

August 22, 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

Monday– Friday
8:00am & 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION

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



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

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| Monday | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22 |
| Tuesday | Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 |
| Wednesday | 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32 |
| Thursday | 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51 |
| Friday | 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13 |
| Saturday | 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30 |

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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,

How often we face uncertainty in our personal lives and the world around us. People losing their lives, homes, and livelihood due to wildfires around the world; earthquakes and storms in Haiti; the humanitarian, military, and political upheavals in Afghanistan are all signs of how fragile are our lives. There is a line in Sacred Scripture for the 21st Sunday from the book of Joshua that gives all of us direction and hope. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

These words spoken by Joshua and affirmed by all of Israel as they entered the Promised Land made their trials and suffering redemptive for the individual and the nation. We too can affirm our faithfulness to God in the midst of whatever we are undergoing knowing and believing that our God is here with us.

As Jesus reveals to us that, we who receive Him in Holy Communion receive His body and blood. We become one with Him. Here is why we come to Mass on a regular basis, to be nourished with the gift of eternal life. Christ wants us to live in Him and He in us. May worthy and frequent reception of the Eucharist unite us to one another and to the God who gives us all we need. Please do not allow this precious gift to go unopened or unused, for Jesus has the words of eternal life.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Our second collection on September 5th will be for Catholic University. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines. Your generosity is appreciated.

The Annunciation Bazaar Volunteers are taking a vacation!!

We are not able to accept any donations until late September.

Only jewelry will continue to be accepted.

Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you wish to donate jewelry.



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

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT MONICA

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Memorial—August 27

Born in Tagaste in present-day Algeria, this North African lay woman was given in marriage to Patricius, a Roman pagan. St. Augustine of Hippo, a saint in the making, was their eldest child.

In 383, Monica sought his conversion and followed Augustine to Italy, where she became a follower of St. Ambrose and asked for his intervention with Augustine. Three years later, Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose. Monica fell ill shortly after and died before their return to Africa. Years before, a bishop had famously counseled her, "It is not possible that the son of so many tears should be lost."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 22—Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:00 a.m. | Pertiné | Parishioners | Intentions |
| 10:00 a.m. | Giampietro | Jeffrey Ratajczak | In Memory |
| 12:00 p.m. | Gardiner | William T. Webb, Jr. | In Memory |

Monday, August 23—Saint Rosa of Lima, Virgin

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| 8:00 a.m. | Marchese | Tom Rukavina | In Memory |
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Tuesday, August 24—Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

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| 8:00 a.m. | Marchese | Jeffrey Ratajczak | In Memory |
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Wednesday, August 25—Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

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| 8:00 a.m. | Sands | Keith Armistead | In Memory |
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Thursday, August 26—Thursday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time

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| 8:00 a.m. | Marchese | John Lively | Intentions |
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Friday, August 27—Saint Monica

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| 8:00 a.m. | Marchese | Mary Ellen Kirst | In Memory |
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Saturday, August 28—Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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| 9:00 a.m. | Russo | Maria Liauw | In Memory |
| 5:30 p.m. | Pertiné | Edward Armistead | In Memory |

Sunday, August 29—Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:00 a.m. | Pertiné | Parishioners | Intentions |
| 10:00 a.m. | Gardiner | Lou Thomas | In Memory |
| 12:00 p.m. | Gardiner | Liz Avila | 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



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 3pm in the church or virtually via zoom. Contact Tina Lindberg, lindberg@annunciationdc.org for the Zoom coordinates or more details.





“Jesus teaches us another way: Go. Go and share your testimony, go and interact with your brothers, go and share. Become the Word in body as well as spirit”. Pope Francis

ARE YOU READY TO STEP OUTSIDE YOUR WORLD AND TOUCH THE LIVES OF OTHERS?

We invite you to share your time and talent by participating in a ministry or activity in our parish. What are your gifts? What talents do you want to share with others? Please review the volunteer opportunities and prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with the parish community.

Consider talking to Andreja Mezek or Tina Lindberg to explore how you can serve. Call 202.362.3323 or email at: mezek@annunciationdc.org, lindberg@annunciationdc.org or see us at Sunday Masses!

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

Want to learn more about your faith? Try teaching! Our children’s education and liturgy programs are in need of adults who want to make a difference in our children’s faith life. Each grade level has 3 to 4 adults so that the commitment is once a month or so and based on your availability!

The Faith formation program meets on Wednesday evenings 7pm to 8 :15pm, September through the beginning of May. All lesson plans are done for you! (and we like to have fun!)

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADER

Meets on Sundays during the Liturgy of the Word portion of Mass at the 10am Mass. Proclaim the weekly readings to children. Sessions begin in September. All materials and activities provided...guaranteed to make you a scripture scholar!

CHILDREN’S FAITH FUN PROGRAM LEADER

Meets on Sundays at 10:30am to 11am. This is a scripture-based learning experience for children ages 5 and under. Sessions begin in September. All materials, activities supplied. Adult & teen help provided.

