

December 27, 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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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

FIRST READING: GN 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	1 Jn 1:5–2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
First Friday	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
First Saturday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

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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,

Celebrating the birth of any child brings great happiness to a family and their friends. Celebrating the birth of Jesus brings incredible blessing to all of Creation. All that is has been created through Jesus, the gift of the Father. Jesus is the Father's greatest gift to us and Jesus' gift of himself is his greatest gift to us. All the trials and challenges we face in life give way to the glory and power of God. May your Christmas be a great beginning to allow God to find you and deepen His love and friendship with you.



This coming Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God for each of us. The family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary give us an example of how to live with the members of our family. Jesus was obedient to his human parents and Mary and Joseph lived their lives listening and following the will of their heavenly Father. Let us live in our families with respect for one another and doing what will bring about what is good for family members and beyond.

Thank you to all for your prayers and generosity; may the gracious Lord grant you a blessed Christmas and Holy New Year.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

AN AWESOME RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

WOW! What more can I say? There was a swift, generous response to the Christmas Project request. We raised over \$10,300 (!) to support 76 seniors and 18 families (95 individuals) – 171 people! Our brothers and sisters at Holy Redeemer will certainly experience the joy of the Christmas season thanks to you. What a wonderful, remarkable way to end 2020!

A heartfelt thank you and God bless,
Tina



OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Annunciation Parish Office will be closed December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021. Have a blessed New Year!



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



THOMAS BECKET

1118 -1170

FEAST DECEMBER 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 28 – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Edward & Teresa Morace	In Memory

Tuesday, December 29 – *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Phillip Rousseau	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Karl Krietsch	In Memory

Wednesday, December 30 – *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Clotaire Maintier	In Memory

Thursday, December 31 – *Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

8:00 a.m.	TBD	Mary Lou Evans	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	TBD	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory

Friday, January 1 – *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:00 a.m.	TBD	John Mehigan	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	TBD	Barbara Kovalik	In Memory

Saturday, January 2 – *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church*

9:00 a.m.	TBD	Clara Murphy	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	TBD	Jeanne Locher	In Memory

Sunday, January 3 – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	TBD	Rob Grigg	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	TBD	Jordan Mendoza	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



GET TO KNOW IONA

Are you planning for your future, looking for services and programs, or concerned about an aging family member? Iona can help. Join a half-hour Zoom tour on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 2:30pm to find out how. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15.

COVID-19 VACCINES INFORMATION FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

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](#).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK SEEKING VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 27

CLOW — 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun — 10:30am (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 30

Confession — 11:30am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am — 1:30pm (Church)

Thursday, December 31

Office Closed

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am

(Church)

Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

Confession

4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)

2020 ALTAR FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF



Nchang Azefor
Covid-10 Victims



Patricia Kennard
William & Jeanne Cassidy



Sgt. Michael DePaul
Albert L. DePaul
Patrick DePaul
Anne C. O'Brien-Hayden
Helen M. O'Brien
Margaret O'Brien-Brown

Kevin McCormick
Patrick Joseph McCormick, Sr.

Lillian Peeler
Mother
Father
Sister

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

Christine Rudy
Rukavina/Mordini Families
Rudy/Onufrak Families

Diana Gregg
Thomas Gregg

Valorie Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Thompson

Elizabeth Kardy
Walter Kardy
Irene Wegrocki
Aline Stomfay-Stitz

Angelika Zaia
Anthony T. Zaia

Anna Zakarija
Zakarija Familij



2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Friday, January 1st

Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am

Please register for Mass at
annunciationdc.org

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 OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. 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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KORNER

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Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family of

_____ and _____.

Fill in their names, found in bold above. Draw in faces and color the picture.