



Sacred Heart Cathedral

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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon
We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10 pm — 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 — 5:30 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I love how Christmas and Easter, two of the biggest holydays on the Church's calendar, both connect in important ways with the Mass—revealing something of the greatness of Catholic worship.

Since the Mass is the unbloody re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, by which the Risen Body of the Lord is offered on our altars in a sacramental mode, it is easy to see the connections with Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The very same priest and victim who offered himself on the Cross on Good Friday, is offered also on our altars at every Mass, just in a different mode. The very same Risen Jesus who told St. Thomas to see and touch his wounds when he appeared to the apostles after the Resurrection, is also given to us really, physically, and substantially in Holy Communion. The more we ponder the feast of Easter, and the Pascal Triduum that precedes it, the better we understand the greatness of Holy Mass.

But how does Christmas connect here?

One of the most touching aspects of the Christmas feast, and that which so moves the heart and sentiments during this season, is the fact that our God himself become one of us, and did so in the most humble of ways.

He entered among us first hidden within the virginal womb of the Blessed Mother.

He was first visible in the most vulnerable of manners—as a newborn infant.

He was born in a small and relatively obscure village of Bethlehem.

And he was not even offered the simple comforts of a room at the local inn.

In every way his Incarnation and birth are **remarkable** by the very fact that at the level of outward appearances, they are **unremarkable** in every way!

And yet hidden within that “unremarkableness” is the *fullness of that Divine Power by which the entire universe was created*, and through which we “live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

I think it is precisely through pondering the humility of the newborn Christ in the Christmas feast that Our Lord prepared the world to recognize him under even more humble appearances—the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar—in which the same fullness of God Incarnate is present under the mere appearances of bread and wine.

- Let the same love and tenderness which you feel when you think of the infant Jesus be the same sentiments that you stir up in your heart when you approach the Lord in Holy Communion.
- Let the same caution and care by which you would handle a newborn child be reflected in the reverence and care with which you treat Our Eucharistic Lord.
- Let the preparations and planning which precede the birth of a new baby, be a reminder of the preparation of the soul and purity of conscience (through the Sacrament of Confession) which should precede any reception of Holy Communion.
- And let the silence of the sleeping infant in the manger be the same reverential silence you experience and cultivate any time you enter into the Church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

In doing so, we can experience **at every Mass** the same affections of soul which inspired the words of the great Christmas chant, *O Magnum Mysterium*:

*O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary
Fr. Peter Van Lieshout



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm & Midnight

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

There is NO Compline on December 24

The Cathedral office is **CLOSED** on December 25 & 26

New Years Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Masses: 7:00am, 9:15am, 11:15am
7:00pm Vigil Mass — The Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

There is NO Compline on December 31

New Year's Day —The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (**Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**)

New Year's Day Masses: 7:30am & 12:10pm

Confessions on New Year's Day —11:30—Noon

The Cathedral office is **CLOSED** on January 1, 2024

The Cathedral Community wishes you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Blessing of Religious Items

Will take place the weekend of January 6 & 7; a table will be located in the narthex.

Please do not place any item(s) on the table until after mass.
Thank you!



Family Rosary and Potluck

Our next Family Rosary and Potluck will take place immediately following the 11:15 am mass on Sunday, January 7th, in the Cathedral Hall. We will pray the rosary and share a potluck lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to gather and get to know each other better within our growing Cathedral Community.

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
In residence: Rev. Daniel White, Secretary to the Bishop

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Christmas Flowers

Many Thanks to all who made a donation towards the Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. We greatly appreciate your donation for the beautiful flowers for the Cathedral during this Christmas season.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — Joe Eddie
Requested by — Darwn Lott

In Memory Of — Petrillo Family
Requested by — Capone Family

Intentions Of Bishop Salvatore Matano
Requested by — Lynn Marra



Saturday, December 23, 2023

Mal 3:1-4; 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm David Coogan—Children

Sunday, December 24, 2023—Fourth Sunday Of Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27; 1:26-38

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023—Christmas Eve Mass

Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

4:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community
Midnight For the people of the Cathedral Community

Monday, December 25, 2023—The Nativity Of The Lord — Christmas Day Masses

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

Tuesday, December 26, 2023—Saint Stephen The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

7:30 am Kathy Culotta—Family

Wednesday, December 27, 2023—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a; 2:8

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Intentions of John & Sarah Jakubek—
DeMartino Family

Thursday, December 28, 2023—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Ralph Gentile—Tony & Joyce Joy

Friday, December 29, 2023—Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Intentions of Nick & Romea Montanaro—
DeMartino Family
4:45—5:30 pm Confession

Saturday, December 30, 2023—Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anthony Coccia—KoC 15118

Sunday, December 31, 2023—The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lk 2:22-40; 2:22, 39-40

7:30 am Richard Whalen—Margaret Whalen
9:15 am Celine Miller—Penny Keenan
11:15 am Intentions of Richard, Muriel & Issac DeMartino
7:00 pm Solemn Vigil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God w/Fr. VanLieshout

Monday, January 1, 2024—Solemnity Of Mary the Holy Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)—Office Closed

7:30 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Rose Savka—Sauka Family



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

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

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

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burn in honor of your loved one. The name of
the honored person will be listed in the
bulletin. Cards are available with this
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK



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