September 13, 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Cancelled until further notice

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 11:30am-12:30pm

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



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50 **Friday** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

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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,

Over the next several months we will be inundated with news articles, advertisements, and social media accounts of who we are to vote for and why. Each of us needs to inform our conscience, our minds, and decide who will receive our vote. The Catholic Church will not take a stand and tell you who is to receive your vote nor will the parish. It will be important for you to seek out what are the issues and how the teachings of Christ can assist you and guide you. One of the important ways to form your



conscience is to read, reflect and pray on what is taught by our Bishops. Please read Faithful Citizenship at the following link (https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship). Many prominent Catholics will tell you why they are voting for a particular person, please remember it is your choice and pray for all candidates.

Pope Francis writes, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

I have noticed that several people are not wearing a mask when they come to church and only put it on for communion. This is not acceptable. Please be respectful to other parishioners and follow the directives of the Archdiocese of Washington, linked here, adw.org/coronavirus. Even if you are not sitting near anyone your breath and droplets do settle on the pews and travel through the air. Obedience and humility can be lifesaving virtues.

Our Sunday reading are most challenging this weekend. Forgiveness and mercy are incredibly powerful forces. They can free us from guilt, bitterness, anger and revenge. Forgiveness and mercy are founded on love. Love first comes from God. He is the source of love and that love is manifest in Christ Jesus.

If we are honest with ourselves, we know we all sin and we have offended many, either willfully or unintended. The Lord wants us to seek His forgiveness and He wants us to accept His mercy. In doing this, we then have the opportunity to offer the same to others. As we examine our conscience let us seek out those areas where we have turned in on ourselves and neglected our sisters and brothers. Let us become aware of when we have made ourselves more important that the other. This is the day the Lord has made and we can say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103

God's peace, Fr. Mike

2020 Jubilarian Mass Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are cancelling the Archdiocesan Jubilarian Mass on November 22, 2020. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) and will be providing each couple an anniversary certificate. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should contact the parish office by September 28th.





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.

Men's Reading Group



On Monday evenings at 7:00pm our Seminarian, Louis McHale, is leading a men's reading group exploring the book by Charles Cardinal Journet titled "The Meaning of Grace". If you are interested, contact Louis at mchale@annunciationdc.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE

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Feast Day - September 16

One of the first great theologians in the church, this Latin father is remembered today for his writings, which are quoted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A late convert, Thascius Cecilianus Cyprianus was a lawyer, rhetorician and teacher before being chosen by the people and clergy of Carthage, in North Africa, as their bishop. He was drawn into papal controversies and schisms, but he also was known for pastoral zeal and aiding plague victims. Having survived one Roman persecution, he later was beheaded for refusing to participate in state religious ceremonies. He wrote biblical commentary and treatises on church unity and the sacraments. Cyprian is the patron saint of North Africa and Algeria.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mellone Parishioners Intentions
10:00 a.m. Glasgow Roger Marcel Chaffiotte In Memory
12:00 p.m. Pertrine Benefactors Intentions

Monday, September 14 – *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

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

Tuesday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. Glasgow Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez In Memory

11:00 a.m. Mellone

Wednesday, September 16 – Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mellone Maura Loakman In Memory

11:00 a.m. Mellone

Thursday, September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Marchese Msgr. James E. Montgomery In Memory

11:00 a.m. Mellone

Friday, September 18 – *Friday of the 24*th *Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. Marchese

11:00 a.m. Mellone Msgr. V. James Lockman In Memory

Saturday, September 19 – Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 a.m. Mellone Mary Dolcich In Memory 5:30 p.m. Mellone Creusa R. DaSilva In Memory

Sunday, September 20 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Pertrine Rosita Anez deFalla In Memory 10:00 a.m. Mellone Parishioners Intentions 12:00 p.m. Mellone Vocations 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





Zoom sessions and you can also call in via phone and listen:

TUESDAYS at 1:00pm starting September 15,2020 or
WEDNESDAYS at 7:00pm starting September 16, 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Info: Patrice Morace - morace@annunciationdc.org, (240)-688-7010

Please Help the Little Sisters of the poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor need support as they provide care for the elderly at their Jeanne Jugan Residence during these challenging times. Since the Little Sisters are unable to go to the local parishes and collect donations for the needs of their Residents, please consider donating any of the following items and have them delivered to:

