

# THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia



7 December 2025



*Second Sunday of Advent*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION • PETER PAUL RUBENS • 1628

# HOLY MASS

## SUNDAY

7:30 AM  
10:30 AM

## SATURDAY

9:00 AM  
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

## WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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### REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) or through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes.

#### From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

*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.*

# SACRAMENTS

## **Confession**

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am  
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

## **Marriage**

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

## **Holy Orders**

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org) or (304) 233-4121.

## **Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) for more information.

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at [www.dwc.org/mass](http://www.dwc.org/mass).  
*While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.*

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# Masses & Schedule

December 7 - 14, 2025

**SUN  
7**

## Second Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + John Petrella  
7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
9:00 am Faith Sharing Book Club (*Rectory*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Thomas Gompers  
6:00 pm Sung Vespers

**MON  
8**

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Patronal Feastday of the United States of America Holy Day of Obligation*

12:05 pm Mass for + Wib & Rose Breiding  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

**TUE  
9**

## Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego

12:05 pm Mass for + Joanne Driscoll

**WED  
10**

## Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

12:05 pm Mass for + Anna Mae Myers  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

**THU  
11**

## Optional Memorial of St. Damasus I

12:05 pm Mass for + Helen Manning  
6:00 pm Advent Penance Service

**FRI  
12**

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for + Mary Bartolovich  
6:00 pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**SAT  
13**

## Memorial of St. Lucy

9:00 am Mass for + John Anderson  
11:00 am Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for + Madeline Belby

**SUN  
14**

## Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Mass for + Frank Pasden  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
6:00 pm Sung Vespers

**The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. and on Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us as we pray especially for an increase in vocations in our diocese.**

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel, we meet John the Baptist, who appears in the desert proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:1-12). His message is bold and clear: prepare the way of the Lord. John reminds us that Advent is not only a season of waiting, but a time of conversion — a time to clear away what keeps us from God and to open our hearts to His mercy and grace.

One of the most powerful ways to prepare for the coming of Christ is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is not a punishment but a beautiful gift — a personal encounter with the Lord who forgives, heals, and restores. Many people carry burdens that weigh on their souls, yet Jesus waits patiently to lift those burdens from us. No matter how long it has been, He is ready to receive us with love and mercy.

I warmly invite you to take part in our Advent Penance Service this Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. Several priests will be available for individual confessions. If it has been a long time since your last confession, please do not be afraid. Come back. The Lord is waiting for you. There is no better way to prepare your heart for Christmas than by being reconciled with Him.

This Monday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered here at the Cathedral at 12 Noon and again at 6:00 p.m. I encourage you to take part in this beautiful feast as we honor our Blessed Mother, who shows us what it means to say "yes" to God with trust and love.

May this holy season renew our faith, deepen our hope, and fill our hearts with the peace of Christ who comes to make all things new.

In Christ,  
*Father Pen*



## Angel Tree

Christmas Giving Program

Angel Tree in the narthex  
starting November 22/23

**PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY DEC. 9**

To Cathedral Sacristy or Parish Offices

Help us spread Christmas joy by choosing a tag from our Angel Tree.

Please return the tags with wrapped gifts or gift cards.



# Advent

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 7

Masses: 6:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Vespers: 6:00 PM

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8

Masses: 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

*Holy Day of Obligation*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 14

Masses: 6:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Vespers: 6:00 PM

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 21

Masses: 6:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Blessing of Bambinelli during Masses

Decorating for Christmas: 12 NOON

Vespers: 6:00 PM

## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Penance Service: Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 24 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM



## Advent Prayer Exchange

As we journey through this holy season of Advent, our Cathedral parish invites you to participate in a special way of preparing our hearts for Christ's coming. At Mass last weekend, each person received a card with the name of a fellow parishioner to hold in prayer throughout Advent. There are a few cards left in the narthex of the church.

This isn't a gift exchange—it's something much more meaningful. By offering the gift of prayer, we're giving one another the greatest gift of all: spiritual support and unity in Christ. Let's make this Advent a season of deeper connection through prayer, as we prepare together for the joy of Christmas!

