

November 28, 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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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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,

We have longed to get back to our “normal” way of life. Many say there is a “new normal”. I am not sure what either of those phrases means. What I do know is that life is ever changing and that the Lord is ever faithful to all people. We now enter a new Liturgical Year, Year C, with the First Sunday of Advent. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us the Lord is always fulfilling His promises. The second reading from Thessalonians helps us to remember that the Lord is our teacher and we are to be faithful to holding onto the teachings of Christ. Our Gospel exhorts us to stand firm in the presence of the Lord and fear not. In light of these directives from the Lord, we look forward to a future filled with hope.



You will be hearing much about the Synod 2021 – 2023, Journeying Together with the Lord in the Church. We begin by asking you to fill out a form as to what time would be convenient for many of you to gather together in smaller groups to reflect on questions of how the Lord God is working in your life and if or how the Parish/Church, is aiding or is an obstacle in your journey. I pray all of you will take this opportunity and invite your family and friends, many who may have left the Catholic Church, to participate in listening to one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

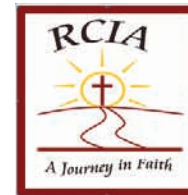
We welcome back on a monthly basis, coffee and donuts, and an occasion to gather for fellowship. We will start small and look to grow over the next several months. You will notice the newly renovated restrooms are now available for use. The internal stairway and elevator should be completed by mid-December. It will take some time to get use to the new space that has been created but you will now be able to travel from the basement level, parking lot level, to the church level without going outside. Thank you for all your sacrifices that have made this project possible. The Carillon will be completed in the Spring and we look forward to giving praise to God through our new musical instrument.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

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 know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, 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.



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 have begun.

Please feel free to contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext. 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.



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 November will benefit the House of Ruth which assists women, children and families in greatest need and very limited resources build safe and stable lives.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

1506-1552

Feast Day—December 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Sands	All Souls	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Carroll Carter	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Oberle	Parishioners	Intentions

Monday, November 29—Monday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
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Tuesday, November 30—Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	All Souls	In Memory
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Wednesday, December 1—Wednesday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Michael Sheehan	Intentions
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Thursday, December 2—Thursday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	John E. Hurley	In Memory
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Friday, December 3—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Michael Hurley	In Memory
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Saturday, December 4—Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Deceased Residents of the Towers	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Nunciature	Fr. Thierry Linard de Guertechin	Intentions

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Ivan	Michael Rudy	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



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 26th until Saturday, December 18th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities ADW is seeking volunteers for many different projects! Here are some ways you can get involved, both individually and with a group:

Sign up for a year of service with Catholic Charities through AmeriCorps or Capuchin Franciscan Corps!

Financial Stability AmeriCorps

Nutrition Education AmeriCorps

Volunteer Office VISTA

Volunteer Medical Clinic VISTA

Capuchin Corps Volunteer in Volunteer Office, Spanish Catholic Center, or Medical Clinic

You can learn more on their Volunteer Homepage: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>

ADVENT

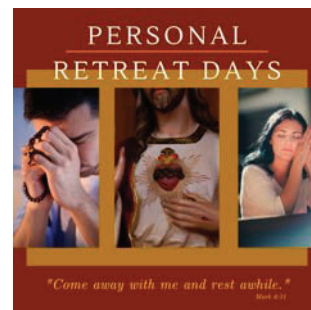
Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. (from www.usccb.org)

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES FIRST WEEK

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions)



TAKE A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Dec 10 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession 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, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days. or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

THIS WEEK ...**Sunday, November 28**

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Wednesday, December 1

Religious Education

7:00pm (School)

Thursday, December 2

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 4

Mass 9:00am (Church)

One Stop Christmas Shop

10:00am (PC)

Confession

4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

**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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and the Board of Directors of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families to our Annual Christmas Open House:

Sunday, December 5, 2021

1:00pm - 3:00pm

St. Ann's Center

4901 Eastern Avenue

Hyattsville, MD 20782

<https://www.stanns.org>

Please contact Carolyn Boyle for more information: cboyle@stanns.org or 301-559-5500.

**FEEL THE DESIRE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS?**

Come meet devout Catholics who dedicate part of each day praying for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and consecrated religious life.

