



THE BASILICA

of the NATIONAL SHRINE of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Basilica to Resume Pre-Pandemic Sunday Mass Schedule on Pentecost *Daily Masses, Devotions, and Confession to be Expanded*

Beginning with Pentecost, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will resume its full “pre-pandemic” Sunday Mass schedule. In addition, the Basilica will reintroduce two daily Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as expand the availability of Confession by one hour Monday through Saturday.

Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, said, “With the District of Columbia lifting capacity restrictions for Houses of Worship effective May 21, we thought that Pentecost, which is traditionally referred to as the “Birthday of the Church,” would be a most perfect opportunity for Mary’s Shrine to enhance its schedule. We hope that as we seek to return to our normal operations without restriction, we will be able to better serve the faithful who come to Mary’s Shrine.”

Sunday Mass, beginning with Pentecost, will be celebrated at 4:30 pm (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm (Choir, Livestreamed), 2:30 pm (Spanish, Livestreamed), and 4:30 pm. Livestreamed Masses may be viewed at www.nationalshrine.org/mass.

Beginning May 24, daily Mass will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 7 am, 8 am, 12:10 pm, and 5:15 pm. Masses on Saturday will be celebrated at 7 am, 8 am and 12:10 pm. The 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday will remain the Vigil Mass for Sunday.

Also on May 24, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 12 pm, Friday from 1 pm to 5 pm, and on First Saturdays from 1 pm to 4 pm. Benediction will follow all times of Exposition.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be expanded one hour beginning May 24 and will be offered from 9 am to 12 pm, Monday through Saturday.

The Basilica will not require proof of vaccination; however, face masks must be worn at all times and social distancing measures will remain in effect. Advance registration is requested for Sunday, Holy Day, and other special Masses at www.nationalshrine.org/mass-registration.

Please visit www.nationalshrine.org for additional details.

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