



# Annunciation Catholic Church

*Be it done to me according to your Word*

+Luke 1:38+

## Mass Schedule

Saturday.....(Vigil) 5:30pm

Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday – Friday.....8:00am

Wednesday.....5:30pm

Saturday.....9:00am

## Confessions

Wednesdays.....6:00-6:45pm

Saturdays.....4:15-5:15pm

## Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary

After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

After the 9am Saturday Mass

## January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Worship 1021

Entrance Hymn – Worship 452

Responsorial Psalm

*"Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you."*

Offertory Hymn – Worship 449

Communion Hymn – Worship 454

Closing Hymn – Worship 450

## Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports the Archdiocese for Military Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Welcome to Annunciation!**

## Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.

Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

## Our Parish

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
9am-4pm

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins  
*Administrator*

Rev. Adam Park  
*In Residence*

Deacon William Maksymiec  
*Permanent Deacon*

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mezek@annunciationdc.org

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*Principal*

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*Office Manager*

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(202) 362-1405  
<https://annunciationschool.net>  
[info@annunciationschool.net](mailto:info@annunciationschool.net)

## Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for marriage preparation. Any inquiries should be sent to the parish office.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

## Liturgical Worship

***"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (Sacrosanctum Concilium)***

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon:  
frankconlon@comcast.net

## 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

## A WAY TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).

## PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm. We are here for you.



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 7

8am	†Christopher Danello	Afu
10am	Christmas Bazaar Volunteers	Park
12pm	Parishioners	Oberle

#### Monday, January 8

10am	†Mordini & Rukavina Families	Oberle
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#### Tuesday, January 9

8am	Special Intention	Park
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#### Wednesday, January 10

8am	†Henri & Franziska Ulrich	Afu
5:30pm	John Begg	Oberle

#### Thursday, January 11

8am	†Msg. V. James Lockman	Afu
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#### Friday, January 12

8am	†Washington Aloysius Society	Oberle
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#### Saturday, January 13

9am	†Souls in Purgatory	Afu
5:30pm	†Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	Oberle

### What's Happening This Week?

#### Sunday, January 7

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)  
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

#### Monday, January 8

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

#### Tuesday, January 9

Walking with Purpose, 7:00pm (PC)  
Men's Group, 7:00pm (Atrium)

#### Wednesday, January 10

Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (PC)  
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)  
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)  
Religious Education, 7:00pm (School & CR)

#### Thursday, January 11

Contemplative Prayer, 6:20 (Zoom)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

#### Friday, January 12

Wedding, 6:00pm (Church)

#### Saturday, January 13

Confessions, 4:15pm (Church)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

## Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at [mezek@annunciationdc.org](mailto:mezek@annunciationdc.org).

# SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

## Homeless Ministry

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

## Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## Parish Bazaar

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

# FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)



## 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

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct





## PARISH LIFE

**“Go, therefore,  
and make disciples  
of all nations.”**



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and  
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center.

Contact Sue Lohsen at [sue@lohse.com](mailto:sue@lohse.com) for more info.



*Pray the Rosary*

*Pray in English Monday through Friday  
after the 8am Mass,  
in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday  
Meet in the church*



**Pray the  
Rosary for Peace  
in Ukraine**

Every Thursday  
at 12pm—Rain or Shine  
in front of the  
Russian Embassy  
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW

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**MEN'S GROUP**

faith + fraternity + fiat

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done to me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Atrium

Contact Daniel Danello for more info:  
[dfdanello@gmail.com](mailto:dfdanello@gmail.com)



**Coffee Hour  
is Back!**



Thanks to volunteers, there are now donuts and coffee after the 8am and 10am Masses every week, but after the 12pm Mass only on the second Sunday of the month. With more volunteers, we can have donuts and coffee after that Mass, too. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, or to tend the coffee and donuts between Masses, please contact Anita Siegfriedt at [asiegfriedt@gmail.com](mailto:asiegfriedt@gmail.com).

