# Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



## The First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2026

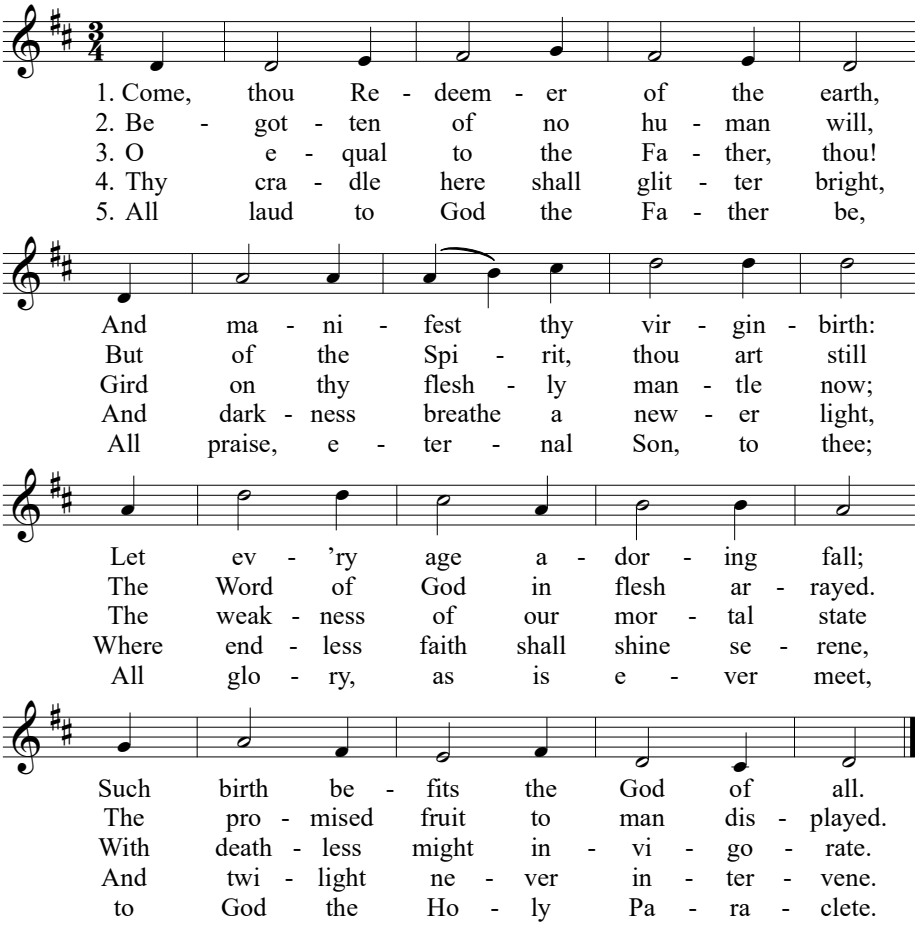
# ORDER OF MASS

## Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 — Johann Sebastian Bach
*"Wake, O Wake, a Voice Is Calling"* — *(1685–1750)*

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Processional Hymn



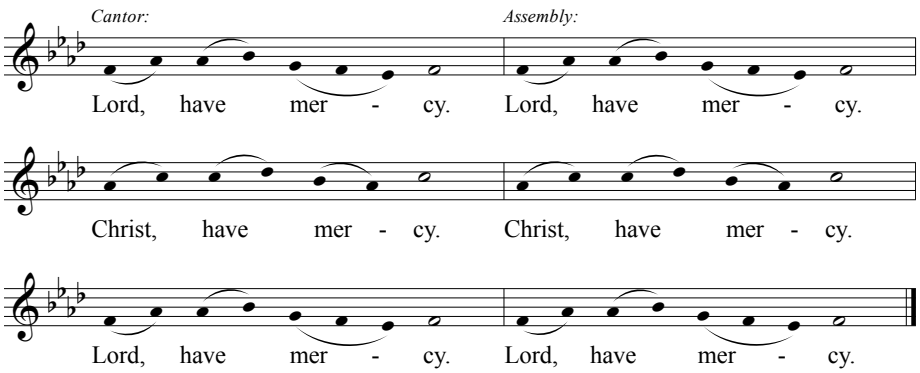

## Greeting

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

## Penitential Act

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Assembly: Amen.



