ADVENT

November 29 – December 24

Sunday, November 29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Blessing and Lighting of
the Advent Wreath at all Masses

Tuesday, 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
WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

Saturday, December 5
ADVENT MORNING RETREAT
"THE APOCALYPSE OF LOVE"
9:00AM – 1:00PM
Facilitated by L.J. Milone
Director of Faith Formation
Cathedral of St Matthew
GREAT HALL

Sunday, December 6
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

Tuesday, 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

Tuesdays, December 1, 8 & 15
THE MESSAGE OF ECCLESIASTES
7:00 – 8:30PM
Come to a series of contemplative classes on the Book of Ecclesiastes
EAST CONFERENCE ROOM

Friday, December 11
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
(BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH & SPANISH)
6:30PM Rosary and 7:00PM Mass
Rev. Isaac Sagastume
Refreshments and Music following the Mass
in the Conference Rooms

Saturday, December 12
"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 for
Mass at 2pm
Vigil Mass at 5:30PM

Sunday, December 13
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 15
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

Wednesday, December 16
ORGAN RECITAL
12:40PM – 1:40PM
By Kimberly Hess

Wednesday, December 23
CHRISTMAS SILENT MEDITATION
Come and enjoy an experience of divine silence
12:45PM -1:15PM
St Francis Chapel

CHRISTMAS

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, 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

Friday, 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.

Saturday, December 26
Masses at 7:30AM and 12:10PM
and 5:30PM

Sunday, December 27
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Regular schedule of Masses

Monday, Dec. 28 – Tuesday, Dec. 29
Cathedral closes after 12:10 Mass - *The Rectory is closed.*
No 11:00AM Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Regular schedule of Masses
The Rectory closes at 2:00PM.

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Friday, 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. John Hurley
9:00AM: Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
11:00AM: Rev. Joseph McHenry
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.

Saturday, January 2
Masses at 7:30AM and 12:10PM
Vigil Mass at 5:30PM

Sunday, January 3
SOLEMNITY OF
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Regular schedule of Masses

Sunday, January 10
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Regular schedule of Masses
ORGAN RECITAL
By Paul Hardy at 3:15PM

Make a one-time gift using the QR code to the left

Please help all of us to enjoy the beauty of the Christmas Season by making a contribution in the envelopes marked "Flower Offering" that can be found in the pews. These offerings permit us to decorate the Cathedral appropriately for the holy days with noble simplicity.
Thank you for your support and generosity.



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Cathedral Hours:
Sunday 6:30AM - 7:00PM
Monday through Friday 7:00AM - 6:30PM
Saturday 7:00AM - 7:00PM

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Rectory Hours:
Monday through Friday 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 2026

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