



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

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Monday — Friday 9:00 AM — 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

VISITING & PRIVATE PRAYER

Please enter through 89 Ridge Street (Rectory Entrance).

PLEASE NOTE: The church may be closed for a wedding or for a private event. Thank you for your consideration!

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday — Friday 7:30 AM
Tue, Thur, & Fri 5:30 PM
Wed & First Friday 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM (*Español*)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
10 AM (*Español*)
12 Noon

HOLY DAYS & CIVIC HOLIDAYS

Please consult bulletin for Mass times.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place Wednesdays and First Fridays at 6:00 PM in Lady Chapel.

RECONCILIATION TIMES

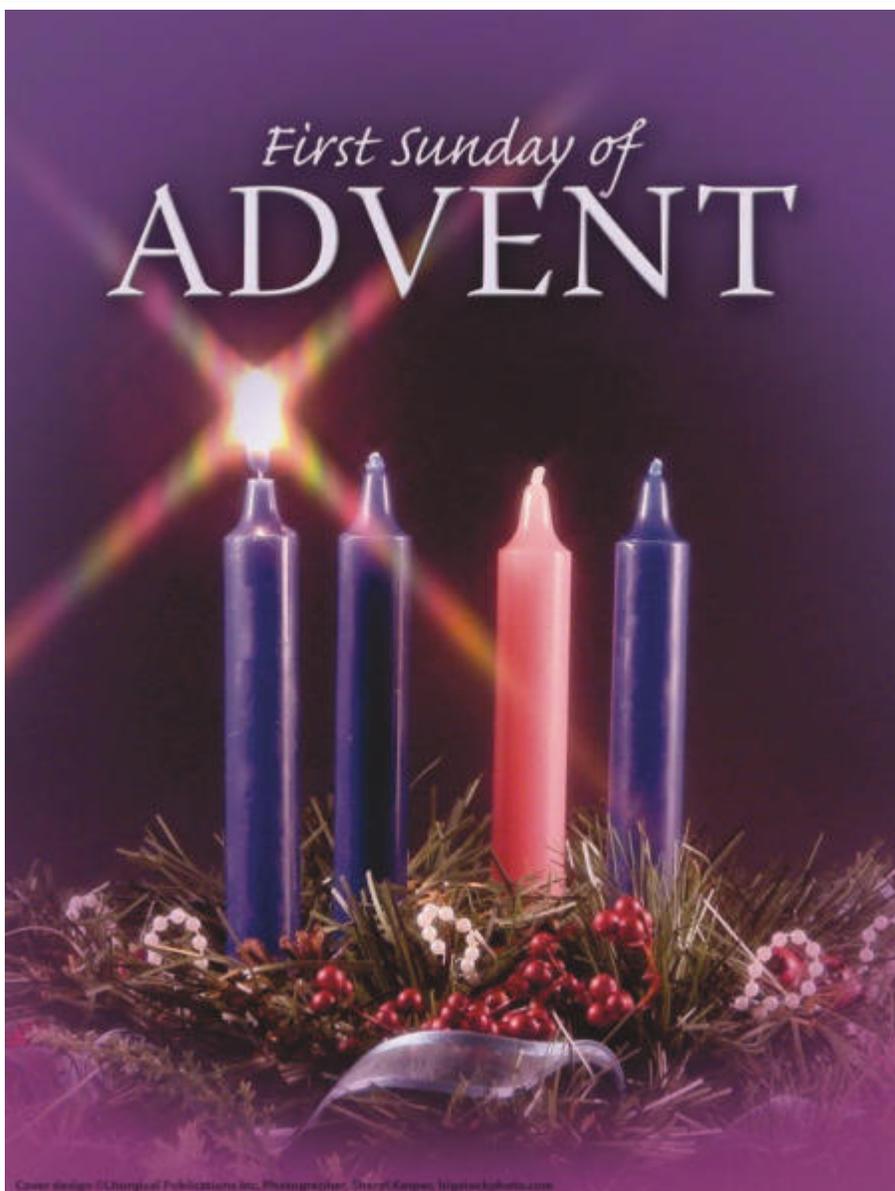
Whether is has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you.

Wed & First Friday 6:00 PM — 6:45 PM
Saturday 11:30 AM — 12:30 PM

Confessions are heard in the Chapel of St. Anne.
Confessions are also available by appointment at any time.

TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

First Sunday of the Month, following the 12 Noon Mass. Those interested can meet near the pulpit at 1:30 pm. *Guided group tours are available on weekdays by appointment.*



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME HOME

You belong here!

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart is the seat of the Archdiocese of Newark. We stand in the heart of Newark as a reminder of God's steadfast love.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28 • First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM (SAT EVE)

+ Jack Bernard

8:30 AM

Special Intention of Christine Kaminski Brozyniak

10:00 AM (ESP)

Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

12:00 PM

+ Alice Bryant

+ Jay Isaac Calvi

Monday, November 29

7:30 AM

Special Intention of Valerie Ayala

Tuesday, November 30 • Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

7:30 AM

+ William and Margaret Wtzel

5:30 PM

For the Intercession of St. Martin Caballero

Wednesday, December 1

7:30 AM

+ Joseph Sirc

7:00 PM

+ Starr Helene Matyas

Thursday, December 2

7:30 AM

For the DePiano Family

5:30 PM

Maximino Gonzales Cantu

Friday, December 3 • Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 AM

For the Int. of the Virgin of Juquila

7:00 PM (1ST FRIDAY)

+ Ricardo Hernandez

Saturday, December 4

9:00 AM (ESP)

+ Carmen Santos

5:00 PM (SAT EVE)

+ Vicky Descalzo

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Pope Francis asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on designated Sundays at 1:30 PM.