Jeanne Jugan Residence 4200 Harewood Road, NE Washington, D.C. 20017 202-269-1831

Most needed items:

Disposable gloves

Disposable head covers and shoe covers

Isolation gowns

Disposable masks

Laundry detergent

Disinfectant wipes and spray, paper towels, & toilet paper

Packets of instant plain Oatmeal and instant plain Cream of Wheat

Cereal, i.e. Kellogg's Corn Flakes (Plain), Raisin Bran, plan Special K

Variety of Yogurt (4 oz or 6 oz)

Bottled Water

Individual serving box juices

Bottles of Juice (orange, apple, cranberry, lemonade, cranapple, etc)

Thank you for your generosity!



UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

September 22, 2020 - 11:00am Ted Crausway

October 3, 2020—12:30pm Celeste Hart



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 September supports IONA Senior Services which helps older adults and their families with the challenges of aging.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Religious Education will resume via Zoom sessions September 14th, 15th and 16th. Registration began on Monday, August 17th. Because our zoom classes are more targeted, sessions will be shorter. In most cases the younger grades will be 25 to 30 minutes maximum and



30 minutes maximum for the older students. The zoom schedule is:

Grade 1: Monday: 3:30pm to 4:00pm Grade 2: Monday: 4:00pm to 4:30pm Grade 3: Tuesday: 3:30pm to 4:00pm Grade 4: Wednesday: 3:30pm to 4:00pm Grades 5 & 6: Tuesday: 4:00pm to 4:30pm

CP1 & CP2 (Grades 7 & 8) Wednesday: 4:00pm to 4:30pm

(CP stands for Confirmation Preparation which is a two-year process.)

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

This program is for those who are considering becoming Catholic or those who are already Catholic but haven't received Eucharist or Confirmation. Sessions are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 2 meetings per month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm or whatever works best for the group. For more information, contact Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org.





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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

These are to prepare parents and Godparents of a child who is to be baptized. Sessions will be conducted as needed. For more information, contact Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org.



TAKE A PERSONAL "RETREAT" DAY

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center on September 18th or November 20th where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat from 8:30am-4:00pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance registration is required, visit our website to register and find more dates www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301 -365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

THIS WEEK ...

9/13 Sunday CLOW

Zoom 10:00am

Faith Fun

Zoom 10:30am

9/14 Monday Religious Ed—Grade 1

Zoom 3:30pm

Religious Ed-Grade 2

Zoom 4:00pm

9/15 Tuesday BIBLE STUDY

Zоом 1:00pm

Religious Ed—Grade 3

Zoom 3:30pm Religious Ed-Grades 5 & 6 Zoom 4:00pm

9/16 Wednesday Christmas Bazaar September Spree

Gym 10:00am - 2:00pm

Confession

Chapel 11:30am — 12:30pm

Religious Ed—Grade 4

Zoom 3:30pm

Religious Ed—CP 1 & CP 2

Zoom 4:00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Zoom 7:00pm

9/17 Thursday Contemplative Prayer

Zoom 6:20pm
Parent Sacramental Meeting
Zoom 7:00pm

9/19 Saturday Mass

Church 9:00am
Christmas Bazaar September Spree

Gym 10:00am – 2:00pm

First Eucharist

Church 10:03am

Wedding

Church 1:30pm

Confession

Chapel 4:15pm−5:15pm

Mass

Church 5:30pm

2020 Collection for the Holy Land

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventive measures precluded the normal community celebration of Holy Week.

The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that asall citizens with sist education and healthcare, peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13.

BUILD A LOVING AND JUST DMV: (VIRTUAL) UNITY WALK 2020



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Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.

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JESUS REMINDS US To be forgiving



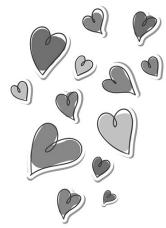
Cycle A

What symbol would best show what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs & kisses or prayer; or are you just proud to be in America.

Design and color your own FORGIVENESS FLAG.

With the symbols below, or your own ideas, design a larger flag on a separate piece of paper and hang it in a window.



Forgive from the heart flag

SAMPLE FLAGS



American flag



Peace flag