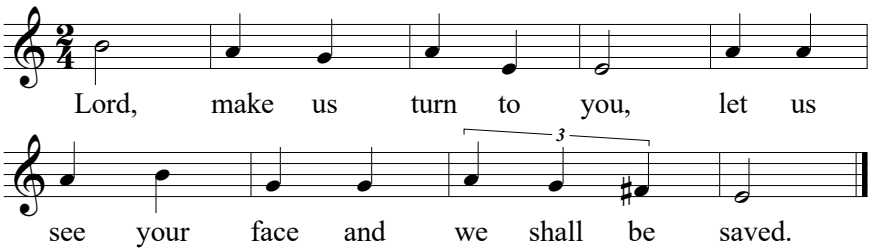

(Choir) *Communion Service in E* Harold Edwin Darke
Kyrie eleison *(1888–1976)*

## Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

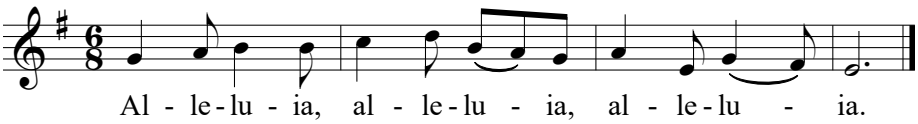
**Reading I** Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

**Psalm Response** Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19




**Reading II** I Corinthians 1:3–9

**Gospel Acclamation** Psalm 85:8




Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel** Mark 13:33–37

**Homily**

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

***(All bow during these two lines.)***

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

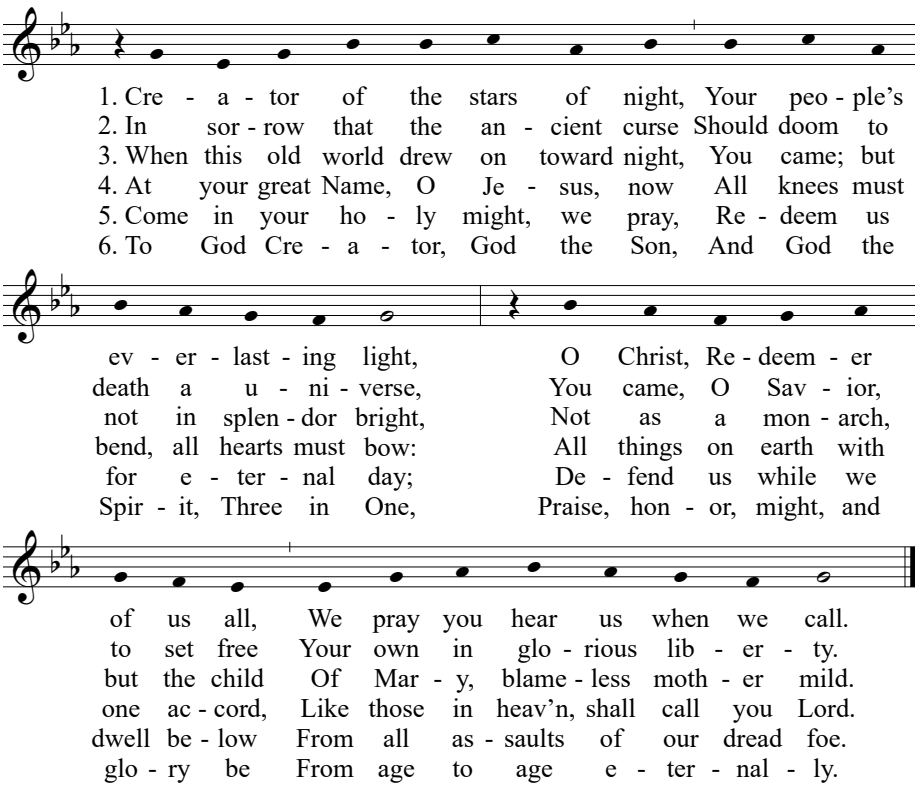
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**General Intercessions** Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Preparation of the Gifts**

