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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2019

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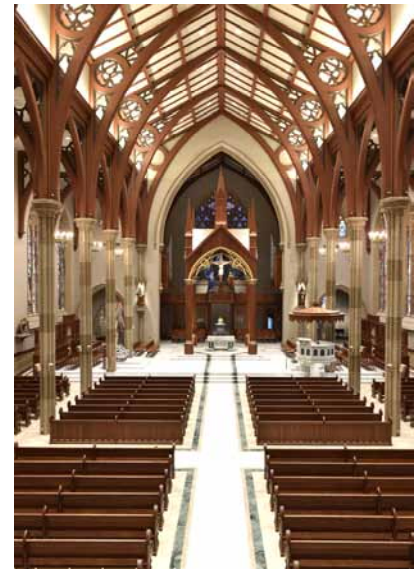
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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in English 10:30 AM - Spanish 11:30 AM

Every Saturday in Spanish: 11:00 AM

Please contact the Cathedral Office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance.

Please contact the Cathedral Office.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Every Saturday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Also by appointment by contacting the Cathedral Office.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Please keep us informed when a person is sick or in the Hospital.

Contact the Cathedral Office in order to put his/her name in the Mass Intention list.

If the person needs to receive the Communion, please contact the Cathedral Office.

### FUNERALS

Please contact the Cathedral Office for information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held on Sunday.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY, YOUNG PROPHETS

Meeting Every Friday: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

### EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday: After the 12:30 PM English Mass until 6:45 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISAS

#### WEEKEND MASSES / FINES DE SEMANA MISAS

#### SATURDAY VIGIL / VIGILIA LOS SABADOS

5:00 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### SATURDAY / SABADOS

Every first (1) Saturday of each month

9:00 AM (Spanish) in Honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

(Celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady)

#### SUNDAY / DOMINGO

8:30 AM (English) 10:00 AM (Spanish)

11:30 AM (English) 1:00 PM (Spanish)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES / MISAS DURANTE LA SEMANA

(Celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady)

#### MONDAY THRU FRIDAY / LUNES A VIERNES

12:30 PM (English)

7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### HOLY DAY MASSES / MISAS EN DIA FESTIVO

12:30 PM (English) / 7:00 PM (Español)

#### HOLY HOUR

Every Monday after the 7:00 PM Spanish Mass



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA

**SATURDAY/SABADO NOVEMBER 30**

**5:00 pm (English)** Health: Maureen Johnson  
Health Kevin Walsh †Mike Adamo (1st Anniv)  
Health: Kerry Reddington †Manuel Esteban Martinez Sr.

**7:00 pm (Español)** Acc. Grac. a San Judas Tadeo  
Acc. Grac. al Señor por los 90 años de vida de Andrea Valle  
Acc. Grac. a San Expedito †Guillermo Almonte Ventura  
Salud: Maria Samaritano

**SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 1**

**8:30 am (English)** Health: Maureen Johnson  
Health Gregory Zimmer, Kevin Walsh, Kerry Reddington

**10:00am (Español)** †Manuel Roman (1er Aniv)  
†Gladys Botello †Ana Ofelia Arcila  
†Sergio Figueroa †Felix Herrera Pinto  
†Ruben Hernandez (2do aniv)  
Salud: Anabella Moharita Salud: Maria Samaritano

**11:30 am (English)** Health: Maureen Johnson  
Health Gregory Zimmer Health: Kevin Walsh  
Health: Kerry Reddington  
†Dorothy Holly †Joseph Torre  
Health: Bernadette Spinella

**1:00 pm (Español)** Salud: Robert Herrera  
Acc. Grac. Al Señor de los Milagros  
†Luis Gutierrez (10 m) †Fausto William Albarran

**MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 2**

**12:35 pm (English)** †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 pm (Español)** Acc. Grac. a San Judas Tadeo  
†Prospero Parraga †Manuel Roman (1er Aniv)

**TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 3**

**12:35 pm (English)** Health German Alberto Romero  
**7:00 pm (Español)** Salud: Maria Samaritano  
†Edith Gonzalez

**WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 4**

**12:35 pm (English)** †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 pm (Español)** †Almas del Purgatorio  
Salud: Maria Samaritano, Maria Suhami Perez

**THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 5**

**12:35 pm (English)** †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 pm (Español)** †Almas del Purgatorio  
†Bartolo Martinez (17 aniv)

**FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 6**

**12:35 pm (English)** †Felix Nava  
**7:00 pm Bilingual Mass-Misa Bilingüe**  
**Anointing of the Sick-Uncion de los Enfermos**  
†Juana Montes de Gil

**A Grateful Heart**

*Thank you for your enthusiastic and generous support for your new Catechetical and Educational Building! Your support of our campaign, "Building on Tradition", means so much to so many. Please keep our mission and our project in your prayers.*

*Mmgr. Geno*

**Un Corazón Agradecido**

*¡Gracias por tu entusiasmo y generoso apoyo para el nuevo edificio catequético y educativo! Tu apoyo a nuestra campaña, "Construyendo sobre la tradición", significa demasiado para muchos. Por favor mantén nuestra misión y nuestro proyecto en tus oraciones.*

*Mons. Geno*

Diocese of Paterson

**Christmas Concert**

Diocesan Choir - Preston Dibble, Director  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Children's Choir - Jessica Mattiace, Director  
with Kristin Dabaghian, Organist and the Gramercy Brass Quintet

Join Bishop Serratelli, the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Paterson as we celebrate Jesus as the light of the world. A variety of music will be presented spanning many centuries and cultures.

**Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist**  
Paterson, New Jersey

**DECEMBER 8th 2019**  
**4:00PM**



## From the Rector's Desk

“Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention He has for each one of us.”

--Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at First Vespers of Advent, November 28, 2009

*In the increasingly secular world in which we live, where references to the Divine are all too often ignored or eliminated, the Liturgical Season of Advent provides us with the opportunity to pause and once again recognize the presence of God in our lives. With the lessening of a religious culture and the increasing pace of life, it can be easy for us to live as if God has little or no influence in our lives. However, such an existence is one devoid of both freedom and joy. For it is only by knowing God's will in our lives and having the courage to discern and live the Father's specific will for us, that we are most authentically free and able to rejoice, even amidst tears.*

*My friends, we invite you to stop—to pause in silence—in order to reflect upon the presence of God in your life. Pause your life, let go for a moment of the many duties, distractions, and obligations that you have, to join us for one of the many liturgical and spiritual opportunities offered here at the Cathedral during Advent. The liturgical celebrations and retreat experiences are listed below...*

*God is a power that surprises and enchants us! God is the fullness of life! God is adventure! And what is the greatest adventure of all? That the eternal God, who existed before all time, decided to become human in Jesus Christ. As we stop our lives to understand His presence in our lives through our liturgical celebrations and spiritual opportunities, it is then that we join in that greatest adventure of all! How could anyone say that being a Christian is boring!*

*Msgr. Geno Sylva*

“El Adviento, este tiempo litúrgico fuerte que estamos comenzando, nos invita a detenernos, en silencio, para captar una presencia. Es una invitación a comprender que los acontecimientos de cada día son gestos que Dios nos dirige, signos de su atención por cada uno de nosotros.”.

*-Papa Benedicto XVI, Homilía en las primeras vísperas de Adviento, 28 de noviembre de 2009.*

*En el creciente mundo secular en el que vivimos, donde las referencias a lo Divino son ignoradas o eliminadas con demasiada frecuencia, el tiempo litúrgico del Adviento nos brinda la oportunidad de hacer una pausa y una vez más reconocer la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Con la disminución de una cultura religiosa y el creciente ritmo de vida, puede ser fácil para nosotros vivir como si Dios tuviera poca o ninguna influencia en nuestras vidas. Sin embargo, tal existencia carece de libertad y alegría. Porque es solo conociendo la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas y teniendo el coraje de discernir y vivir la voluntad específica del Padre para nosotros, que somos más auténticamente libres y capaces de regocijarnos, incluso en medio de las lágrimas.*

