

December 8, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday
8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday
11:30am-7pm

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 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 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 Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV),
the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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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.

VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are in need of more Eucharistic ministers to make home visits. A number of our parishioners are home-bound and would like to receive Communion weekly. Help us reach out to our neighbors in need. Share the gift of the Eucharist and community. Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach the end of the year we may be looking through those things we have put off for a while. I know I still have to do my Will and I have made an appointment. Maybe we need to make plans to go to confession. We have several opportunities here at Annunciation and there are many parishes that have various times available. We are called to reform our lives so that justice may flourish in our time. Throughout each day we should turn to God and lift our thoughts up to him in prayer.



On December 8th this year, we will celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to December 9th and is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our Archdiocese. On December 9th we will have Mass at 8:00am and 11:00am.

We are also coming to the end of the year for the Annual Appeal for the Archdiocese of Washington. I wish to provide you with some information for our parish and the Archdiocese as a whole. Our parish goal is \$188,800 and our total commitments for 2019 is \$116,935 which is 61.9%. The goal for the Archdiocese is \$14,300,000, and the total commitments for 2019 is \$9,994,123 which is 69.9%. Please use this information as you see fit.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

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 until Saturday, December 21st or until they sell out from 10am-9pm weekdays and 9am-9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to this week's second collection.



In Loving Memory

UPCOMING FUNERAL

December 14, 2019 — 2:00pm

Fran Freeman



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.

SECOND COLLECTION

December 15

Building Maintenance

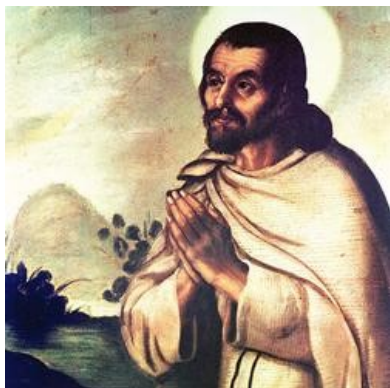
POOR BOX

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.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



JUAN DIEGO

1474 - 1548

FEAST DECEMBER 9

Baptized at 50, this Indian was walking to Mass on Dec. 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. She asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. But the bishop asked for a sign. On Dec. 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.

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony E. Chrysakis	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Jack & Natalie Shea	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Clara Ferrara & Rufus Ferrara	In Memory

Monday, December 9 – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Al Kovalik	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Willem Nijhof	In Memory

Tuesday, December 10 – *Tuesday of the Second Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	The Huynh Family	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Kathleen Broderick	In Memory

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

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Rosita deFalla, Hector Falla and Children	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eva Taylor	In Memory

Thursday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Ralph & Ben Palumbo	In Memory

Friday, December 13 – *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rolando Castanedo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Frances Freeman	In Memory

Saturday, December 14 – *Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Deceased Residents of the Towers	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	James P. Gleason	In Memory

Sunday, December 15 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Berard	Martha & Martin Rukavina	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Emanuela Santini	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Grace Booth	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2019

This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 8, 2019. Because the First Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Because of this, the Solemnity is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.

SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Friday, December 13th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



WALK WITH MARY

All are invited to join the upcoming archdiocesan pilgrimage, Walk with Mary, on Saturday, December 14th. The Walk with Mary pilgrimage honors the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and invites the many cultures of our archdiocese to celebrate this devotion, which promotes the unity of our Catholic faith, gathered under Our Lady's mantle.

The procession starts at 11:30am from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, 3211 Sacred Heart Way NW, to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception followed by a rosary at 1:00pm and Mass at 2:30pm.

2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th

4pm Children's Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Mass

8:20pm Christmas Music

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

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



NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 8

CLOW

9:00am (PC)

Faith Fun

9:30am (PC)

Tuesday, December 10

Bible Study

11:30am (PC)

RCIA

7:00pm (CR)

Wednesday, December 11

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am (Church)

Young at Heart Luncheon

11:30am (PC)

Bible Study

7:00pm (CR)

Children's Religious Ed

7:00pm (PC)

Thursday, December 12

Contemplative Prayer

6:25pm (CR)

Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm (Church)

Friday, December 13

Baptism

3:00pm (Church)

Square Dancing

7:00pm (PC)

Saturday, December 14

Christmas Pageant Practice

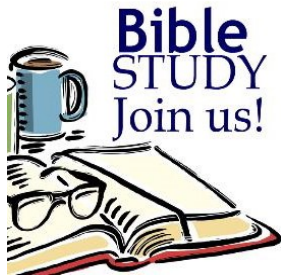
10:00am (Church)

Funeral—Fran Freeman

2:00pm (Church)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS

Once again we are preparing for our annual children's Christmas Pageant Mass which will be on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm. Children ages four and up are cordially invited to participate in the retelling of the birth of Jesus. Practices will be held on Saturday, December 14th and Saturday, December 21st from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to register your child.



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Tuesdays
after the 11:00am Mass
or
Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center



YOUNG AT HEART HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 11 2019

All Seniors are cordially invited to a Holiday Luncheon following the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Center. An RSVP is requested by Friday, December 6th to the Parish Office at 202-362-3323 or parish@annunciationdc.org.



THE ANNUNCIATION 2019 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

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

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 8, 2019.

Thank you for your generous support.



POINSETTIAS

Each year during Christmas Season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias donated by parishioners, in memory of family, friends, and loved ones. If you wish to join with us in this memorial gesture, please use the envelopes included in your December envelope packet or use the envelopes in the back of the church so your name and your intention's name may be listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.

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*)



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent / Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

Year A

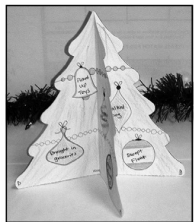
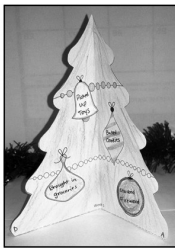
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

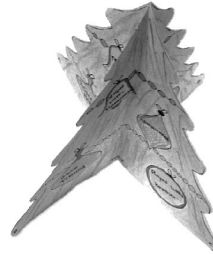
Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

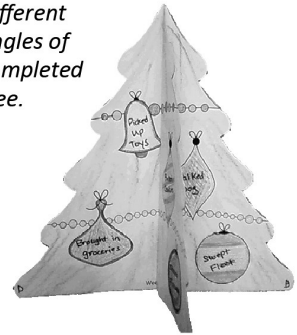
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

