

**Regular Schedule****Sunday Masses**

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Spanish: 1:30 PM

**Sunday Confessions**

10 AM-12 NOON,  
12:30-1:30 PM (Spanish) & 2- 4 PM

**Monday-Saturday Masses**

7 AM, 7:30 AM, 8 AM, 8:30 AM,  
12:10 PM & 5:15 PM

**Monday-Saturday Confessions**

7:45-8:15 AM,  
10 AM-12 NOON & 3:30-6 PM

**Basilica Hours**

7 AM - 6 PM  
Daily

**Gift Shop & Bookstore**

9 AM - 5:30 PM (Monday - Friday)  
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM (Saturday & Sunday)

**Cafeteria & Dining Room**

7:30 AM - 2 PM (Monday -Saturday)  
7:30 AM - 3 PM (Sunday)

**Guided Tours**

9AM, 10AM, 11AM & 1PM, 2PM, 3PM (Monday -Saturday)  
1:30PM, 2:30PM & 3:30PM (Sunday)



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Washington, DC**

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# Advent & Christmas Season Schedule

(November 29, 2009 - January 10, 2010)



“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church  
(No. 524)*



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# Schedule of Liturgies & Events

## Advent Season

### November 29 First Sunday of Advent

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Spanish: 1:30 PM  
Vespers: 4:00 PM

### December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Spanish: 1:30 PM  
Vespers: 4:00 PM

### December 8 Immaculate Conception

7 AM, 7:30 AM, 8 AM, 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 5:15 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl  
Archbishop of Washington  
Celebrant & Homilist  
*(Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network)*

### December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Spanish: 1:30 PM  
Vespers: 4:00 PM

### December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Spanish: 1:30 PM  
Vespers: 4:00 PM

### Pre-Christmas Confession Schedule

December 20-24  
10 AM - 6 PM

## Christmas Season

### December 24 Christmas Eve

Children's Mass with Pageant: 5 PM  
Choir of the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart  
Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector  
Celebrant & Homilist

Choral Meditations on the Nativity 10 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 10:30 PM  
Most Reverend Pietro Sambì  
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States  
Celebrant & Homilist  
*(Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network)*

### December 25 Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl  
Archbishop of Washington  
Celebrant & Homilist  
Spanish: 2:30 PM  
Most Reverend Francisco Gonzalez, S.F.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington  
Celebrant & Homilist

### December 27 Holy Family

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
1:30 PM Spanish

### January 1 Mary, Mother of God

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
12 NOON (Choir)  
Theodore Cardinal McCarrick  
Archbishop Emeritus of Washington  
Celebrant & Homilist

### January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM, 1:30 PM (Spanish) & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio  
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA  
Celebrant & Homilist

## Christmas Season

### January 10 Baptism of the Lord

5:15 PM (Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9 AM,  
10:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Solemn (Choir): 12 NOON  
Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector  
Celebrant & Homilist  
Spanish 1:30 PM

## Special Events

### December 4 Christmas Concert

7:30 PM Great Upper Church  
Choir of the Basilica  
&  
The Catholic University of America  
Benjamin T. Rome School of Music  
Chorus & Symphony Orchestra

*A freewill offering will benefit  
Consortium of Catholic Academies*

### December 25 Christmas Dinner

For Those Who Are Alone or In Need  
12:15 PM - 2:30 PM Dining Room  
To Volunteer or To Register for a Meal  
Please Call (202) 526-8300

## Regular Schedule

### Monday-Saturday Liturgies

7 AM, 7:30 AM, 8 AM, 8:30 AM,  
12:10 PM & 5:15 PM

### Sacrament of Penance

**Sundays** 10 AM-12 NOON,  
12:30-1:30 PM (Spanish) & 2-4 PM  
**Monday-Saturday** 7:45-8:15 AM,  
10 AM-12 NOON & 3:30-6 PM