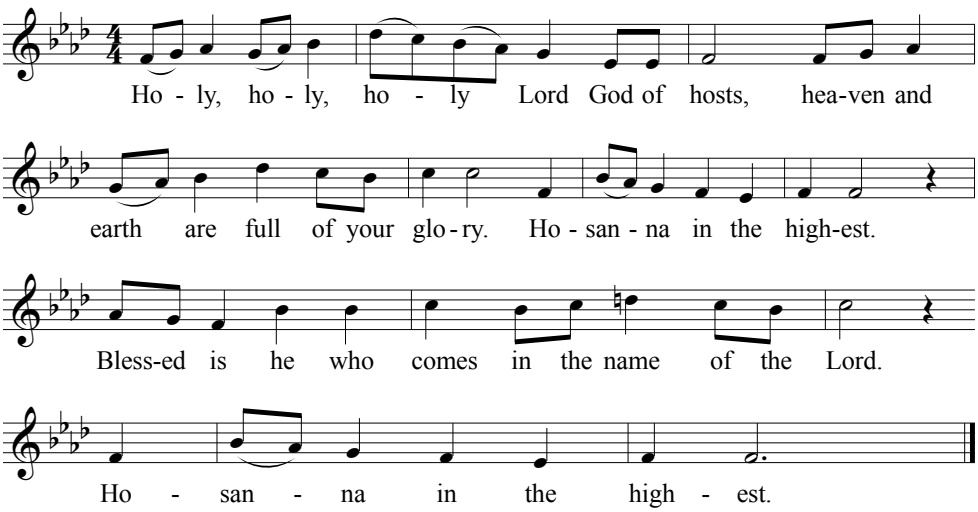


(Choir) *Vigilate* — William Byrd *(1543–1623)*

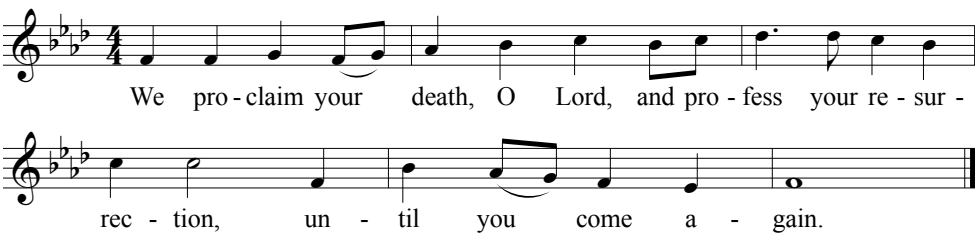
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| *Vigilate, nescitis enim* | Watch, for you do not know |
| *quando dominus domus veniat,* | when the master of the house will come, |
| *sero,* | in the evening, |
| *an media nocte,* | in the middle of the night, |
| *an gallicantu, an mane.* | at cock-crow, in the morning. |
| *Vigilate ergo,* | Watch, therefore, |
| *ne cum venerit repente,* | lest he should come suddenly |
| *inveniat vos dormientes.* | and find you asleep. |
| *Quod autem dico vobis,* | What I say to you, |
| *omnibus dico: vigilate.* | I say to everyone: watch. |