Meet members of the Downtown Washington (St. Junipero) Serra Club at one of their up-coming meetings:

December 18, 2021

Church of the Annunciation

3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW

9:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting will follow in the parish office conference room

Speaker: Father Brendan Glasgow, Chaplain Downtown Washington Serra Club

January 15, 2022

Church of the Annunciation

3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW

9:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting will follow in the parish office conference room

Speaker: TBA

Questions? Contact Alice Middleton, President, Downtown Washington Serra Club. Her email is: cathcap@aol.com

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>.



WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

Synodality and the Synodal process are not a gathering or meeting of bishops, nor are they the administrative arm of the Church. Rather, Synodality is the path and process of the Church as communion. It is the communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with each other and praying together to hear the voice of Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel. Synodality involves clergy, religious and laity listening and speaking, praying and discerning together, and placing the hopes and concerns of the People of God at the foot of the bishops, who, united with the Pope, decide matters of faith and morals in order to preserve the faith



“Synodality, in this perspective, is much more than the celebration of ecclesial meetings and Bishops’ assemblies, or a matter of simple internal administration within the Church; it is ‘the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* [way of living and being] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission’” (*Preparatory Document* no. 10). “In fact, this People, gathered together by its Pastors, adheres to the sacred deposit of the Word of God entrusted to the Church, perseveres constantly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fraternal communion, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer, ‘so that holding to, practicing, and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the Bishops and Faithful a single common effort’” (*Preparatory Document* no. 13). Synodality and the Synodal process are not about engaging others for the purpose of deciding matters through a parliamentary vote. Nor is the primary purpose of Synodality to introduce democratic methods into the Church, where the majority determines how the Church will act. Synodality is also not about promulgating strategic plans or managing pastoral parish ministries through objectives. Synodality is about the entire People of God journeying together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to become holy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church throughout the world has been asked by Pope Francis to enter into “journeying together” and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. At Annunciation, we are beginning by asking you how we can best gather your thoughts for the Synod 2021 (2022?) – 2023. We would like to know what days and times might be best for you to attend a parish discussion group as part of our response to the Synod.

Please indicate below your top three choices for a time to gather, with “1” indicating your most preferred option, “2” your second option, and “3” your third option. We will schedule sessions based on the input we receive .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday morning, 9-11 a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. |
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Let us know by filling out the form, place it in the offertory basket, email the parish (parish@annunciationdc.org), or hand it to one of the Priests or Deacons.

Thank you and blessings,

Fr. Mike

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

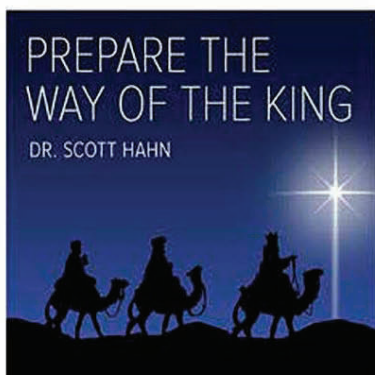
Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.

WATCH

LEARN

ADVENT

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind-Jesus Christ.

