

December 20, 2020

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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 OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Friday	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

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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, 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. Please be sure to add 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are entering the final week of Advent with this 4th Sunday and during this week we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas. On behalf of the entire Parish and School Staff, I wish you a most Blessed Christmas. This has been a truly challenging year. For some of us there is the mourning over the sickness or death of family members or friends, reduction or elimination of jobs, lost opportunities of gathering with those we love and so much more. It will be a year that will be written about in our world history books as well as countless references online and our personal correspondences. It is a year in which prayers have been answered, hope has been renewed, and joy in getting closer to our families has been rekindled.



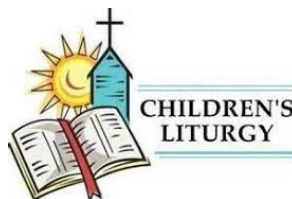
The Sacred Scriptures set before us the fulfillment of promises made long ago and faithfully kept by our God. We live in light of these promises and His faithfulness. Now we bless one another by living our lives in service and sharing the Good News of Jesus' birth and coming into our world. The Gospel gives us the Annunciation account for which our parish is named. As Mary is proclaimed full of grace so may we be filled with the presence of Jesus and remember He is reason for our Joy.

On Christmas Eve Masses we will be at 6, 8, and 10 and on Christmas Day Masses will be 8, 10, and 12. We are permitted to have 100 people present in the Church. There will be a limited number of seats in the Parish Center and all Masses will be lived streamed. Masses for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, will be January 1st, at 8 and 11 AM. Please sign up on Flocknotes or by calling the parish office. Please remember the Church is open for private prayer from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Stop by and place yourself in the presence of God.

Blessed Christmas, Peace and Abundant Joy,
Fr. Mike

CLOW ON CHRISTMAS EVE

On Christmas Eve we will be doing an online Children's Liturgy of the Word at 3:00pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. Contact Patrice at Morace@annunciationdc.org for the zoom link.



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 and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. JOHN OF KANTY

1390-1473

Feast Day – December 23

Greatly revered in his native Poland, this saint, also known as John Cantius, spent most of his life teaching at the University of Krakow, where he was a noted professor of sacred Scripture. He also spent an interval as a parish priest, reputedly forced on him because of academic jealousy. At the university, he impressed on students the need for moderation and good manners in controversy, and was famous for his boundless generosity to Krakow's poor. A personal austerity contributed to his reputation for holiness: He ate no meat and slept on the floor.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Antczak Family	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions

Monday, December 21 – *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jan & Aleksandra Antczak	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory

Tuesday, December 22 – *Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Marie Rita Livernois	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory

Wednesday, December 23 – *Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Croatian American Prayer Group	Intentions

Thursday, December 24 – *Thursday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Vincent DeCarlo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory

Thursday, December 24 – *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)*

6:00 p.m.	Mellone	Edward & Teresa Morace	In Memory
8:00 p.m.	SOSJ	King & Rockelli Families	In Memory
10:00 p.m.	Mellone	Brian Nett	In Memory

Friday, December 25 – *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Loreto Basa	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Barbara A. King	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Carla Rockelli	In Memory

Saturday, December 26 – *St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Hubert Lafitte	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Anthony Zaia	In Memory

Sunday, December 27 – *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Timothy Dillon	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Sands	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Olinda Dos Santos	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

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: WALMART, Giant, Safeway, or Visa.

Donations may be made through our website, 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 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020.

Thank you for your generous support.



CHRISTMAS ALTAR DONATION FUND

The adornment of our Church with poinsettias, greens and treesgifts 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.



ADVENT WREATH

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH CANDLES — FOURTH WEEK

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Annunciation Parish Office will be closed December 24, 2020 and December 25, 2020. Have a blessed Christmas!

