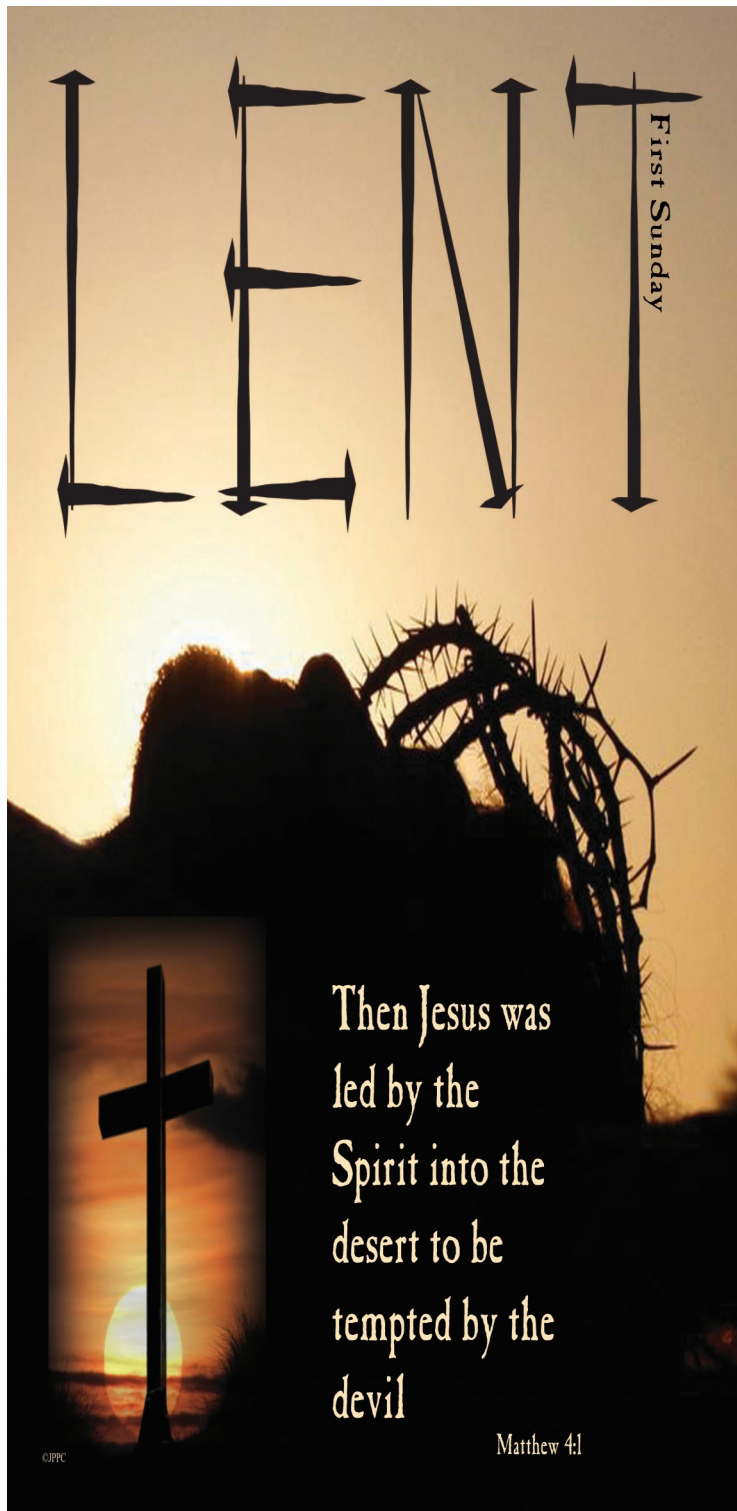


Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



February 22, 2026

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

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
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4b

