November 27, 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

Wednesday 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday 4:15pm-5:15pm

Or call the rectory for an appointment



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22 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://



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A MILLION ROSARIES

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.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The other day I went to the bank to make a deposit. There were nine other people ahead of me. As I waited in line, several more people entered and then left after seeing how many people were waiting for service. Many of us no longer want to wait; we desire what we want immediately. Maybe this came about with setting up an over packed schedule, maybe we think everything should be done faster (overnight shipping, fast food, emails that need to be answered within a couple of hours).



The season of Advent asks us to s l o w d o w n. This season at the beginning of the church year is four weeks long. We are asked to prepare for the coming of Christ, the anointed of the Lord God. Mary, along with countless mothers, waited nine months for the birth of her child. Toward the end of pregnancy many women cannot wait for their child to be born, time seems to have stood still. It appears that we no longer want to wait to celebrate the birth of our savior. A priest once said, "You know Halloween is near, the Christmas decorations are up in the store."

Let us take our theme for living out this Advent from the readings of the First Sunday on November 27; let us rejoice in the Lord's peace, may we live honorably each day as we wait to celebrate His birth and His return at the end of time. Then we can also celebrate Christmas from December 25 until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9.

Blessed Advent to All, Fr. Mike

Holy Hour for Vocations & Consecrated Religious Life

The Downtown Washington Serra Club will be conducting a prayerful Holy Hour for Vocations and for those in Consecrated Religious Life on Wednesday, December 7th at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, 20016, from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. A 5:30p.m. Mass will precede the Holy Hour. Please join us and invite your friends to join in this prayerful call to holiness and to pray for vocations.

HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify the us 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 would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at: 202-362-3323 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.



Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, November 27 CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Wednesday, November 30

Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm (Church)
Letter to Women Study
7:00pm (Atrium)

Thursday, December 1Contemplative Prayer (*Zoom*)

Friday, December 2 Christmas Bazaar 1:00pm-5:00pm (PC)

Saturday, December 3

Christmas Bazaar 10:00am—2:00pm(PC) Baptism 10:30am (Church) Confession 4:15pm (Church)

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Francis Xavier

1506-1552

FEAST 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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 27–First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Park Parishioners Intentions
10:00 a.m. Mellone Anna Stillo In Memory
12:00 p.m. Mellone Lydia Sogandares Payne In Memory

Monday, November 28-Monday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m. Mellone All Souls In Memory

Tuesday, November 29–Tuesday of the First Week in Advent

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

Wednesday, November 30-Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Mellone All Souls In Memory 5:30 p.m. Park Herman B. Hillman In Memory

Thursday, December 1-Thursday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m. Marchese The Rock Family Intentions

Friday, December 2-Friday of the First Week in Advent

8:00 a.m. Mellone Rosita Añez deFalla, Hector Eduardo Falla & Children In Memory

Saturday, December 3-Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 a.m. Park Deceased Residents of the

Towers Condominiums In Memory

5:30 p.m. Mellone Maria Gatti-Cheek In Memory

Sunday, December 4-Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.MelloneParishionersIntentions10:00 a.m.ParkSantos PontiereIn Memory12:00 p.m.ParkThe Ulrich FamilyIn 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



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 par-



ticularly 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)

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, <u>Isaiah 9</u>: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or <u>Isaiah 63</u> (lines 16-17 & 19) or <u>Isaiah 64</u> (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R**/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

-From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers



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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.

VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

Individual Opportunities:

St. Maria's Meals is back! Every Tuesday in Temple Hills and Wednesday in downtown DC, Catholic Charities volunteers and staff members provide individuals and families with hot meals. Sign up on our event calendar: https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/

