

December 6, 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any readings from the <i>Lectionary for Mass</i> (vol. IV), the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

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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,

This Second Sunday of Advent in Mark’s Gospel begins with the proclamation of John the Baptist, as the messenger going before Jesus, calling for us to repent of our sins. If you jump to the end of Mark’s Gospel you see it concludes with the women running away from the empty tomb. What does this offer us?



The tomb is empty, it no longer binds the body of Jesus. He is free and frees us. We then, must hear the call to repentance and personal responsibility to acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness. We are to be free of what binds us and holds us back from giving full commitment to Jesus. The Baptist know of his own unworthiness and so we too should be aware of ours.

In last Sunday’s scripture reading we were made aware of the coming of the Lord at the end of time. This week we focus on His immediate coming into our lives where we will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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I hope you will be able to stop by our Parish Christmas Bazaar this weekend. Staff and many volunteers have worked hours on end to offer you the finest treasures. Please support this effort through your presence either in person or online.

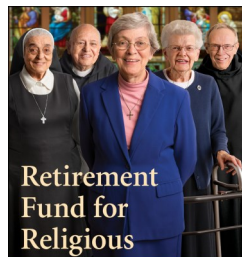
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Please register for all Sunday and Christmas Masses either online or by calling the parish office. This is necessary to follow safe practices for the well-being of others as well as yourself. On Christmas we will have 6 Masses: Christmas Eve 6, 8, 10 PM and Christmas Day 8, 10, 12 Noon. There will be limited overflow in the Parish Center.

God’s Peace,
Fr. Mike

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



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. JUAN DIEGO

1474–1548

Feast Day—December 9

Baptized at about age 50, this Mexican Indian was walking to Mass on December 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. Speaking in his native language of Náhuatl, she asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. But the bishop asked for a sign. On December 12, Juan returned to Tepeyac; Mary told him to pick flowers blooming atop the hill and put them in his cloak to take to the bishop. When Juan opened the cloak, the flowers fell out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe adorned his garment. This miraculous image is preserved in the famous basilica in Mexico City. Juan lived out his days as a hermit near the first chapel built there; he was canonized in 2002.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

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

Monday, December 7 – *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Albert Lucius DePaul	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Edward & Teresa Morace	In Memory

Tuesday, December 8 – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony Chrysakis	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory

Wednesday, December 9 – *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Lonnie Brown	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	James Michael Egidio	In Memory

Thursday, December 10 – *Our Lady of Loretto*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Annie Pleasant Johnson	In Memory

Friday, December 11 – *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Darwin Terry	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Rosita Añez deFalla, Hector Eduardo Falla & Children	In Memory

Saturday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Vladimir Gruden	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory

Sunday, December 13 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Elizabeta & Drago Flauder	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	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 – 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/

For more information, contact Joanna Pelizzoni at 610-626-1400 x315 or 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, December 6

Christmas Bazaar

10:00am – 2:00pm (PC)

CLOW – 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun – 10:30am (Zoom)

Monday, December 7

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 8

Bible Study – 1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 9

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 10

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 12

Mass – 9:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm – 5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass – 5:30pm (Church)

ADVENT

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES — SECOND WEEK

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for 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/ to learn more and to apply.

2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th

Masses at 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th

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



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. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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.

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

BE AWARE, PREPARE!

John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

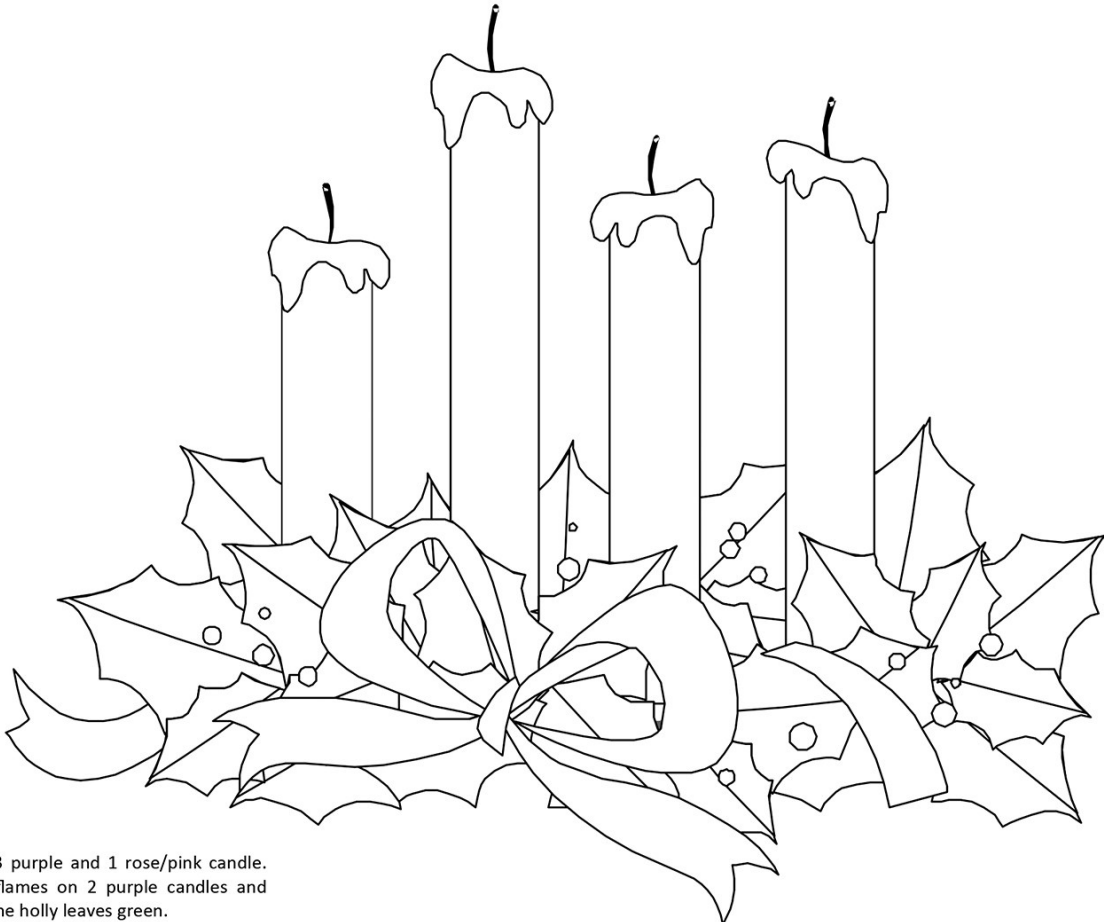
We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
Draw flames on 2 purple candles and
color the holly leaves green.