

Dear People of God,

As we leave our Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus and beautiful holidays with family and friends behind, we turn to the new year ahead. Our many ministries and Staff are busy creating an exciting mix of spiritual, service, and social programs for this year to support your journey as a Disciple of Christ.

One significant change for 2019 will be a new parking plan for the Cathedral. As you know, the current parking lot will become the construction site of One Chicago Square (OCS). The complex will bring a new mix of residential units, grocery and other retail stores, restaurant and banquet facilities, as well as a cutting-edge fitness center. Go to <https://onechicagosquare.com/> to read more about the OCS complex and amenities.

Holy Name Cathedral's new permanent parking lot will reside on the first two lower floors in a secure and weather-protected parking area, expanding our spaces by 18% from 190 to 225 spaces. And the good news is we will not have to wait for the full completion of the construction to move into our new permanent parking lot.

We expect construction to start around mid-March.

As you can imagine, a construction project of this magnitude is going to take time. So that leaves the obvious question - where do we park while the construction of the new complex, including our new parking lot, is underway?

The interim parking plan will offer a variety of options utilizing two nearby public parking lots on Superior/ State Streets and Huron Street between Wabash and State as well as *weekend* parking at the Loyola University lot on Chicago Avenue between State and Dearborn. Loyola University has been a good neighbor and friend to Holy Name Cathedral over the years and making these parking spaces available to us for the duration of the construction is another sign of their support.

Change is hard. The blessings of decades of free, convenient parking is truly a rare commodity in the city. The good news is you will enjoy free, 2-hour validated parking while attending weekend Mass, your ministries, and our many programs at the Cathedral at the local lots above. The Archdiocese of Chicago is finalizing the complete interim parking plan in coordination with our team at the Cathedral. We will communicate the detailed logistics of parking and validation as soon as they are ready.

I truly appreciate your patience and cooperation over the coming months as we adjust to our temporary situation during construction of OCS. Our team will keep you updated as we move through the early weeks of the construction project and as key milestones are achieved. Be sure to follow Holy Name Cathedral on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to get the latest news on Cathedral parking. If you are not receiving our Cathedral emails, you can sign up by sending an email to Dawn Swanson at [dswanson@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:dswanson@holynamecathedral.org).

Please pray for this project as it gets underway and we move to our interim parking plan.

On this journey with you,

Fr. Greg