



# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

(Doors open a half hour before confession times)

## Confession Times:

December 21<sup>st</sup>: 11:00am – 12:00pm, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: 11:00am – 12:00pm, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 11:00am – 12:00pm, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

December 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am – 12:00pm

## Mass Times:

(Doors open an hour before Mass, except the 7am Mass, which will be a half hour before Mass)

December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Midnight, 7:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

## Live-stream Mass Times:

December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 PM

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Midnight



## Questions/answers about the "Christmas Tickets"

**Q:** Does the ticket system mean we can't attend Mass without a ticket?

**A:** No. It means that ticket holders are guaranteed a spot up until 10 minutes before Mass. We have 135 tickets allotted per Mass. If you come to the door at, say, 3:45 for the 4:00 Mass, and we have 35 tickets left, you will be assigned one of them and can go in immediately. It will only be if we run out of tickets that you would not be immediately admitted.

**Q:** So, if you run out of tickets, we can't get in?

**A:** Not necessarily. Even if all tickets are given out, at 10 minutes we will take a "ticket count" to see how many people who requested tickets didn't show up. Once we determine from that count how many people are in the pews, we will admit people on a "first come, first serve" basis until we reach capacity.

**Q:** What if we come and the Mass is full?

**A:** If you come and the Mass is full, your best option would be to get a ticket to one of the other Masses. Based on current requests, we should still have open spaces at the 5 pm Christmas Day Mass. Or, you could try your luck at another parish; or, you could watch a live-stream Mass (live or delayed) on Christmas Day.

**Q:** What if we lose our tickets?

**A:** All the tickets are numbered, and a list of name and numbers will be at the door to verify lost tickets if necessary. Handing the ticket will simply be a more expedient way of getting people inside rather than taking the time to look up names on a list.

**Q:** What if we order a ticket and don't use it?

**A:** Taking one ticket per person at the door allows us to account for no-shows, as well as late-comers. We don't want to exceed capacity, but we also want as many people to go to Mass as desire to.

**Q:** Should we arrive early?

**A:** A little early, but not too early. We're opening the door at one hour before the Mass, except for the 7am Mass, when we'll be opening the door at 6:30 am. But if you have a ticket, definitely be there by 10 minutes before Mass. That's when we start allowing non-ticket holders to take your spot.

**Q:** Is the seating assigned?

**A:** No, except for large family groups of more than 6. They will have entire pews blocked off for them...at least until 10 minutes before Mass.

**Q:** If there are seats available, will the door be open for late comers?

**A:** We will lock all the doors at 10 minutes after the hour. Up until then, we will still be allowing people in (if there is room) or offering tickets to later Masses (if the church is full).