

# 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, 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: 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.*

**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