



Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham

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✠ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✠ 21 December AD 2025 ✠

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Cathedral Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed for Lunch Hour: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

The Cathedral is open for Individual Private Prayer daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You are encouraged to take the Bulletin and Mass Leaflet home to utilize them in your prayer life.

December Prayer Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY

with the presentation of the Benemerenti Papal Honors

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 6:30 P.M.
featuring the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral High School Choir,
Walsingham High School Choir, and Walsingham Treble Choir



The Clergy and Staff of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham invite you to join us for a festive gathering in Benedict XVI Hall at the conclusion of Epiphany Lessons & Carols.

Third Sunday of Advent

Weekly Budget	\$28,850
Regular Offering	\$43,426
Black Bag	\$ 5,874

On-Line contribution amounts are entered in the weekly Regular Offering. On-Line contributions can be made by clicking the "Donate Now" button at www.olwcatholic.org. Or you may mail your contribution to Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church 7809 Shadyvilla Lane, Houston TX 77055. If you have any questions concerning your offering, please contact Deacon Mark Stockstill at dcn.mark.stockstill@ordinariate.net.

The Flowers at the High Altar
are given in Memory of
Gary Lange



Wedding Inquiries

Go to olwcatholic.org and choose the sacrament tab. Complete the brief online form and a staff member from the Liturgical Office will contact you.



Sunday, December 28

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am	Rosary for Vocations
8:00 am	Sung Mass [Gregory Adami+ Gregory Adami+]
8:45 am	Confession
9:30 am	Sung Mass [Jenna Malapitan+]
9:40 am	Sung Mass [Poor Souls in Purgatory] - Benedict XVI Hall
11:15 am	Solemn Mass [The Parishioners of OLW]
5:30 pm	Rosary for Vocations
6:00 pm	Sung Mass [Mark & Sarah Seech]

In Our Parish This Week

Saturday, December 20 O Clavis David

8:00 am	Said Mass [Luis Eduardo Rolon+]
9:00 am	Baby Ewing, Baby Gracia, Nina Ela Youngs, and Cooper Blake Youngs Baptisms

11:00 am
Sacrament of Batism Class - DiNardo Parlor

3:45 pm **Confession**

4:00 pm Rosary for Vocations

4:30 pm **Vigil Mass** [Peb Rock+]

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent - O Oriens

7:30 am Rosary for Vocations

8:00 am **Sung Mass** [Parishioners of OLW]

8:45 am **Confession**

9:30 am **Sung Mass** [Larry & Suzie Wilson]

9:40 am **Sung Mass** [In Honor of Jesus, Mary & Joseph]
- Benedict XVI Hall

11:15 am **Solemn Pontifical Mass** [Clergy & Faithful of the OCSP]

1:00 pm Walsinghamers Penance Service - Cathedral

1:30 pm Federation of North American Explorers

- St. Jude Hall & Newman Pavilion

5:30 pm Rosary for Vocations

6:00 pm **Sung Mass** [Mia King]

Monday, December 22 O Rex Gentium

8:30 am Morning Prayer - Holy House Chapel

12:00 pm **Said Mass** [Molly McHard+]

5:00 pm Evening Prayer - Holy House Chapel

Tuesday, December 23 O Emmanuel

8:30 am Morning Prayer - Holy House Chapel

12:00 pm **Said Mass** [Howard Chapman+]

12:45 pm Rosary & Adoration - Cathedral

4:15 pm Walsingham Treble Choir Practice - Seton Rehearsal Hall

6:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction - Cathedral

Wednesday, December 24 O Virgo Virginum - The vigil of the Nativity

12:00 pm **Said Mass** [Cesar & Imelda Malapitan]

4:00 pm **Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with Treble Choir**
[The Parishioners of OLW]

6:00 pm **Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with**

Walsingham HS Choir [Marvin & Suzie Bradshaw+]

8:00 pm **Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with Cathedral Choir**
[Arnaud Pichon+]

10:30 pm Choral Prelude with Carols

11:00 pm **Solemn Pontifical Christ Mass with Cathedral Choir**
[The Clergy & Faithful of the OCSP]

Thursday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am **Said Mass at Dawn with Hymns**
[Andrea Ibarra]

10:00 am **Sung Mass on the Day of Christmas with Hymns**
[Kyzyl Bowden+]

Friday, December 26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr

8:30 am Morning Prayer - Holy House Chapel

12:00 pm **Said Mass** [Erin Nunez+]

Saturday, December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 am **Said Mass** [Tom Graham+]

3:45 pm **Confession**

4:00 pm Rosary for Vocations

4:30 pm **Vigil Mass** [Mark Ferez & James Fisher+]



Cathedral High School is on Christmas break beginning Monday, December 22. Classes and CHS Mass resume Monday, January 5.

