



The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral

The Corner of Mott & Prince Streets
New York City



First Sunday Of Advent · November 28, 2021

BASILICA MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm | English |
| Sunday | 9:00am | Spanish |
| | 10:30am | English |
| | 7:00pm | English |
| Monday-Friday | 8:00am | Spanish |
| | 12:10pm | English |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Spanish |

CONFESSIONS

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| Saturday | 4:15pm - 4:45pm |
| Sunday | 6:00pm - 6:45pm |

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Saturday/Sabado - November 27

8:00AM (Spa) For those buried in Calvary Cemetery
 By Pat Egan

5:00PM (Eng) For Santa (Sandy) Raschella
 By Connie & Jimmy DeCarluccio

Sunday/Domingo - November 28 *First Sunday Of Advent*

9:00AM (Spa) For the people of the Parish

10:30AM (Eng) For Joseph Pizzarelli
 By Lorraine Piccirillo

7:00PM (Eng) For John Schoenhut

Monday/Lunes - November 29

8:00AM (Spa) For the Souls longest in Purgatory
 By Pat Egan

12:10PM (Eng) For Mary Donnellan
 By the Doyle Family

Tuesday/Martes - November 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

8:00AM (Spa) Por el alma de Erminio Vargas
 Invita su familia

12:10PM (Eng) For Violanda DiPalo
 By Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Romano

Wednesday/Miercoles - December 1

8:00AM (Spa) For Isabel Fernandez
 Invita Carmen Vargas

12:10PM (Eng) For Joan Casey
 By the Flatz Family

Thursday/Jueves - December 2

8:00AM (Spa) For Anselmo Laboy & Antonio D. Fabila
 By Virginia Fabila

12:10PM (Eng) For Nick & Anna Zak
 By Anna Zak

Friday/Viernes - December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00AM (Spa) For those buried in Calvary Cemetery
 By Pat Egan

12:10PM (Eng) For Nina Riggiero
 By her daughters

Saturday/Sabado - December 4 *St. John Damascene*

8:00AM (Spa) Por el Alma de Jose Antonio Reyes
 Invita su esposa

5:00PM (Eng) For Dorothy, Tennyson & Adeline Liu
 By the Chan Family

Sunday's Collection

Due to the holiday deadline, there is no
 collection listed this week.

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**People Look East!
An Advent Reflection**

“Then he led me to the gate facing east, and there was the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east!”
– Ezekiel 43:1-2

Christian symbolism historically has connected the east with the coming of Christ. Certainly the image of the rising sun recalls the Resurrection occurring at dawn (Mt. 28:1; Mk 16:2, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1) and Christ as the light shining in the darkness (John 1:5). Also Jesus says, “For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Mt 24:27).

Although the priest does not necessarily face geographical East when celebrating, the priest and people worshipping together in the same direction still captures the intended symbolism of Christ’s second coming. It also assists us in elevating our hearts and minds to the One to whom we are offering the sacrifice, recalling the transcendence of God.

The priest does not offer the Mass to the people, nor the people to the priest; rather, both priest and people together offer the sacrifice of Christ to the Father. When the priest and congregation physically orient themselves in the same direction, the reality of what is happening is more clearly expressed: the priest and congregation are not in dialogue but are together offering their prayers and Christ’s sacrifice to God the Father. Thus our worship is meant to open us up to what lies ahead and above, as together we move towards God and God Himself comes to meet us.

“A common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidentals, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue, but of common worship, of setting off towards the One who is to come.” – Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *The Spirit of the Liturgy*.

(adapted from the Church of the Magdalen, Wichita)

GOSPEL: LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

IMPORTANT MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Beginning on Saturday, November 27 (the First Sunday of Advent), **confessions will be from 4:15-4:45pm, and the vigil Mass will be at 5pm** (moved up from 5:30pm).

Fr. Carlos Mullins, who has helped us for many years, is returning soon to Argentina. With only one priest assigned here, we are, regrettably, unable to sustain two daily Masses going forward. As of **Saturday, December 11, we will be suspending the daily 8am Mass (Monday through Saturday) until further notice.** We will continue to have the 9am Spanish Mass on Sundays, as well as the Witness for Life Mass every first Saturday at 8am. If you have questions, or for more information, please contact the parish office.

ADVENT GIFT DRIVE

We are proud to announce that the St. Patrick's Warriors, the post-Confirmation youth group here at the parish, are continuing the tradition of our Advent Gift and Diaper Drive for the babies and mothers in residence at Siena House Shelter. Please take an ornament from one of the trees in the narthex on your way out of Mass and return next week with an essential item or gift for a baby or one of their heroic mothers. Thank you for helping our youth group celebrate the commitment to LIFE with this service, and for your amazing generosity every year. The drive runs until **Sunday, December 19th at 12pm.**

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from St. Patrick's Breastplate

*I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the
Threeness,
Through confession of the
Oneness
of the Creator of creation.*

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,*

*Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

**A MESSAGE FROM
CARDINAL DOLAN**



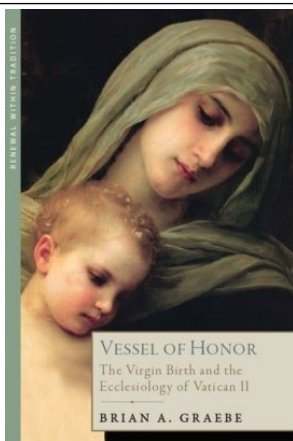
As we embark on this new decade, together in faith, I invite us to remember the mission to which we are all called. It is the task of every generation to take the faith that we've received and share it with others. This is what the Lord calls us to do: to teach, to serve, and to sanctify the world, by proclaiming the truth and making disciples of all nations. This work is most effectively accomplished through the ministry of the Church – in our parishes, our schools, our religious orders, our seminaries, and the many charitable services that are designed to respond to the evolving needs of our communities. This is the work that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal makes possible through your generous donations.

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***Vessel of Honor*
Father Graebe's new book**

Father Graebe's doctoral dissertation explores the doctrine of the Virgin Birth—how Mary preserved her virginity in the very act of giving birth to Jesus—and looks at how this teaching helps us better understand God's saving work in the Church. The book is published by Emmaus Academic Press and available on Amazon.

**The Shrine Church of the Most Precious
Blood**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:30am
2:00pm
(Vietnamese)



**Mass Celebrants at
Most Precious Blood**

Rev. Robert Campagna, OFM
Rev. Patrick Boyle, OFM
Rev. Philip Phan (Vietnamese Apostolate)

The church is open every Sunday (11am-3pm).

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