## Preface Dialogue

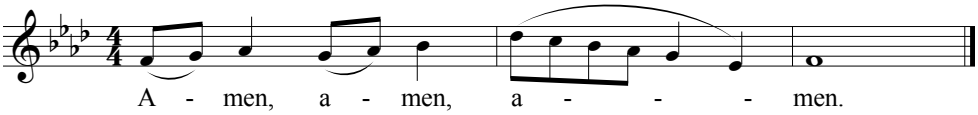
## Preface Acclamation




## Memorial Acclamation




## Great Amen



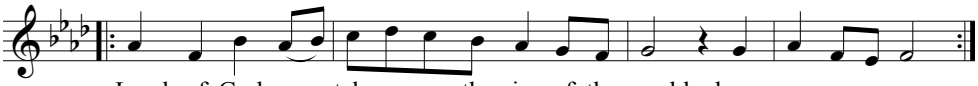
# COMMUNION RITE

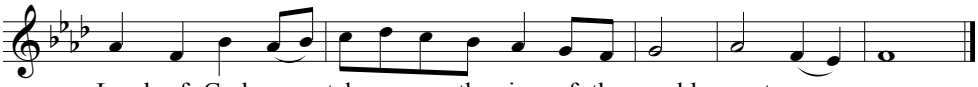
## Lord's Prayer

## Doxology

## Sign of Peace

## Litany at the Breaking of Bread



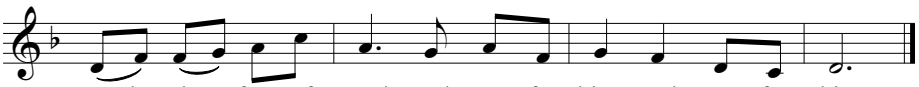

(Choir) *Communion Service in E* — Harold Edwin Darke
Agnus Dei *(1888–1976)*

## Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

*(Psalm 85:13)*

## Communion Procession




(Choir) *Ad te, Domine, levavi* — Stefano Bernardi
*(c. 1585–1636)*

*Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam:*
*Deus meus, in te confido; non erubescam.*
*Neque irrideant me inimici mei:*
*etenim universi qui expectant te, non confundentur.*

To you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul,
Lord God, I trust in you. I shall not be put to shame.
Neither let my enemies laugh at me:
For all who trust in thee shall not be confounded.

*(Psalm 24:1–3)*

## Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

**For Catholics**
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

**For Our Fellow Christians**
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

**For Non-Christians**
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

**For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion**
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

(Choir) *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz
*(1919–2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

*(cf. Revelation 22)*

## Prayer after Communion

## Novena Prayer in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were pleasing in the sight of God from the first moment of your conception in the womb of your mother, Saint Anne.

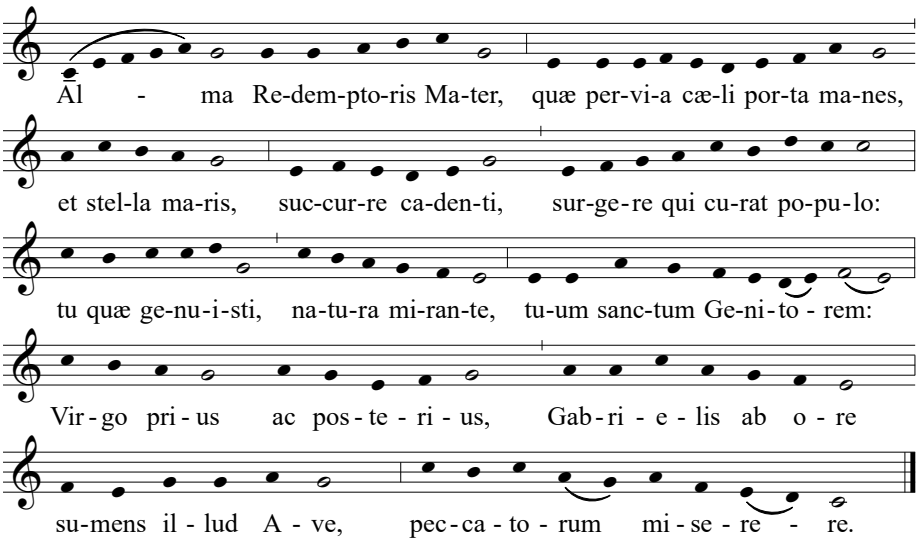
You were chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the teaching of Holy Mother Church, that in the first instant of your conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race and your beloved Son, you were preserved from all stain of original sin. I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace He bestowed upon you as I honor your Immaculate Conception.

Look graciously upon me as I implore this special favor:
*(Mention your request)*

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, please intercede for me as these prayers now rise before God. Filled with confidence in your goodness and power, I ask you to help me in this journey of life and to preserve me from all that is displeasing to God. I entrust myself entirely to you, knowing that you will help me to avoid sin and to always live a humble and pure life. I consecrate myself to you forever, for my firm desire is to love your Divine Son Jesus. Mary, since those devoted to you have never been known to perish, pray that I too may be saved. Amen.

