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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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Preparing the Way of the Lord

Bishop Bambera's Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent



During his video reflection for the Second Week of Advent, Bishop Bambera focuses on preparing the Way of the Lord.

In the gospel of Luke, Saint John the Baptist is portrayed as the voice of one in the desert crying out, “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*”

Hearing his challenge, Bishop Bambera reflects on ways that we might prepare the way of the Lord, and how we make straight his paths.

[Click Here to Watch Bishop Bambera's Video Reflection for the Second Week of Advent](#)

Lighten burdens by making room for the Lord, Pope Francis says on First Sunday of Advent



Despite the problems and worries in the world, Jesus invites Christians to look toward heaven, trust in his saving love and make room for him in order to find hope again, Pope Francis said.

“Sadness is awful,” he told visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus Dec. 1, the first Sunday of Advent.

“Indeed, it can happen that the anxiety, fears and worries about our personal lives or about what is happening in the world today weigh down on us like boulders and throw us into discouragement ... and induce us to close in on ourselves,” he said.

“Jesus’ invitation is this: raise your head high and keep your hearts light and awake,” he said, reflecting on the day’s Gospel reading from St. Luke, which speaks about “cosmic upheavals and anxiety and fear in humanity.”

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You are invited to participate in Advent
Evening Prayer this Sunday, Dec. 8



During the Advent Season, the Cathedral of Saint Peter will once again be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday during Advent following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated at 6:15 p.m.

In order to help all faithful, especially those who cannot attend Mass in person, celebrate the coming of Christ, Catholic Television will be broadcasting both the 5 p.m. Mass and Evening Prayer each Sunday.

We invite you to join us either in person at the Cathedral or via Catholic Television this Sunday, Dec. 8, for Advent Evening Prayer on the Second Sunday of Advent.

**Hundreds of young adults attend 2024
Diocesan Youth Rally**



At a time when young adults face an overwhelming amount of pressure – from academic expectations to social media comparisons – finding peace and purpose can seem daunting. The weight of these stressors can lead some teenagers to feeling lost or unsure of their path.

On Nov. 23, 2024, young adults from parishes across the Diocese of Scranton learned the important roles that hope, faith, and trusting God play in navigating the complexities of modern life.

Nearly 300 teenagers attended the second annual Diocesan Youth Rally at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The event offered students a day of praise and worship, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and speakers who focused on ways of encountering Christ.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from Catholic Television from the 2024 Diocesan Youth Rally](#)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration to take place at Cathedral on Sunday



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is of great importance for the entire Church, and is celebrated with great enthusiasm by our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

It marks the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1531 to Juan Diego, a poor, humble, indigenous Mexican peasant who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. These miraculous events resulted in Our Lady of Guadalupe being recognized as “Patroness of the Americas.”

Parishes around the Diocese of Scranton will be holding numerous celebrations over the coming days - including a special Mass this Sunday, Dec. 8, at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, is being planned by the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish community in South Scranton.

Following the Mass, the parish will be hosting a Guadalupe festival at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

On the Feast Day itself, on Tuesday December 12, the parish will continue its celebration with a procession beginning at 3:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, and concluding at 4:30 a.m. at Sacred Hearts Church on Prospect Avenue for morning prayers led by a mariachi band, followed by an early Mass at 6:30am.

On this graphic below, you can find some addition celebrations taking place across the Diocese of Scranton.

HORARIO DE ACTIVIDADES 2024 EN LA DIOCESIS DE SCRANTON

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Parroquia San Gabriel-Parroquia Reina del Cielo

122 S Wyoming St. Hazleton pa18201

Novena Nov 29-Dic 8

Mañanitas: Diciembre 12, 2024 5:00 am Misa 6:00 pm

Celebracion en el sotano de la parroquia con Mariachi
despues de la Misa de 6 de la tarde.

Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesus

213 W Green St, West Hazleton, PA 18202

Misa y celebracion: 12:00pm Domingo Dic. 15, 2024

Parroquia San Mateo

78 Ridgeway St, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Domingo 8 de Diciembre-Precession 12:45 pm

128 East Court land st , East Stroudsburg

Misa 2:00 pm San Mateo celebracion despues
en el salon parroquial

Parroquia San Nicolas & Santa Maria

226 S Washington St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Vigilia: Dic 11- 7:00 PM de 6-9 pm en la cafeteria de la iglesia.

Mañanitas Dic.12 5:00 am seguido de un desayuno

Procession: 4:00 pm 606 Carey Ave wilkes-Barre
(Marias Mini Market)

Misa: 6:00 pm Precidida por el Obispo J,C Bambera

Celebracion:7:00 Pm en la cafeteria de la escuela

Parroquia Santa Teresa de Calcuta

1217 Prospect Ave Scranton PA 18505

Iglesia Sagrados Corazones de Jesus y Maria

Novena Dic 3-11 6:30 pm

Misa: 8 Diciembre a las 12:00 pm Catedral de San

Pedro-315 Wyoming Ave Scranton pa 18503

Celebracion cultural Centro Pastoral Diocesano 330

Wyoming Ave Scranton Pa

12 de Diociembre- Procession: 3:13 Am Saliendo de
la Catedral de San Pedro hasta la parroquia.

Mañanitas: 4:30 am con mariachis

Misa: 6:00 am-Desayuno despues de la Misa



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U.S. Basilicas, churches to ring bells at the moment Notre Dame Cathedral reopens



As Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris officially reopens Dec. 7-8, bells will ring in churches an ocean away in the United States to celebrate the historic moment.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington has invited local churches to toll their bells Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. EST, when the two-day reopening ceremonies — led by Archbishop Laurent Ulrich of Paris, and attended by dozens of dignitaries, including France’s President Emmanuel Macron, U.S. first lady Jill Biden, and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump — will begin.

Locally, churches including the Cathedral of Saint Peter in downtown Scranton, and the Basilica Shrine to Saint Ann in West Scranton, will be among the local churches ringing their bells this weekend to celebrate the official reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story from Our Sunday Visitor](#)

Bishop Bambera announces clergy appointments



This week, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, announced several clergy appointments. To view the latest clergy appointments, click on the link below.

[Click Here to View the Latest Clergy Appointments Announced on Dec. 5, 2024](#)

Pope Francis receives new all-electric Popemobile



Pope Francis received a new, emission-free, all-electric popemobile from representatives of Mercedes-Benz, the German car manufacturer that has been supplying vehicles for the popes for nearly 100 years.

“We are overjoyed to be able to fulfill the Holy Father’s wish for an electric popemobile and are particularly proud to be able to build the vehicle according to his requirements,” Britta Seeger, head of sales and marketing and member of the board of management of Mercedes-Benz Group AG, said in a press release Dec. 4.

It is the first time the company has manufactured an all-electric popemobile and “this cooperation ... is a valuable symbol of sustainable change together,” she said.

The pope met with the representatives, which included engineers who led the project, in a courtyard at the Vatican. Ola Källenius, Mercedes-Benz CEO, presented the pope with the white and chrome key fob and showed him the vehicle’s interior.

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Support the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal!



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9)

*This Advent, bring peace through your generosity!
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