THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

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SCHEDULE OF MUSIC ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026-2027

November 29, 2026: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE: The King shall come when morning dawns (MORNING SONG)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11am) Gregorian
"To you, I lift up my soul…" *Ad te levavi*; Ps 24:1-3
MASS ORDINARY: Mass XVII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you…
ALLELUIA Mode VIII cf. Ps. 85:8
Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.
OFFERTORY: Creator of the Stars of Night (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"To you…"; *Ad te Domine*; Ps 24:1-3
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Rice
"The Lord will bestow his bounty…" *Dominus Dabit*; Ps. 84:13
COMMUNION (11am): *God be in my head* (Rutter)
POSTCOMMUNION (All Masses): *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (Simple Tone)
CLOSING: Come, thou long-expected Jesus (STUTTGART)

December 6, 2026: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE: Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding (MERTON)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11am) Gregorian
"O people of Zion, behold…" *Populus Sion*; cf. Is 30:19, 30
MASS ORDINARY: Mass XVII; 11am: *Missa super «Pilons pilons l'orge»* (di Lasso) K-AD
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (5pm & 8:30am): Ps 85: Lord, let us see your kindness
GRADUAL (11am): *Ex Sion*, Mode V
ALLELUIA "mystery" Lk 3:4, 6
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
OFFERTORY: Lo, he comes with clouds descending (HELMSLEY)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"You will turn to us…" *Deus convertens*; Ps 85:7-8
COMMUNION ANTIPHON 5pm & 8:30am: Columba Kelly, OSB; 11am: Gregorian
"Behold the joy"; *Ierusalem, surge*; Bar. 5:5; 4:36
COMMUNION (11am): *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (Guerrero)
CLOSING: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (WINCHESTER NEW)

December 8, 2026: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

PRELUDE: *Prelude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, Op. 7 (Duruflé)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 6:30pm: Gregorian
"I rejoice heartily in the Lord…" *Gaudens gaudebo;* Is 61:10
MASS ORDINARY: 6:30pm: *Messe «cum jubilo»* (Duruflé); Mass VIII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98: Sing to the Lord a new song (Gelineau)
ALLELUIA Mode VIII Lk 3:4, 6
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (6:30pm) Gregorian
Ave Maria, Mode VIII
OFFERTORY: Sing of Mary (PLEADING SAVIOR)
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bartlett
"Glorious things are spoken…"; *Gloriosa dicta sunt*
POSTCOMMUNION (6:30pm): *Tota pulchra est* (Duruflé)
CLOSING: Immaculate Mary (LOURDES HYMN)
VOLUNTARY: *Prelude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, Op. 7 (Duruflé)



December 13, 2026: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT *«Gaudete»*

VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm der heiden Heiland,* BuxWV 211 (Buxtehude)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Weber; 11am: Gregorian
"Rejoice in the Lord always…" *Gaudete in Domino;* Phil 4:4, 5
MASS ORDINARY: Mass XVII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lk 1: My soul rejoices…
ALLELUIA Mode II Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
CREDO III (11am)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON 8:30AM: Bartlett; 11AM: Gregorian
"O Lord, you have blessed…" *Benedixisti;* Ps 85:2
COMMUNION ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11am) Gregorian
"Say to the faint of heart…" *Dicite: Pusillanimes;* cf. Is 35:4
COMMUNION: O come, o come Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)
POSTCOMMUNION (11am): *O Radiant Dawn* (MacMillan)
CLOSING: Savior of the nations, come (NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND)
VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm der heiden Heiland* (Bruhns)

December 20, 2026: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 5pm & 8:30am: Weber; 11am: Gregorian
"Drop down, dew…" *Rorate caeli*; Is 45:8, Ps 18
MASS ORDINARY: Mass XVII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 89: For ever I will sing…
ALLELUIA Mode VI Lk 1:38
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.
OFFERTORY/PREPARATION: O come, o come Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"Hail Mary…"; *Ave Maria*; Lk 1:28, 42
COMMUNION ANTIPHON 5pm & 8:30am: Motyka; 11am: Gregorian
"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive…" *Ecce Virgo concipiet*; Is 7:14
COMMUNION (11am): *Maria durch ein' Dornwald ging* (arr. Claas)
POSTCOMMUNION (all Masses): *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (Simple Tone)
CLOSING: O come, Divine Messiah (VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE)



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2026: CHRISTMAS EVE (5:00pm & 8:00pm)

CAROL PRELUDE + (8pm)
ENTRANCE: O come, all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES)
MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96: Today is born our Savior (Guimont)
ALLELUIA Mode VIII (*8PM w/falso*)
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.
OFFERTORY: Good Christian men, rejoice! (IN DULCI JUBILO)
COMMUNION: Away in a Manger (MUELLER)
Silent Night (STILLE NACHT)
Joy to the world (ANTIOCH)
POSTCOMMUNION (8pm): *Bethlehem Down* (Warlock)
CLOSING: Hark, the herald angels sing (MENDELSSOHN)
VOLUNTARY: "Finale" from *Symphonie Nr. 6* (Widor)

December 25, 2026: CHRISTMAS DAY (Mass at Midnight)

CHORAL PRELUDE + instruments

In splendoribus sanctorum (Shenk) / *Bethlehem Down* (Warlock) / *Benedicamus Domino* (Warlock) / *Ave Maria* (Parsons) / *What is that lovely fragrance (Willan)*

