

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, 22 December: 4 PM

Sunday, 23 December: 9 & 11 AM



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, 24 December

5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Music Reflections

Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Incense will be used
at 8 PM & Midnight

Christmas Day - Tuesday, 25 December

11:00 AM Christmas Mass

(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

26 December to 28 December

Regular 12:05 PM Mass

Holy Family Weekend

Saturday, 29 December & Sunday, 30 December

Regular 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

Monday, 31 December—New Year's Eve

Regular 12:05 PM Mass

New Year's Day—Tuesday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass

(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)



Did you know that New Year's Day
is a Holy Day of Obligation?

It is interesting that the first people to be told about the coming of Jesus weren't the religious elite or kings and rulers, but were instead common shepherds, ordinary working-class people.



When Jesus describes Himself as a shepherd throughout the gospels, we can think back to the first people who visited Him as He lay in the manger.

The shepherds were also the first evangelists. They took the good news that was told to them by the angels and that they witnessed with their own eyes, and told everyone they met. They began the task of spreading this good news that would, as the angel said, bring great joy to all people.

Just as the shepherds spread the good news at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, He commissioned His followers to spread the good news at the end of it, telling His disciples, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations."

Christmas offers a unique opportunity to share the good news, but

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1. Invite a neighbour, a friend, a family member to the Cathedral to attend Christmas mass.
2. Invite someone who would otherwise be alone this Christmas to your home for dinner.
3. Pray for people you know, for those whom you do not know and especially for the ones who need God's love and care in a special way.
4. Greet people whom you do not recognize at mass. Introduce them to others—your smile and welcome may have a profound and lasting impact on your new friend, and on the parish!
5. Be attentive—pay attention to those who linger after mass, who attend parish socials and rarely speak with others. These are opportunities to reach out and acknowledge those who sometimes feel invisible.
6. Reach out to the sick, grieving, and vulnerable. Small signs of care will bear fruit.
7. Play together as well as pray together. We have some great social opportunities coming up—Shrove Tuesday, St. Paddy's Day, Cinco de Mayo - plan to attend and invite a friend!
8. Consider joining Discovering Christ which begins February 12, 2019 at the Cathedral.
9. Prayerfully consider getting involved in ministry and service in our community in 2019.