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 20

CLOW — 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun — 10:30am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 23

Confession — 11:30am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am — 1:30pm (Church)

Confession — 6:00pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm — 8:00pm (Church)

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

6:00pm, 8:00pm & 10:00pm

Church

Friday, December 25

Christmas Mass

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

Church

Saturday, December 26

Confession

4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)

2020 ALTAR FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF



Nchang Azefor
Covid-10 Victims



Henry Flynn
Martha & Henry Flynn, Sr.
Helen Anesko
John & Mae Rowe
Thomas & May Flynn



Lillian Peeler
Mother
Father
Sister

Christine Rudy
Rukavina/Mordini Families
Rudy/Onufrak Families

Valorie Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Thompson

Angelika Zaia
Anthony T. Zaia

Anna Zakarija
Zakarija Family
Pairan Family
Lucchese Family



2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th
Masses at 6:00pm, 8:00pm & 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th
Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Friday, January 1st
Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am

Please register for Mass at
annunciationdc.org

Diana Gregg
Thomas Gregg

Elizabeth Kardy
Walter Kardy
Irene Wegrocki
Aline Stomfay-Stitz

Patricia Kennard
William & Jeanne Cassidy

Kevin McCormick
Patrick Joseph McCormick, Sr.

VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREATS

Upcoming dates: Jan 22-24

As we move into the new year, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to provide virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the www.ourladyofbethesda.org website

Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home and for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-38

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT!

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

1ST Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

We See the Light!

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...

WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

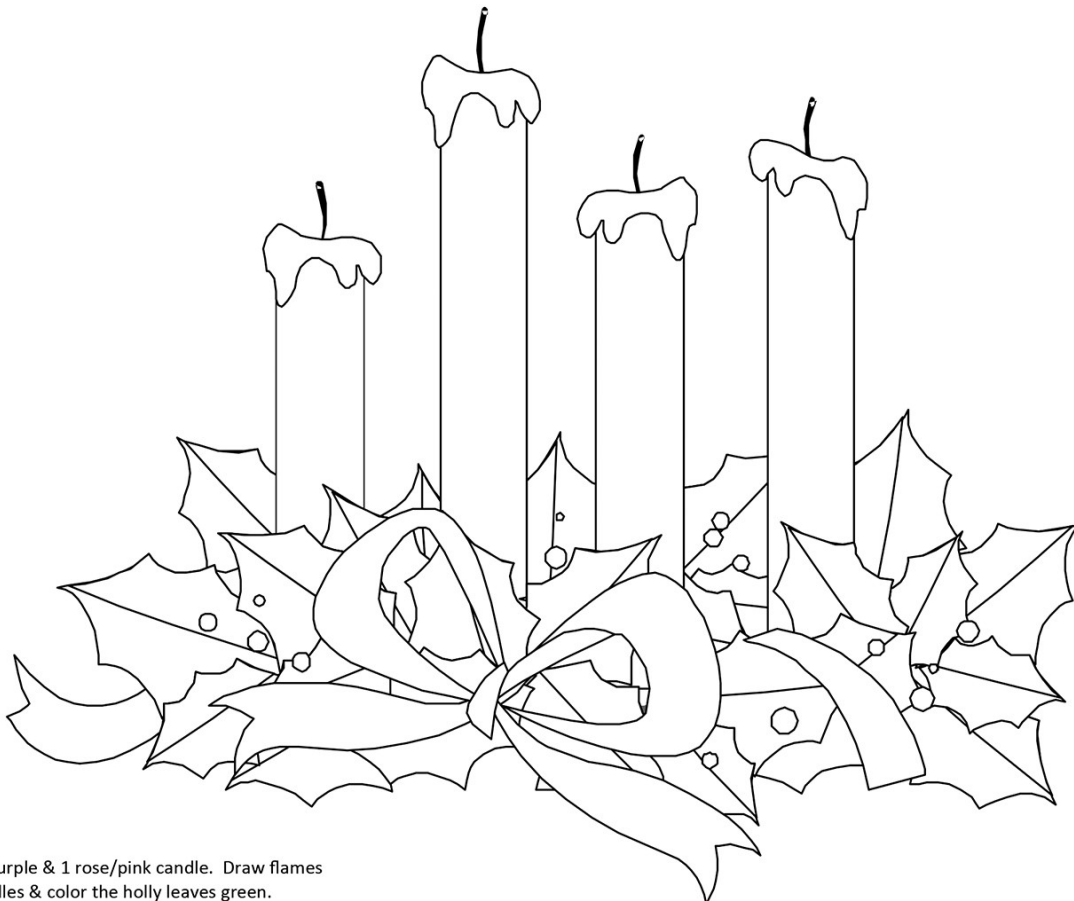
Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

**We are Aware, We are Prepared,
We Rejoice, We see the Light!**

Christ, Light of the World.



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.