



**The Basilica of  
St. Patrick's Old Cathedral**  
The Corner of Mott & Prince Streets  
New York City



**Third Sunday Of Advent - December 11, 2022**

**BASILICA MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
 Sunday 9:00am (Spanish)  
 10:30am  
 7:00pm  
  
 Monday-Friday 12:10pm

**CONFESSIONS**

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

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**Saturday, December 10**

**5:00PM** For John W. Neumayr  
 By Robert & Ann Hess

**Sunday, December 11 *Third Sunday of Advent***

**9:00AM (Spa)** For the people of the Parish  
**10:30AM** For Rafael & Nitida Grullón  
**7:00PM** For the health of Mike Donahue  
 By Danny & Charlotte Ann Carroll

**Monday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe***

**12:10PM** For Merita Kacaj (L)

**Tuesday, December 13 *St. Lucy***

**12:10PM** For Rafael Grullón

**Wednesday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross***

**12:10PM** For Casimir Leung  
 By siblings

**Thursday, December 15**

**12:10PM** For Kyeng June Thomas AHN  
 By family

**Friday, December 16**

**12:10PM** For Michael Nguyen  
 By Annil Tran

**Saturday, December 17**

**5:00PM** For Kathleen Viancourt  
 By Robert & Ann Hess

*Support  
our  
Basílica*



*The Sanctuary Candle will be lit at Mass this week  
 In memory of Mary & Pat DeBonis  
 Offered by their daughter*

**DUE TO THE BULLETIN DEADLINE  
 LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION  
 WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK**

## ADULT THEOLOGY CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Were you baptized, but never received Confirmation?

Do you simply want to know more about our faith?

**RCIA is for you!** *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a year-long program that prepares people to receive all or some of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, communion) at the Easter Vigil. The program offers a comprehensive study of the beliefs of the Catholic Church in a friendly and approachable setting. Even if you have made your sacraments, this is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith.*

Jan 9	Commandments 1-3
Jan 23	Commandments 4-10
Feb 6	Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation
Feb 13	Eucharist and Mass
Feb 27	Confession
Mar 6	Holy Orders, Matrimony, Anointing
Mar 20	Prayer and Scriptures

**All classes are 7-8:30pm** in the basement of the Youth Center, 268 Mulberry St. (Dates and location subject to change; please sign up to receive notifications.)

If you're interested in participating, please email Father Graebe at [father.graebe@oldcathedral.org](mailto:father.graebe@oldcathedral.org), or call the parish office at (212) 226-8075.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4PM

Carols at 11PM

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9AM (Spanish)

10:30AM

11:30AM (Most Precious Blood)



## FIRST READING: IS 35: 1-6a,10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

## SECOND READING: JAS 5: 7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## GOSPEL: MT 11: 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



**A MESSAGE FROM  
CARDINAL DOLAN**



As we journey 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. **Please visit [cardinal-sappeal.org](http://cardinal-sappeal.org) to make your gift.**

I thank you for your continued support of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

**INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN**

Please consider signing up for recurring giving on WeShare. You can set the amount you wish to give on a weekly or monthly basis. This option allows you to support our parish even when you're away, making it easier for you and better for us. We hope that more parishioners will upgrade to WeShare as part of our increased offertory campaign. If you would like to sign up for recurring giving on WeShare, please scan the QR code here. Thank you for your support and generosity.



**BURIAL SERVICES AT THE BASILICA**

We have revived the tradition of Christian Burial here at Old St. Patrick's. We are the only operating Catholic graveyard and catacombs in Manhattan. We have a limited number of niches available. Email Frank Alfieri, [frank@oldcathedral.org](mailto:frank@oldcathedral.org) or call (212) 226-8075 to learn more.

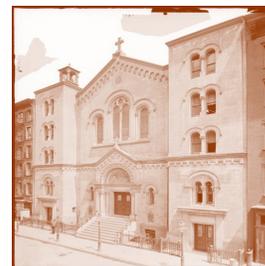
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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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The Break Fast podcast takes a lighthearted look at the Catholic faith through the lens of food and drink. Each episode explores Catholicism in a fun way to see how surprising, everyday things can help us deepen our faith. The topics will entertain, inform, and maybe even inspire! You can find it on Apple Podcasts and, if you like what you hear, please share it with your friends and family.



***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.

