

Regular Schedule

Sunday Masses

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM

Sunday Confessions

10 AM - 12 NOON,
12:30 - 1:30 PM (Spanish) & 2 - 4 PM

Monday-Saturday Masses

7 AM, 7:30 AM, 8 AM, 8:30 AM,
12:10 PM & 5:15 PM

Monday-Saturday Confessions

7:45 - 8:15 AM,
10 AM - 12 NOON & 3:30 - 6 PM

Basilica Hours

7 AM - 6 PM
Daily

Gift Shop & Bookstore

9 AM - 5:30 PM (Monday - Friday)
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM (Saturday & Sunday)

Cafeteria & Dining Room

7:30 AM - 2 PM (Monday -Saturday)
7:30 AM - 3 PM (Sunday)

Guided Tours

9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM
(Monday-Saturday)
1:30 PM, 2:30 PM & 3:30 PM (Sunday)



Basilica of the
National Shrine of the
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Washington, DC

Priests of the Basilica

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Vito A. Buonanno
Director of Pilgrimages

Reverend Michael D. Weston
Director of Liturgy

Reverend Raymond A. Lebrun, O.M.I.
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Advent & Christmas Season Schedule



“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church
(No. 524)*



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Schedule of Liturgies & Events

Advent Season

December 1 First Sunday of Advent
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Vespers: 4:00 PM

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Vespers: 4:00 PM

December 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
7 AM, 7:30 AM, 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 5:15 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Most Reverend Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
Celebrant & Homilist
(Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network)

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Vespers: 4:00 PM

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Vespers: 4:00 PM

Blessing of the Bambinelli & Lighting of the Christmas Tree
4:30 PM Mass - Great Upper Church
Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine before the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Christmas Season

December 24 Christmas Eve
Children's Mass with Pageant: 5 PM
Choir of the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector
Celebrant & Homilist

Choral Meditations on the Nativity 10 PM
Solemn Mass (Choir): 10:30 PM
Most Reverend Christophe Pierre
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Celebrant & Homilist
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December 25 Christmas Day
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
Archbishop of Washington
Celebrant & Homilist
(Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network)

Spanish: 2:30 PM
Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
Celebrant & Homilist
(Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network)
There are no Confessions scheduled on Christmas Day.

December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Spanish: 1:30 PM

January 1 Mary, Mother of God
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON
Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector
Celebrant & Homilist
There are no Confessions scheduled on New Years Day.

January 5 Epiphany of the Lord
5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM
Spanish: 1:30 PM
Solemn(Choir): 12:00 PM
Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services, U.S.A.
Celebrant & Homilist

Special Events

December 6 Christmas Concert
7:30 PM Great Upper Church
Choir of the Basilica
&
The Catholic University of America
Benjamin T. Rome School of Music
Chorus & Symphony Orchestra
A freewill offering will benefit the Brothers of Charity

December 14 Walk with Mary Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
2:30 PM - Great Upper Church
Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
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Celebrant
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December 22 Blessing of the Bambinelli & Lighting of the Christmas Tree
4:30 PM Mass Great Upper Church
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December 25 Christmas Dinner
For Those Who Are Alone or In Need
12:15 PM - 2:30 PM Dining Room
To volunteer please visit
www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner
or call (202) 526-8300.
To Register for a Meal
please call (202) 526-8300.

December 21st - 24th

Pre-Christmas Confession Schedule

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

There are no Confessions scheduled on Christmas Day.