Mass Intentions

February 21	Saturday after Ash Wednesday St. Peter Damian
12:05	Gynng Ja Kim
5:15	Helen Quigley
February 22	First Sunday of Lent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Suzanne Quaresimo
11:00	Mary Theresa Molloy
12:30	En acción de gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe
6:30	Charles Pat Brosenne
February 23	Monday, Lenten Weekday St. Polycarp
7:15	Nora Pizzi
12:05	Robert S. Kenney
February 24	Tuesday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	For the living & deceased members of the Family of Marinduque
12:05	Emma Pérez
February 25	Wednesday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	For the living & deceased members of the Bob & Mary Ann Wagner Family & the Deacon & Mrs. James Ryan Family
12:05	For the intentions of Miguel Chico
February 26	Thursday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	Michael Olmo
12:05	For the intentions of Laura Chico
February 27	Friday, Lenten Weekday St. Gregory of Narek
	Day of Abstinence
7:15	Eleanor Stoves
12:05	Sean Quinn & Jobeth Gerhart
February 28	Saturday, Lenten Weekday
12:05	Elizabeth Francis DiStefano
5:15	Landa Fiorini
March 1	Second Sunday of Lent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For the living & deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00	Soon Young Susannah Kim -Suh
12:30	Fernando & Emma Giron
6:30	For the living & deceased members of the family of Deacon & Mrs. James Ryan

Dear Parishioners,

This is the First Sunday of Lent. Everything about Lent, for every member of the Church, is the work of turning away from sin and embracing a Christian life that is even more faithful to the word and ways of Jesus. This is a year-round task and not an easy one. Lent gives us the opportunity—as we are inspired by those elected for Baptism at Easter—to root out those things in our lives that are truly obstacles to living the Gospel fully. Lent is a time to be engaged seriously in a period of enlightenment by Christ’s word and purification from our sins. I encourage you to make a good Lent! Traditionally, the Holy Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent describes the temptations of Jesus by the devil in the desert. Jesus, the divine Son, gives us an example in the way he confronts the devil to overcome temptation. Jesus, the divine Son, is our power and strength to fight temptation in our lives. He constantly offers us his mercy to heal and restore us as his followers. With the gift of the strength and the mercy of the Lord, we cannot help but make a good Lent.

A good Confession is part of a good Lent. Here at the Cathedral Basilica, there are countless opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confessions are heard three times on Sundays at 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM in Spanish, and 5:30 PM, once on Saturdays at 4:15 PM, and each weekday at 11:30 AM. Confession is a staple of the Christian life and should be a part of our year-round practice of the Faith. However, a Lenten Confession gives us the opportunity to face more fully our need for deeper conversion from sin and new life in the Lord. Please encourage the members of your family to join you in making a good Lenten Confession. Also, please reach out to the elderly and homebound with the offer to bring them to Confession.

In addition to a good Confession, the Church invites all of us to look for ways to give alms, to pray, and to fast in a more profound and consistent manner during Lent. Please consider making use of the Rice Bowls found at the entrances to the church. The money we do not spend on food goes to help the poor in many parts of the world. Consider extra time in prayer in your home, especially in the morning and the evening. Pray the psalms during Lent. Consider fasting every day of Lent. Fasting is certainly penitential, but also opens the door for God and his grace to be at work in us. A personal plan of almsgiving, praying, and fasting helps to make for a fruitful Lent.

This Sunday, the annual Catholic Charities Appeal begins, Giving Hope to All 2026. The appeal is conducted primarily through the mail, but it is also possible to support the appeal through the Sunday Collection. I encourage all of you to be thoughtful and generous to this important endeavor of the Archdiocese. To learn more, please see <https://catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal/>.

The Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins today, February 22, and concludes on Monday, March 2, at the Cathedral Basilica. Please see the shrine website, <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

Thank you again to all our parishioners and visitors for your ongoing generosity to the Cathedral Parish. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the archdiocesan collection for the care of the aging and infirm priests of the Archdiocese. 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 very much.

God bless you! Father Dennis Gill, Rector

PRAYER PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Dear Lord,
Make this Lenten season a time for us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
Thank you for your cross - the only ladder by which we may go to heaven! Amen!

Jesus, have mercy on us.

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.

