

January 24, 2021

# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

*Miraculous Medal Novena*  
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*  
10:00am (Zoom)

Monday– Friday

8:00am & 11:00am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday

11:30am – 1:30pm

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday

4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an  
appointment*



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

### GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org), in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

**CONFIRMATION:** “Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.” Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Our parish continues Christ’s ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

## FLOCKNOTES



Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone> or on our website – [www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Please be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Have you ever decided to go on a diet that was strict? Only certain foods, only certain times to eat, and faithful to exercise. You made this commitment to yourself and pledged yourself to be dedicated to the whole program. Did you stay faithful for the whole program? Did you say to yourself, "I could cheat just this once?" Did you follow through on the maintenance program? What were your final results? I did such a diet one time and was very pleased to lose 40 pounds. I have since found most of what was lost. I learned quite a few lessons during this time which could be applied to the spiritual life:



1. It is easier if you are doing this diet with someone else and you are willing to hold each other accountable.
2. Cheating a little, only delays the final goal and may even sabotage your commitment.
3. The maintenance program is essential and there is no end to it.
4. Throughout the whole process faithfulness is demanded.

When Jesus called his Apostles, He was placing them on a strict program. They were called to a way of life that was permanent, demanded faithfulness and they would assist one another. This was a fulltime commitment, not just for a few months or a few years but for life. As the Apostles said, "Yes," there would be times that they faltered and needed forgiveness, but trusting in the faithfulness of Jesus' promise to be with them always, they persevered.

Let us commit ourselves to the Catholic faith established by Jesus Christ and become people who draw others to a spiritual healthy way of life. May we allow ourselves be caught up in the love of God, He offers us through our baptism, nourishes us through Eucharist, forgives us through Confession, seals us in Confirmation and calls us to serve one another in Marriage or Holy Orders.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

## GRATITUDE FROM HOLY REDEEMER (DC)

The staff and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Church in Washington, DC want to extend our deepest gratitude to the staff and parishioners of Annunciation Church for the donated Christmas gift cards for our Seniors and families.

Special thanks to Tina Lindberg and Committee for organizing the effort. The gift cards assisted so many of our Seniors, who are homebound, and families who have had members temporarily laid off from their jobs.

Thank You!

Rev. David A. Bava

Pastor

Holy Redeemer Church DC



## A MILLION ROSARIES

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of January will benefit the Northwest Center which seeks to promote the dignity of women and respect for all human life.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

1225-1274

Feast Day – January 28

Thomas so shocked his noble Italian family when he entered the Dominicans about 1244 that his brothers imprisoned him for a year. But he would not yield, and studied under St. Albert the Great, becoming a master of theology in 1256. For the rest of his brief life, the “dumb ox,” as he was dubbed, taught, preached and wrote, producing the monumental “Summa Theologica.” His thinking became enormously influential in later centuries and he was named a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 24 – *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	James Fakler	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	SOSJ	Mary Jurecka	In Memory

### Monday, January 25 – *The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Donald Mouchet	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Marc D’Anselme	In Memory

### Tuesday, January 26 – *Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	John Feeney	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Special Intention	Intentions

### Wednesday, January 27 – *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Ingeborg Pairan Zakarija	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Robert Brewer	In Memory

### Thursday, January 28 – *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Nelida Etcheverry	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Catherine & Kay Marie Rukavina	In Memory

### Friday, January 29 – *Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Jon Peters	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	The Taylor Family	In Memory

### Saturday, January 30 – *Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone		
5:30 p.m.	Mellone		

### Sunday, January 31 – *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Sands	Arturo Arrizabalaga	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Joseph Gabriel Chamandy	In Memory

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



## COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION FROM ADW

Throughout the past few weeks, we have heard a lot of information about the testing and development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. There has been continuous conversations within the Catholic community about the safety and morality of these vaccines, so we are glad to say that both the Moderna and Pfizer have developed vaccines using mRNA, and without the use of controversial fetal cell lines. Similarly, both vaccines have been tested in an ethical way that is in line with previous moral statements made by Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Academy for Life. Receiving either vaccine would be morally permissible in the Catholic Church and would also be an important pro-life decision that would help to defend the most vulnerable. Through our own personal actions and decisions, we can help to protect our neighbors from the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information on the vaccines and their development, you can review a Catholic Standard interview with Dr. David Diemert, a medical doctor and scientist who is part of a team researching a potential COVID-19 vaccine at <https://cathstan.org/voices/kathryn-windels/catholic-churchs-perspective-on-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccine>.

The USCCB has also published an internal memo on this issue, and you can find more information on this topic at <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/11/23/misinformation-us-bishops-catholics-covid-vaccine-abortion>.

Finally, the Office of Life Issues recently published an article with more information in the [Catholic Standard](#).

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8<sup>TH</sup>) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces The 2021 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opens January 21, 2021.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay on January 21, 2021.

Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online. **All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2021.**

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).

## THIS WEEK ...

### Sunday, January 24

CLOW—10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun — 10:30am (Zoom)

### Monday, January 25

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Tuesday, January 26

Bible Study—1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 27

Confession— 11:30am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am—1:30pm (Church)

Religious Ed/Grade 4

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/CP 1 & CP 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

Bible Study—7:00pm (Zoom)

### Thursday, January 28

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

### Saturday, January 30

Mass—9:00am (Church)

Confirmation Retreat

10:00am (Zoom)

Baptism— 11:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass — 5:30pm (Church)



## **EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRESENTED BY DOUG LAWRENCE FITNESS AND COACHING MINISTRIES**

**A virtual program designed to help you create physical and spiritual breakthroughs in the weeks following the Christmas season.**

**JANUARY 23, 9AM -10:15AM STRONG BODY / STRONG SOUL**

**JANUARY 30, 9AM -10:15AM DIET MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 6, 9AM - 10:15AM PRINCIPLES OF EXERCISE**

- Each virtual session will explore physical fitness principles, spiritual principles, and include a light workout (no equipment needed).
- **Register for the program at <http://bit.ly/douglawrenceFCM-ER>.** A recording of each session will be provided to registrants.
- Free will donations accepted via PayPal.



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