

ADVENT

November 30 – December 25

ADVENT DAILY PRAYER:

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Spiritual Reflections by L.J. Milone
for each day of Advent.

Reflections will be on the website
starting November 30.

Sunday, November 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessing and Lighting of
the Advent Wreath at all Masses

Monday, December 1

WORLD AIDS DAY MASS AND VIGIL

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 6

ADVENT MORNING RETREAT

“WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE”

9:00AM – 1:00PM

presented by Heather Kinney

Associate Director for Academics and

Pastoral Placement for the Paulist Fathers

NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

Sunday, December 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 8

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses on December 8 at 7:30AM, 11:00AM,

12:10PM: **CARDINAL ROBERT MCELROY,**

5:30PM, and 7:00PM (Spanish)

No 11:00AM Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

7:00 – 8:30PM

Topics on Mary; Death, Purgatory, Hell, and Heaven;
and the Incarnation Respectively

NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

Thursday, December 11

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

John Henry Newman: A Life Sacrificed

by Ida Friederike Gorres

7:00PM – 8:15PM, discussion led by Rev. John Hurley

WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

Friday, December 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH & SPANISH)

6:30PM Rosary and 7:00PM Mass

MOST REV. EVELIO MENJIVAR

Refreshments and Music following the Mass
in the Conference Rooms

Saturday, December 13

“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 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Regular schedule of Masses

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

MUSIC AND REFLECTIONS

ON THE COMING OF THE LORD

7:30PM

Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers

Followed by caroling with sweets and wassail

GREAT HALL

Tuesday, December 16

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

CHRISTMAS

SOLEMNITY OF

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Wednesday, December 24

Masses at 7:30AM and 12:10PM

The Rectory closes at 2:00PM

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 ROBERT MCELROY

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Concelebrant

Blessing of the Manger Scene

Thursday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Cathedral opens at 8:00AM.

Masses:

9:00AM: Rev. Joseph McHenry

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

1:00PM (Spanish) (Coro Hispano): Rev. Isaac Sagastume

The Cathedral closes after the 1:00PM Mass.

The Rectory is closed.

Friday, December 26

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 28

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Regular schedule of Masses

Wednesday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Regular schedule of Masses

The Rectory closes at 2:00PM.

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Thursday, January 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation
The Cathedral opens at 8:00AM.

Masses:

5:30PM Vigil (December 31), Rev. Joseph McHenry

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

11:00AM: **CARDINAL ROBERT MCELROY**

1:00PM (Spanish): Rev. Isaac Sagastume

No 11:00AM Confessions

or Eucharistic Adoration

The Cathedral closes after the 1:00PM Mass.

The Rectory is closed.

Friday, January 2

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, January 4

SOLEMNITY OF

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular schedule of Masses

Sunday, January 11

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Regular schedule of Masses

ORGAN RECITAL

By Paul Hardy at 3:15PM



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the Christmas Season by making a
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Cathedral Hours:

Sunday 6:30AM - 7:00PM

Monday through Friday 7:00AM - 6:30PM

Saturday 7:00AM - 7:00PM

The nearest Metrorail stations are on the
Red Line at Farragut North and Dupont Circle.

Rectory Hours:

Monday through Sunday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

(closed 1:00 - 1:30PM)

The Rectory entrance is located
three doors to the right of the Cathedral
main entrance, on Rhode Island Avenue.

CATHEDRAL OF
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
WASHINGTON, DC

**ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS**
2025

Schedule of
Liturgies & Events



*“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

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson

Rector

Rev. Joseph McHenry

Rev. Isaac Sagastume

Parochial Vicars