Your generosity on 2/15 was:

Regular \$5,960
Special 1,163 (to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese
Electronic* 2,290 of Philadelphia)
Total \$9,413

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for January

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:



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!*

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>

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:
Lucy Redgwick, Bianca Torres, Maureen Connor, Susan Tavares, Douglas, Family Iacono, Fabienne Darbouze DiMartino, Mary Coppola, Matthew & Jeannetta, Angela Carrizo, Anubhab Mallick, Sandra Scolari, Susan Tavares, Diane, Charlie, Monte Monroe, Eva & Mark, Erick 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.**

REFLECTION SERIES

**JOIN US
FOR A FIVE WEEK REFLECTION
SERIES ON THE
CONFESSIONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE**
CONDUCTED BY THE CLERGY
OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, PHILADELPHIA

TUESDAY FEB 24

CONFESSIONS

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
OF HIPPO**

Tuesdays, beginning on February 3, 2026
From 2:00 to 3:30 PM
In the Neumann Room of the Cathedral Basilica
Entrance on the rear outside of the Cathedral Basilica
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN COPY OF THE **CONFESSIONS**
READ BOOKS 1 AND 2 FOR THE FIRST SESSION
ALL ARE WELCOME
No registration necessary

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

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CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Ongoing Call to Conversion

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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

***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, 10 de agosto del 2021*

**La Catedral Basílica de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo**

Te invita a participar de las
Estaciones de la Cruz (Via Crucis)



Todos los domingos de Cuaresma,
comenzando hoy, domingo, 22 de febrero
del 2026.

Se ofrecerán charlas (10 minutos aprox.)
acerca de la Oración, el Ayuno y la
Caridad.

Lugar: Catedral Basílica de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo Hora

*¡Vengan, acompañen a nuestro Señor
Jesús, quién se entregó por amor a
nosotros para nuestra salvación!*

**ABSTINENCIA DE CARNE Y
AYUNO DURANTE LA
CUARESMA**

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos prescriben, como obligación mínima, que todas las personas de catorce años o más deben abstenerse de comer carne el **Miércoles de Ceniza, todos los viernes de Cuaresma y el Viernes Santo**. Además, todas las personas de dieciocho años o más, hasta que cumplan cincuenta y nueve años inclusive, deben ayunar limitándose a una sola comida completa el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, mientras que las otras dos comidas de esos días deben ser ligeras. Se recomienda a todos que mantengan un ayuno voluntario durante la Cuaresma.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el primer domingo de Cuaresma. Para cada miembro de la Iglesia, la Cuaresma se centra en alejarse del pecado y abrazar una vida cristiana aún más fiel a la palabra y los caminos de Jesús. Esta es una tarea que dura todo el año y no es fácil. La Cuaresma nos brinda la oportunidad —inspirados por quienes fueron elegidos para el Bautismo en Pascua— de erradicar los obstáculos en nuestras vidas que nos impiden vivir plenamente el evangelio. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para involucrarnos seriamente en un período de iluminación por la palabra de Cristo y de purificación de nuestros pecados. ¡Los animo a que tengan una buena Cuaresma! Tradicionalmente, el santo evangelio del primer domingo de Cuaresma describe las tentaciones que Jesús sufrió por el diablo en el desierto. Jesús, el Hijo divino, nos da ejemplo al enfrentarse al diablo para vencer la tentación. Jesús, el Hijo divino, es nuestro poder y fortaleza para luchar contra la tentación en nuestras vidas. Constantemente nos ofrece su misericordia para sanarnos y restaurarnos como sus seguidores. Con el don de la fuerza y la misericordia del Señor, no podemos evitar tener una buena Cuaresma.

Una buena confesión es parte de una buena Cuaresma. Aquí, en la Catedral Basílica, hay innumerables oportunidades para recibir el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. Se escuchan confesiones tres veces los domingos a las 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM en español y 5:30 PM, una vez los sábados a las 4:15 PM y todos los días laborables a las 11:30 AM. La confesión es fundamental en la vida cristiana y debería formar parte de nuestra práctica de la fe durante todo el año. Sin embargo, una Confesión Cuaresmal nos brinda la oportunidad de afrontar con mayor profundidad nuestra necesidad de una conversión más profunda del pecado y una nueva vida en el Señor. Por favor, anime a sus familiares a unirse a ustedes para hacer una buena Confesión Cuaresmal. También, por favor, ofrezcan a las personas mayores y a las personas confinadas en sus hogares la posibilidad de confesarse.

