

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

3rd Sunday of Advent

Join us for Holy Mass



Our
Christmas
Mass
Schedule is
located on
the back
cover.

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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F: 12:10 p.m.
Saturday, Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.
Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.
Holy Day of Obligation: As announced in the Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

DEC 14 - 21, 2024



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

(MASSES ARE CELEBRATED IN THE CATHEDRAL
UNLESS NOTED ELSEWHERE, BELOW.)

Saturday Vigil	December 14	4:00 p.m.	†August Charles Geiger
Saturday	December 14	7:30 p.m.	2024 Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday	December 15	8:30 a.m.	†Susan Lavoie
Sunday	December 15	10:00 a.m.	†Mary C. O'Brien
Domingo	15 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.	†Pedro Rivera
Sunday	December 15	4:00 p.m.	Mass with Bishop Byrne (The Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Northeastern Lieutenancy)
Monday	December 16	12:10 p.m.	†Anna Pereira
Tuesday	December 17	12:10 p.m.	†Sr. Gertrude Milburga, osf
Wednesday	December 18	12:10 p.m.	†Guillermina Cotto
Thursday	December 19	12:10 p.m.	†Madeline Theresa Geiger
Friday	December 20	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Jada Rodríguez
Saturday Vigil	December 21	4:00 p.m.	†Luis Daniel Rodríguez
Sunday	December 22	8:30 a.m.	Birthday Blessings for Linda Tryba
Sunday	December 22	10:00 a.m.	†James Chartier
Domingo	22 de Diciembre	11:45 a.m.	†José Torres
Sunday	December 22	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Rose Geiger

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith †.

†Alejandro Rivera

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass (English).
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel (Spanish).

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, The Gospel According to Luke, **Lk 3:10-18**,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121524.cfm

MISSION STATEMENT / MISIÓN

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

Guiada y protegida por nuestro patrón San Miguel Arcángel, la parroquia Catedral es una comunidad acogedora y diversa que encarna la misión de Cristo quién nos fortalece a través de los sacramentos.

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UNDERSTANDING THE ANCIENT O ANTIPHONS OF THE CHURCH

Beginning Dec. 17 of each Advent season, and for the next 7 days, a special antiphon known as an O Antiphon is read before the Magnificat during evening prayer or before the gospel at Mass. Sometimes called the Greater Antiphons, or the O's of Advent (because they begin with that exclamation), the O Antiphons differ from the daily antiphons because they herald the coming birth of Christ. Originally written in Latin around the 7th or 8th centuries, these special antiphons are verses extracted from the Old Testament prophets — namely, Isaiah — and express the longing for the coming of the Christ. In fact, the word “come” is used in every O Antiphon.

Each of the 7 antiphons begins by addressing Jesus using an Old Testament title for the Messiah. These 7 names or titles, all from the Book of Isaiah:

- Dec. 17, O' Sapientia (O Wisdom)
- Dec. 18, O' Adonai (O Lord or Ruler)
- Dec. 19, O' Radix (O Root of Jesse)
- Dec. 20, O' Clavis (O Key of David)
- Dec. 21, O' Oriens (O Radiant Dawn)
- Dec. 22, O' Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)
- Dec. 23, O' Emmanuel (O God with Us)

It is widely pointed out that if you take the first letter of each Latin name and reverse the order — that is, begin with E from Emmanuel, then Rex Gentium and so on you will spell the word EROCRAS, which in Latin means “I shall come tomorrow.”

Sometime before the 12th century, the exact date and author being unknown, selected verses from the seven antiphons were compiled into the hymn we today call “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” During the Middle Ages this hymn was an important teaching and worship aid to a society that was largely illiterate and had few Bibles. In the 19th century, the Latin version of the hymn was translated into English by an Anglican priest named John Neale. He called his original translation “Draw Neigh, Draw Neigh, Emmanuel,” but in 1854 he renamed the song, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” which, given its history, is believed to be among the oldest of all the Christmas hymns.

Photos by Mary Jeanne Tash

“Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration is on both our Facebook page and in the gallery on our website. What a wonderful celebration! Also on those sites are photos from our Religious Education Advent Mass and Christmas party.”



Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 18 in the Holy Spirit Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Bible study will resume after Christmas on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.

The Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver Annual Hats and Mittens Drive through December 22nd

“Once again, we are asking for your help. Winter is almost here and so many of our children need your help with supplying hats and mittens. So, as you are shopping this season, please pick up an extra hat or mittens for our children. Thank you very much for everything you do.”

--- The Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver

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ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



The Cathedral Choir is pleased to announce the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held on **Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street, Springfield. This is a long-standing tradition in the Diocese for many and promises to enrich all who attend in their preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Please call Ashley Duplessis or Jacob Broer for further information (413) 452-0845.



The Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Mass with Bishop Byrne

- 4:00 p.m.

(Chalice of Salvation Mass, Televised. Airs on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. on WWLP-22News)

Midnight Mass

- 12:00 a.m. (Tuesday night into Wednesday morning)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m. (Misa en español)



Bishop William Byrne will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Parishioners from parishes across the diocese are welcomed to attend.

This Mass will be televised live on WWLP 22News as part of "The Chalice of Salvation" program that day.

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BISHOP JOSEPH ESPALLAT

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