ENTRANCE: O come all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES; OxCfC arr., vs. 1-2, 6-7)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Gregorian

"The Lord said…"; *Dominus dixit ad me*; Ps 2

MASS ORDINARY: *Missa Sancti Nicolai* (Haydn)

GRADUAL *Tecum principium*, Mode II

ALLELUIA Mode VIII (cong. on ref.) Lk 2:10-11

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

CREDO III (Malcolm *"et incarnatus"*)

OFFERTORY: Good Christian men, rejoice! (IN DULCI JUBILO)

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON Gregorian

"Let the heavens rejoice…" *Laetentur caeli*; Ps 96:11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Gregorian

"Amidst the splendor…" *In splendoribus*; Ps 110:3

COMMUNION: Away in a manger (MUELLER)

Silent night (STILLE NACHT)

POSTCOMMUNION: *O magnum mysterium* (Lauridsen)

CLOSING: Hark! The herald angels sing (MENDELSSOHN; OxCfC)

VOLUNTARY: "Finale" from *Symphonie Nr. 6* (Widor)

December 25, 2026: CHRISTMAS DAY (Mass during the Day, 10:00am)

CAROL PRELUDE

ENTRANCE: O come all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Gregorian

"A child is born for us…"; *Puer natus est nobis*; cf. Is 9:5

MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth have seen (Guimont)

ALLELUIA Mode II 11am: Gregorian vs

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

OFFERTORY: Good Christian men, rejoice! (IN DULCI JUBILO)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Esguerra

"All the ends of the earth…" *Viderunt omnes*; cf. Ps 98:3

COMMUNION: Away in a manger (MUELLER)

POSTCOMMUNION (11am): *Bethlehem Down* (Warlock)

CLOSING: Hark, the herald angels sing (MENDELSSOHN)

VOLUNTARY: "Finale" from *Symphonie Nr. 6* (Widor)

December 27, 2026: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

ENTRANCE: Angels we have heard on high (GLORIA)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11:00am) Gregorian
"God is in His holy place…"; Deus in loco; Ps 67:6,7,36,2
MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 128: Blessed are those who fear… (Ludwick)
ALLELUIA Mode VI Col 3:15a, 16a
Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
OFFERTORY: Angels from the realms of glory (REGENT SQUARE)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"In You, I have put my trust…"; *In te speravi*; Ps 30:15-16
COMMUNION: What child is this? (GREENSLEEVES)/ The First Nowell (ad libitum)
POSTCOMMUNION (11am): *Maria durch ein' Dornwald ging* (arr. Claas)
CLOSING: Joy to the world (ANTIOCH)

January 1, 2026: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Weber
"Hail, holy Mother…"; *Salve, Sancta Parens*
MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 67: May God bless us (Bartlett)
ALLELUIA "mystery" Heb 1:1-2
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.
OFFERTORY: Angels we have heard on high (GLORIA)
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bartlett
"Behold, your king shall come…" *Exsulta, filia Sion;* Zech 9:9
CLOSING: 5:00pm: *Te Deum*; 6:30pm: *Veni, Creator Spiritus*



January 3, 2027: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PRELUDE: *Prelude in* G, BWV 541 (J.S. Bach)
ENTRANCE: We three kings (KINGS OF ORIENT)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11am) Gregorian
"Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come…"; *Ecce advenit*; cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12
MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII; 11am: *Missa de Angelis II* (Bartolucci) K/AD
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (5pm & 8:30am): Psalm 72: Lord, every nation… (Chabanel)
GRADUAL (11am): *Omnes de Saba*, Mode V
ALLELUIA Mode II (*NB: Gregorian Vidimus stellam @ 11am*) Mt 2:2
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.
OFFERTORY: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (MORNING STAR)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"The Kings of Tarshish…"; *Reges tharsis*; Ps 72:10, 11
COMMUNION ANTIPHON 5pm & 8:30am: Bartlett; 11am: Gregorian
"We have seen his star…"; *Vidimus stellam*; cf. Mt 2:2
COMMUNION: The First Noël (THE FIRST NOWELL)
POSTCOMMUNION (11am): *Videntes stellam* (Poulenc)
CLOSING: As with gladness, men of old (DIX)
VOLUNTARY: *Fugue in* G, BWV 541 (J.S. Bach)

January 10, 2025: THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRELUDE: *Pastorale* (Franck)
ENTRANCE: Songs of thankfulness and praise (SALZBURG)
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8:30 & 11:00am) Gregorian
"You have loved justice…"; *Dilexisti iustitiam*; Ps 45:8,2
MASS ORDINARY: Mass VIII
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 29: The Lord will bless his people (Guimont)
ALLELUIA cf. Mk 9:7
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.
CREDO III (11am)
OFFERTORY: When John baptized by Jordan's River (RENDEZ À DIEU)
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11am) Gregorian
"Blessed is he who comes…"; *Benedictus qui venit*; Ps 118:26-27
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bartlett
"All of you who have been baptized in Christ…"; *Omnes qui in Christo*; Gal 3:27
POSTCOMMUNION (11am): "Behold the Lamb of God" from *Messiah* (Händel)
CLOSING: I bind unto myself today (ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE; 4 vs.)
VOLUNTARY: *Carillon-Sortie* (Mulet)

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