Además de una buena confesión, la Iglesia nos invita a todos a buscar maneras de dar limosna, orar y ayunar de forma más profunda y constante durante la Cuaresma. Por favor, consideren usar los Platos de Arroz que se encuentran en las entradas de la iglesia. El dinero que no gastamos en comida se destina a ayudar a los pobres en muchas partes del mundo. Consideren dedicar tiempo extra a la oración en casa, especialmente por la mañana y por la noche. Recen los salmos durante la Cuaresma. Consideren ayunar todos los días de Cuaresma. El ayuno es ciertamente penitencial, pero también abre la puerta a la acción de Dios y su gracia en nosotros. Un plan personal de limosna, oración y ayuno contribuye a una Cuaresma fructífera.

Este domingo comienza la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas, Dando Esperanza a Todos 2026. La campaña se realiza principalmente por correo, pero también es posible apoyarla a través de la colecta dominical. Los animo a todos a ser considerados y generosos con esta importante labor de la Arquidiócesis. Para obtener más información, visite <https://catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal/>.

La Novena Solemne a Santa Katharine Drexel comienza hoy, 22 de febrero, y concluye el lunes 2 de marzo en la Catedral Basílica. Visite el sitio web del santuario: <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!

Gracias nuevamente a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su continua generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a la colecta arquidiocesana para el cuidado de los sacerdotes ancianos y enfermos de la Arquidiócesis. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Archbishop Paul Coakley, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, calls for prayer for peace on the part of all the members of the Church as our country experiences unrest especially surrounding issues of migration. "The current climate of fear and polarization, which thrives when human dignity is disregarded, does not meet the standard set by Christ in the Gospel." Archbishop Coakley further directs, "Let us pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for all who feel overwhelmed by fear or loss. I encourage Catholics everywhere to participate, whether in parishes, chapels, or before the Lord present in the quiet of their hearts for healing in our nation and communities" (January 28, 2026).

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DAY DEDICATED TO PRAYER FOR PEACE AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

HOLY MASS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTION OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

12:05 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrant and Homilist

All priests are welcome to concelebrate

HOLY MASS FOLLOWED BY A HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL REMAIN

EXPOSED IN THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA UNTIL 5:00 PM | BENEDICTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00 PM



ALL PARISHES, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, AND INSTITUTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ARRANGE FOR LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE NATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.

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DÍA ARQUIDIOCESANO DE ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ

MARTES, 24 DE FEBRERO DEL 2026

El Arzobispo Paul Coakley, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, hace un llamado a la oración por la paz a todos los miembros de la Iglesia, ante la situación de agitación social que atraviesa nuestro país, especialmente en torno a las cuestiones migratorias. "El actual clima de miedo y polarización, que se intensifica cuando se ignora la dignidad humana, no se ajusta al estándar establecido por Cristo en el evangelio." El Arzobispo Coakley añade: "Oremos por la reconciliación donde hay división, por la justicia donde se violan los derechos fundamentales y por el consuelo para todos aquellos que se sienten abrumados por el miedo o el dolor. Animo a los católicos de todas partes a participar en esta oración, ya sea en sus parroquias, capillas o en la intimidad de sus corazones, ante la presencia del Señor, pidiendo la sanación de nuestra nación y nuestras comunidades" (28 de enero del 2026).

TODOS ESTÁN INVITADOS A PARTICIPAR EN ESTE DÍA DEDICADO A ORAR POR LA PAZ EN LA CATHEDRAL BASÍLICA

SANTA MISA OFRECIDA POR LA INTENCIÓN DE LA PAZ EN TODO EL PAÍS
Martes, 24 de febrero del 2026

Misa a las 12:05 PM en la Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, Filadelfia
Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrante y Homilista

Todos los sacerdotes están invitados a concelebrar

LA SANTA MISA SERÁ SEGUIDA POR UNA HORA SANTA POR LA PAZ

EL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO PERMANECERÁ

EXPUESTO EN LA CATHEDRAL BASÍLICA HASTA LAS 5:00 PM | LA BENEDICCIÓN SE IMPARTIRÁ A LAS 5:00 PM



SE ANIMA A TODAS LAS PARROQUIAS, COMUNIDADES RELIGIOSAS, ESCUELAS E INSTITUCIONES A ORGANIZAR ACTIVIDADES LOCALES PARA ORAR POR LA PAZ EN TODO EL PAÍS, EN CONJUNTO CON EL DÍA ARQUIDIOCESANO DE ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ.

