

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24: 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25: 10am

Note - there are no masses on Friday, December 26

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass - Wednesday, December 31: 5pm

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1: 10am



**Advent Reconciliation:** Tuesday, December 16th at 7pm. Many priests will be available for confessions. All parishioners are invited to arrive at 6:30pm to pray the rosary together before the reconciliation service.

**Jubilee Celebration:** The Jubilee Year of Hope officially began with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024 by Pope Francis. It will conclude on January 6, 2026 with the closing of the Holy Door by Pope Leo XIV. The theme for the year has been "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5.5). This pilgrimage of hope encourages Catholics to renew their relationship with God and with each other, to find hope amidst adversity, and to become signs of hope for others. The Good Shepherd community will be celebrating the closing of the Year of Hope on Saturday, January 3rd. This celebration will begin with the 5pm mass being offered in thanksgiving for the year. We will then meet in the social space for light refreshments and fellowship.



**Confirmation:** The second retreat for Confirmation is Saturday, December 6th from 1:00pm to 4:30pm at the Good Shepherd Parish.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion:** The third retreat for the children preparing for First Communion will be held on Sunday, February 8th, starting with the 11:15am mass and finishing at 3:45pm. The theme for the retreat is "The Mass".

**Refresh, Renew, Respond:** Is your child preparing for First Communion and Reconciliation this year? If so, you are invited to participate in an interactive adult faith program that will be held on the same dates and times as the children's preparation classes. Each session is one hour in length, beginning after the 11:15am mass. The 4 sessions include: Building the Relationship, Sacrament of Reconciliation, The Mass, The Eucharist. Please RSVP at [cqsgoodshepherdottawa@gmail.com](mailto:cqsgoodshepherdottawa@gmail.com) for the third session on February 8th. A light lunch will be provided.

**Good Shepherd Youth Group:** Our parish youth group meetings are held on Fridays beginning at 7pm and ending at 8:30pm. Our weekly youth group gives students in grade 5 to grade 10 the opportunity to have a safe place to have fun, cultivate friendships and learn more about the Catholic faith. Our youth nights consist of games, talks and snacks! We hope to see you there!



*Inspired by the Word of God and in communion with the Universal Church, the mission of the Good Shepherd Parish is to build a thriving Catholic community upon the foundations of worship, fellowship, discipleship, social action, and evangelization.*

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas!!