

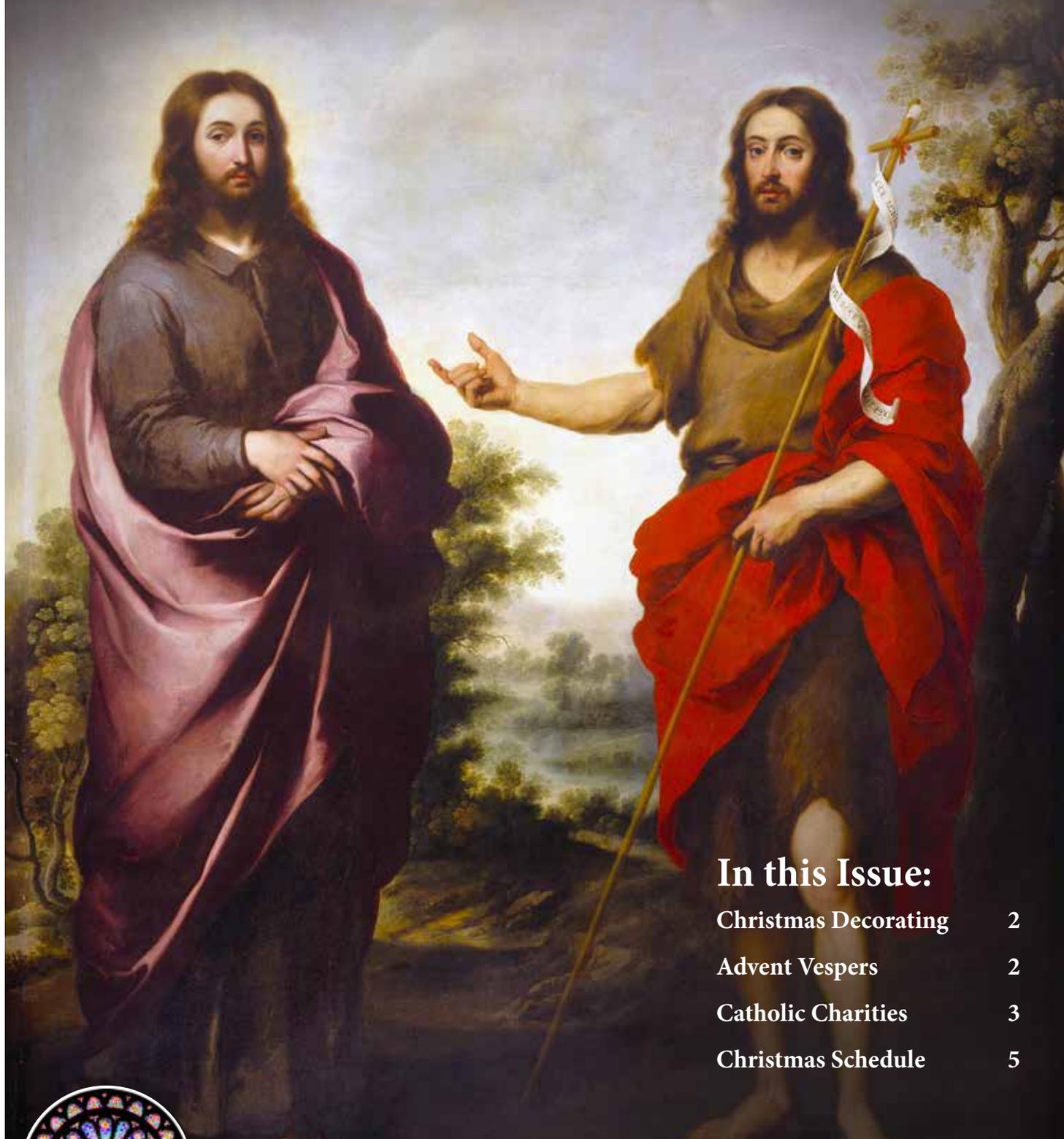
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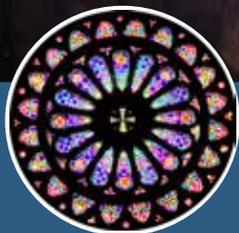
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

