



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family
Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
Donovans



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"God Indeed Is My Saviour: I Am Confident and Unafraid"

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15th DECEMBER, 2024 - C

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am

St. Anthony's Potters 6:00pm

Wednesday

St. Francis of Assisi, Villa 6:00pm

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Thursday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi, Villa 6:00pm

Friday

Holy Family Cathedral 12:15 noon

Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral 8:00am

Bible diaries and Gospels are Now
available at the Pastoral Centre.

The 2025 Diocesan Liturgical
Calendars are available for sale at the
weekend Masses

There will be a festival of
reconciliation on Saturday 21st
December at Holy Family Cathedral
starting from 9am to 12 pm.

Parishioners are kindly asked to
return the Advent Stewardship Drive
envelopes on Sunday 22nd December.

The Advent Novena will begin on
Monday 16th December at 5:00 am at
Holy Family Cathedral and at 5:30 am
at St Francis of Assisi, Villa.

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve Mass

Holy Family Cathedral Vigil - 7 pm

Mass at 11 pm. Carol Service begins at
10:30pm.

Christmas Day Mass

Holy Family Cathedral - 9 am

Donovans & Parham - 9 am

Villa and Potters - 11 am.

The funeral Mass for Mr. Asot
Michael will be held on Thursday 19th
December, 2024 at Holy Family
Cathedral at 12:00p.m.

The funeral Mass for Mr. Kelvin
Joseph will be held on Friday 20th
December 2024 at Holy Family
Cathedral at 2:00p.m.

May their souls Rest In Peace.



On behalf of the CKHS Board and
the Organizing Committee, we
extend our sincere gratitude for your
prayers, support, and contributions to
the Gala Dinner, which marked a
successful conclusion to our 90th-
anniversary celebration. We deeply
appreciate each and every one of you
and your contributions to such a
wonderful evening. May God bless
you.

GIVE HOPE PROJECT: During the
Pandemic, the Catechetical and Youth
Ministry introduced the Give Hope
project where we provided food
packages and breakfast to over 50
families in the nearby community. We
have continued the distribution of
food packages during the Food pantry
drives from your contribution of food
items. As we continue our missionary
work, we are inviting the community
to assist with our gift drive this year.
Needed: gifts/toys for children 6
months to 12 years. Thank you for
assisting us in Giving Hope to those in
need.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 8th December, 2024

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,864.77	\$ 467.73
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,367.45	\$ 273.30
9:00 am	\$2,608.86	\$ 617.41
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Potters	\$ 495.00	\$ 55.00
Parham	\$ 380.00	\$ 164.25
Villa	\$ 764.28	\$ 366.55
Diocesan Schools	\$ 175.00	

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT- INS:

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. **We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.** Amen.

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May God continue to bless your generosity.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - Pilgrim of Hope

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5)

What is a Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

How often is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?

The theme is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the worlds.

When does the Jubilee Year start and finish?

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026.

What do Catholics do during a Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to respond to God's call to turn to him and to pursue justice. The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

(Stay tuned for more information on how the Diocese will be celebrating the Jubilee Year)



What are the key first steps to enter into Advent?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus." We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give." Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now." And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

Getting in Touch with Myself

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply. We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

Taken from Praying Advent, on Creighton University's Online Ministries

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12: 2-6

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel

Luke 3: 10-18

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 16th December

Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17

Psalm 25: 4-9

Matthew 21: 23-27

Tuesday 17th December

Genesis 49: 2, 8-10

Psalm 72: 1-4, 7-8, 17

Matthew 1: 1-17

Wednesday 18th December

Jeremiah 23: 5-8

Psalm 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Matthew 1: 18-25

Thursday 19th December

Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25

Psalm 71: 3-6, 16-17

Luke 1: 5-25

Friday 20th December

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm 24: 1-6

Luke 1: 26-38

Saturday 21st December

Song of Songs 2: 8-14 Or

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Psalm 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Luke 1: 39-45

St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

This reading invites "daughter Zion" (Zion is the holy temple mountain in Jerusalem, hence stands for God's people) to rejoice because salvation from all enemies and evil is at hand. We should read this passage to inspire our Advent awareness that God will save us. Life has meaning. It can be beautiful. "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

"The Lord is near." Whatever our ailments and anxieties are, we can turn to him. "Have no anxiety at all." Rejoice, because we Christians know to whom we should turn for peace and happiness. This reading offers a "crash program" for your preparation for Christmas.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

We see by this reading that there were people who reacted to John the Baptist's sermons: "What should we do?" In searching for meaning in life, we ask this question too. It all depends whether or not we are "filled with expectation." Do we look at a future? Do we believe in Jesus to come, who will baptize us (immerse us) in the Holy Spirit and fire?

There are wheat and chaff also in our lives. With our doubts, problems, and anxieties, we should turn to the Lord Jesus. He is concerned. Immersed in the Holy Spirit, we should come to new life! Christmas could be a new start for us

Saint of the Day - 21st December 2024

Saint Peter Canisius' Story

The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord's work.

Peter was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. He played such a key role that he has often been called the "second apostle of Germany," in that his life parallels the earlier work of Boniface.

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle too long, for at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus.

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age..



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19th, 20th & 21st—(9am-6pm)
23rd, 24th—(9am-7pm) | 30th & 31st—(9am-6pm)
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