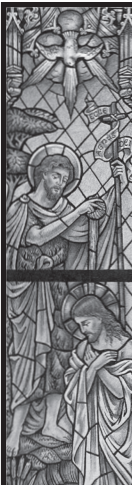
Adult Forum

Faith Seeking Understanding: Adult Catechesis
Fides quaerens intellectum

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
CHS Lecture Hall



Lectures will resume
January 11, 2026



Christian Initiation Our Lady of Walsingham

Christian Initiation meets in St. Jude Hall every Tuesday evening beginning with a simple meal at 6:30pm immediately followed by instruction 7:00pm-8:00pm. Whether you are interested in becoming Catholic, are Catholic and want to complete your sacraments or you just want to learn more about the Catholic Church, please register online at olwcatholic.org/becoming-catholic or scan the qr code.

TOPICS

December 23 - Christmas Break
December 30 - Christmas Break
January 6 - The Sacrament of Confirmation
January 13 - The Mass



Bulletin Folding for Christmas

The members of the Bulletin Folding team will meet **Tuesday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m.** in St. Jude Hall to prepare all the leaflets for the Christmas services. There will be much to do so additional help is gladly appreciated. Contact Catherine Heath at 713-683-9407 and let her know you can help. Thank you!

Parking for Christmas Mass

You are welcome to park at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center parking lot on Christmas Eve. **The 4:00 p.m. Mass will be well attended!**



Parish Office Hours during Christmas

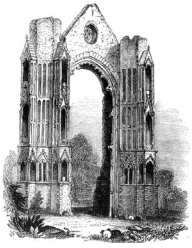
The Parish Offices will reopen on Friday, January 2, after being on Christmas break beginning December 24 at 12:00 p.m. The Daily Mass schedule will continue through the Octave of Christmas.

Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation is on Christmas break. Classes resume Sunday, January 11.

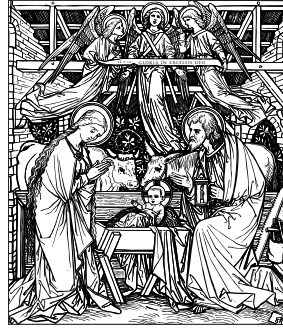
Thank you!

Our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and vendors who made Holy House Academy's Advent Market such a tremendous success. We are also deeply grateful to the Walsingham community for their generous support and joyful participation. A very special word of gratitude goes to the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Walsingham, who so generously cooked and served lunch both days. Their time, service, and hospitality were truly invaluable.



**REGISTRATION AT
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
Welcome to Walsingham!

To register as members of the parish, please fill the online form found on our website at olwcatholic.org in the "About" section. Or complete a visitor's card available in the Narthex. A member of the parish staff will be in contact to verify your information and answer any questions you might have.



**Blessing of a Family
Christmas Crib**

Please stop by the table in the Narthex or Martyrs Chapel to pick up a copy of *Blessing of a Family Christmas Crib* to use at home as you prepare your Nativity and pray together as a family.



New Year's Dance

Join us December 31 in Saint Jude Hall and Pavilion
6:45 pm to 12:30 am

We will have a fabulous playlist to dance the evening away!
Bring a dish to share and bring your own drinks.

RSVP <https://olwcatholic.org/new-years-dance>



The Shrine Shoppe is Open!

The Shrine Shoppe is stocked with Advent candles and wreaths in several sizes and style options, including for children. This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent, get yours soon. Nativities and other Christmas items are arriving weekly, along with non-seasonal devotionals, sacramentals, and other gifts. Our latest arrival includes veils, crucifixes, assorted Icon tapestries, Rosaries and Rosary pouches, journals, and more!

Open Sundays 9 am - 1:30 pm. Closed during Solemn Mass. Please contact Clarissa Escobedo for more information. OLWShrineShoppe@gmail.com



Christmas Clergy Gift

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are indeed very blessed to be a part of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham, and the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. Christmas is an extra special time to honor our dedicated Bishop, Priests, and Deacons for their service to our church. We pray for their continued health, well-being, and the treasure of their vocations.