At The Cathedral

December 15 - 22, 2019



SUN 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
 8:00 AM Mass for Helen Pasden
 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (*Offices*)
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners
Blessing of the Bambinelli

MON 16 **Advent Weekday**
 12:05 PM Mass for Joseph Mulcahy

TUE 17 **Advent Weekday**
 12:05 PM Mass for a Special Intention

WED 18 **Advent Weekday**
 12:05 PM Mass for the Moran Family

THU 19 **Advent Weekday**
 12:05 PM Mass for Ron Radcliffe

FRI 20 **Advent Weekday**
 11:15 AM Confessions
 12:05 PM Mass for Jackie Hupp

SAT 21 **Advent Weekday**
Saint Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the Church
 9:00 AM Mass for Clara Scheibelhood
 9:30 AM Rosary
 5:00 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 8:00 AM Mass for Stephen Pacewicz
 10:30 AM Mass for Kipton Ruble
 Noon Decorating for Christmas (*Church*)
 6:00 PM Vespers



Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 • Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

James 5:7-10 • Matthew 11:2-11

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice”) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior’s birth.

In the scripture readings for this Sunday, we hear the word “joy”, in one form another, six times. Do you think God is trying to tell us something? Do you think the Church is trying to tell us something? The dark night in which the world waited helplessly for its Savior is coming to an end; Christmas is drawing closer; Christ will soon be born.

Christ himself is the sun that lights up the dark night sky, and he is drawing near; the horizon is beginning to glow with a pale, rose-colored light. The rose vestments are a visual echo of the words of the First Reading, which called us to rejoice.

But isn’t this a naive, almost childish thing to do in today’s world? After all, the world is still flooded with sin. Every day the news reports about death in Iraq, violence in the Middle East, genocide in Africa, natural disasters in Asia and South America. Every day thousands of babies are killed by abortion, innocent women and children are sold into slavery on the black market, people who seem to have everything plunge into despair and commit suicide.

Isn’t it selfish and foolish to rejoice in the middle of such a suffering world? Not at all. We do not rejoice because we believe Jesus came to bring heaven down to earth. Rather, we rejoice because we know that Jesus came to open a path from earth into heaven.

Pope Benedict XVI once said: “To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close! With Mary’s help, let us offer ourselves with humility and courage so that the world may accept Christ, who is the source of true joy.”

The joy of the Christian is the joy of a hope guaranteed by God himself. This is true joy, the joy of hope, and Christ is its source. 🍷



Advent Vespers

Sunday evenings during Advent at 6:00 p.m.

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. We encourage you to join us at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for Solemn Vespers each Sunday evening during Advent at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the prayers and music provided by the Cathedral Schola, there will be an Advent Reflection given by a guest priest.

December: Month of the Divine Infancy

During this month of December, as we look forward to Christmas, we recall the Divine Infancy of Christ. Devotion to the Infant Jesus is to marvel at His having humbled Himself by taking on a human nature, subjecting Himself to all that flesh is heir to (minus the effects of original sin, of course), even subjecting Himself to the earthly authority of Mary and Joseph. Through prayer, let the humble and peaceful ways of the Divine Child Jesus become ours as we strive to serve and love as he continues to do.



Catholic Charities WV needs your help! Today, our Gospel reading reminds us that the proof about Jesus is in his miracles. At Catholic Charities WV, we see miracles happen with clients every day! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need, and we work toward lasting and meaningful change. Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, or during the second collection at any Christmas Mass. We're waiting in joyful hope: 10 Days Until Christmas!

Also known as the 18th Street Center, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center is a comprehensive community social service center in Wheeling, (Ohio County) established in 1969. Our mission is to witness to the love God has for all persons through action and services to people in need.

How We Help

- The Center is open Monday - Saturday from 7:30am to 5:00pm
- Breakfast 9:00 am and Dinner 4:30 pm.
- Laundry: Open 5 days per week. Detergents provided.
Hours are from 9:30am – 2:00pm.
- Showers: Available by request. Toiletries provided.
- Telephone: Local Calls; long distance by request.
- Children's Services: Diapers

Other Available Services

- Case Management: Assistance on the path to self-sufficiency.
- Food Pantry: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00
- SNAP Enrollment: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program enrollment assistance.
- Utilities: Financial help to prevent services from being terminated. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.
- Cleaning Supplies: Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30
- Eye Care: Provided by Lens Crafters, Anwar and the Lion's Club.
- Delivered Meals for the Homebound: available six days a week. Home assessment required.
- Help Obtaining Official Documents: Drivers Licenses, State ID Cards, birth certificates, etc.
- Hospitality House: Transitional housing for families.

