

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.



Holy Name Cathedral

Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon
Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),
12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

A blessed Christmas season to all! How quickly the Advent days gave way to Christmas! We will open our gifts and then bundle and toss away the wrapping paper. However, did we ever consider the Christmas wrappings as truly part of the gift? I share with you a

beautiful story that is so appropriate this Christmas. Read ... reflect ... and pass it on.

The story goes that a mother punished her five-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the following morning and said, "This is for you, Momma."

The mother was embarrassed by her earlier overreaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She harshly told her daughter, "Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package?"

The little girl teared up and said, "Oh, Momma, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full."

The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, begging her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger. The mother kept that gold box by her bed for all the remaining years of her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced difficult problems, she would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In the truest sense, each of us has been given a Golden Box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

The Faith Community of Holy Name Cathedral is a precious blessing for me. We are also a rich blessing to each other. I conclude with "A Christmas Blessing" as we close out 2023 and look forward with hope and joy in the Lord to the new year ahead!

A Christmas Blessing

May there be harmony in all your relationships.

May sharp words, envious thoughts, and hostile feelings be dissolved.

May you give and receive love generously.

May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day.

May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ.

May the honor given to the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul.

May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your mind.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you.

May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too quickly take for granted.

May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.

May the coming year be one of good health for you.

May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and spirit.

May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence will guide and direct you daily.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace.

May you bring this peace into the world.

— Joyce Rupp, "Out of the Ordinary"
(Ave Maria Press)

Christmas Blessings to you and your family,
Fr. Greg

Christmas 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

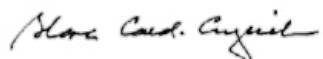
The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago

Order of Worship

The Precious Blood will be offered only at the 10:30am and 5:15pm Sunday Masses. We will have two stations at the front of the Cathedral near the altar. Please sit in the front two sections if you plan to receive from the cup.

Prelude

Rorate Caeli

Chant Mode I

Entrance Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah!

Worship Hymnal #387

Penitential Rite

Spoken

First Reading

Worship Hymnal #1011

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

For ever will I sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Acclamation

Worship Hymnal #326

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Offertory Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Worship Hymnal #875

*To all our faithful parishioners
who give of their time, talent
and treasure – thank you
for your generosity.*

*To all of our visitors today from all
over the country and world, know
that your monetary gift will go toward the support of
the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity.*



Holy, Holy

Missa Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #347

Memorial Acclamation

Missa Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #348

Amen

Missa Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #349

Lamb of God

Worship Hymnal #311

Communion Antiphon

**A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be Emmanuel.**

Communion Hymn

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Carey Landry

Communion Motet

Rorate Caeli (10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)

Richard Proulx

Recessional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #386

Cathedral Tours After 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

Each week, Cathedral Docents lead short, 15-minute express tours following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Those who are interested in these free tours are invited to sit in the front pews along the center aisle after Mass.

Catholic Illuminations

Why Do Catholics Go to Midnight Mass on Christmas?

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

One of the genuinely unique traditions of the Catholic Church is the celebration of Midnight Mass on Christmas. It is a beautiful tradition because it forces us out of our routine. Because no other time in the year do we gather in the darkness of night, in the chill of winter, to come to Mass. Depending on Easter Sunday's date, it may still be cold outside in Chicago, but we begin that celebration at 8:00pm, not midnight. Midnight Mass allows us to experience the calm, peacefulness, and stillness of the night hour, waiting for the birth of the Lord.

The tradition of Midnight Mass dates back to the 4th century. A European Christian named Egeria spent three years with Christians in Jerusalem to learn about Christianity from the place of its origin. She wrote that Christians there in Jerusalem kept a vigil at midnight for the birth of the Lord because the exact time of the Lord's birth is unknown. Similarly, the precise time of his Resurrection is not known either.

However, in recent years, "Midnight" Mass changed to become known as Mass in the Night. In the Roman Missal, revised in English in 2011, the four possible Masses for Christmas are the Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord, Mass in the Night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass during the Day. Each has distinct readings and prayers for each Mass. Due to the demand on clergy, musicians, and volunteers needed for any liturgical celebration, parishes have moved Midnight Mass from midnight to 10pm or even 8pm, celebrating the Mass in the Night with the associated prayers and readings. Here at Holy Name Cathedral, for more than 75 years, we have celebrated Midnight Mass at midnight. Fr. Greg has served as the WGN commentator at our Midnight Mass for 39 consecutive years.

