

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica is a very special time of the year for our parishioners and our visitors. Please extend an invitation to your families, friends and neighbors to join us at the Cathedral Basilica for the Holy Days of Christmas.

There are many opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Advent. Please seriously consider a good Confession with the reception of the sacramental forgiveness of sins in preparation for Christmas. If you are homebound, and would like to receive this Sacrament in your home for Christmas, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

Parking is available to our parishioners and visitors for the Holy Days in the parking lot adjacent to the Cathedral Basilica first come, first served. Please use the entrance on 17th Street. The GPS address is: 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

For more information, please see, <https://cathedralphila.org/christmas-concert/>

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT 2025

Sundays of Advent

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

Monday through Friday

11:30 AM in the Cathedral Basilica

Saturdays of Advent

4:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2025

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025

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

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

Thursday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2025

12:00 AM Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Cathedral Basilica
8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass and 12:00 PM Noon Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

There is no evening Mass on December 25, 2025.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 28

Follows the regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 27, 2025

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
11:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica, Solemn Closing of the Jubilee Year
12:30 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish and 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

Confessions on Saturday, December 27 at 4:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

Confessions on Sunday, December 28 at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Basilica,
12 Noon in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish and 5:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2025

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
7:00 PM Anticipated Mass in Spanish in the Chapel, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 PM.
Confessions in Spanish will also be available at 6:30 PM.

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

Thursday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2026

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

There is no evening Mass on January 1, 2026.