Call us at 304-232-7157

In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Andrew Helfer, Archer Hatch, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Bertha Wurtzbacher, Betty Lou Galloway, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Christina Helfer, Chuck Fair, David A. Kress, Jr., Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Frederick C. Schweizer, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Geri Adams Nagy, Helen Chiazza, Hines Rotriga, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kaitlyn Hanasky, Kenneth Shores, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Nadine Greenwood, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kalisz, Pete Cuffaro, Pete Mack, Philippa Shores, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Rose Otey, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shirley DeCaria, Sr. Mary Florence Burke, Stanley Kyr, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Teresa Helfer, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons, Victoria Jeskey

ATTENTION: Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, and Ushers

Christmas is fast approaching. Please consider signing up as soon as possible to serve at the Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church.

When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

Each one of us has a responsibility to evangelize - to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? Consider inviting them to join you for Christmas Mass this year. Pray that the peace and joy of the Christ Child may enlighten their hearts and minds to accept His grace in their lives.

Weekly Collection

December 8, 2019

Envelopes: \$2064 Loose: \$577

Online: \$420

Thank you for your generosity and support.

People's hearts yearn for God, not possessions, status, pope says

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service



Pope Francis leads an audience with a group of international performers at the Vatican Dec. 13, 2019. The performers, including U.S. singer Lionel Richie, were scheduled to perform at the Vatican's Christmas concert the next day. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Christmas season is a time to reflect on what life is all about, Pope Francis told an international group of performers.

"The time before Christmas calls us to ask ourselves, 'What is it that I am waiting for in my life? What is the great desire of my heart?' You too, with your songs, help awaken or reawaken this healthy human 'yearning' in the hearts of many people," he said.

The pope met Dec. 13 with the group of singers, songwriters, musicians and conductors the day before they were to perform in the Vatican's Paul VI hall for a benefit concert to help protect the Amazon and support indigenous communities there.

The lineup was scheduled to include: Lionel Richie, the U.S. Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter; Susan Boyle, who was a 2009 finalist on "Britain's Got Talent"; and Bonnie Tyler, whose songs "It's a Heartache" and "Total Eclipse of the Heart" are among the best-selling singles of all time.

The Charleston Gospel Choir and several Italian performers were also part of the lineup for the 2019 "Christmas Concert in the Vatican," sponsored by

the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education.

The pope told the performers and concert organizers that God is the author of the "yearning" people feel in their heart, "and he comes to meet us by this route."

God cannot be found along the path of "vain compulsion to acquire possessions or to keep up appearances. It is not there that God comes; no one will meet on that route. But surely he comes wherever there is hunger and thirst for peace, justice, freedom and love," the pope said.

"Dear artists, I thank you for all that you do. I wish you the best for your activities and your spiritual growth," the pope said, asking that their hearts be touched by the "mystery of Christmas, so that you can convey some of that same tenderness to those who listen to you."

Donations and proceeds from ticket sales were to go toward a Salesian project helping indigenous communities in northwestern Brazil and to a campaign of Scholas Occurrentes to raise awareness in 450,000 schools around the world promoting reforestation.

The show, recorded before a live audience Dec. 14, was to be broadcast by Italian television Christmas Eve.

Later in the day, Pope Francis was scheduled to take part -- via live video link-up -- in the launch of a U.S. headquarters of Scholas Occurrentes, which is Latin for "schools for encounter."

The global educational project, launched by Pope Francis in 2013, works to encourage social integration, and a culture of encounter among high school students through sports, arts and technology.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, the city's mayor, Eric Garcetti, along with about 30 Catholic high school students of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, were to join in from Los Angeles in the live video conference as were Scholas students in Haiti, Japan and Spain. 🇺🇸

Discipleship and Drafts

Thursday, January 2, 2020

Young adults between the ages of 18-39 are invited to Generations Restaurant in Wheeling on Thursday, January 2, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m. This is an evening of friendship and dialogue, to enjoy a brew and grow in the path of discipleship with the Lord in a casual setting. The guest speaker for the evening is Bishop Mark Brennan.

