



# PAPAL MASS FACT SHEET: TICKET HOLDER INFORMATION

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## Schedule for April 17

5:00 a.m.	Metro opens and shuttles begin from designated parking lots
5:15 a.m.	Nationals Park opens and pre-Mass program begins
6:00 a.m.	Confessions open
8:30 a.m.	Ticket holders should arrive at Nationals Park by this time Procession begins
9:30 a.m.	Holy Father arrives
10:00 a.m.	Papal Mass (approx. 2 hours)

### Getting to the Mass

Ticket holders should arrive at Nationals Park as early as possible and no later than 8:30 a.m. The best way to get to the Mass is by public transportation (Metro) or by charter bus to designated locations where complimentary shuttles will run to Nationals Park. Parking near the stadium is nearly non-existent.

**Metro:** Metro opens at 5:00 a.m. Exit at the Navy Yard stop (Green Line), one block from Nationals Park. Regular Metro cards may be used, or a commemorative one-day “Mass Pass.” For more information, visit [www.wmata.com/papalvisit](http://www.wmata.com/papalvisit).

**Bus:** All buses will be directed to RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol Street, SE. Bus parking requires a DC trip permit and RFK parking pass. (See Click & Park information below.) Free shuttles to Nationals Park start at 5:00 a.m. Please be at RFK by 8:00 a.m. to allow time to get to Nationals Park and to clear security.

**Automobile:** Limited parking is available at RFK Stadium and at the parking lot in downtown DC, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, between H & K Streets, NW. Parking permits are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be obtained in advance from Click & Park, [www.dcpapalvisit.clickandpark.com](http://www.dcpapalvisit.clickandpark.com). Starting at 5:00 a.m., free shuttles will take ticket holders to Nationals Park. Please be at lot by 8:00 a.m. to allow time to get to Nationals Park and clear security.

**Special needs:** If driving, purchase a parking permit (see above) indicating special needs, and park only at RFK Stadium. Wheelchair-accessible shuttles will be available from RFK to a designated entrance at Nationals Park. The stadium has wheelchair-accessible areas where companions also may sit. The liturgy will be interpreted for sign language users. For special needs concerns and to request wheelchair or sign-language accessible seating, contact Peg Kolm, Archdiocesan Office for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, [mkolm@adw.org](mailto:mkolm@adw.org) / 301-853-4560.

### Important Information

- Attendees must have their ticket and a government issued photo ID to access the stadium.
- All children must have a ticket, regardless of age (minors do not need a government ID).
- For security reasons, all ticket holders must enter through a magnetometer; bags will be searched.
- **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Metal, plastic or glass containers; backpacks; large bags; large flags or banners, poles and staffs (metal, plastic or wooden); weapons and illegal substances; fireworks; whistles; food and beverages; video cameras and tripods. No pets are allowed; only service animals may enter the stadium.
- Food and drink concessions available for purchase prior to and after the Mass. Commemorative merchandise available at the stadium and online at [www.popevisit2008.com](http://www.popevisit2008.com).
- The Archdiocese of Washington is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets. Tickets are non-replaceable, free and not to be sold.
- Once inside Nationals Park, ticket holders will not be able to leave and re-enter.