He IS KING OF Glory.

PSALM 24

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER IN CHAINS

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019
### Sunday Masses
- **Sat**: 4:30pm
- **Sun**: 8:30am | 11:00am | 6:00pm

### Weekday Masses
- Mon-Fri: 7:00am | 11:30am | 5:15pm
- **Sat**: 11:30am

### National Holiday Masses
- **9:00am**

### Holy Day Masses
- **5:15pm Vigil + Weekday Mass Times**

### Weekly Highlights
- **Reconciliation**
  - Mon-Fri: After the 7:00am Mass, 12:00-12:30pm, 4:30-5:00pm
  - **Sat**: 12:00-3:00pm
  - *Please note, on Holy Days of Obligation confessions are NOT heard at the cathedral, this includes the Vigil of the Holy Day of Obligation.

- **Eucharistic Adoration**
  - Fridays 12:00-5:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### Contact Information
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  - Cincinnati, OH 45202
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  - E-mail: office@cathedralaoc.org

### Holy Mass & Intentions

**The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.**

#### Saturday, December 21, 2019 – Saint Peter Canisius (optional)
- **11:30** †Gertrude Ramstetter, Anniversary
  - Sg 2:8-14 OR Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
  - Father Raymond Larger

#### Saturday, December 21, 2019 – Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- **4:30** Jim & Kathy Cress
  - Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
  - Father Jan Schmidt

#### Sunday, December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- **8:30** The Thomas Family
  - Father Raymond Larger
- **11:00** Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral
  - Father Raymond Larger
- **6:00** The Groth Family
  - Father Jan Schmidt

#### Monday, December 23, 2019 – St. John of Kanty (optional)
- **7:00** †Dorothy A. Broerman
  - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
  - Bishop Joseph Binzer
- **11:30** Stephanie Ramsey
  - Father Jan Schmidt
- **5:15** Thomas Ramsey
  - Father Raymond Larger

#### Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
- **3:00** †James Thomas
  - Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
  - Bishop Joseph Binzer
- **5:00** †Louis E. Broerman
  - Father James Bramlage
- **10:00** Archbishop’s Intentions
  - Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

#### Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – The Nativity of the Lord
- **8:30** Aloisio Family
  - Father Raymond Larger
- **11:00** Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral
  - Father Jan Schmidt

#### Thursday, December 26, 2019 – Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
- **7:00** † Irma Sievers
  - Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
  - Bishop Joseph Binzer
- **11:30** Roma Egan
  - Father James Bramlage
- **5:15** Stephanie Ramsey
  - Father Raymond Larger

#### Friday, December 27, 2019 – Saint John, apostle & evangelist
- **7:00** Reverend James Reutter
  - 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
  - Bishop Joseph Binzer
- **11:30** Angelita Bondoc, for safe travel
  - Father Jan Schmidt
- **5:15** †William E. Watkins, Jr.
  - Father James Bramlage

#### Saturday, December 28, 2019 – The Holy Innocents, martyrs
- **11:30** Karen Auciello
  - 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
  - Father James Bramlage

#### Saturday, December 28, 2019 – Vigil for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- **4:30** †Dr. Sydney O. Fernandes
  - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
  - Father Raymond Larger

#### Sunday, December 29, 2019 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- **8:30** †Carolyn L. Scheben
  - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
  - Father Jan Schmidt
- **11:00** Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral
  - Father Jan Schmidt
- **6:00** †Mary A. Niehaus
  - Father Raymond Larger

†Deceased
Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

From all of us at the cathedral, we want to wish you a most blessed Christmas. We pray that you and your loved ones are warm and well fed ... that you are healthy and happy ... that you are able to pause in the busyness that our world allows us to create and spend some time pondering the miracle that we celebrate at Christmas. The miracle of our God becoming a tiny, helpless baby, born into poverty, destined to die on a cross all for love of us.

The Priests and Staff of Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral
**INFANT BAPTISM**

Baptisms for children under the age of 7 are held privately at the convenience of the family and presiding clergy. Please contact the Cathedral Office for details and to make arrangements.

**CONFIRMATION**

Catholic adults, whom for various reasons have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to do so, please contact the Cathedral Office to make an appointment with one of the priests on staff.

**EUCHARIST**

Communion to the homebound can be arranged by simply calling the Cathedral Office for details and to make arrangements. Parishioners who require low-gluten hosts due to allergies or other medical conditions may contact the Cathedral Office and we will be happy to make the proper arrangements for you to be able to receive Communion at Mass.

**WANT TO BE CATHOLIC**

If you are an adult (over the age of 7) and are already baptized in another Christian tradition the process for “Full Communion” with the Catholic Church is as simple as contacting the Cathedral Office for an appointment with the Rector, Fr. Jan Schmidt. In the event you are not Baptized, the process for becoming Catholic is called the RCIA or the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* that requires a more in-depth preparation and period of study. For further information please contact Mrs. Debbie Birck through the Cathedral Office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please do not wait until the point of death to receive this sacrament. A careful judgement about the serious nature of the surgery or illness is sufficient. This sacrament may be repeated in the event the illness worsens. For those who are near death the Church offers Confession, Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as Viaticum or “Food for the Journey.” Contact the Cathedral Office to make arrangements or in an emergency please feel free to call the Rector, Fr. Jan Schmidt @513.520.7442.

**MARRIAGE**

Any resident Catholic of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati may celebrate their marriage in the Cathedral with permission of their rightful Pastor. Please contact the Cathedral Office for details and to make arrangements. Please contact us at least 6 months (minimum) prior to the tentative wedding date.