Like the Easter Vigil, the Mass in the Night on Christmas Eve begins with a proclamation. The Exultet, or the Easter



Proclamation, is a beautiful proclamation of the victory of Christ over sin and death through his passion and death. For Christmas, Mass in the Night begins with the Christmas proclamation. The Easter proclamation says, "O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!" We do not know when Christ was born or when he rose, but we keep vigil with our faith communities, knowing it has happened.

The Christmas proclamation begins with creation and situates the birth of Jesus Christ in the context of secular and religious history. This baby is no ordinary child because we know that this is no ordinary birth. With the birth of this child, who is wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger, salvation has come to earth. The Christmas proclamation ends with "JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father ... and was made man." With the birth, salvation history begins to move forward towards the salvific acts of this child, culminating in the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of this child 33 years later.

Whether we gather at the Vigil, in the Night, at Dawn, or on the Day, the Christmas Proclamation echoes in our hearts, churches, and world, reflecting the reality that God became man and walked with his people. As we move into the joyful Christmas season, may we share our joy of God's encounter in thought, word, and deed.

Welcome! Make Holy Name Your Cathedral.

We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today! Our hope is that your experience encourages you to join our community. Join one of our ministries or attend an event featured in our bulletin. Or become a member of our Faith Community! Just scan the QR code to register as a new parishioner.



The Birth of Jesus: Conceived in Faith, Full of Promise

The following is an excerpt from “Mary’s Journey” by Fr. Louis Cameli. It’s available as an audiobook — just scan the QR code.

By Fr. Louis J. Cameli

The gospel of Luke describes the birth of Jesus very simply: “And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger...” (Luke 2: 7). This brief description does not quite do justice to what every mother knows, however. Giving birth to a child and becoming a mother reshapes the life of a woman. In a real sense, she herself is reborn when she gives birth to her baby. Mary’s experience was like that of every other mother.

The infant Jesus, like all newborns, made infinite claims and demands on his parents. Apart from modern conveniences, such as disposable diapers, taking care of babies—with their endless claims and demands—has hardly changed over thousands of years. The story then is the story now, of middle-of-the-night



feedings, changing clothes, rocking to sleep, adjusting the blankets. The infant Jesus not only made endless claims and demands; he also signaled infinite promise and unlimited possibilities. Perhaps at no other time of life is so much hope thrown in our direction as when we are first born, We are little bundles of seemingly pure potential.

Mary held the newborn Jesus; she held the demands and the claims, the promise and the possibilities. Mary, the woman journeying in faith, held the child she had conceived in faith. The demands and claims of faith had become clear in her call, and she answered yes in freedom and love. The promise of faith took root in her call. She proclaimed the goodness of God and God’s faithfulness to the promises made to Abraham and his descendants forever. Now it all came together. The demands and claims and promise and possibility were as specific as the child she held. Her journey of faith did not bring her to dream the impossible dream or to follow some vague and perhaps abstract ideal. Her journey led her to hold the flesh of the Word made flesh, who came to dwell among us. In her child’s birth, she was reborn; her faith was renewed.



Upcoming Holiday Mass and Rectory Schedules

Rectory Hours

- **Sun., Dec. 24:**
Abbreviated hours from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Mon., Dec. 25:**
Rectory Closed
- **Tue., Dec. 26:**
Rectory Closed
- **Sun., Dec. 31:**
Rectory Closed
- **Mon., Jan. 1:**
Rectory Closed
- **Tue., Jan. 2:** Regular hours, 9am-4pm

The Nativity of The Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass —

Sunday, Dec. 24

3:00 p.m.*, 6:00 p.m.

There will be no 12:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

Midnight Mass

By ticket; Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.
Check the website for more info.

Christmas Day — Monday, Dec. 25

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*,
12:30 p.m.

There will be no 5:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Feast of The Holy Family

Vigil Mass — Saturday, Dec. 30: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass — Dec. 31: 7:00 a.m.,
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1: 10:00 a.m.*, 12:00 p.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Vigil Mass — Saturday, Jan. 6: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass — Jan. 7: 7:00 a.m.,
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

* Indicates livestreamed liturgy



Reflection

Christmas Accompaniment–Ted Lasso Style

By Dr. Ken Ortega

Higgins offers insight in the series finale of Ted Lasso as the Diamond Dogs wonder if people can change. We could all be better. The best we can do is ask for help and become better. Whenever I return to Texas for Christmas, I notice how much my grandnieces/nephews change. I must remember that my adult siblings and nieces/nephews also change. How do I recognize these changes?

Ted Lasso affects a whole town by listening to others without pre-judging, respecting their journeys, and remaining their confidant. He offers insight, not as a sage, but as one wounded and seeking “better.”

