

CHRISTMAS 2021



Proof of vaccination and facial coverings are required to attend Mass in-person.

Family Carol Service, Christmas Eve, December 24

The St. John's Cathedral Choir is joined by children of the Cathedral Choral Academy for a service of readings and familiar Christmas carols at **5:00pm**. A joyful party for children immediately to follow.

Solemn Mass of the Nativity, Christmas Eve, December 24

The Cathedral Choir under the direction of Dr. Chris Gravis is joined by organ and orchestra for a festal prelude at **10:00pm** with Mass to begin at 10:30pm, complete with traditional pageantry.

Christmas Day, December 25

Join us at **10:00am** for the traditional Mass of Christmas day with carols and soloist.

First Sunday after Christmas, December 26

Mass will take place at **10:00am** on December 26 with coffee hour to follow at 11:00am. There will be no 8:00am said Mass on this day.

Please note: Cathedral Offices will be closed for a portion of the twelve days of Christmas from December 27, 2021 through January 1, 2022.



*People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.*

Dear St. John's Family:

Eleanor Farjeon's poem reminds us that Advent is a spiritual preparation for Christmas which includes making our homes fair as we are able for the celebration – that is true also of our church home.

We invite you to find it in your hearts to give something extra to God's work at St. John's this Christmas. Think of the music, the candles, the smells and the sights of our Church adorned to proclaim the birth of our Savior into the world. We hope you will join us in opening your heart and hands to welcome all guests who will visit us because when we welcome the seeker and stranger, we are welcoming Christ himself.

All of our services are listed on the reverse side of this card so you can have a handy reference and invite all your friends and family to be with us. It's a great opportunity to bring someone to Church who might not have a place to worship.

Please use the enclosed envelope to share your gift for St. John's. We would like to acknowledge your gift in the Christmas leaflets, so please note if you want to remember someone who has died, or to give thanks for someone (or something) special this year.

Last year we were unable to come home for Christmas. This year, we hope you will join us in person for 2021, however we will livestream our 10:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve for those who cannot be here. If you are traveling, we invite you to join our digital congregation from wherever you are.

On behalf of the Clergy, Staff, Wardens and Vestry, we wish you the happiest of Christmas Seasons. You will be in our prayers, especially at the Lord's Table on Christmas Eve.

In Christ,



Fr. Mark



Fr. Dan

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