## Scholarship Applications

A second round of scholarship applications are now available for new applicants attending a 2 or 4 year college or Wheeling Central Catholic High School. Please see the forms in the back of the church for more information.

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

**December 6/7** - Angel Tree Gift Return

**December 8** - Immaculate Conception Mass, 12:05pm & 6:00pm

**December 11** - Advent Penance Service, 6:00pm

**December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6:00pm

**December 21** - Decorating the Church for Christmas

**December 24** - Confessions, 1:00pm-3:00pm

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Mass, 6:00pm

**December 25** - Christmas Midnight Mass

**December 25** - Christmas Day Mass, 10:30am

**December 28** - Closing Mass for Jubilee Year, 10:30am

**December 31** - Confessions, 2:00pm-3:30pm

**December 31** - Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, 6:00pm

**January 1** - Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 10:30am

**January 4** - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**January 4** - Epiphany Party, 3:00pm, St. Alphonsus Hall

**January 12** - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

## Annual Collection for Retired Religious

**Next Weekend: December 13 & 14**

The annual collection for retired religion will be taken up in our Diocese next weekend. Since 1988, this fund has supported communities who, after lives of service and vows of poverty, often lack resources in their later years. They have given so much to God's people, and we are called to show our gratitude. Please be generous to the Retirement Fund for Religious. All proceeds assist religious communities across the country.



## Second Collection This Weekend

Our second collection this weekend will benefit our Cathedral Maintenance Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

## COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

**November 30, 2025**

Envelopes: \$1505 • Loose: \$1319 • Online: \$1148 • Total: \$3972

Maintenance: \$150

Attendance: 312

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of December 7

#### THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

#### MONDAY

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

#### TUESDAY

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13  
Matthew 18:12-14

#### WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10  
Matthew 11:28-30

#### THURSDAY

Isaiah 41:13-20  
Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13  
Matthew 11:11-15

#### FRIDAY

Zechariah 2:14-17  
(Ps) Judith 13:18, 19  
Luke 1:39-47

#### SATURDAY

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19  
Matthew 17:9, 10-13

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

*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.*

## Bring Someone Home for Christmas

### Inviting Others to Return to Christ

Advent is a season filled with quiet invitation. As the Church prepares for the birth of the Savior, each of us is called not only to open our own hearts, but also to help others rediscover the beauty of faith. Many people carry burdens that have drawn them away from the Church. Some feel distant because of past hurts or difficult experiences. Others have slowly grown accustomed to life without prayer or Mass. Yet the longing for God remains within every human heart.

This holy season gives us a unique opportunity to reach out with gentleness and hope. A simple phone call, a kind message, or a personal invitation can be the grace someone needs in order to take the first step back. The Lord works through small acts of love. When we extend a hand to those who have drifted away, we reflect the mercy of the One who came to seek the lost and to bind up the wounded.

We can also invite others to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. There is no greater gift we can offer than the chance to meet the Lord truly present in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. The Eucharist strengthens the weary, comforts the sorrowful, and brings healing to those who feel far from God. Many people have forgotten what it is like to kneel before the Lord in the quiet of a church or to receive His grace in Holy Communion. Advent is a fitting time to help them remember.

Christmas Mass, in particular, is a moment when hearts open more easily to the mystery of God's love. The familiar carols, the glow of candlelight, and the beauty of the liturgy stir something deep within the soul. The child in the manger reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Inviting someone to join you for Christmas Mass can be a powerful act of evangelization. It is a way

of saying that they are remembered, valued, and welcomed.

As Catholics, we hold a treasure that is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Our



faith offers clarity in confusion, strength in weakness, and peace in the midst of turmoil. The Church gives us the sacraments, the Word of God, and a community that walks together toward holiness. Many people are searching for exactly what the Catholic faith provides. Advent encourages us to share that gift with humility and love.

Reach out to a family member who has stepped away. Send a message to a friend you have not seen in church for a long time. Offer to sit with someone who might feel nervous about returning. Pray that Christ will open doors and soften hearts. In doing so, we become instruments of His compassion and heralds of His presence in the world.