As I encounter family, friends, and strangers during these days, I hope that I don’t advise, attempt to solve, and disregard others. As Pope Francis recommends, I accompany others by putting on their shoes, listening, respecting, and responding as a Christian. I wish this for all of us: Ted Lasso and Pope Francis style. BELIEVE!

Dr. Ken Ortega is the Director of Evangelization at Holy Name Cathedral.

Misa de Los Reyes Magos

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:15pm

We invite you to attend a special liturgical service, a bilingual Mass for the Feast of the Kings on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:15pm. If you are interested in planning the mass or assisting with the reception, please contact Dr. Ken Ortega, kortega@holynamecathedral.org.

Seasons of Hope Support Groups for Bereavement

Starting in January 2024

Jesus assured us that those who mourn are blessed and will be consoled. Seasons of Hope offers those grieving the loss of a loved one in our Holy Name Faith Community an opportunity to join others in giving voice to their unique journeys of grief and find healing, hope, and spiritual accompaniment. These sessions will help participants journey through loss with the help of scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. There will be two Seasons of Hope Bereavement support groups beginning in January 2024. Please scan the QR code to register. Cost: \$25, which includes a participant journal. Questions? Email Sr. Katie Mitchell, FSPA (kmitchell@holynamecathedral.org).



January Salon Series

Woman as the Image of God

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2:00pm

The portrayals of God in the Catholic tradition typically envision God as a man: Father, bridegroom, priest. We know from Scripture that men and women are both made in the image of God, but when pressed on differences between the sexes, many will say that men are the image of Christ, and women are the image of the Church, not God Himself. However, as The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states [239]: “God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God.” Please join theologian K.T. Brizek as she helps us explore how womanhood presents the image of God. No advance registration needed.

Beloved & Gifted Daughters of God Women’s Retreat

Saturday, Jan. 13

You are warmly invited to a Women’s New Year Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Cathedral Rectory. The retreat will begin with Mass and blessing. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$30. Scan the QR code to register.



The Stump of Jesse

Bethlehem of Our Hearts

By Fr. Ton Nguyen

If you make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, how can you avoid the long lines waiting to venerate the birthplace of the Lord in the Nativity Grotto? Here is a tip! Attend the Catholic Mass offered at 4:55am. While there, a favorite activity was waking up early, walking around while the city was still sleeping, bending my knees to pass through the Door of Humility and enter the massive Basilica. From there, I attended Mass at the Grotto, and venerated the holy site without waiting in line. As I exited the Basilica, the aroma of fresh bread and coffee greeted me before returning to the classroom.

I was often accompanied by seminarian friends during my wanderings, with a few Christmas songs echoing in my heart. But I reflect on another song, not a classic Christmas song, “Make Room” by Casting Crowns. The lyrics are:

*“A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper’s door
It was for this a Child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow
The sleeping town they did not know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior King who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows
Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story?”*

The song gives us much to ponder. The question for you and me is, “Is there room in our hearts? For God to write His story?” In the story of salvation, may we all be included because we have made room in our hearts. Let us venerate the Lord with our joy and our brokenness.

Know that you are in my prayers as we celebrate this holy day – The Savior is Born to Us – Merry Christmas to you and your family. I love being a priest. JMJ.



Young Adults Small Group Lenten Journey

The Small Group Lenten Journey is a spiritual pilgrimage during the Lenten season, emphasizing prayer, sacrifice, and charity. It encourages participants to break away from their daily routines, focus on their spiritual growth, and draw closer to Christ. Joining a small group of six to 10 people provides opportunities for meaningful discussions, spiritual practices, and building genuine friendships. There are three options with either a 90 days or 40 days journey commitment.

- **Cross-Group Monthly Meetings on second Thursdays** with Adoration and Evening Prayer (optional) at 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm and Fellowship at 7:00pm.

- **Weekly meetings with small groups in Rectory.** Every Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am. The disciplines depends on the group that you are enrolling with. A \$20 fee covers dinner expenses for the cross-group meetings.

Option #1: Fiat 40 (Women only) starts on Feb. 15

Takes place during the 40 days leading up to Easter, building Marian virtues such as purity and piety. Through a series of specific disciplines, challenge-takers seek to build a robust spiritual life and become closer to Jesus through Mary. For more information, please visit fiat-90.com

Option #2: 40-Days Journey (Co-Ed) begins on Feb. 15

The 40-day Lenten Journey group will watch daily videos by Matthew Kelly, reflect on his daily messages, adopt Lenten practices, and form good disciplines as we journey throughout the Lenten season. For more information, please visit: dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

Option #3: Exodus 90 (Men only) starts on Jan. 6

Exodus 90 is an intense 90-day period of prayer, fraternity, and aestheticism. You and a group of like-minded men journey together through the book of Exodus, following Moses and the Israelites as they break their chains of slavery. For more information, please visit exodus90.com

To sign up, scan the QR code.