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Lectors proclaim the Word at Mass during the week, weekends, and Holy Days. Prayer of the Faithful and announcements are added on the weekend.

Eucharistic Ministers help with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

Ushers welcome parishioners as they arrive for Mass and help find seats as necessary, collect the offertory, and distribute the bulletin.

Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass. Adults welcome!

Serve at the Mass of your choice and availability. Training and preparation provided.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Religious Education in person sessions will begin in September.

If your child is entering 1st grade this fall, they should be enrolled so they are able to receive their First Communion in second grade. A two-year preparation period is required for all students preparing to receive a sacrament. Our faith is a lifelong process of formation and knowledge.



Forms may be found on our website under the Faith Formation tab. For more information contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext. 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.

AID TO HAITI

If you would like to make a contribution to assist the people of Haiti, contact Catholic Relief Services: online: crs.org; by phone: 877-435-7277 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern; by mail: P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland, 21297-0303

THIS WEEK ...

Thursday, August 26

Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Friday, August 27

Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm (Church)

Saturday, August 28

Mass
9:00am (Church)
Confession
4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)
Mass
5:30pm (Church)

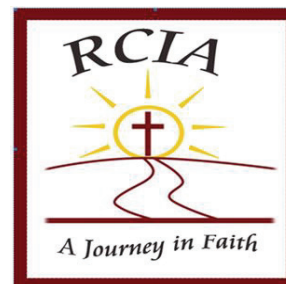
RCIA

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION OR COMMUNION?

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming Catholic?

RCIA, (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the place for them. For children over the age of 7, we have a process call RCIC, (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). Sessions begin in September.

Our website has information about the process. Please feel free to contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext. 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.



HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on families, friends, and neighbors to notify the parish office if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. If you'd like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Also if you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin **Tuesday September 21, 2021** and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through **November 9, 2021** from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are virtual at this time with the hope we will be able to offer hybrid meetings, including those who wish to make person-to-person contact. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 - 2213.



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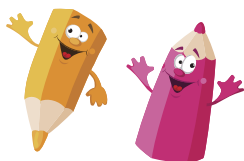
Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:60-69

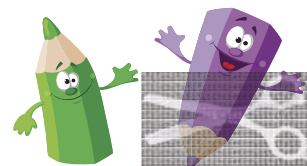
Some of Jesus' followers found it difficult to understand His teachings and went back to their old lives. The Twelve had enough faith to believe Jesus was God's Holy One.

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Like those found in today's readings, we live the faith of Joshua, Simon Peter, the disciples and St. Paul as we serve the Lord.



Color, cut and hang where the family gathers.



AS FOR ME AND
MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE
THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24: 15

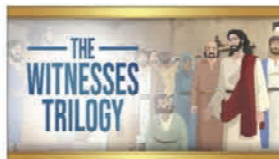
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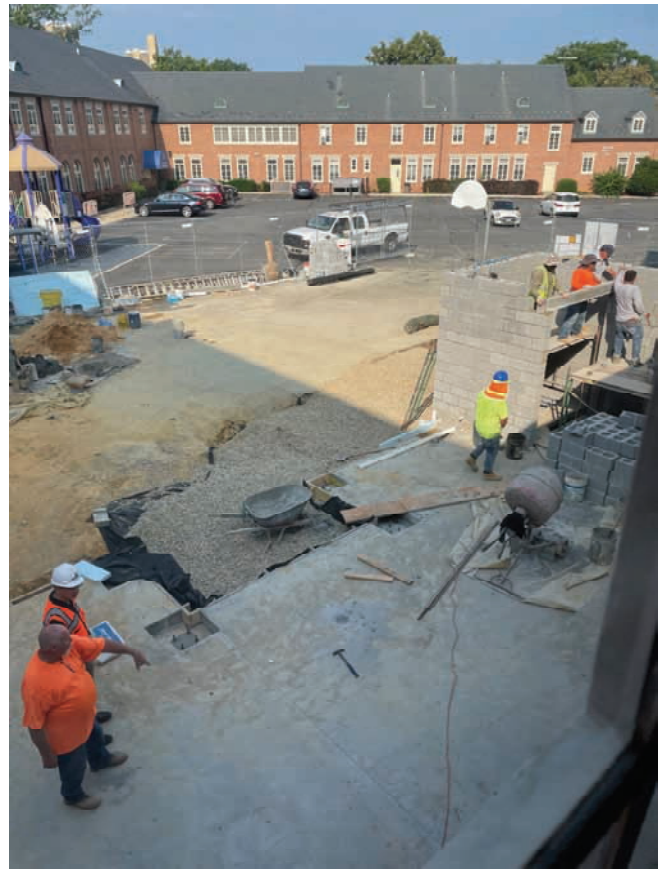


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