

THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
Liturgical Observances Throughout the Year

SUNDAYS.

- 7:30am. Morning Prayer (said in choir)
8:00am. Said Mass from American Missal with minor propers (in Lady Chapel)
9:00am. Sung Mass (Rite II) with Parish Choir, congregational Mass setting, choral psalm and offertory anthem (at High Altar)
11:00am. Solemn Mass (Rite I) with Advent Choir, choral Mass setting, psalm, and minor propers, offertory anthem and communion motet
Coffee Hours follow all three Masses in Moseley Hall
Note: Holy Unction is offered in the Lady Chapel following all three Masses on the first Sunday of the month unless a Major Feast falls on that Sunday, in which case Unction is moved to the Sunday following
4:30pm. Organ recital (before Evensong only)
5:00pm. Evensong and Benediction (as announced), normally sung by one of the Choirs, occasionally by a guest choir

SUNDAY FEAST DAYS (except as otherwise noted)

- 8:00am. Said Mass
9:00am. Procession with congregation included
11:00am. Procession of clergy, choir and servers

GREATER FEASTS OCCURRING ON WEEKDAYS

- 7:30am or
12:15pm Mass (in Lady Chapel; time depends on day of week, as noted under "Weekdays" below)
9:00am. Morning Prayer (said in choir)
5:30pm. Evening Prayer (said in Crypt Chapel)
6:30pm. Solemn Mass, sometimes with Procession, with full complement of servers and choir

WEEKDAYS

- 7:30am. Tuesdays and Thursdays - Mass (in Lady Chapel)
9:00am. Morning Prayer (said in choir)
12:15pm. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays - Mass (in Lady Chapel)
12:15pm. St. Hilda's Fellowship Healing Mass on 2nd Friday of the month-September through June
5:30pm. Evening Prayer (said in choir)
6:00pm. Healing Mass on Wednesdays, Mass on Prayer Book Holy Days

SATURDAYS AND CIVIL HOLIDAYS

- 8:30am. Morning Prayer
9:00am. Mass (monthly Requiem in Crypt Chapel on 1st Saturday of the month, unless impeded by a feast). Mass of the BVM on Saturday if no other observance

SUMMER

- 8:00am. Said mass in Lady Chapel
9:00am. Mass with hymns and congregational Mass setting, Celebrant, two servers and assisting clergy as available
11:00am. Solemn Mass, full complement of servers, reduced choir; from the first Sunday in August through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend the choir is absent, the Mass is a congregational setting, and the Psalm is said responsively between celebrant and congregation

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

ADVENT

- 1st Sunday Feast of Dedication and Title. Procession is of Feast of Dedication – white copes, hymns for Dedication, and Mass is of Advent – purple frontal and vestments
- 5:00pm. Advent Lessons and Carols sung by the Advent Choir
- 3rd Sunday Rose vestments, flowers permitted
- Note* The Collect for Advent Sunday is said or sung after the Collect of the Day at all Masses and Offices throughout Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6:30pm. Sung mass (Rite II) with procession to the Crèche and offering of gifts
- 10:15pm. Musical Prelude
- 11:00pm. Procession with Station at the Crèche, Solemn Mass (Rite I) and Last Gospel. Three communion stations

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 11:00am. Solemn Mass sung by Parish Choir, Reception following in the Library

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 6:00pm. Christmas Lessons and Carols sung by the Advent Choir

HOLY NAME

- 11:00AM. Low Mass in the Lady Chapel

EPIPHANY

- 6:30pm. May be transferred to Sunday if it falls on a Friday or Monday; otherwise Procession with Station at the Crèche and Solemn Mass

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Holy Baptism or Renewal of Baptismal Vows

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD: CANDLEMAS (usually transferred to Sunday)

Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass

LAST EPIPHANY

Observed with white vestments and the Easter Dismissal at all Masses

ASH WEDNESDAY

Offices as usual

- 7:30am and 12:15pm Low Mass and Imposition of Ashes in the Lady Chapel

6:30pm . Solemn Mass and Imposition of Ashes

Note The liturgy for Ash Wednesday is a synthesis of the 1928 and 1979 rites. See the service

leaflet for specifics

SUNDAYS IN LENT

The Ash Wednesday Collect is said or sung after the Collect of the Day at all Masses and offices until Palm Sunday