## Blessing and Dismissal

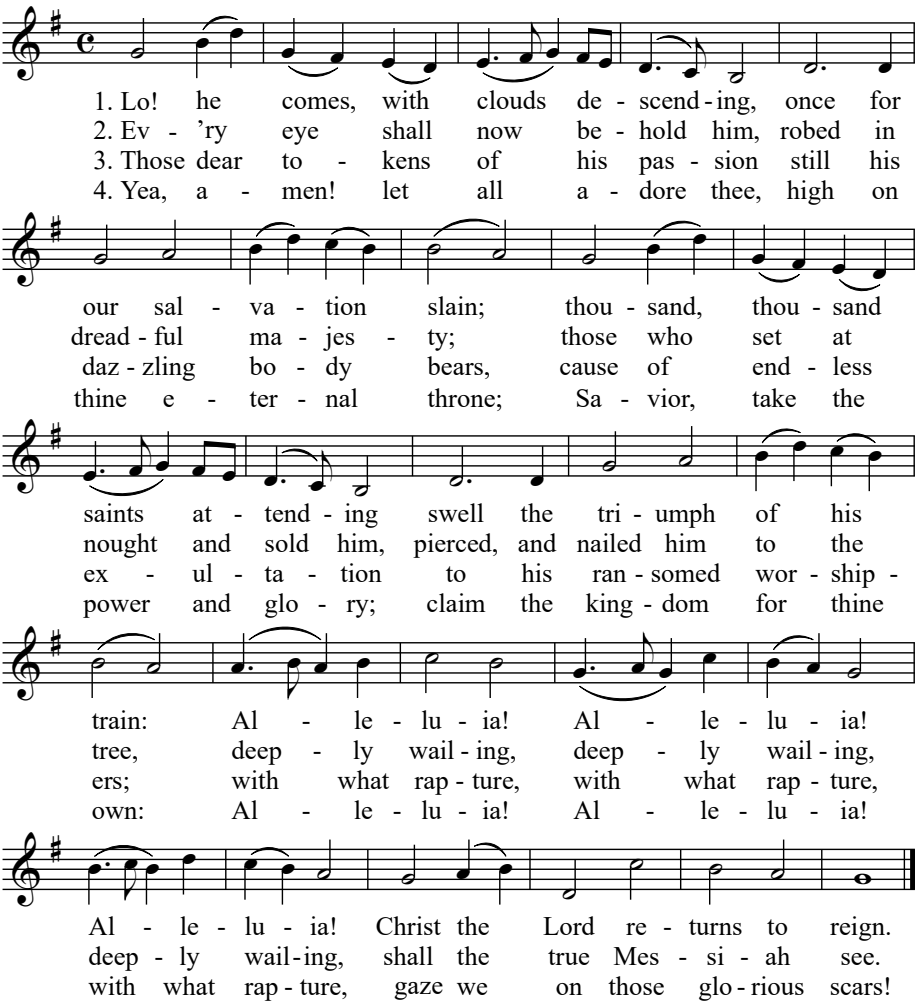
## Marian Antiphon *(at Noon Mass)*




*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise: You who gave birth, amazing nature, to your sacred Creator: Virgin prior and following, taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail! have mercy on our sins.*

## Recessional Hymn

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



## Sung Vespers at the Basilica

*We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers*
**Sundays in Advent at 4:00 p.m.**
4:30 p.m. Mass following

November 29
December 6, 13, 20
Great Upper Church

*All are welcome to this special celebration of*
*Evening Prayer during the Season of Advent*

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2026

5:15 p.m. (Vigil), 7:00 a.m, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. ◆ Crypt Church
5:15 p.m. ◆ Great Upper Church

Solemn Mass at 12:10 p.m.
**Most Reverend Gabriele G. Caccia**
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
*Principal Celebrant and Homilist*
Great Upper Church

Misa Solemne (Español) a las 2:30 p.m.
**Rmo. Juan Esposito-Garcia**
Obispo auxiliar de Washington
*Celebrante principal y homilista*
Gran Iglesia Superior

## Rorate Mass

December 18, 2026 ◆ 7:00 a.m.

**Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi**
Rector of the Basilica
*Celebrant and Homilist*
Crypt Church

*All are welcome to the celebration of the ancient and beloved*
*Advent tradition of the Rorate Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.*

## In Concert

***Choral Music for the Christmas Season***

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Peter Latona, *conductor*

**December 19, 2026 ◆ 6:00 p.m.**
Great Upper Church

*Free and open to the public*

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