Second Sunday of the Month in Spanish · **Last Sunday of the Month** in English

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made **one year** in advance. *Regular Sunday Mass attendance is required for those preparing for the sacraments.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office to request the visit of a priest to the home or hospital of someone who is ill and in need of the sacraments. Holy Communion for those who are homebound is also available upon request.

PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 8TH: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please note that Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary — a Holy Day of Obligation.

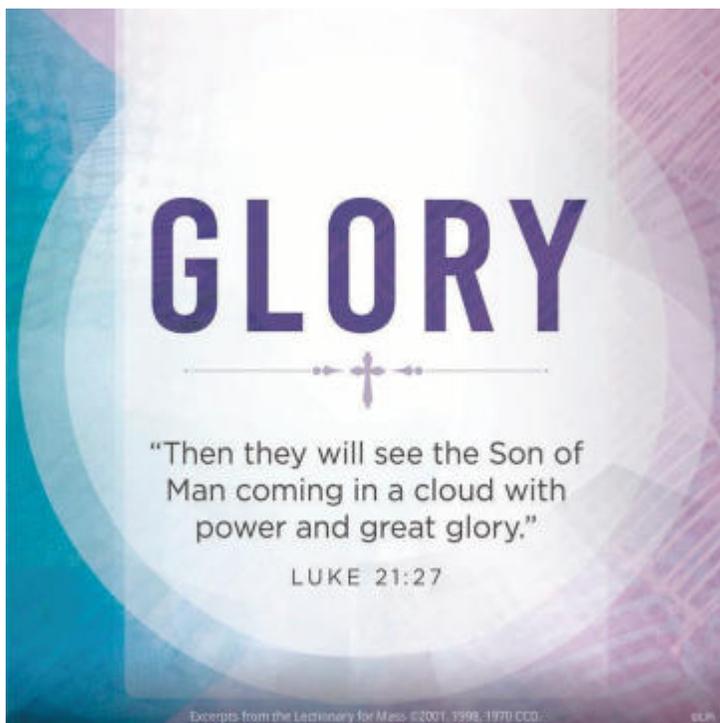
The parish offices will be closed for the day. We will offer two Masses on that day: 7:30 AM in English and a Bilingual Mass at 7:00 PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to grow and develop more opportunities for our community to encounter Christ and to grow in relationship with Him, we are in need of volunteers to serve in different capacities! We are currently in need of volunteers to cover the front desk on weekday evenings (5–7 PM). For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please email Brandon at brandon.ocampo@rcan.org.

SYMBOLON BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM for Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. This study will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. For more information, or to register, please visit: newarkbasilica.org/symbolon.



BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

+ All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) *Who made heaven and earth.*

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind

in one the hearts of humankind;

bid ev'ry sad division cease

and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

— **From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers**



ADVENT BEGINS!

November 28th — December 24th

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is

worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.



Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Friday, December 17, 2021

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM in the Main Cathedral

Join us as we prepare our hearts as a community this Advent season for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas. Our guest speaker is Fr. Danny Peterson.

REITRO DE ADVIENTO

"Preparen el Camino"

Sabado, 18 de Diciembre, 2021

9:00 AM — 3:00 PM en la Cripta

Únase a nosotros para preparar nuestros corazones en esta temporada de Adviento para la celebración de la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Nuestro invitado es el Padre Sebastián Valencia.

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Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little

time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to

do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Don't miss another opportunity to love.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us,

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Estemos preparados o no, hoy empieza el Adviento. Y es importante que notemos los siguientes puntos importantes para una mejor participación cuando asistimos a la Eucaristía. Estrenamos el Año Litúrgico e iniciamos un período de cuatro semanas dedicadas a prepararnos para la Navidad. Durante casi todo el año, escucharemos con gozo el Evangelio escrito por San Lucas, en el cual nos presenta a un Jesús muy sensible a los necesitados y muy compasivo con los pecadores. Describe la infancia de Jesús y la presencia de María en algunas de las narraciones. En este primer domingo de Adviento, Jesús nos trae la liberación de todas nuestras ataduras. Si estamos atentos y con el corazón abierto, la Palabra de Dios tocará nuestro corazón logrando que le hagamos caso al Señor y que demos un nuevo comienzo a nuestra vida.

El papa Francisco nos da algunas pautas para levantar la mirada hacia el Señor, quien ya viene a nosotros: "En Adviento, no vivimos solamente la espera navideña, también estamos invitados a despertar la espera del glorioso regreso de Cristo. Durante estas cuatro semanas, estamos llamados a despojarnos de una forma de vida resinada y rutinaria y a salir alimentados de esperanza y sueños para un futuro mejor. Estar despiertos y orar: he aquí como vivir este tiempo desde hoy hasta la Navidad. Rezar, esperar a Jesús, abrirse a los demás, estar despiertos, no encerrados en nosotros mismos. Pero, si pensamos en la Navidad en un clima de consumismo, de ver, que puedo comprar, Jesús pasará y no lo encontraremos. Nosotros esperamos a Jesús y queremos esperarle en oración vigilante" (12-2-2018).

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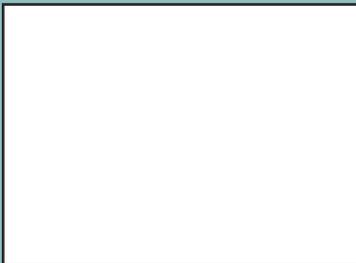
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