

March 21, 2021

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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
6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm
*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent marks a dramatic point in Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and "the hour" that has arrived. Many important moments come together. Jesus goes up to Jerusalem to the Feast of Passover where the Jews celebrate their freedom of slavery in Egypt and the slaughter of the Passover lamb. Jesus is that lamb who will be lifted up on the cross and free us from sin. His body is prepared for death with the anointing by Mary. Lazarus, who was raised from the dead, represents the power of Jesus over death. And finally, some Jewish people are seeking the Lord to arrest Him but the Gentiles and Greeks are coming to look for Him because they have heard of His words and great deeds.



We have been preparing for several weeks for this moment as Jesus announces His imminent death. We have prayed, fasted, and done works of charity, uniting ourselves to Christ and people of the world. In these final two weeks of Lent, let us not give in to the power of Satan. May we remain strong in our resolutions and dedication to Christ.

On Thursday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, our parish Feast Day, we will have a greater celebration at the 11:00am Mass. I hope you will be able to attend.

We will have the distribution of blessed Palms on Passion Palm Sunday, the weekend of March 27th after the evening Mass and Sunday March 28th. Palms will be available to be picked up at the end of Mass.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

THANK YOU!

Annunciation comes through again with amazing support! Last Sunday was rainy, cold, and dreary yet so many came out and generously donated to our collections. Two cars piled high with food went to the Holy Name of Jesus Food Pantry in Northeast DC. A car full of cleaning supplies, wipes, and other items for babies, along with snacks went to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Family. Be sure to check out our online Curiosity Shoppe - we received many new donations!



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 March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



OSCAR ROMERO

1917-1980

Feast day – March 24

Before becoming archbishop, Monsignor Romero was not aware that the government was responsible for the deaths of many civilians. Because of his quiet nature, some thought that he would be good for the position, assuming he would not meddle in controversial affairs. However, shortly after his installation, his close friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, a priest who openly opposed the unjust practices of wealthy landowners, was assassinated by gunmen. This experience awakened Archbishop Romero to the reality of the corruption in his country and prompted him to take a stand for his people's freedom.

Archbishop Romero persistently defended the rights of the people. His vocal response to government violence against the poor led to difficulties with other clergy members and his religious superiors as well as death threats from government accomplices.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot to death while celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel of Divina Providencia hospital. Saint Oscar Romero was beatified in May 2015 and canonized on October 14, 2018 by Pope Francis.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 21 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Gerda Ritschel	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Davonne Loup	In Memory

Monday, March 22 – *Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Michael Sheehan	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Harish Selvanadin	In Memory

Tuesday, March 23 – *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	Intentions

Wednesday, March 24 – *Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Msgr. Godfrey Mosley	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lou Thomas	In Memory

Thursday, March 25 – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Deceased Parishioners of Annunciation	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

Friday, March 26 – *Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Andrea Clune	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Donald Duggan	In Memory

Saturday, March 27 – *Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Abigail Mellone	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Iris Ferrari & Teresa Santamaria	In Memory

Sunday, March 28 – *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Sands	Raymond Zolandz, Sr.	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	SOSJ	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	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



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 21	CLOW	10:00am (Zoom)
	Faith Fun	10:30am (Zoom)
Monday, March 22	Religious Ed/Grade 1	3:30pm (Zoom)
	Religious Ed/Grade 2	4:00pm (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 23	Bible Study	1:00pm (Zoom)
	Religious Ed/Grade 3	3:30pm (Zoom)
	Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6	4:00pm (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 24	Confession	11:30am (Chapel)
	Eucharistic Adoration	11:30am (Church)
	Religious Ed/Grade 4	3:30pm (Zoom)
	Religious Ed/CP 1 & CP 2	4:00pm (Zoom)
	Confession	6:30pm (Church)
	Bible Study	7:00pm (Zoom)
Thursday, March 25	Contemplative Prayer	6:20pm (Zoom)
Friday, March 26	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm (Zoom)
	Stations of the Cross	7:00pm (Church)
Saturday, March 27	Mass	9:00am (Church)
	First Eucharist Retreat	9:30am (Zoom)
	Confession	4:15pm (Chapel)
	Mass	5:30pm (Church)

KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Thanks to all of you who are praying for the seminarian you picked from the Vocations Tree. Please keep up the daily prayers for him throughout Lent -- and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian's card lists his year of formation? Did you wonder what it meant? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination! Seminarians who have just graduated from high school work on earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy (*First College, Second College, Third College, Fourth College*). Then they go on to study graduate-level theology (*First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, Fourth Theology*). Men who have already earned a bachelor's degree before coming to the seminary may need to spend 2 years in a pre-theology program before going on to graduate-level theology (*First Pre-Theology, Second Pre-Theology*). At some point before ordination, a seminarian may spend a year at a parish (*Pastoral Year*). Usually, a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon the year before he is ordained a priest. If you picked a deacon, pray for him a special way: He is preparing for ordination in June!