¡Thank you Hermanas!

The Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at Holy Name Cathedral renewed their vows on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Sister Guadalupe Lopez (Mother Superior), Sister Angeles Barboza, Sister Margarita Garcia, Sister Crescencia Guerrero, Sister Maria Luz Lemus all took part in the ceremony. We are so grateful for the prayers and good works the sisters do for our priests, staff, and Faith Community!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Holy Name Cathedral is pleased to announce it will again sponsor the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this year. Tax preparation is available only on the following Saturdays: Feb. 3, March 2, March 23, and April 13 for clients with incomes below \$70,000.

We will be preparing taxes in the Parish Center which will be open from 9:30am to 4:00pm. **Clients are assisted on a first-come, first-served basis provided they arrive by 12:30pm.** For tax preparation assistance, please bring a government-issued photo ID and Social Security card for all individuals listed on the tax return — including dependents and all tax documents. There is no charge for this service. Any questions can be sent to hncvita@yahoo.com.

Our Conversations on Faith & Fitness Continues

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 4:00pm in the Club Room

Fitness professional Michele Sotak and Spiritual Theologian Fr. Louis Cameli come together to facilitate conversations on the importance and similarities between fitness and faith.

They will showcase how these elements intersect to make

us become a better and more holy version of ourselves, serve others more effectively, and overcome adversity by developing mental fortitude. These sessions will introduce and encourage good stewardship by looking at ourselves holistically and expressing the importance of caring for our bodies and nourishing our spirits.

You can expect to discover solutions to how we can overcome challenges and temptations in our spiritual life and physical life and learn scripture passages and prayers that will support physical well-being and our spirituality.

Please note this is not a workout class, but Michele will demonstrate various exercises and stretches. Sharing and listening to the hopes and challenges people experience in their lives and spiritual journeys is encouraged.

Faith & Fitness sessions will occur on Sundays at 4:00pm in the Club Room. There is no cost for these sessions. Our next two sessions will be Jan. 7: We Have A Gift to Give: The gift of our bodies and lives and the call to stewardship, and Feb. 4: We are Sent with A Purpose: Our bodies and souls are on a mission; we have a purpose to accomplish.

Please scan the QR code to register. Questions? Email Michele Sotak at msotak@holynamcathedral.org.





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sacramental preparation, and service ministries caring for those in need. To make your Christmas donation, please use the QR code or go to the tinyurl.com/HNCgiving. Thank you for your generous heart.



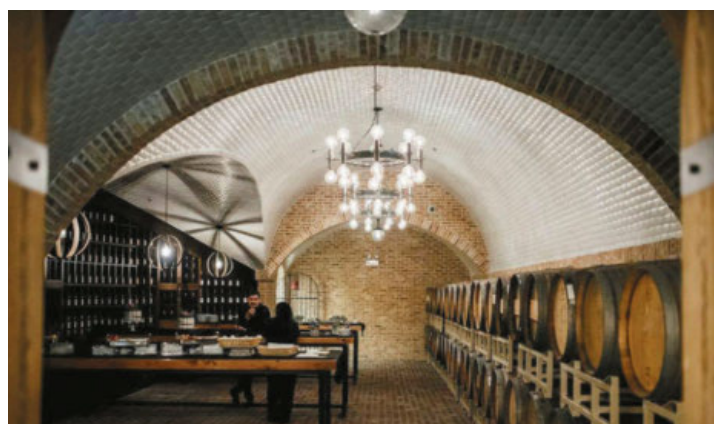
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The Cathedral's eGiving is done on our secure and easy-to-use platform called Pushpay. Scan the QR code to make a one-time donation or set-up recurring giving or go to our secure site at tinyurl.com/HNCgiving. Thank you for your support.

1. Online giving allows you to make your donation no matter where you are.
2. It's more convenient than carrying cash or writing checks.



3. It's environmentally friendly – the “green” way of giving!
4. It's versatile, letting you choose where to direct your gift.
5. It's safe and secure.



Reserve Your Tickets Today!

