este boletín parroquial. Esta devoción nos brinda la oportunidad de hacer una pausa, reflexionar y orar. Nos alejamos del ajetreo de la vida cotidiana y pasamos tiempo con nuestro Señor, verdaderamente presente entre nosotros en su Santo Cuerpo y Sangre. Reflexionamos sobre el don incomparable del Dios Todopoderoso, la Sagrada Eucaristía —el sacrificio salvador de su Hijo— que nos trae las gracias constantes de la redención. Oramos —adoramos al Señorpara alabarlo y unirnos a él en nuestra vida cristiana diaria. ¡Por favor únase a nosotros en la Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas!

Gracias a todos los que han tomado una o varias estrellas de los Árboles de Donaciones de Adviento «The Giving Tree por su nombre en inglés» en la Catedral Basílica. Aún quedan algunas estrellas. El Árbol de Donaciones de Adviento es una magnífica expresión de nuestro deber como cristianos de ayudar siempre a los pobres y necesitados, pero especialmente al prepararnos para conmemorar el Nacimiento de Jesús, quien comparte su divinidad con nuestra humanidad. Este maravilloso intercambio nos impulsa a reconocer a Cristo en cada persona que merece nuestra atenta atención. Por favor, devuelvan sus regalos del Árbol de Donaciones de Adviento a la Sacristía antes del 7 de diciembre del 2025.

El lunes 1 de diciembre del 2025, todos los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia —sacerdotes diocesanos y religiosos— participarán en la Jornada Anual de Santificación Sacerdotal. Los sacerdotes se reunirán con el Arzobispo en la Parroquia Madre de la Divina Providencia, en King of Prussia, para un día de oración y reflexión. Les pedimos que oren por nuestros sacerdotes en esta ocasión, especialmente por su santidad de vida y su celo al servicio de la Iglesia.

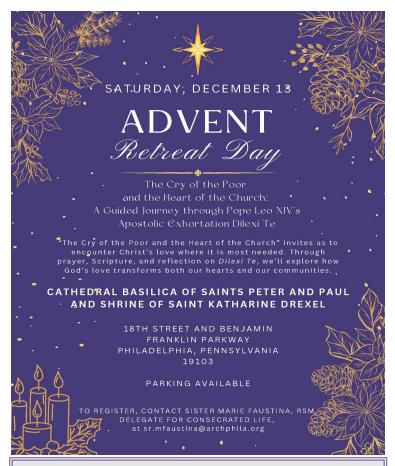
Recibirán por correo el horario de confesiones y misas para Navidad y Año Nuevo.

Este es el último domingo de noviembre, el Mes de las Almas del Purgatorio. Recordemos especialmente durante la Misa y en nuestras oraciones en casa a todas las almas del Purgatorio. Que pronto conozcan la plena gloria de Dios en el Cielo.

El próximo domingo se distribuirán los calendarios parroquiales del 2026. Si desea, puede llevarse un calendario adicional para cualquier persona de su vecindario que no pueda salir de casa.

Agradecemos a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a la colecta nacional para el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas formas de donar electrónicamente. Visite http://cathedralphila.org/donate/.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 14, 2025 @ 1 PM

An invitation from Saint Andrew Lithuanian Church (19th & Wallace Streets, Philadelphia) to a Christmas Concert performed by the church choir and Vincas Kreve school children. The program will include Christmas carols as well as Lithuanian Christmas hymns.

Everyone is welcome. Free admission

ADVENT GIVING TREE

It's time to start thinking about the *Advent Giving Tree!*There are **TWO Trees** in the sanctuary.

One Tree is for our charities, the other for families.

One way to give is to donate online on the Cathedral webpage – you will see the Giving Tree fund after you press the DONATE button. Then you can donate toward the gift or gift card on an ornament! This is a very easy option!

You may use this link to access the account (or go to our website): https://www.osvhub.com/cathedralofsspeterpaul/giving/funds/giving-tree

To participate in person:

Take one or more star ornaments from the trees at Mass. Each ornament lists a child or charity and their requested gift or gift card.

Return your gifts and ornaments (so we can identify recipients) by Sunday, December 7 — the Second Sunday of Advent.

Bring wrapped gifts or gift cards (in an envelope) to a Sacristan, Cathedral staff member, or drop them off at the Rectory office (1723 Race St.).

Please don't leave presents under the tree!