During this Advent season please consider joining me in participating in a collective gift of treasure. Should you decide to make a gift, please make your check payable to Our Lady of Walsingham and indicate Clergy Gift on the memo line and mail them directly to Karen Chapman at 9333 Memorial Dr. #302. Houston, TX 77024. If you would like to make your gift online, please go to the church's website and click on the DONATE NOW button and go to Clergy Gift.

The deadline for the gift is December 22nd. A card will be presented to each of our clergymen before Christmas with the names of those contributing to the gift. We invite everyone to participate, but again, if mailing your gift make your check payable to Our Lady of Walsingham and indicate Clergy Gift on the memo line. Thank you in advance. Please call me with any questions at 713-828-4464.

The blessing of your generous gift will be much appreciated by our beloved clergy.
Sincerely yours,
Karen Chapman, Parishioner



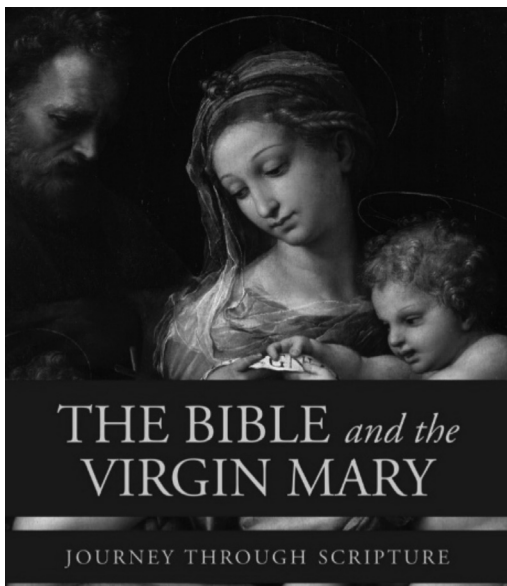
Come Pray the Pre-Mass Holy Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. before the Vigil Mass, Sundays at 7:30 a.m. prior to the 8:00 am Mass, and at 5:30 p.m. prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Spring 2026 Bible Study

Are you looking to deepen your love for the Blessed Virgin Mary? Do you want to grow in knowledge of Catholic teachings on the Blessed Mother and how they are connected to Scripture? Join us for a study of "The Bible and the Virgin Mary." Learn about Mary's role in salvation history, and what role she continues to play in our lives today. See Mary as you've never seen her before.

12-week study begins January 6-March 31, 2026. Participant guide with video access is 24.95 + tax and can be ordered from St. Paul Center using the QR code.



To register, olwcatholic.org and choose faith formation-adult education-bible study or scan the QR code.

NOTE: Minimum of 10 participants is required

O Adonai, come and deliver us!

The Fourth Sunday of Advent begins the week preceding the birth of the Messiah, and we prepare to welcome the Word made flesh and the Light of world. Today's Mass takes its name from the Introit *Rorate, Caeli* ("Drop down, ye heavens, from above") and richly draws together the principal themes and voices of the season: desire, personified in the longing cries of Isaiah; preparation, figured in the forerunner John the Baptist bidding us "Prepare the way of the Lord"; and joy, perfectly exemplified in the Blessed Virgin Mary whose soul magnifies the Lord, whose heart opens the Kingdom of God, and whose womb gives birth to the Infant Savior.

Helping us to contemplate the immense mystery of the Incarnation, the Marian motifs of the Sacred Liturgy hearken back to the Annunciation and would have us imitate their meanings today in our Eucharistic communion with Christ. The Offertory and Communion Antiphons echo St. Luke's account of the Annunciation and help us, as the Postcommunion puts it,

to draw near unto this mystery, that we may set forward the work of our salvation.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, deriving from the ancient Gelasian Sacramentary, punctuates this mood of setting forward and hastening on our way:

whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us.

Welcoming the Messiah who is Adonai (the Hebrew Name for God as the Master of Israel), we wait in trembling awe for the birth as Man from the womb of the Virgin of the selfsame God that appeared to Moses in the burning bush. As the Introit sings, *let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour.*

Dr. Clint Brand



Chrismon Tree

What are chrismons? What is a chrismon tree? The name "chrismon" comes from the Latin "Christi monogramma" meaning "monogram of Christ." Chrismons are tree ornaments with symbols depicting the life and saving acts of Jesus Christ. The evergreen tree on which they are hung symbolizes eternal life, while the ornaments themselves remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Beginning December 23, please be sure to pause by the tree in the Narthex to admire the beauty of the chrismons. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas!

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for sharing in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card (found in the Narthex) and return it in the offering plate so we will have a record of your visit. And please introduce yourself after Mass.

