

January 9, 2022

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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  
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7**

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

**SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38**

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22**

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

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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](http://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](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Please be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We now come to the end of the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today might be the day you take down the tree, tangle up the lights for next year, and tuck the manger scene carefully back in its special box. It is also the day we celebrate the newness of life poured out on the world through the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus, and the proclamation of Jesus as the beloved Son of the Father.



When each of us was baptized, we too were claimed by our Heavenly Father to be His daughters and sons. The Father called us to live in community with the Church, the people of God. His divine life, given to us, enables us to live beyond what we may call merely human. We received sanctifying grace, which is the life of God Himself. This grace enables us to face and beat back temptations, and the fears that come with the challenges of life. It is the work of God in our life, which provides meaning and allows us to do great things in this world. The word heroic is often used when we see great effort applied to situations where most people would shy away or remained unmoved. God's grace emboldens us to stay away from sin, to strive for the greater good, and seek the good of others before ourselves. When we are packing away all the symbols of Christmas, may we unwrap the gift of our Baptism and use it for building up His Kingdom each day.

With the increase in the number of Covid cases among parishioners and the community, may I ask you be especially careful to sanitize your hands and wear proper fitting masks throughout your time in Church? It is an act of love for your fellow parishioners.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## 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 meeting.

**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](mailto:cathcap@aol.com)

## THIS WEEK ...

**Sunday, January 9**  
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

**Wednesday, January 12**  
Religious Education  
7:00pm (School)

**Thursday, January 13**  
Contemplative Prayer  
6:20pm (Zoom)

**Saturday, January 15**  
Mass 9:00am (Church)  
Serran Meeting  
10:00am (PC)  
Confession  
4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)  
Mass 5:30pm (Church)



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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 January 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. MARGUERITE  
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## Feast Day – January 12

1620-1700

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 9**—*The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Oberle	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Visnya Sokcic	In Memory

**Monday, January 10**—*Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	Intentions
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**Tuesday, January 11**—*Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners with Covid	Intentions
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**Wednesday, January 12**—*Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Clergy of Archdiocese	Intentions
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**Thursday, January 13**—*Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Bishops in the USA	Intentions
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**Friday, January 14**—*Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	William & Marilyn Panke	In Memory
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**Saturday, January 15**—*Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Madeline & Ameal Rabil	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

**Sunday, January 16**—*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benefactors	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Sands	Marie & Jean Grosdidier deMatons	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Oberle	Parishioners	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



## MOTHER TERESA VOCATION SOCIETY 18TH ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, January 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, will lead this event. Mr. Alvaro de Vicente, Headmaster at The Heights School, will be the keynote speaker. The day will include Adoration, Confession, Mass, and lunch. All are welcome to attend this free event. Please register at <https://dcpriest.org/day-of-recollection>. For more information, please email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).



### 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>.

### 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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

#### REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



#### LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.



LEARN

LISTEN

#### CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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## Gospel Today

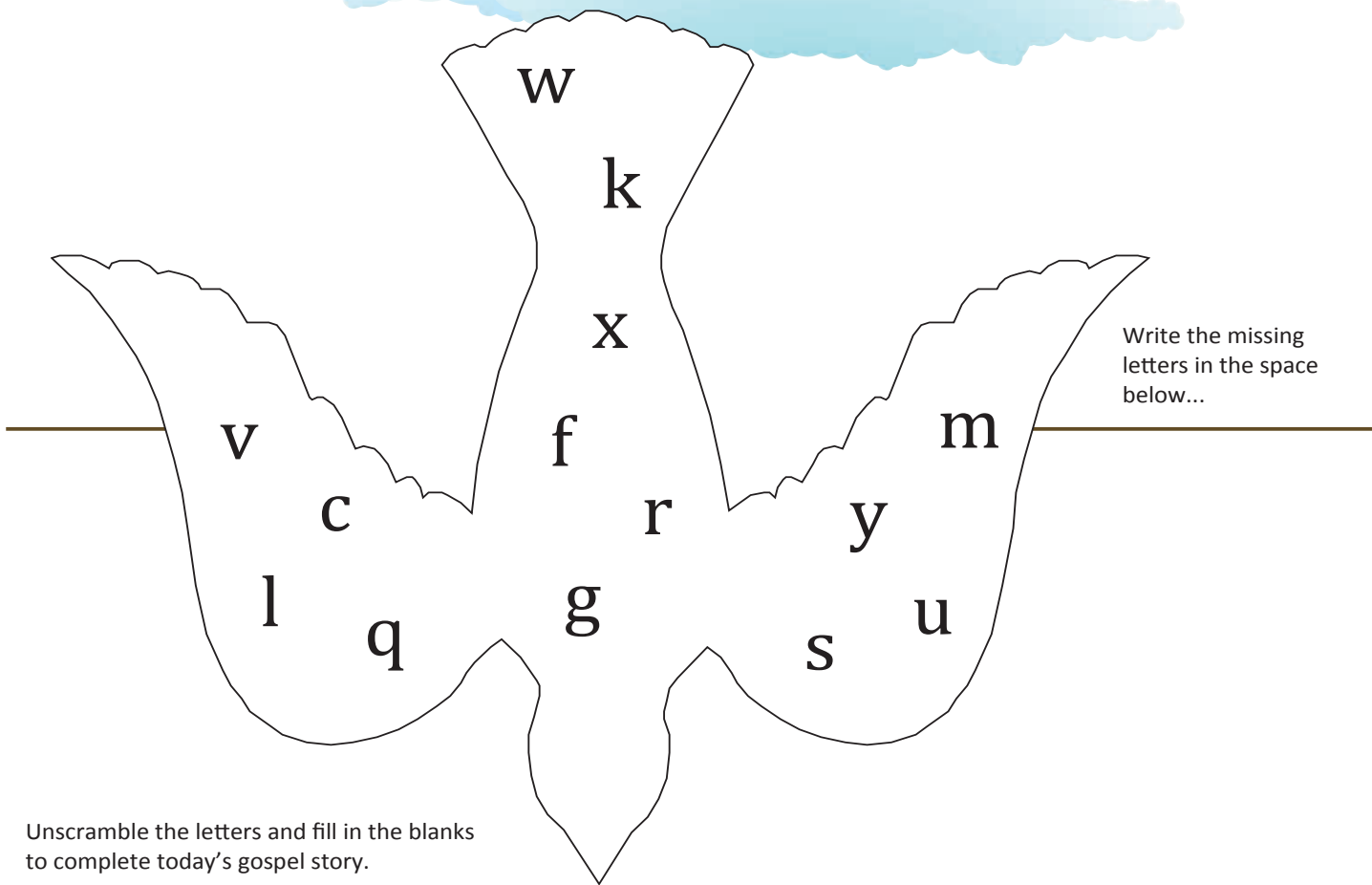
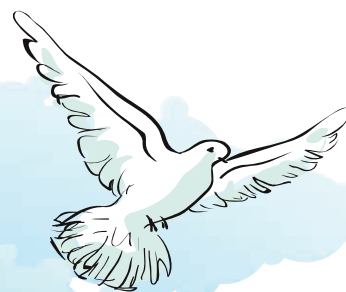
### The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing letters in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

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people, including Jesus.

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