If you have questions, please email Sr. Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator at the Rectory (<u>sr.mrparadis@archphila.org</u>) or call at 215-561-1313

EVANGELIZATION

ADVENT REFLECTION 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to Advent! And Happy New Year! Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins her preparations for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity on December 25th. This is also the first day of the Church's liturgical calendar, the start of a new liturgical year. As we journey together through the four weeks of Advent, I want to reflect on our preparation for the birth of Christ with the aid of some of the saints we encounter during this holy season.

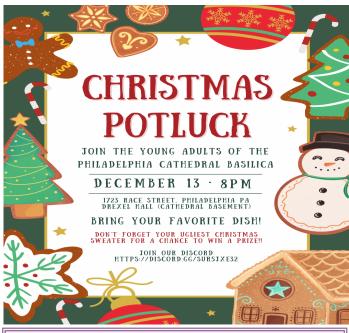
On this First Sunday of Advent, I want to reflect on the witness of St. Andrew. Today is November 30, which is typically the feast day of St. Andrew (although this year the Advent Sunday takes precedence). St. Andrew was one of the Twelve Apostles; in fact, he was the brother of Simon Peter. One of the interesting things about St. Andrew in the Gospels is that we always see him bringing people to Jesus. St. Andrew was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist. After the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God, St. Andrew went to get his brother and brought St. Peter to Jesus.

This practice continues throughout our Lord's public ministry. Later in John's Gospel, we learn that St. Andrew is the one who brings to Jesus the boy with the five loaves and two fish. Jesus will, of course, miraculously multiple those loaves and fish to feed the five thousand. Finally, after Jesus enters Jerusalem for the final time on Palm Sunday, some Greeks who want to see Jesus are taken to Him by St. Andrew.

Through our baptism, we are all called, like St. Andrew, to bring people to Jesus. There is no better time to do this than now, in the Advent and Christmas seasons. The sight of our tiny King sleeping in a manger has a way of awakening in people an otherwise dormant sense of religiosity. Invite people to come to Mass with you, throughout Advent and especially at Christmas. When you go to confession these next few weeks to prepare your soul to receive Christ, check with someone who's been away from the sacrament to see if they'd like to go with you. When you have Christmas dinner and Christmas parties, say a blessing over the food. Wish people "Merry Christmas", not the bland "Happy Holidays." Send religious Christmas cards, not secular Santa-and-Rudolf cards. Most especially, though, make sure you're praying every day and staying close to Christ yourself. It's impossible to bring others to our Lord if you're not with Him regularly yourself. Through the example and intercession of St. Andrew, may we lead others to Jesus this Advent season, and rejoice with them at the birth of our Savior.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Carroll

St. Andrew Novena for the 83%



PARISH CONNECTIONS BRUNCH HEARTS IN COMMUNION GATHERED IN HIS NAME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 1:30 -2:30 PM

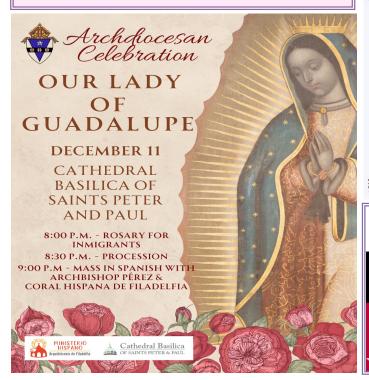
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul Archdiocesan Pastoral Center—13th Floor Cafeteria 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of **Faith—Friendship—Fellowship** as we gather together in Christ's name

Come and be nourished in spirit and in community with parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Family.

Free parking available *All are welcome*

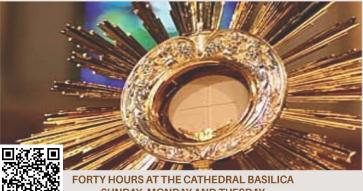
RSVP: dea.cegbufoama@archphila.org



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL 1811 STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY DREXEL

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

FORTYHOURS DEVOTION



SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2025
A TIME OF PRAYER TO CONCLUDE THE JUBILEE YEAR

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 of Philadelphia, 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://cathedral.phila.org/.

All clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion at the Cathedral Basilica, especially as we conclude the Jubilee Year. Clergy are welcome to be in choir for Evening Prayer on both evenings.

For more information on the observance of the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese,

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Patronal Feast of the United States of America
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Monday, December 8

7:15 AM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

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

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

7:00 PM Mass in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 PM

11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica and 6:30 PM in the Chapel in Spanish.

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



HANDEL MESSIAH—CONCERT 39 SEASON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 AT 4 PM

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Baroque Instrument Orchestra

Valentin Radu, Conductor

Tickets:

\$10 - \$40



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