

## **Advent Offerings - 2021**

### **Springfield Choral Society Presents "Messiah"**

The Cathedral is thrilled to once again host the Springfield Choral Society's presentation of Handel's "Messiah." This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available through the Springfield Choral Society or at the door the evening of the performance. **Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:30PM @ Cathedral**

### **Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception**

Beginning November 30 thru December 8th, the Cathedral will host the annual diocesan novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. The first day of the Novena (Nov. 30), the novena prayer will be prayed at the conclusion of the 5:15 Mass. On December 1st through December 7th, a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. These nights will include Eucharistic Adoration and other prayers. The novena will conclude at the 5:15 Mass on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the novena prayer offered at the conclusion of the Mass.

**First Night and Opening Mass, November 30 – 5:15 pm Mass; December 1st thru 7th - 7:00PM; Last Night and Closing Mass, December 8th – 5:15PM @ Cathedral**

### **The Women of The Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel**

The Gospel according to St. Matthew begins with a rather confusing list of names that lays out the genealogy of Jesus beginning with Abraham. While most of the names are those of men, there are five women mentioned. During this series, we will look at the story of these women and learn some important lessons about how to prepare to welcome Christ into our lives more fully in preparation for the celebration of His Nativity at Christmas. **Thursdays December 9th and 16th at 7:00pm @ Cathedral Atrium**

### **Advent Lessons and Carols**

On the evening of *Gaudete* Sunday, in the holy season of Advent, join Mark Gifford and a select ensemble, including Julia Kay Jamieson on harp, for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the two promised comings of Christ. **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM @ Cathedral**

### **Encountering Christ in the Word**

You are invited to deepen your love of Sacred Scripture and enhance your encounter with our Lord by gathering to break open the Sunday Scriptures. We will be reading and praying together as a parish community to see what insights God is revealing to us. **Tuesdays, December 14 & 21 – 7:00-8:00pm @ Cathedral Atrium**

### **Rorate Caeli Mass**

Join us for Cathedral's Rorate Caeli candlelit Mass in honor of Our Lady during Advent. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the light of the world who is soon to be born and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illuminated by Christ. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass! **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30AM @ Cathedral**

### **Extended Confessions and Adoration**

The Cathedral will be hosting extended adoration hours this Advent. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration for the faithful to spend time before our Eucharistic Lord. Confessions will also be heard during those hours. Please consider signing up for an hour during that time to pray to prepare well for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas.

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – noon – 8:00pm, December 18 - 7:00am – 6:00pm @ Cathedral**