“Christ our Passover” is *said* at all Masses until Easter

Litany in Procession 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

4th Sunday Rose vestments and flowers

Passion Sunday (5th Sunday) all crosses veiled, *Gloria Patri* is omitted until Easter

WEEKDAYS OF LENT

Psalm 95 said in its entirety on all the days of Lent, *Kyrie Pantocrator* said on Wednesday and Thursday at Morning Prayer

7:00pm Wednesday Lenten program

6:00pm Thursday Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction in the Lady Chapel

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses

9:00am. Begin palm blessing in red vestments, outdoor procession with congregation following, change into oxblood vestments for Mass. The Passion is sung by the clergy

11:00am. Outdoor procession and vestment change as above. The Choir sings the Passion according to St. Matthew. Three communion stations if attendance warrants.

Monday and Tuesday

As per usual schedule, except that there is an evening Mass at 6:00pm.

Wednesday

Usual schedule, including 6:00pm Mass.

7:00pm. Tenebrae sung by the Advent Choir, special service booklets

MAUNDY THURSDAY

No morning Mass. Morning Prayer is said at 9:00am.

6:30pm. Solemn Mass with Footwashing and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altars, Watch before the Sacrament. White vestments, organ and bells are silent after the Gloria (handbells rung during Gloria intro) (interpolations in the canon – “on *this* night”, “even this night”)

GOOD FRIDAY

No morning Mass. Morning Prayer is said at 9:00am.

12:00pm. Three-hour Service, Preaching of the Passion, special service booklets

6:30pm. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, chanting of the Passion according to St. John sung by the choir, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross and Reproaches, Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am. The Liturgy of the Lord's Sabbath (said in the Crypt)

6:30pm. The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, the Litany of the Saints, and the First Mass of Easter

EASTER DAY

7:30am. Morning Prayer (begin *Pascha nostrum* daily throughout Easter week)

8:00am. Said Mass

9:00am. Procession and Sung Mass (because of the large attendance, the congregation remains in place)

11:00am. Solemn Mass (three communion stations)

SUNDAYS OF EASTER

Vidi Aquam at all Masses

Rogation Sunday

9:00am. and 11:00am. Masses. Procession to the garden during the last hymn, blessing of plants, madrigal in the garden sung by the choir

Ascension Day

6:30pm. Solemn Mass, parish dinner

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER REQUIEM

On or about

April 14 Each April, the Advent clergy celebrate a Requiem Mass at the Gardner Museum in accordance with the terms of Mrs. Gardner's will. We provide all vestments, vessels, programs, and supplies. One server assists, and in some years we have had choir, depending on money available. Attendance averages 30 people, 75 or more if there is choir.

PENTECOST

Sunday Masses as usual on a feast day, Holy Baptism as appointed

11:00am. Procession and [sometimes orchestral] Mass

TRINITY SUNDAY

Te Deum after the 11:00am. Mass

CORPUS CHRISTI

Said mass at 7:30am.

6:30pm. Solemn Mass (preface of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus), outdoor Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Garden Reception

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY (often transferred to the closest Sunday)

Procession and Mass

ALL SAINTS' DAY (observed on the Sunday following)

Usual Sunday schedule

Procession and Mass, Holy Baptism or Renewal of Baptismal Vows

ALL SOULS' DAY

7:30am. and Requiem Mass said in the Lady Chapel

12:30pm.

6:30pm. Solemn Mass (occasionally orchestral – three communion stations if attendance warrants) (preface of the Departed, interpolation in the canon – *remember also thy departed servants and handmaidens*)

Reading of names of departed rectors and benefactors, all the people who have died during the past year, list of departed specified by members of the congregation at each of the three Masses

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

9:00am. Procession and Mass (preface of Baptism)

11:00am. Procession, [sometimes Orchestral] Mass and *Te Deum*. (Preface of Christ the King)

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00am. Sung Mass without choir, psalm sung responsively between celebrant or designated cantor and congregation