If you are a Catholic, we at Our Lady of Walsingham receive Holy Communion kneeling and by intinction (both species on the tongue).

If you are not a Catholic, during Communion we invite you either to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest, or fingers across your lips, and receive a blessing from the Priest or Deacon, or remain in your pew and reflect on the presence of Christ.



Mass Schedule for Christmas

~ The Nativity of the Lord ~

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm - Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with Treble Choir

6:00 pm - Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with Walsingham High School Choir

8:00 pm - Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas with Cathedral Choir

~ Christmas Mass in the Night ~

Wednesday, December 24

10:30 pm - Choral Prelude with Carols

11:00 pm - Solemn Pontifical Christ Mass with Cathedral Choir

~ Christmas Mass on the Day ~

Thursday, December 25

8:00 am - Said Mass at Dawn with Hymns

10:00 am - Sung Mass on the Day of Christmas with Hymns

~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God ~

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 pm - Solemn Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

8:00 am - Said Mass

12:00 pm - Said Mass

Happy Birthday!

December 20 - Kamilla Avila, Melinda Houser, Katy Toale, Chelsea Perez, Hillary Shortt, Charles Miggins, Janine Swan, Nicholas O'Brien, Margaret Hand, Kyra Gutierrez

December 21 - Madeleine Boler, Paula Holes, Kendall Bott Christopher Hotze, Elizabeth Farnie, Zelig Jimenez, Garnett Shortt, Clare Steele, Mary Helen Alenius

December 22 - Tanner Toale, Anthony Smither, Jocelyn Hayek, Bridget Vultaggio, Marianella Cooper, Stephanie Kissner, Brian Leiker, Kristie Harper, Ian Zimmerman, Marin Gunn, Malcolm Cogan

December 23 - Omar Shurbaji, Jacinda Woloson, Mary Mizell, Virginia Beard, Mary Margaret Fitzgibbon

December 24 - Mary Kehoe, Betty Mortensen, Jamie Aycock, David Baehr, David Creech

December 25 - Ramon Medina, Christopher Stanulonis, Nickolas Sliva, Jennifer DellaCrosse, John Wiley, John Thomas

December 26 - Carolee Cote, Carmen Meza, Garrett Stone, Connie Richards, Herman Brumme, Javier Perales

December 27 - Karen Dixon, David Dominguez, Charlene Love, Catherine Hayes, Tom Augenthaler, Taylor Draughon, Lane Aurisano, Luke Schmidt

December 28 - Jerry Clark, John Quinn, Charlotte Farnie, Lillian McKnight, Maximilian Hayes, Robert Contreras Sr., Leigh Contreras, Mark Mesich, Tiffany Crawford, Heraldo Ventura, Ana Frias, Sofia Dickerson

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Happy Anniversary!

December 20, 1980 - Larry & Susan Wilson
December 20, 2008 - Patrick & Stephanie Partida
December 20, 2013 - Leonel & Karleana Farias
December 22, 1979 - Tom & Kari Curtin
December 23, 1972 - Rory & Patricia Olsen
December 23, 2004 - Michael & Christina Murchison
December 24, 1975 - John & Kaye Roewe
December 27, 1973 - Sherwood & Edith Jones
December 27, 1997 - Blaine & Melise Rider
December 27, 2012 - Craig & Mhairi Hamilton-Smith
December 27, 2019 - Carlos & Andreína Roa
December 28, 1991 - Richard & Mary Holmes
December 28, 2002 - Gregory & Ana Henderson
December 28, 2012 - Manuel Espinosa & Paulina Anaya

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CATHEDRAL
HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027

Admissions and Financial Aid Submissions Are Due in January!

For new students: Applications for admission are due by January 15 and scholarships by January 23.

For returning students: financial aid and scholarship renewal through FACTS financial are due by January 23.

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www.CathedralHouston.org

Weekly Votive Lights

The Votive Lights of The Martyrs
burn this week for all those ill, especially
Connie Westman, Jackson Osborn

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The Votive Lights of Our Lady burn this week for
Anne & Gaelen Mibeck

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The Votive Lights of Saint Gabriel burn this week for
Mark Ferenz+ & James Fisher+

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The Votive Lights of St. Joseph burn this week for
John & Julie Summers Family

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The Votive Lights of St. Jude burn this week for
Jerry Guerinot, Sandra Huskey & Family

Votive Lights

The five large votives can each burn for a week in honor, in thanksgiving, or in intercession, of your loved ones. Complete an intention card located in the Narthex and place it in the collections plate. Please contact the Liturgy Office for questions at 713-683-9407.