

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 12:00pm
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Sundays 7:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm
Holy Days of Obligation 7:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sundays 6:35pm
Monday - Friday 12:25pm

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Fridays 12:30 to 1:30pm
First Fridays (not June, July & August) ... 7:00 to 8:00pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MATRIMONY
Email the Pastor to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45pm. **Sunday** 6:30-7:30pm.
Wednesdays 7-8pm during Lent (not Ash Wednesday).

HEALING MASS/BLESSING OF THE SICK
1st Friday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
September to May. Contact psr@stanndc.org

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM
September to May. Contact director@stanndc.org

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)
September to May. Contact director@stanndc.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday - Thursday, 11:00am to 3:00pm Friday, *Closed for Lunch* 12 to 12:30pm

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@Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30am † Martin Arreseigor

11:00am † *Pro Populo*

7:00pm † William C. Walker

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30am † Msgr. Bernard C.
Gerhardt

12:00pm † Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baca

7:00pm † Mark Kimmins

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00pm † Mary Donohue

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00pm † Robert T. Gerken

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00am † Francesco Pitorio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:00pm † Robert T. Gerken

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00pm † Eleanor Heath

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous to help religious communities care for seniors. ***Thank you!***

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On December 8, we celebrate
the Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy
Day, with Masses at 7:30am,
noon and 7:00pm.



WATCH MASS HERE:

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NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Register online at stanndc.org/member or find print registration forms at the entrances of the Church! Please let us know if you are relocating or moving by emailing or calling the Office at (202) 966-6288.

welcome
TO OUR CHURCH



Children's Christmas Eve Pageant



Children needed for our 5:00pm Mass Christmas Eve Pageant! Kids age Pre-K and older participate as a shepherd, Magi, or other non-speaking role. Kids 5+ may be readers. Contact psr@stanndc.org to sign up.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR FRIENDSHIP PLACE:

We're collecting **unused** hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, combs, brushes, band aids, razors, lip balm, tissues, feminine hygiene products, snack bars, etc. (Please do not donate alcohol-based items like hand sanitizer and mouthwash.) Place your donations in bins at the church entrances any time through Sunday, December 15.

Thank you! Your generosity last year provided items to fill more than 100 boxes!

**Youth — Join Us
Next to Wrap
Shoeboxes for
the Homeless:**

**Sunday,
December 7
5:00 to 6:30pm
Collins Room**

**Youth — Join Us
to Fill
Shoeboxes for
the Homeless:**

**Sunday,
December 14
5:00 to 6:30pm
Collins Room**

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

ADVENT LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

It is now time for **Advent** and a new liturgical year. The word *Advent* means “coming toward” or “approaching.” As we draw close to the end of another year, once again the days become shorter and shorter in terms of sunlight until we mark the shortest day of the year on December 21. Then, the days slowly but surely begin to become longer, as more and more sunlight fills the skies. Nature’s dramatic show of sky light inspired the ancient pagan world to believe in gods of light and darkness which battle each other in a never-ending struggle of good vs. evil. While it may seem at times that light fades under the power of darkness, it is never entirely snuffed out; in fact, it comes back stronger and fills the sky with more and more radiance and power, as the tide turns in favor of more and more light, beginning on December 22. For the ancient pagan world, the Sun God would always return triumphant over the power of the opposing god of darkness. This pagan understanding of light and darkness at the end of the calendar year served as the basis for celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ in late December. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. His Light dispels the powers of darkness and sin. Even in the midst of the apparent death of winter, light begins to fill all of creation again and warms the life of a new springtime. Hope abounds, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

The powers of goodness and truth and life and light are never snuffed out; in fact, they always return more powerful than before, just as the light of the sun returns to fill the earth with more radiance. Even though winter enters our hearts, springtime joyfully beckons. May the divine radiance shine brightly in our hearts and minds as we make his Light shine forth in a confused world.

As the year comes to a close, this serves me the opportunity to ask God’s choicest blessings upon each of you and your families. May the Christ Child whom we long to see for ourselves one day in the Bethlehem of heaven find his Heart burning brightly in our own now and in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Watkins", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins



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NOV. 30 — DEC. 24, 2025:

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Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule 2025-2026

Wednesday, December 24, 2025: Christmas Eve

No Noon Mass Today

4:30pm Music Prelude

5:00pm Mass (*Children's Christmas Pageant,
[Livestreamed](#), Organ, Brass Octet & Choir*)

7:30pm Music Prelude

8:00pm Mass (*Organ, Brass Octet & Choir*)

Thursday, December 25, 2025: Christmas Day

7:30am Mass (*No Music*)

10:30am Music Prelude

11:00am Mass ([Livestreamed](#),
Organ, Brass & Choir)

NO 7:00pm Mass Christmas Night in 2025

Thursday, January 1, 2026: New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day

7:30am Mass (*No Music*)

12:00pm Mass ([Livestreamed](#), *Organ & Cantor*)

7:00pm Mass (*7pm Young Adult Choir*)

Parish Office closed December 23, 24, 25, and January 1.



***Praying you and yours have
a blessed Christmas!***

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RECENT PARISH EVENTS: *MOTHER BUTLER GUILD PARISH FALL DINNER-DANCE & TROOP 100 PANCAKE BREAKFAST!*



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Mother Butler Guild Fall Dinner-Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, November 15! With great music, delicious food, and wonderful company, it was a fantastic way to spend time together and meet fellow parishioners. We're grateful for the support—our event grossed **\$6,200!**



Troop 100 hosted its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sat., Nov. 8, and we were delighted by the strong turnout. Community



members were served by Scouts, who not only delivered meals to the tables but also entertained guests with skits and songs. The breakfast serves as an important fundraiser that helps support the Troop's monthly camping trips, service projects, and other activities. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who purchased tickets, made

donations, and supported the Scouts. Thanks also to Troop 100 for supporting our parish and community!





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