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THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Please join us as we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Each Friday at 3:00 PM.

Join Via Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 846 4429 0612

Passcode: Mercy

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

3/3. 12:05 P.M. VOTIVE MASS
CATHEDRAL BASILICA

3/3. 1:30 P.M. HOSPITALITY AND CELEBRATION
DREXEL HALL OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Call the Shrine 267-417-6727 Visit Our Website www.cathedralphila.org/drexel Cathedral Basilica & Shrine 18th & Race St, Phila., 19103

SENIORS SPIRITUAL GATHERING

All seniors are invited to join us for a spiritual talk, with fellowship, prayer, and refreshments in a welcoming community. Feel free to bring a friend!

Presenter: Fr. Michael Davis

Topic: *Purgatory and God's Mercy*

March 7, 2026

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: Neumann Room

(Back door of the Cathedral Basilica)

Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:14

Questions: Contact Barbara Rensman

at rensmanb@msn.com

Parking available. No registration necessary.

We look forward to seeing you!

The 2027 Mass Intentions and Wedding book is OPEN

For weddings, please submit the form on the Cathedral website wedding page. See the link below.

<https://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/holy-matrimony/>

Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or

email info@cathedralphila.org

WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to deepen their understanding of this sacred ministry through prayer, formation, and practical guidance.

This workshop will explore the spiritual foundations, liturgical norms, and pastoral responsibilities of serving Christ present in the Eucharist and in the faithful we serve.

To register email us at Worship@archphila.org

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me" (Psalm 51:12-13).

LENT 2026

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ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND FASTING DURING LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, *as a minimal obligation*, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, **all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.** Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The description and schedule of the Lenten Rites for the Elect (catechumens) and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments will be announced in the parish bulletin all throughout Lent. These rites will take place typically at the Saturday 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday and at the Sunday 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

This Sacrament will be available on Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel) and 5:30 PM (Basilica), and on weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica).

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

During these two days there will be additional times for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, as well as Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please check the parish bulletin and parish website for additional details once Lent begins.

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer every Sunday in Lent from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) will take place each Friday in Lent in the Cathedral Chapel immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass.

El Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross in Spanish, will also take place each Sunday of Lent in the Basilica following the 12:30 PM Mass.

LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT. SATURDAY, MARCH 14

This retreat day takes place in Drexel Hall from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Please check the parish bulletin and parish website for additional details once Lent begins.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

By eating one simple meal weekly and placing your savings into the *Rice Bowl*, you will be joining in solidarity with all who have so little to live on and helping to reach out to assist them throughout the world and here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. *Rice bowls* are available in the vestibules. Your donations can be dropped off during Holy Week and the first weeks of Easter in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

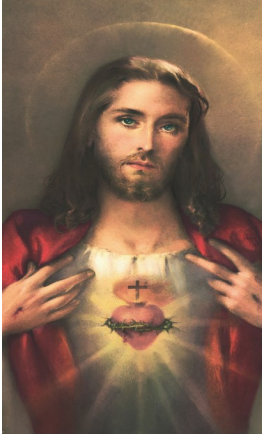
"We Hold These Truths"

&

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

"One Nation, Under God"

The year 2026 is the **250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America**. In honor of this occasion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are planning two national initiatives. The first is a solemn act of **consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026**. The second is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession through the east coast of the USA, **culminating in Philadelphia on July 2-5, 2026**.



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

ENTHrone
an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace

CONSECRATE
yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Find resources and more information at
ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD



Save the Date!

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
One Nation Under God

culminates at the
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Philadelphia, PA

July 2-5, 2026

- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Procession
- Continuous Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral
- Service Events
- and more!

More information coming soon to:
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CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

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