

CATHEDRAL OF  
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
WASHINGTON, DC

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

Schedule of Liturgies & Events



## ADVENT

### Friday, December 1

#### MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

Mass at 5:30PM followed by Candlelight Prayer Vigil (bilingual in English and Spanish)  
on the Cathedral steps

Reception following the Prayer Vigil, NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

### Saturday, December 2

#### ADVENT MORNING RETREAT

“FINDING JOY IN WAITING,” 9:00AM – 1:00PM, presented by Heather Kinney, Associate  
Director for Academics and Pastoral Placement for the Paulist Fathers

GREAT HALL

### Sunday, December 3

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Regular schedule of Masses, Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses  
Sale of gift items from the Holy Land by *Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation* at  
Hospitality Receptions following the Vigil and all Sunday Masses

NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

### Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18

#### Wednesday, December 13

#### CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT

Small Group Experience of the Synod, 7:00 – 8:30PM, led by L.J. Milone

Mondays in-person, GREAT HALL

Wednesday, December 13 on ZOOM

### Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19

#### ENJOYING GOD | THE SPIRITUALITY OF JOHN OF THE CROSS

7:00 – 8:30PM, led by L.J. Milone

EAST CONFERENCE ROOM

## **Friday, December 8**

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Masses for the *Holy Day of Obligation*:

5:30PM Vigil (December 7) and December 8 at 7:30AM, 11:00AM † 12:10PM

(**CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY**), 5:30PM and 7:00PM (Spanish)

*No 11:00AM Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration*

## **Saturday, December 9**

### **“WALK WITH MARY”**

Depart at 11:00AM from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, DC to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

## **Sunday, December 10**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Regular schedule of Masses

### **FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

MUSIC AND REFLECTIONS ON THE COMING OF THE LORD at 7:30PM, *Schola Cantorum* and Festival Singers, followed by Caroling with sweets and wassail

GREAT HALL

## **Tuesday, December 12**

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

7:00PM Rosary and 7:30PM Mass (Spanish) (**MOST REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR**)

Refreshments and Music following the Mass

NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

## **Sunday, December 17**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Regular schedule of Masses

## **Tuesday, December 19**

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE, † 12:10PM**

Many priest confessors available, including confessors in American Sign and Spanish

*No 11:00AM Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, or 12:10PM Mass*

## **Sunday, December 24**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM (Spanish)

*The Rectory closes at 2:00PM.*

† ~ Interpreted for the deaf

All Cathedral music events are open to the public. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

# CHRISTMAS

## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Sunday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

**A CHRISTMAS PRELUDE, 4:00PM**

Contemporary Choir

**VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS, 4:30PM**

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

**A CHRISTMAS PRELUDE, 9:15PM**

*Schola Cantorum* and Festival Singers

**SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS, 10:00PM**

**(BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH & SPANISH)**

**CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY**

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Concelebrant

Blessing of the Manger Scene

*“What came to be  
through him was  
life, and this life  
was the light of the  
human race; the  
light shines in the  
darkness, and the  
darkness has not  
overcome it.”*  
JOHN 1:4-5

## **Monday, December 25**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

*The Cathedral opens at 8:00AM.*

Masses: 9:00AM: Rev. John Hurley

11:00AM: Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

1:00PM (Spanish) (Coro Hispano): Rev. John Benson

*The Cathedral closes after the 1:00PM Mass.*

*The Rectory is closed.*

## **Tuesday & Wednesday, December 26 & 27**

Masses at 7:30AM and 12:10PM

*No 11:00AM Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration*

*The Cathedral closes at 1:00PM. The Rectory is closed.*

## **Sunday, December 31**

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Regular schedule of Masses

## **Monday, January 1**

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

*Holy Day without Obligation*

*The Cathedral opens at 8:00AM. Masses:*

9:00AM: Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

11:00AM: **CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY**

1:00PM (Spanish): Rev. John Benson

*No 11:00AM Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration*

*The Cathedral closes after the 1:00PM Mass.*

*The Rectory is closed.*