2021 LENT SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26
(3:00pm) Zoom

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26
(7:00pm)

The Light is on For You

Wednesdays — February 24 thru
March 31

Eucharistic Adoration (11:30am—
1:30pm)

Confessions (11:30am—12:30pm and
6:30pm—7:30pm)

Confessions Saturday (4:15pm to
5:15pm)

Holy Thursday, April 1

(No 8am or 11am Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confession (9:30am to 10:30am)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2

(No 8am or 11am Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confessions (9:30am to 10:30 am)

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Confessions at 3:30pm—5:00pm

Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)

Morning Prayer (9:00am)

Confessions (9:30 to 10:30)

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

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

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

Commit to service in 2021! Share your talents and time as a mentor, pro bono professional, or in special project support. **Apply by March 31, 2021!**

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers for ongoing roles with a weekly commitment to service. Involvement in these important roles requires an application, conversation with program staff about expectations, and at least a 75-hour commitment, including orientation and training. During COVID-19, **most volunteering is done remotely** via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail.

Please check out the current volunteer roles and apply for one on [Catholic Charities' Volunteer Page!](#)

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/>

2021 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8th) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces The 2021 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opens January 21, 2021. Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay on January 21, 2021.

Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted ONLY online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2021.

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.

2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Now accepting donations of the following for the 2021 Christmas Bazaar and the NEW Online Curiosity Shoppe: *Jewelry, Antique Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Home and Kitchen Items, Scarves and Handbags Toys and Sporting Goods*



Please—No Books, CDs, DVDs, or Clothing!

Please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule an appointment.

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY



J.D., what does it mean when Jesus talks about a kernel of wheat?



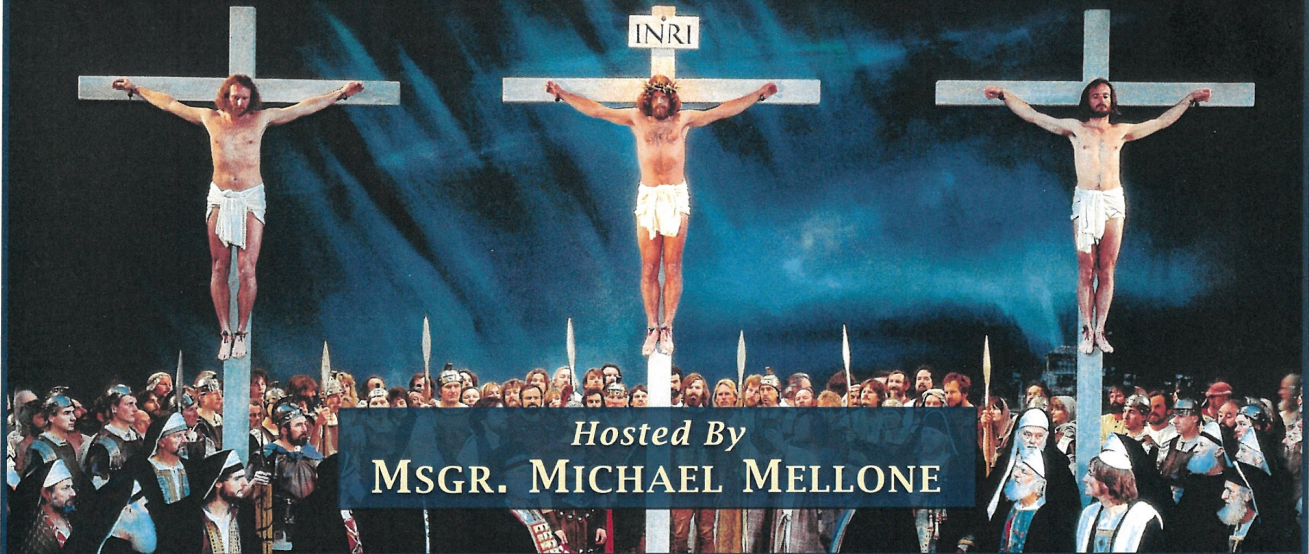
Honey, wheat is a seed, and when it is dried and planted it springs forth new life, and produces many more seeds.

Jesus is the seed of love. By dying and rising to new life, His love will blossom for everyone who serves Him.

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Washington DC Seniors: Tell DDOT about your transportation priorities! Shape the next DDOT plan and how money is spent!

Your input to the DDOT long-range transportation plan **MoveDC** is important! The District Department of Transportation planners need to hear from many of our city's more than 112,000 older adults / seniors.

Faster sidewalk repair? Crossing the street more easily in all parts of the city? Reduce speeding on our streets? Changes so buses can move faster? Improve the condition of bus stops? More transportation options in "transportation deserts" like Wards 7 and 8? What does transportation equity mean to you? What are your priorities to improve multimodal transportation in DC?

Hey, what is *multimodal* transportation?! It's just the many ways there are to get around...walking, taking the bus/train, using a wheelchair, taxi/Uber/Lyft, biking or driving. Tell DDOT which of these transportation modes, the many mobility options for going places, are most important to you, as a senior.

Communicate your thoughts, priorities and concerns in three ways:

- **Take the new online survey** through March 31st at www.wemovedc.org. Be sure to include your age. Add comments by clicking the white bubbles.
- **Call the Hotline** at **(202) 599-7371** any Thursday (10am-11am) in February or March to talk to a DDOT staff member. Or call any time of day and leave a message with your name and phone number, and your call will be returned. You may take a survey by calling the Hotline. Ask that your age be recorded. (Yes, optional, but this is a way for seniors to be counted.)
- **Send an email to** movedc@dc.gov. Include your age; make seniors count.

If you missed the two MoveDC Town Hall meetings earlier in February, visit www.wemovedc.org to see the slide presentation.

Flyer prepared by Heather Foote, Transportation FootePrints Transportation.FootePrints@gmail.com, and adapted from the DDOT website. Updated to 2021-02-12.