**Annunciation Contemplative Prayer  
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm**

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have—  
[martha@marthajohnston.com](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

## 2023 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY



**Josephine Allies**

Netty Keer  
Petrus Kusaeri

**Nchang Azefor**

Caroline Ohadike

**Mary Lynne Bebee**

Charles & Julia Zigmont

**John Begg**

Joan Vessa Begg

**Scott Boylen**

Simon Boylen

**Claire V. Buensuceso**

Juan Buensuceso  
Vergelio Buensuceso  
Ma. Theresa B. Pasquil  
Felipa Victorino

**Patricia Kennard**

William & Jeanne Cassidy

**Francis & Kathryn Dzubeck**

The Dzubeck Family  
The Smith Family

**Susie Gaston**

Ghislaine Gaston  
Sophie St. Vil

**Diana Gregg**

Thomas Gregg

**Stanley Lynam**

Terence & Joyce Lynam

**William & Leila Maksymiec**

Eileen Maksymiec  
Ellen Gilliam

**Maria Montanez**

Clara Montanez

**Maria Noordermeer**

Maria Liau  
Jeff Noordermeer

**Neuner**

The Neuner Family

**Lillian Peeler**

Peeler Family

**Jack & Amy Simms**

Dorothy Simms

**Margaret Solaqua**

Philip and Ella Solaqua  
Philip and Diane Solaqua  
Carmela and Paul Solaqua  
Lucy and Americo Romano  
Juliette and Bill Cocozza

**Christine Song**

Ong Bà

**Valorie Thompson**

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson

**Rita Tolibao**

Jose Tolibao  
Martin Wenick

**Vittucci Family**

Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Victor Vittucci

**Angelika Zaia**

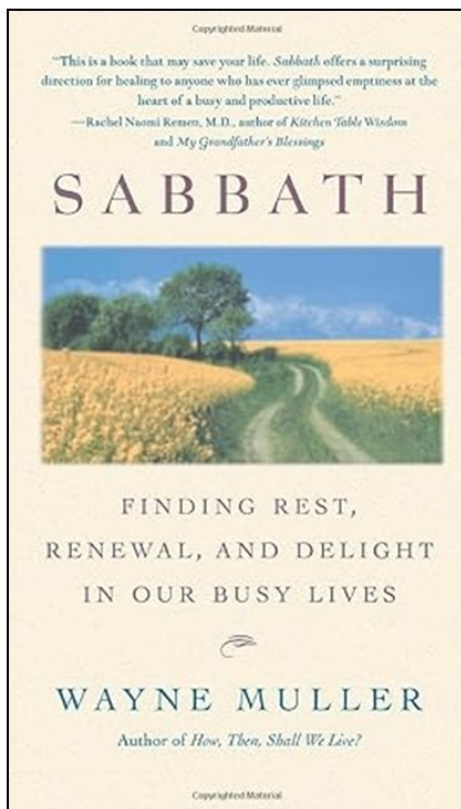
Anthony T. Zaia  
The Gruber Family

**Anna Zakarija**

Zakarija Family  
Pairan Family  
Lucchese Family  
Pope Benedict XVI



# ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



The January book is *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller.

In today's world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family, we long for a moment to ourselves.

Millennia ago, the tradition of Sabbath created an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Now, in a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller, author of the spiritual classic *How, Then, Shall We Live?*, shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal—a refuge for our souls.

*We need not even schedule an entire day each week. Sabbath time can be a Sabbath afternoon, a Sabbath hour, a Sabbath walk. With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness.*

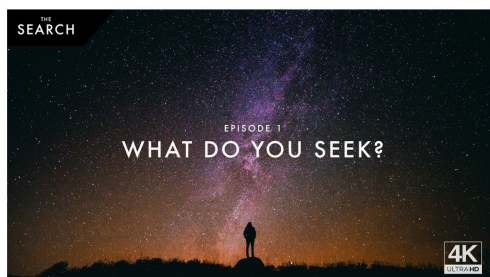
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH @11AM**  
**IN THE PARISH ATRIUM**

**BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

Contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 07, 2024



## What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



## Arianism

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.



## Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



The 3 are called **wise men**, **kings**, or **magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

## CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

## Ingredients

1 cup milk (*scalded*)  
1/3 cup butter  
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water  
1 package yeast  
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit  
about 15 minutes, add  
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

## Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

### SWEET as HONEY



Buy a king cake online, at a local store/bakery or make your own.

**Colored sugar:** In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

# The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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 K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B  
 W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R  
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 S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E  
 H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H  
 I S T Y L O O U G I E E H C Q  
 P H H U A D U O B L E B R Y J  
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 T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E  
 P M W I C I N E J Y C S T A R  
 M M B Q D D L V M V T X L X Y

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

### Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**