Prepare your hearts for the Lord

In preparation for Christmas, take time during this Advent Season to go to confession and receive the wonderful graces available in this Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each week at the Cathedral on Fridays from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Matthew 11:2–11

By now you might be reaching a saturation point with Christmas advertising and too much Christmas music. It's everywhere. It's on radio stations and in the stores. And the songs are the same over and over again. How many times have you heard "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town?"

This week's Gospel reading, while not about Santa Claus, asks the question: "Who is coming to town?" It's on the lips of John the Baptist who hears about what Jesus is doing. He wonders whether Jesus might be the one that he and all of Israel have been hoping for. Jesus' response is telling. Jesus knows that you can identify someone best not by evaluating what others say, but by observing that person and seeing what he or she

does. Works are the test of authenticity!

So what does Jesus accomplish? He brings sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, clear skin to those scarred by leprosy, sound to the deaf, and Good News to the poor. These conditions require healing deeper than physical. It requires healing the whole person.

Sight to the blind means illumination of all that can be seen. For instance, seeing the world as it is created and loved by God is "seeing" deep truth. Mobility means the ability to get around and serve the needs of others. Leprosy was considered a sign of being defiled, and therefore isolated from the community. Those inflicted were isolated from everyone. To be cured meant that they were no longer outsiders. Jesus invites



everyone into God's loving embrace. Those once deaf to hearing God's word can hear God loud and clear. And the poor, all those who lived in need, can be satisfied because Jesus provides all that their hearts longed for: the Good News of God's forgiveness and love. That's quite a gift. That's the real meaning of the upcoming feast. 🍷

The O Antiphons

Each year on December 17, the Church begins a series of seven short verses sung before the Magnificat during Evening Prayer or Vespers, on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas. They each begin with the exclamation "O" and are therefore called the "O Antiphons." The antiphons were composed in the seventh or eighth century when monks put together texts from the Old Testament which looked forward to the coming of our salvation. The first letter of the Messianic titles: Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia—all spell out Latin words ERO CRAS, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come."

Dec 17 - O Wisdom of our God Most High

Dec 18 - O Leader of the House of Israel.

Dec 19 - O Root of Jesse's stem.

Dec 20 - O Key of David

Dec 21 - O Radiant Dawn

Dec 22 - O King of all nations and keystone of the Church.

Dec 23 - O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law



Christmas
AT THE CATHEDRAL



CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday, December 24

CHORAL MEDITATIONS: 5:30 p.m.

MASS: 6:00 p.m.

The Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant & Homilist

CHORAL MEDITATIONS: 11:30 p.m.

MASS AT MIDNIGHT

The Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant & Homilist

CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday, December 25

MASS: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Peterson
Celebrant & Homilist



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Scripture Readings

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Week of December 15

Monday

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Friday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Song of Songs 2:8-14
or Zephaniah 3:14-18
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Next Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday

Litany of Loreto
Tuesday

Litany of Saint Joseph
Wednesday

Litany of the Sacred Heart
Thursday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays

The Holy Rosary
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



This Week with the Saints

December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius (1521-1597) was the first Dutchman to join the Jesuits. He is known as the second apostle of Germany for his work restoring Catholicism after the Reformation, writing a "German catechism," which defined basic Catholic beliefs in German. Peter felt that it was more effective to clarify the teachings of Catholicism rather than engage in polemics with the reformers. His last twenty years were spent in Switzerland, where he founded the Jesuit College that is the core of the University of Fribourg. He is credited with adding "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners" to the Hail Mary. This appeared for the first time in his Catechism of 1555.



*All holy men and women,
Saints of God,
pray for us!*



Blessing of a Christmas Tree for the Home

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.



When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:
Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. Amen.

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

**Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.**

**We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.**

**We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.**

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.



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8½" (3 plants) Poinsettia	\$23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10" Large Basket (9 plants) Red & White Combination	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please place your order form and your check in an envelope. Mail or drop it in the collection basket no later than December 20.

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*Saint Joseph,
pray for us!*

Masses

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
or by appointment



BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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