**FREEDOM TO MARRY**

An annulment is more accurately described as a “Declaration of the Freedom to Marry.” If you are a Catholic or are planning to marry a Catholic and you have been previously married and divorced we would like to assist you in the healing that is necessary in order to move forward with your life. Part of this healing is the effort to obtain an “annulment” or a “Declaration of Nullity” that then provides you with the freedom to marry in the Catholic Church. We want to help, it doesn't cost anything so, please contact the Cathedral Office to set an appointment with one of the priests on staff.

**PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

If you think you may have a vocation to priesthood, religious life or the permanent diaconate please speak with one of the priests on staff or contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer for priesthood and religious life or Deacon Mark Machuga for the Permanent Diaconate @513.421.3131.
COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS
Tuesday, December 24
Masses at 3:00 & 5:00 PM
Carol prelude for woodwinds, organ & men’s choir

CHRISTMAS MASS
DURING THE NIGHT
Tuesday, December 24
Mass at 10:00 PM celebrated by
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr
Carol prelude by the cathedral’s choir
& orchestra at 9:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday, December 25
Masses at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH
Sunday, December 29
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM
Masses at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD
Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31
(New Year’s Eve) at 5:15 PM
Mass on Wednesday, January 1
(New Year’s Day) at 11:30 AM

EPHPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 5
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Choir) & 6:00 PM

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 12
[Same schedule as January 5]

If you do not receive our contribution envelopes and would like to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund, please write down your name and the names of the friends and family you would like to honor or remember with your donation, and place it in the mail to the parish office or drop it in any collection basket. The names will be published in the bulletins after Christmas.

We have an urgent need for volunteers at the 4:30pm Mass, who are willing to greet visitors and help them to feel welcome! It is a very simple, yet profoundly important role in our parish.

Please call the sacristy if you are interested. 513.263.3373

The Word who found a dwelling in Mary’s womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas.

—ST. JOHN PAUL II
MINISTRIES

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<td><strong>Sunday, 8:30am</strong></td>
<td>Jackson Marcum, Server</td>
<td>Bert Jacob &amp; Alana Albers, Readers</td>
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<td>Schwarz &amp; Murphy Families, Servers</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, 6:00pm</strong></td>
<td>David Hildebrand, Jr., Charlie Santoleri &amp; Louis Santoleri, Servers</td>
<td>Joel Lam &amp; Mary Jacobs, Readers</td>
<td>RaeJean Hardig, Deacon Wagner &amp; Dan Hankel, EMs</td>
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Before you begin your online shopping, use the link below and a percentage of your purchase will help support the Cathedral!

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0537508

Let us pray for those in our parish who are sick or in need of prayer …

Divine Healer, God of Wholeness, we place our parishioners in your hands; we ask for healing, but also for acceptance of their situation and of your holy plan. Help them and us to embrace whatever you have in mind for them. Support them in their anxieties, fears, pains, and the frustrations of their situation. Support them with the strength of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, compassionate healer of those in need of health and hope. Amen.

Prayer requests can be made one of two ways: fill out the “prayer request” form on our website or call the Prayer Line at 859-750-0397.

DECEMBER 2019 INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.
PARISH CALENDAR FOR December 21 – December 29

**Saturday, December 21**
- 9:00am  St. Vincent de Paul Conference  Undercroft South
- 11:30am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 4:30pm  Mass  Church

**Sunday, December 22 – Collection for the Poor at All Masses**
- 8:30am  Mass  Church
- 9:30am  Donut Sunday  Narthex
- 11:00am  Mass with Choir  Church
- 12:00pm  Donut Sunday  Narthex
- 12:00pm  Olson Baptism  Baptistry
- 6:00pm  Mass  Church

**Monday, December 23**
- 7:00am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:30am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Advent Lunch with the Lord  Synod Hall
- 4:30pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 5:15pm  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 6:00pm  RCIA  Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 24 – Parish Office Closed**

**Wednesday, December 25 – Parish Office Closed**
- 8:30am  Christmas Day Mass  Church
- 11:00am  Christmas Day Mass  Church

**Thursday, December 26**
- 7:00am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:30am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 4:30pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 5:15pm  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Friday, December 27**
- 7:00am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:30am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 5:00pm  Benediction  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 5:15pm  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 6:00pm  Rosary Society Meeting  Undercroft South

**Saturday, December 28**
- 9:00am  St. Vincent de Paul Conference  Undercroft South
- 11:30am  Mass  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm  Reconciliation  Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 4:30pm  Mass  Church

**Sunday, December 29**
- 8:30am  Mass  Church
- 11:00am  Mass with Choir  Church
- 6:00pm  Mass  Church

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER

The Collection amount for Sunday, December 8 was $2,931.98 the Retirement Fund for Religious amounted to $652.86 and the Collection amount for Sunday, December 15 was $3,711.61. Thank you for your generosity!

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

We invite you to join hundreds of others who want to help preserve the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains as one of the great treasures of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Your contribution of $25 or more entitles you to membership in the Friends of the Cathedral.

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SOCIETY

You are invited to become a member of the Archbishop Karl J. Alter Society by contributing an annual gift of $1,000 or more. All contributions help to insure the preservation of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture and the second oldest cathedral in continuous use as a cathedral in the United States.

Become a member at any of these levels:
- Bronze $1,000-$2,499
- Silver $2,500-$4,999
- Gold $5,000-$9,999
- Platinum $10,000+