May this Advent be a time of renewed faith, deeper charity, and courageous hope. And may all who have wandered find their way home to the Christ who waits for them with love.

# GROUPS & MINISTRIES



**BAKING SPIRITS**  
*bright*  
**COOKIE EXCHANGE**  
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon  
The Bugaj Home  
60 East Cardinal Ave.  
Hosted by Patti, Deb & Stephanie

**Bake a batch of your favorite Christmas Cookies!**  
**Please bring at least 2 dozen in packages of 4!**

*sisters in*  
**GRACE**  
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## St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

*Help us create a culture of life in Wheeling!*



**Donate to our new mobile baby pantry:**

*St. Gianna's Goods on the Go!*

We'll be making regular deliveries of baby, toddler, and maternity supplies to parents at public housing and service organizations.

**Contact:** Amy Carlson Miesel  
(304) 312-9051 or  
Jennie Adams (304) 281-1349

## Faith Sharing Book Club

**Sunday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory**

Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



## Rosary Altar Society

**Saturday, January 3 after 9am Mass & Rosary**

We foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, care for the altar and sanctuary, and service to the Cathedral family.



## St. Monica Prayer Group

**Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus**

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

## Catholics in Recovery

**Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall**

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments of any kind. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. *For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org) or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.*



We invite all men in the community to join us in building authentic friendships with Christ and each other so that we can walk together in becoming the men He has called us to be.

**Stay tuned for our next event!**

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## Stewardship Reflection

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" His call urges us to clear a path for Christ through repentance and renewal. As Christian stewards, Advent is a time not just for waiting but for purposeful action—examining our hearts, deepening our prayer, and serving others with generosity. May we use this sacred season to make room for Christ with hope and intention.

## December 13/14 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
<b>Saturday 6:00 pm</b>	Jennifer W. Judy M.	Martin I.	Deb Y. Br. John B.	Judy R. Paul R.
<b>Sunday 7:30 am</b>	Paul B. Kathy B.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Jim E. Julia S.	Tamora M. Philippa S.
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>	Catherine L. Cheryl J.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Lanny S. Vivienne P.	Debbie T. Nick T.
<b>Collection Counters for this Week</b>		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

# LIVING OUR FAITH

## Immaculate Conception

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS  
12:05 PM  
6:00 PM



## Month of the Divine Infancy

The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Divine Infancy of Jesus Christ. This month, let the paradox of Christ's birth and childhood strike us anew. Let us pray with Mary in the words of an ancient hymn by Saint Ephrem the Syrian: "I am your Mother but I will give honor to you. I have engendered you, but you are older than I am. I have carried you in my womb, but you sustain me on my feet. You have been born of me like a little one, but you are as strong as a giant. The height of the heavens are filled with your majesty, and yet my womb has not been too small for you."

## Ways to Honor the Divine Infancy

- ❖ Pray and support children and their families who are victims of abuse; homelessness; hunger; discrimination; and poverty
- ❖ Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- ❖ Make an effort to take the Season of Advent seriously

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Juan Diego (1474–1548)

*Feast Day: December 9*

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin was an indigenous Mexican convert to Christianity who became the humble messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Born near modern-day Mexico City, he was baptized as an adult and lived a simple, devout life.



In December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, speaking in his native Nahuatl language and asking that a church be built in her honor. As a sign for the bishop, Mary caused roses to bloom in winter and left her miraculous image imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma—a sacred sign that continues to inspire millions of faithful.

Known for his humility and obedience, Juan Diego spent the rest of his life serving at the shrine of Our Lady. Canonized in 2002, he is the first indigenous saint of the Americas and a powerful witness of faith and simplicity.

