

Sacred Heart Cathedral

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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon
The office will be closed Mon—Thurs 12:10—12:40 pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:15 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Around this time of year, I always turn to the writings of one of my favorite saints, St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787), to help me in my personal reflections and prayer in preparation for Christmas. It just seems to me that he grasps and expresses the essence of Christmas so well—with theological clarity, but animated by such tender affection for the infant savior.

In one such Christmas meditation, he writes of the wonderful paradoxes of the Incarnation:

O my Jesus, my supreme and true God! What can have attracted You from heaven to be born in a cave, if it be not the love that You bear from mankind?

What has drawn You from the bosom of Your Father to lay Yourself down in a manger?

What has brought You down from Your throne above the stars, to stretch Yourself on a little straw?

What, from the midst of the nine choirs of angels, has placed You between two animals?

You inflame the seraphim with holy fire, and lo, You are trembling with cold in this stable?

You give motion to the heaves and the sun, and now You cannot move without being carried in some one's arms!

You provide with food both man and beast, and yet You now require a little milk to sustain Your life?

You are the delight of heaven, and now how is it that I hear You weep and moan?

Tell me who has reduced Thee to such misery? Who has done this? --- LOVE HAS DONE IT; THE LOVE THAT YOU BEAR FOR US HAS DONE IT!

And we can add: The God of the universe who dwells in unapproachable light has so humbled himself to remain with us in the **Bethlehem of our Tabernacles!** What greater sign could He give us of his merciful, burning desire to save our souls?!

Do not be afraid to recommit your whole life to the savior this Christmas. Make whatever changes in your life or way of thinking that you know are keeping you in some way distant from Him. Cast into the confessional whatever weight of sin (whether recent or in the long distant past) that might keep you from the joy and freedom that the infant Christ wants you to experience this Christmas.

I will be available for last minute Christmas confessions on Saturday, December 24th from 10am until noon, in addition to the regular 2:30 to 3:30 Saturday confession time.

Merry Christmas to all and a sincere “thank you” to all of our parishioners!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

Propers of the Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

INTROIT (Isaiah 45: 8) • Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior. Vs. (Ps. 18: 2) The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. Vs. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFERTORY (Luke 1: 28) • Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

COMMUNION (Isaiah 7: 14) • Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Confessions Christmas Eve: 10:00 am—Noon and 2:30—3:30 pm

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses: 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

The Cathedral office is **CLOSED** on December 23 and December 26.

There is **NO** Compline on December 25

New Year’s Mass Schedule

New Year’s Eve Masses: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Solemn Vigil Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year’s Day Masses: 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

There will be Compline on January 1, 2023 at 8:00 pm

The Cathedral office is **CLOSED** on January 2, 2023



Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, may do so by dropping an envelope into the collection basket. Thank you.

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
 Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester
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Parish Offertory December 10 & 11, 2022

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$8,580	\$8,900	-\$320

Thank you for your contribution.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of — The Petrillo Family
Requested by — Family*



Saturday, December 17, 2022

Gn 49:-2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
2:30—3:30 pm Confessions
3:30—3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm John Burke—Joanna Sanguedolce

Sunday, December 18, 2022—Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Is 7:10-14. Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
7:00 am Evelyn Gotham—Fleming Family
9:15 am Josephine G. (Fusco) Tellier—Jewish Home Adult Day Center
11:15 am Honorable John Mastrella—Family
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Kathy Guy and all of our deceased.



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

Monday, December 19, 2022

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Ursula Donaher—Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Phillip Batchelor Jr, Bishop Matthew Clark,
Dcn. John Giugno, Jackie Goldfarb,
Dan Gentile, Karen Hyland, Lucille Ilii,
Jerry Mastodanato, Lucas Marone,
Soe (So) Meh, Marcia Mendola, Patti Stets,
Karen Stevens, Bentley Vega, Helen Walters

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1-26-38
7:30 am Priests of our Diocese past and present—Parishioner

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Intentions of Olya Gillaspay — Mother

Thursday, December 22, 2022

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Mark Hubbell—Gillaspay Family

Next Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Please input your **Not Available** dates into MSP for the next liturgical schedule, December 31, 2022—March 26, 2023. If you don't have access to a computer please contact Michele at the office and this will be inputted in the system for you. **The deadline to enter this is by Monday, December 19.** Thank you.

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Intentions of Michelle Bellavia—Jim
4:45—5:15 pm Confessions

Saturday, December 24, 2022—Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; 1:67-79 Vigil Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)
10:30—Noon Confessions
2:30—3:30 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Vigil Mass—For the people of the Cathedral
Midnight Mass For the people of the Cathedral Community

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive! We met our goal! We are so happy to report that due to your generosity we were able to provide 170 families with gift cards to purchase what they needed to have a special Thanksgiving meal without the stress of an additional financial burden. Your support of this year's gift card drive is an act of kindness that demonstrates your caring and support for those living in our neighborhood who regularly struggle with food insecurity. **THANK YOU!**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022—The Nativity Of The Lord
Christmas Day**

Is 52:7-10/Heb, 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
11:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

There is NO Compline at 8:00 pm on December 25th.

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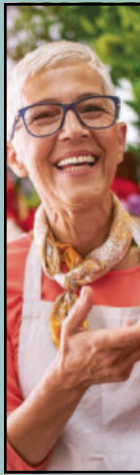
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