

November 29, 2020

# 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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>First Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
<b>First Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

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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,

As you have no doubt heard there are new restrictions as of November 25th, placed on gathering of peoples. Our Church services are limited to no more than 50 people. This will have a significant effect on number of people who wish to attend Christmas Services. We will do three Christmas Eve Masses at 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm and three Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm. We will have sign ups on Flocknotes or by calling the rectory office. We will have room for 50 people in the Church and 50 people in the Parish Center where Mass will be viewed on television.



We begin the Holy Season of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of a new Liturgical Church year. Our Sunday Scripture readings will come from Year B and our weekdays readings will be from the Year 1 Cycle. Ash Wednesday will be February 17<sup>th</sup> and Easter will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus commands us, "Be watchful! Be alert!" "For what," we may ask. For the coming of the Lord. What does that mean to us? It has been approximately 1,987 years or so when these words were uttered by Jesus. For people who have grown to expect thing almost immediately, waiting is not prevalent in our nature. How many of us have already asked ourselves, "When will I get the vaccine to prevent Covid-19 in my life?"

Watchfulness, keeps us alert to what is around us. We catch a glimpse of people or events that pass our way. Jesus is always there for us, we are always in His presence. He is watching out for us, giving us what we need to be attuned to Him. May these four weeks of Advent prepare us spiritually for the great Feast of Christmas when Christ our Lord and Savior comes into our world and lives.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Grieving the loss of a child during the holidays can be especially hard. Join with other grieving parents as we honor our children during this holiday season. Any parent who has lost a child, no matter the cause or how long ago, is welcome to join this virtual Evening of Reflection for Grieving Parents on Friday, December 4 from 7:00pm–8:00pm. The evening will include prayer and reflection by Fr. Bob Kilner, a personal reflection from a grieving parent, and include time for (optional) parent sharing. No one is expected to share. Parents should feel free to simply come and listen. Click here to register. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.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 November will benefit the House of Ruth which assists women, children and families in greatest need and very limited resources build safe and stable lives.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

1506-1552

Feast Day—December 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, November 29** – *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Martin Wanick	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Louise Lee Macek	In Memory

**Monday, November 30** – *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	All Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Edward & Teresa Morace	In Memory

**Tuesday, December 1** – *Tuesday of the First Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Margarita Añez Ariza	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Mary Ellen Kirst	In Memory

**Wednesday, December 2** – *Wednesday of the First Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Rosita Añez deFalla & Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	The Huynh Family	In Memory

**Thursday, December 3** – *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	V. James Lockman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Kathleen Crawford	In Memory

**Friday, December 4** – *Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Philip Rousseau	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory

**Saturday, December 5** – *Saturday of the First Week of Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Deceased Residents of the Towers Condominiums	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Branko Lenski	In Memory

**Sunday, December 6** – *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	TBD	Alicia Castro	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	TBD	Rosita Añez deFalla	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	TBD	Parishioners	Intentions

## 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



## CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2020

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer, and Friendship Place. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from: TARGET or WALMART, or Visa.

Donations may be made through our website, [www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Gift cards or monetary contributions can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets in an envelope marked Christmas Project. Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "Christmas Project" in the memo line.

DONATIONS DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020.

Thank you for your generous support.



## ADVENT REFLECTIONS FROM SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS

In lieu of our annual Advent Open House event, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and Holy Child Associates invite you to join us for our virtual Advent Reflections. This four-part series of 90-second video meditations features images of the Sisters' Nativity collection. The videos provide an opportunity to take a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. Sign up for free at our website: [www.shcj.org/american/175th-anniversary/2020-advent-season/](http://www.shcj.org/american/175th-anniversary/2020-advent-season/)

For more information, contact Joanna Pelizzoni at 610-626-1400 x315 or [jpelizzoni@shcj.org](mailto:jpelizzoni@shcj.org).

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Help support Annunciation Catholic Church by purchasing a Christmas tree from Dan & Bryan on our grounds on Massachusetts Avenue. Trees will be available November 28th until Saturday, December 20th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



## 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>.



## THIS WEEK ...

### Sunday, November 29

CLOW – 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun – 10:30am (Zoom)

### Monday, November 30

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Tuesday, December 1

Bible Study – 1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Wednesday, December 2

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, December 3

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

### Friday, December 4

Christmas Bazaar

1:00pm – 5:00pm (PC)

### Saturday, December 5

Mass – 9:00am (Church)

Christmas Bazaar

10:00am – 2:00pm (PC)

Confession

4:15pm – 5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass – 5:30pm (Church)

## ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. (from [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))



### *A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES*

#### *FIRST WEEK*

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)

## WINTER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN: VOLUNTEER FOR A GOOD NEW YEAR

Catholic Charities is recruiting 30 volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. To volunteer: submit an application, have a conversation with program staff about expectations, and commit to at least 75-hours of service including orientation and training. Except for medical professionals, volunteering is done remotely via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail. Visit our website at [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/) to learn more and to apply.