LISTEN

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Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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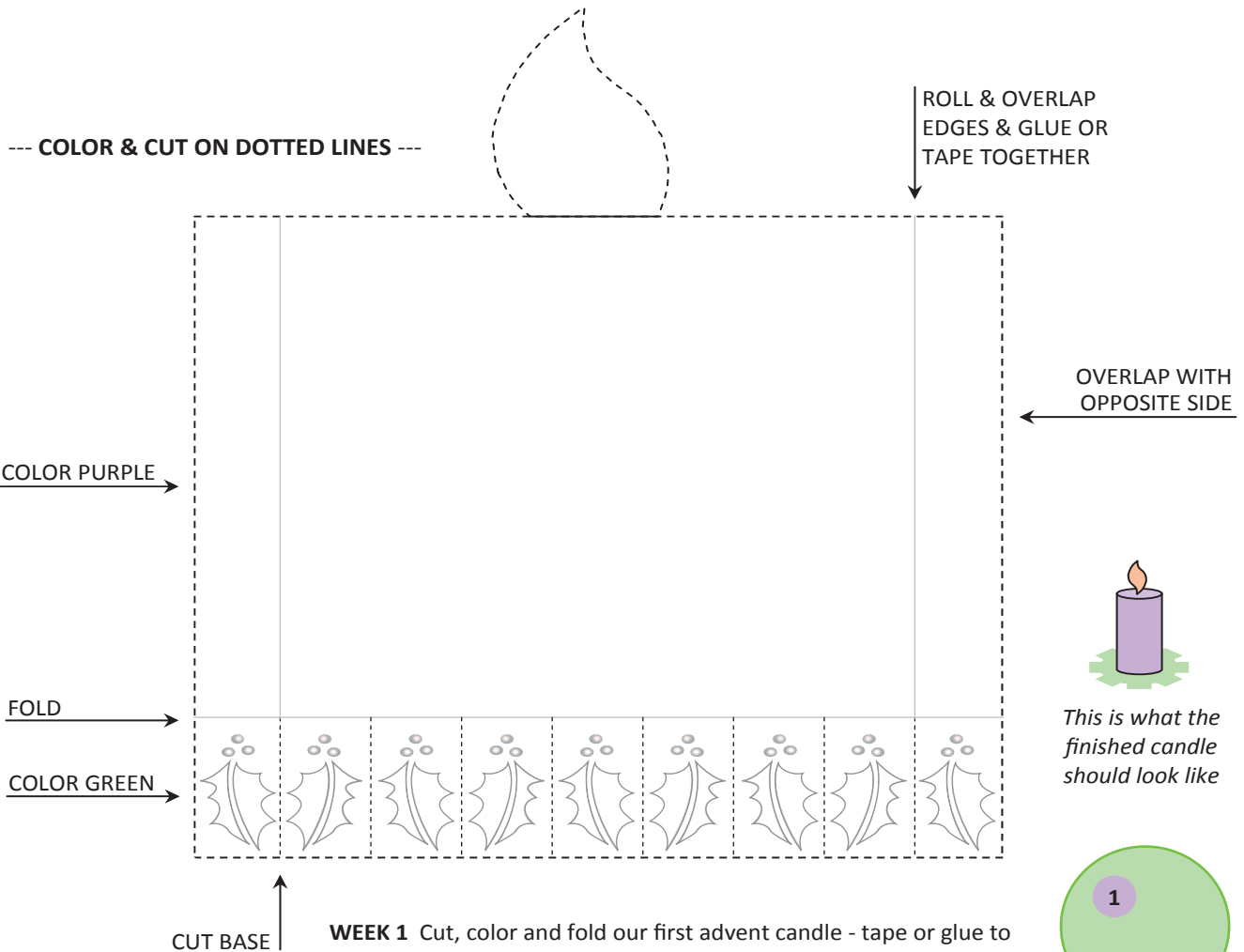
WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

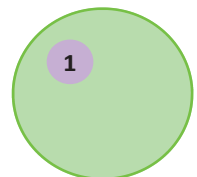
“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

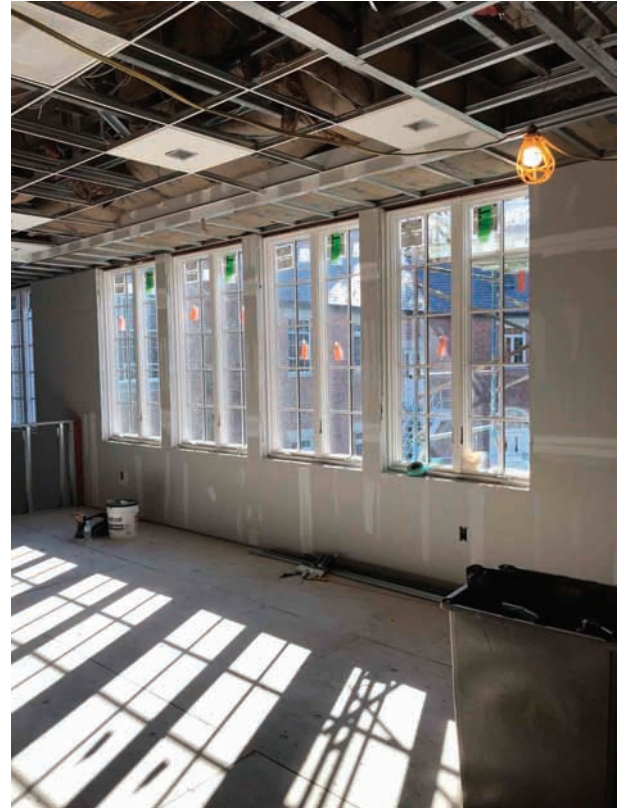


This is what the finished candle should look like



WEEK 1 Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH OUR RENOVATION



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