

January 31, 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

### GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Monday         | Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20                       |
| Tuesday        | Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |
| Wednesday      | Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6                   |
| Thursday       | Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13                |
| First Friday   | Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29                        |
| First Saturday | Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34               |

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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,

Soon, the calendar will turn to February, which means more than Super Bowl Weekend. Lent is just around the corner, a time for enhanced Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. This also means it is the time of year when I will ask you to make a gift to the Annual Appeal in support of the many charitable works of our Archdiocese.



You have provided for our parish needs this past year. Your support of the Annual Appeal is in many ways an extension of your parish support. It is a critical source of funding for everything from seminarian formation to pro-life and family ministries to pastoral and social outreach, all of which directly or indirectly impacts our parish and local community.

At the same time the Annual Appeal strengthens our parish life, it also unifies us as the Church of Washington in caring for the spiritual and temporal needs of those beyond our parish boundaries. We are able to accomplish together, what we couldn't do on our own. As in every year, 100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal will be restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal of \$126,400.

Learn more about the 2021 Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org). A greater emphasis this year will be placed on electronic giving. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your steadfast generosity during this time of hardship is not only a source of inspiration for me but also a force for good in a world that is searching for Christ. I pray that God will continue to bless you and bring you peace, health, and joy.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## CHANGE IN THE BLESSING OF THROATS ON THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Wednesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. To minimize individual contact, Monsignor Mellone will give the blessing to all assembled but not individually as per the Archdiocese's instructions.

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



## 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. JOHN BOSCO

Feast Day—January 31

1815–1888

Born to a poor family in Italy, this patron saint of editors and laborers is considered one of the great social saints. Ordained a priest in 1841, he was sent to study theology in Turin, where he became a magnet for neglected youths during a turbulent period of rapid industrialization and revolutionary politics. Don Bosco, who once hoped to become a foreign missionary, founded the Salesians in 1854. The order sheltered more than 800 orphan boys, then opened workshops for shoemakers, tailors, bookbinders and other trades. Don Bosco was also a prolific writer, and co-founded a women's congregation to work among girls. When he died, more than 40,000 people in Turin filed past his coffin to show their love and respect.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

|            |         |                         |            |
|------------|---------|-------------------------|------------|
| 88:00 a.m. | SOSJ    | Parishioners            | Intentions |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sands   | Arturo Arrizabalaga     | In Memory  |
| 12:00 p.m. | Mellone | Joseph Gabriel Chamandy | In Memory  |

**Monday, February 1** – *Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

|            |         |               |           |
|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Mellone |               |           |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mellone | Arthur Casary | In Memory |

**Tuesday, February 2** – *The Presentation of the Lord*

|            |         |                        |           |
|------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Mellone | Jeanne Locher          | In Memory |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mellone | Valentin Sixto Robledo | In Memory |

**Wednesday, February 3** – *Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

|            |         |                         |           |
|------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Sands   |                         |           |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mellone | Joseph Gabriel Chamandy | In Memory |

**Thursday, February 4** – *Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

|            |          |                 |           |
|------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Marchese | Anthony B. Jung | In Memory |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mellone  |                 |           |

**Friday, February 5** – *Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr*

|            |          |                  |           |
|------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Marchese | Charles Tran     | In Memory |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mellone  | Mary Ellen Kirst | In Memory |

**Saturday, February 6** – *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

|           |         |                             |           |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 9:00 a.m. | Mellone | Norma Giacobbe              | In Memory |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mellone | Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez | In Memory |

**Sunday, February 7** – *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

|            |     |              |            |
|------------|-----|--------------|------------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | TBD | Rob Grigg    | In Memory  |
| 10:00 a.m. | TBD | Parishioners | Intentions |
| 12:00 p.m. | TBD |              |            |

## 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 31

CLOW—10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun — 10:30am (Zoom)

### Monday, February 1

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Tuesday, February 2

Bible Study—1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Wednesday, February 3

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, February 4

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

### Saturday, February 6

Mass—9:00am (Church)

First Reconciliation Retreat

10:00am (Zoom)

Confession

4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass — 5:30pm (Church)

## 2021 LENT SCHEDULE

### Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Masses at 8am, 11am & 7pm  
(*Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions  
from 11:30am to 1:30pm*)

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26

(3:00pm) Zoom

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26

(7:00pm)

### The Light is on For You

Wednesdays — February 24 thru  
March 31

Eucharistic Adoration (11:30am—  
1:30pm)

Confessions (11:30am—12:30pm and  
6:30pm—7:30pm)

Confessions Saturday (4:15pm to  
5:15pm)

### Holy Thursday, April 1

(No 8am or 11am Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confession (9:30am to 10:30am)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

### Good Friday, April 2

(No 8am or 11am Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confessions (9:30am to 10:30 am)

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Confessions at 3:30pm—5:00pm

Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday, April 3

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confessions (9:30 to 10:30)

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

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

## 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ* to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).



## DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has changed how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes because of Covid-19.

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. At that point, the priest cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. He then sprinkles the ashes on each person’s head “without saying anything.” As modeled by Pope Francis, the ashes are sprinkled above the individual’s head so that immediate physical contact is avoided. The sprinkling of ashes on the head is an ancient practice of the Church still used in many countries.

In the early Christian church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ’s fast in the desert.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents and grievous sinners to begin their period of public penance on the first day of Lent in preparation for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. When these practices fell into disuse (8th–10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

In the modern Roman Catholic Church, the ashes obtained by burning the palms used on the previous Palm Sunday are applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead of each worshipper on Ash Wednesday. Together with Good Friday (which marks the crucifixion of Jesus before Easter), Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, where only one full meal and no meat are to be consumed. Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is traditionally one of the most heavily attended non-Sunday Masses of the liturgical year.

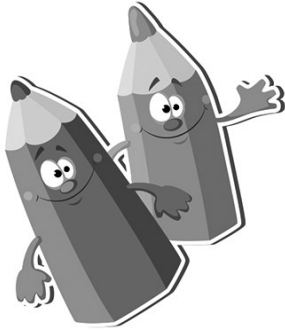
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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

**Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.**

- ➔ Where can we hear the Good News?
- ➔ How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- ➔ Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?