## 2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Donations for the Christmas Bazaar will be accepted by appointment only. Contact Tina Lindberg to set up an appointment to drop off your items at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org). Thank you for your understanding and patience.

## CHRISTMAS ALTAR DONATION FUND

The adornment of our Church with poinsettias, greens and trees ....gifts from God's creation is a way for us to remember loved ones and give thanks to God for people or events in our lives. Over the past years, we've asked for a donation of \$25. Because the smaller poinsettias costs \$47.95 and the larger trees, much more, we thought we would have a general Christmas Altar Donation fund this year. Donations will still be mentioned in the bulletin with your intentions.



Should you wish to participate in this endeavor, you will be able to make your donation online or complete a Christmas Flower envelope that will be in the back of Church and drop it in the collection basket during weekend Masses.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

Cycle B

### BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

### BLESS THIS WREATH

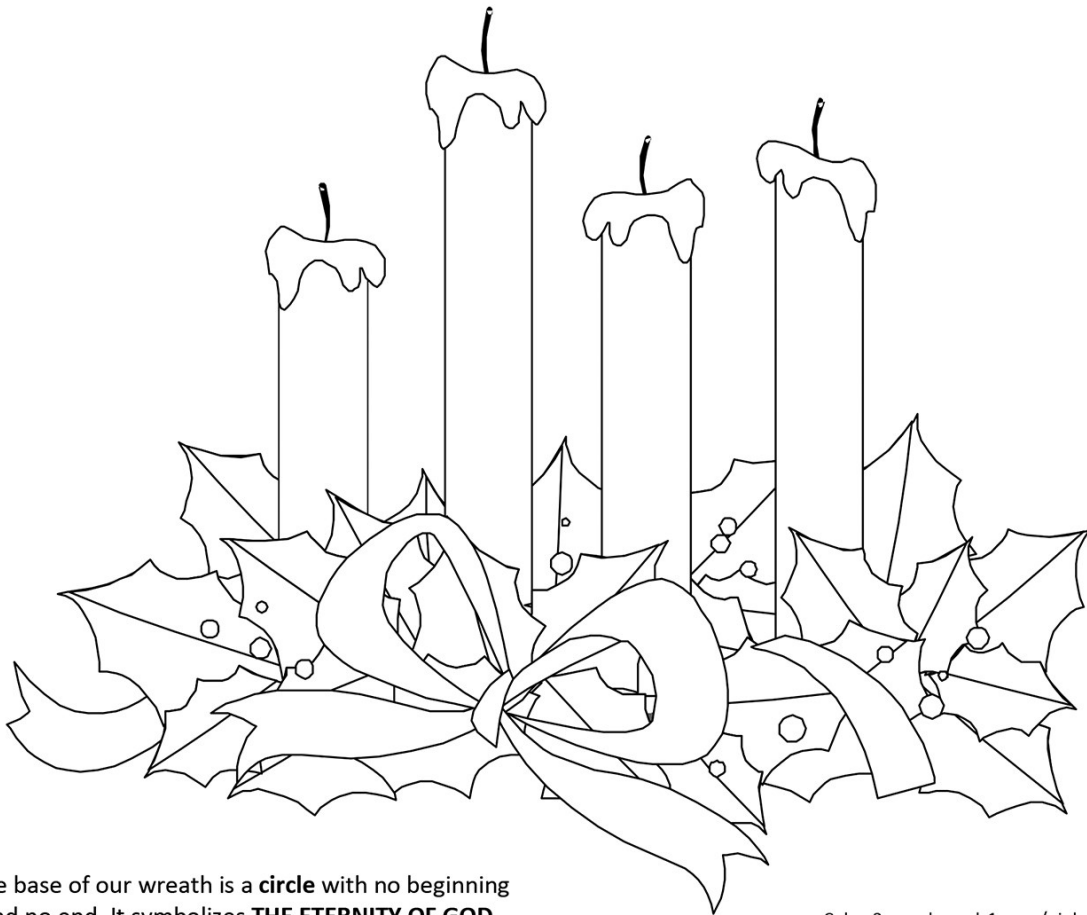
Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”. Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.



The base of our wreath is a **circle** with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

We decorate the base with **EVERGREENS** which represent **CONTINUOUS LIFE**.

Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and color the holly leaves green.