

Two for one?

This is the question that may have been on some minds here and across the world. The U.S. Catholic Bishops addressed the question regarding whether Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations can be fulfilled with a "two-for-one" Mass attendance at Christmas this year. In a relatively rare situation which last occurred in 2006, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday. Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Mass. The long and the short of it is: NO! The U.S. Catholic Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

The **Sunday Mass Obligation** for December 24th-(the Fourth Sunday of Advent) can be fulfilled by participating in the various Masses scheduled as follows:

December 23rd, 2017

Sacred Heart Church
4:00P.M. Vigil Mass

St. Charles Borromeo Church
5:30P.M. Vigil Mass

December 24, 2017

Sacred Heart Church
7:30 A.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church
10:00A.M.

Please note: there will be no regular 4PM at St. Charles on Sunday, December 24th.

The **Christmas Mass Obligation** can be fulfilled by participating in the various Masses scheduled as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

Sacred Heart Church
4:00P.M. Vigil Mass

St. Charles Borromeo Church
4:30P.M. Vigil Mass (Church)
4:45P.M. Vigil Mass (School Hall)
7:00P.M. Mass At Night
12 Midnight Mass At Night

St. Hedwig Chapel
9:00P.M.-Mass At Night

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017

Sacred Heart Church
7:30 A.M.
11:00A.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church
7:30A.M.
10:00A.M.
12 NOON
NO 4PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Hedwig Chapel
9:15A.M.

Then the next week...

Saturday, December 30, 2017- Regular Schedule

Sacred Heart Church
3:00-3:45P.M. Confessions
4:00P.M. Vigil Mass

St. Charles Borromeo
4:30P.M-5:15P.M Confessions
5:30P.M. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017- Regular Schedule- Sunday After Christmas- Holy Family Sunday

Sacred Heart Church
7:30 A.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church
10:00A.M.
4:00P.M.

St. Hedwig Chapel
9:15A.M.

9:00-10PM Holy Hour for Reparation and Grace
10:00P.M. Special Vigil Mass for New Year's Day
Social to follow in SCB Parish Hall-All are welcome

Monday, January 1, 2018-New Year's Day-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sacred Heart Church
12Noon

St. Charles Borromeo Church
8:30A.M.

Corrected Version

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Preparing for Christmas Serving the Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart Church And St. Charles Borromeo Church

Regular Schedule

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights
All Saturdays at 3:00 -3:45P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill
All Saturdays at 4:30 -5:15P.M.

Extra Days for the Sacrament of Penance and Locations

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

1:00-2:00 & 6:30-7:30P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Thursday, December 21, 2017

1:00- 2:00P.M. & 6:30- 7:30P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Friday, December 22, 2017

1:00-2:00P.M. & 6:30-7:30P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Saturday, December 23, 2017

1:00- 2:00 & 4:30- 5:15P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill

3:00 - 3:45P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Mass Etiquette

- Never chew gum in church! It breaks your fast and it's distracting!
- Please leave cell phones and beepers in your car. If you must have it on your person we ask that you place it on the non-ring mode out of reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament. Our place of worship is no place to have a phone conversation unless there is an emergency!
- Please do not bring food or drink inside the church.
- All Catholics in the state of grace (not in mortal /serious sin) and who have fasted for one hour are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Make a reverential bow as you step up to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Hold your clean hands chest-high and outstretched to receive the Eucharist or receive on your tongue.
- "Receive" Communion in an out-stretched hand. Do not "take" or "grab" it from the minister.
- When receiving from the chalice, make sure you have a firm grip on it and make sure the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion has firmly re-grasped it when you are done.
- If you are ill, we recommend that you not receive from the chalice.
- The Communicant is NOT to dip the host into the chalice. Only priests are allowed to do this when it is necessary.
- When the minister says, "Body of Christ" or "Blood of Christ", the response is a clear "Amen!" (which means "I believe!" or "So be it!")
- Consume the host immediately. If you walk away with the host in your hand, the Communion Minister may come after you to make sure you consume the host.
- Dress modestly for Mass. How would you dress if you were having dinner with the Pope?
- When we enter and leave Church, we cross ourselves with Holy Water, reminding us of our Baptism.
- When we enter and leave Church, we genuflect toward the Tabernacle out of respect for the Eucharist.
- No one should be moving around during the following times:
 - When the lector is reading the First and Second Readings from Scripture;
 - When the priest or deacon is reading the Gospel;
 - When the priest or deacon is giving the homily;
 - When the priest is saying the words of Consecration, changing the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ (during the Eucharistic prayer between the Holy, Holy, Holy and the Great Amen).
- The exception to the above would be if someone is ill or has a crying baby who is distracting others.
- If you or your child leaves church and re-enters during one of these times, please consider standing at the back until these parts are over. The ushers have been instructed to ask people who are entering at these times to stand and wait at the back to be seated.
- There are restrooms –please see the Ushers for their location.
- Please remain in your pew until the final song ends and the Priest has recessed out.