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord God, open our hearts and minds to receive Your Son with renewed faith and quiet trust. Help us clear away anything that distracts us from Your presence so we may welcome Christ with humility and hope. Strengthen us to walk in Your light, to repent where needed, and to prepare the way of the Lord in our daily lives. May this week draw us closer to the peace only Jesus can bring. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

### December: For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Hehr	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Blanche Kirkland	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Cheryl Garrison	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound
Crystal Vines	Millie Kirkpatrick	Parishioners
Joe Bechtel	Pat Edmon	

# La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

## The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



### Catedral de San José

1300 Eoff St. Wheeling, WV

La misa será celebrada por el Obispo Mark Brennan.

Misa en español el viernes,  
12 de diciembre  
a las 6:00 p.m.

*Agradecemos su presencia en la recepción que se celebrará después de la misa.*

### Cathedral of St. Joseph

1300 Eoff St. Wheeling, WV

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan.

Friday, December 12  
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

*Reception following the Mass.*

Todos Son Bienvenidos! | You're All Welcome!



### CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND



Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for generations to come. Please consider making a donation. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

**So far we have received \$45,651 in donations. Thank you for your support!**

### Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral close to your heart? Including it in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to ensure our faith and ministry continue for generations.

#### You can:

- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
- Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
- Designate a percentage of your estate

**Wording for bequests:** "Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting gift of faith!



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

*Immaculate Conception*

#### Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

#### Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is *Mary's* conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

*If you have a question you'd like answered, please email [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org).*

# 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has designated four pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025, including our own Cathedral of St. Joseph! The other sites are the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Charleston), St. Patrick Church (Weston), and St. Joseph Parish (Martinsburg).

From now until December 28, 2025, the faithful are invited to visit these locations to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence, as called for by Pope Francis. To receive this special grace, pilgrims must:

**Make a brief pilgrimage** to one of the designated sites as a sign of conversion and hope.

**Pray**—by participating in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the Rosary.

**Confess**—receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.

**Receive Holy Communion**, reflecting on the hope God gives.

**Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions**, with the Our Father and Hail Mary recommended.

A Plenary Indulgence may be applied to oneself or a soul in purgatory and can be obtained once per day.

For a full list of Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the U.S., visit [www.usccb.org/jubilee2025/pilgrimage-sites-us](http://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025/pilgrimage-sites-us)

**Let us embrace this sacred time as Pilgrims of Hope!**

# Epiphany Party

Parishioners of the Cathedral and St. Alphonsus are warmly invited to a festive catered dinner, followed by plenty of good cheer to bring a sparkling finish to the Christmas season!

*Reservations are required and limited.*

*Please RSVP by December 26.*

*Please call the office at 304-233-4121  
or e-mail [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org)*



**Sunday, January 4 | 3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Alphonsus Columbia Hall**

# ADVENT VESPERS

Join us for Sung Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral this Advent Season on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.



NOV 30



DEC 7



DEC 14



DEC 21

*Music by The Cathedral Schola*

Vespers is the official evening prayer of the Church.

Based on scripture, it consists of psalms, hymns, and prayers of intercession.

A brief reflection will be given each week reflecting on the spiritual themes of Advent.

All things are possible with

# God

A Musical Celebration of Hope for the Advent/Christmas Season

**John Angotti**

with Dion Clay, J.T. Brown, John Paciga & other guests

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:30PM: CONCERT

**Cathedral of St. Joseph**

1300 EOFF STREET  
WHEELING, WV 26003

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 304-233-4121 or email [jmanning@dwc.org](mailto:jmanning@dwc.org).



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# Christmas Mass Schedule

## CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

**6:00 p.m.**

Vigil Mass of Christmas

*Choral Prelude begins at 5:30 p.m.*

**12:00 a.m.**

Midnight Mass

*Choral Prelude begins at 11:30 p.m.*

## CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

**10:30 a.m.**

Christmas Day Mass

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Feast of the Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sunday, December 28**

Masses: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday), 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Thursday, January 1**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses: 6:00 p.m. (December 31), 10:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday, January 4**

Masses: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday), 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany Party: 3:00 p.m. (St. Alphonsus Hall)

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, January 11**

Masses: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday), 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**"Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man.  
I tell you again: for your sake, God became man."**

**(St. Augustine)**

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