*Mis amigos, te invitamos a que te detengas, a hacer una pausa en silencio, para reflexionar sobre la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. Pausa tu vida, olvida un momento los muchos deberes, distracciones y obligaciones que tienes para unirte a nosotros en una de las muchas oportunidades litúrgicas y espirituales que se ofrecen aquí en la Catedral durante el Adviento. Las celebraciones litúrgicas y las experiencias del retiro se enumeran a continuación ...*

*¡Dios es un poder que nos sorprende y nos encanta! ¡Dios es la plenitud de la vida! ¡Dios es aventura! ¡Y cuál es la mayor aventura de todas? Que el Dios eterno, que existió antes de todos los tiempos, decidió hacerse humano en Jesucristo. A medida en que paremos nuestras vidas para comprender su presencia en nuestras vidas a través de nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas y oportunidades espirituales, es entonces cuando nos unimos a la mayor aventura de todas ¡Cómo alguien puede decir que ser cristiano es aburrido!*

*Mons. Geno Sylva*



### Advent

Every Monday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm  
*Holy Hour & Confessions*  
Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm  
*Bilingual Mass with Anointing of the Sick*  
Monday, December 9  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
12:30 pm English Mass  
7:00 pm Spanish Mass

### Advent Retreat (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:45pm  
*Rosary, Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Thursday, December 12 at 7:00pm  
*Mass, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Friday, December 13 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 14 from 9:00am-3:00 pm

### Advent Retreat (English)

Saturday, December 14 from 11:00-1:00 pm

### Live Nativity

Monday, December 23 at 7:45pm  
*In the Cathedral Courtyard, Grand and DeGrasse Streets*

### Christmas

Tuesday, December 24  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Children's Vigil Mass**  
5:00 pm Bilingual  
**Vigil Mass (Bishop Serratelli)**  
9:00 pm Bilingual  
Wednesday, December 25  
**Christmas Day**  
8:30 am English Mass  
10:00 am Spanish Mass  
11:30 am English Mass  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
Tuesday, December 31  
*Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm Bilingual*  
Wednesday, January 1  
*9:00 am Bilingual Mass*

### Adviento

Cada Lunes de 7:30pm to 8:30 pm  
*Hora Santa y confesiones*  
Viernes, Diciembre 6 a las 7:00 pm  
*Misa Bilingüe con Unción de los enfermos*  
Lunes, Diciembre 9  
**Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción**  
12:30 pm Misa en Inglés  
7:00 pm Misa en Español

### Retiro de Adviento (Español)

Miércoles, Diciembre 11 a las 7:45 pm  
**Rosario, Vigilia Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**  
Jueves, Diciembre 12 a las 7:00 pm  
**Misa, Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**  
Viernes, Diciembre 13 a las 7:00 pm  
Sábado, Diciembre 14 de 9:00am-3:00 pm

### Retiro de Adviento (Inglés)

Sábado, Diciembre 14 de 11:00-1:00 pm

### Natividad en Vivo

Lunes, Diciembre 23 a las 7:45 pm  
*En el Jardín de la Catedral, entre Grand y DeGrasse Streets*

### Navidad

Martes, Diciembre 24  
**Visperas de la Navidad**  
**Misa de Vigilia para niños**  
5:00 pm Bilingüe  
*Misa de Vigilia (Obispo Serratelli)*  
9:00 pm Bilingüe  
Miércoles, Diciembre 25  
**Día de Navidad**  
8:30 am Misa en Inglés  
10:00 am Misa en Español  
11:30 am Misa en Inglés  
**Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios**  
Martes, Diciembre 31  
*Misa de Vigilia - 5:00 pm Bilingüe*  
Miércoles, Enero 1  
*9:00 am Misa Bilingüe*

## GRAN CELEBRACION EN HONOR A NUESTRA SEÑORA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

### Miércoles 11 de Diciembre 2019

7:45 - 9:00 pm Hora Santa y Rosario a la Virgen Maria  
por los Inmigrantes, presidida por Mons. Geno Sylva.  
9:00 - 9:30 pm Procesión con la Imagen,  
desde la Catedral al Centro Parroquial.  
9:30 - 12:00 am Homenaje Musical

### Jueves 12 de Diciembre 2019

7:00 pm Celebración de la Santa Misa  
presidida por Mons. Alejandro Díaz García.  
8:00 pm Compartir después de la misa en el Centro Parroquial.

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