Inaugural Winter Blast

Feb. 2 at 6:00pm at Goose Island Barrel House

Join us for an evening of casual fun at the Goose Island Barrel House, a private event venue where they age their world class beers. Tickets are \$150 and include Goose Island craft beer tastings with food pairings, music, games, brewery tours, silent auction, raffle, complimentary valet parking and more. Sponsorship opportunities available. Proceeds go to the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Reserve your ticket; become a sponsor -just scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/WinterBlast24



Save the Date

Heart of Holy Name



Friday, April 12, 2024

Join us for our second annual Heart of Holy Name, a celebration of the heart of our mission and ministries, coming in the New Year, featuring Rich Daniels and the City Light Orchestra. The date will be Friday, April 12, 2024 and will return to the G.A.R. Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center. More information to come!

Fellowship

A Little Humor from the Rector



“Wow! Another money ask from Fr. Greg!”

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Save the Date!

You're Invited to Our Young Adults Lenten Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 3; 11am-6pm in the Parish Center

Join us for an opportunity to rest, pray, be with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Let Him fill you with His graces. Life is busy. Maybe you are stressed, anxious, tired, distracted, or stuck. Or maybe life seems to be going well, but you desire a deeper connection with God. Jesus wants to give you His peace and direction. He has graces waiting for you from His Eucharistic Heart. Take the time this Lent to turn off the noise and to rest with Him on the Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults Lenten Retreat.

The Opportunity:

- Reflect on the encounter with our retreat speaker: Fr. John Kartje, the rector/president of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
- Quiet time for personal prayer, reflection, and rest
- Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- Saturday brunch
- Connect with other young adults on the journey to closeness with God. We try not to overpack this retreat with programming — it's an opportunity to rest and listen to the God who loves you and desires to fill you with His life.



Fr. John Kartje

The Essentials:

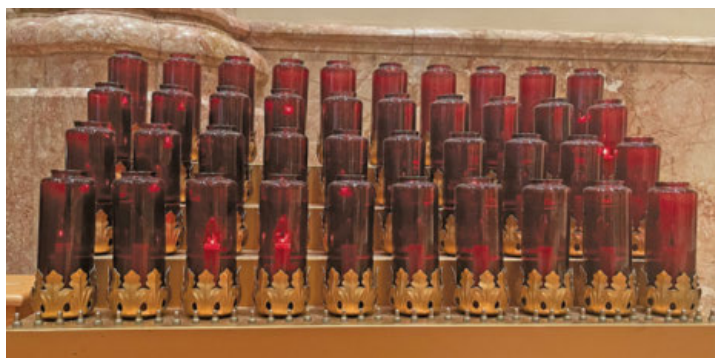
- For young adults ages 18-39
 - Early Registration – \$20 through Monday, Jan. 15
 - Regular Registration – \$25 beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16; registration closes on Monday, Jan. 28
 - Doors open for check-in at 10:30am on Saturday with brunch at 11:00am
 - Location: HNC Parish Center – Use the Courtyard Entrance
- Sign up today! Scan the QR code.



What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received.

At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00am and Fridays at 12pm). To request a Mass Intention, please stop by our Rectory during business hours. Any questions, call the Rectory (312) 787-8040.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.



Wedding Banns



II Bridget DeLaurentis & Andrew Peterson

Mass Intentions

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Week of Dec. 26 to 30

● Tuesday, Dec. 26 (Saint Stephen, The First Martyr)

- 7 AM + Matthew Phillip Boivin
8 AM + Brian Bongat, Mariano Bongat
& Roberta Peña Verde
12 PM + Betty & Mannie Allen

○ Wednesday, Dec. 27 (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)

- 7 AM Robert B. Brehm
8 AM + Brian Bongat, + Ramon Toledo,
+ Louis J. Nicastro, + John Boyle,
+ Donna Barmish, + Deacon Thomas Carylin,
+ Dr. Ernie Tanguilig, Jean Ciambrone
12 PM + Deacon Wally Kunath
5.15 PM + Stephen & Denise Dibiase

● Thursday, Dec. 28 (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

- 7 AM + Cyriac Pullapilly
8 AM + William Wingren
12 PM + Ivacar De Jesus

○ Friday, Dec. 29 (Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas)

- 7 AM + Florine Mendoza
8 AM + Brigida Ochoa
12 PM + Florine Mendoza, + Louis & Eleanore Levin,
+ Louis J. Nicastro, + Mariano Pacini,
+ Corinna Pacini, + Maria Pacini,
+ Salvatore Pacini, + Teresa & Tomasz Wiltowski,
Arsenia Lin, Luis Lin

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 I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that end and submitting to God's Holy will, I ask from you. (Mention your Request) Amen.
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