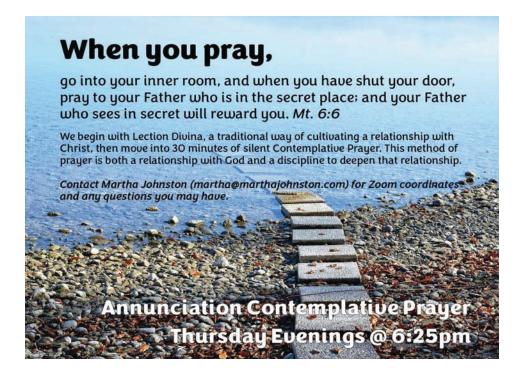
Prepare and deliver a meal for 20 people at Dorothy Day Place in Rockville, any night of the week! Signing up to cook a meal helps staff focus on other priorities such as clinical work and employment services: http://bttr.im/80hmc

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

- Financial Stability Ameri-Corps
- Nutrition Education Ameri-Corps
- Volunteer Office VISTA
- Volunteer Medical Clinic VISTA
- Capuchin Corps Volunteer in Volunteer Office, Spanish Catholic Center, or Medical Clinic

A Way To Help Yourself and Your Church

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).





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Annual Walk with Mary

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the annual *Walk with Mary* procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on **Saturday, December 10, 2022.** The procession will depart from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (16th St. & Park Rd., NW) at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (4th St. & Michigan Ave., NE). The praying of the Rosary will be at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Mass at 2:00 p.m., with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington as the principal celebrant, and Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, as the homilist.



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.



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 Saturday, November 26th until Saturday, December 17th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am-9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.





CHRISTMAS DINNER REGISTRATION

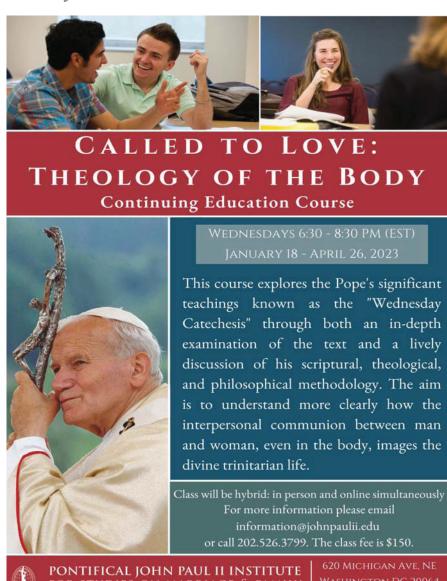
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. Meals will be available for pick-up or delivery only. To request a Christmas Day dinner, please call 202-526-8300. All meal requests must be received by Friday, December 16th.

Volunteers are needed to fill many different positions. To register as a volunteer, please click <u>here</u>. For more information, please contact <u>rsvp@bnsic.org</u> or <u>202-526-8300</u>. Thank you for your interest in helping, and we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II THEOLOGY OF THE BODY



Why do people do what they do? Deepen your own self-awareness and discover the psychological and spiritual narrative of your life. Learn how your childhood has helped shape who you are today. This new workshop series will lead you through the psychological and spiritual development of a person during each stage of life. Over the course of these workshops, you will see how each stage of development - from Early Childhood through Adolescence -- shaped the person you are today. Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, the series will run monthly on Tuesday afternoons: Nov 29, Jan 31, Feb 28; each session duration: **12:30-2:00pm** (following Noon mass.) The cost for each session is \$60 per person, or sign up for the entire series for \$180 per person. Come to all or some. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org



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The Spring 2023 course in the Institute's ongoing Continuing Education Series will be "Called to Love: Theology of the Body." It will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 18 to April 26, 2023.

The course will be taught in person in McGivney Hall on Catholic University of America's campus in Room 006, and offered online simultaneously.

The class fee is \$150. To register, please complete the online registration form. Payment can be submitted via check, cash, or credit card. To submit a credit card payment, please click here.

This course can be taken toward renewal requirements for VCEA licensure. Numerous high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington accept the course for CEU credits.

If you have questions, please contact information@johnpaulii.edu



Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent / Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KEEP WATCH



"THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT DAY YOUR _____ WILL COME."

Year A

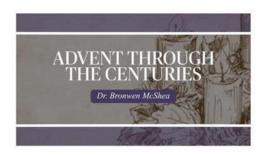


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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Advent through the Centuries

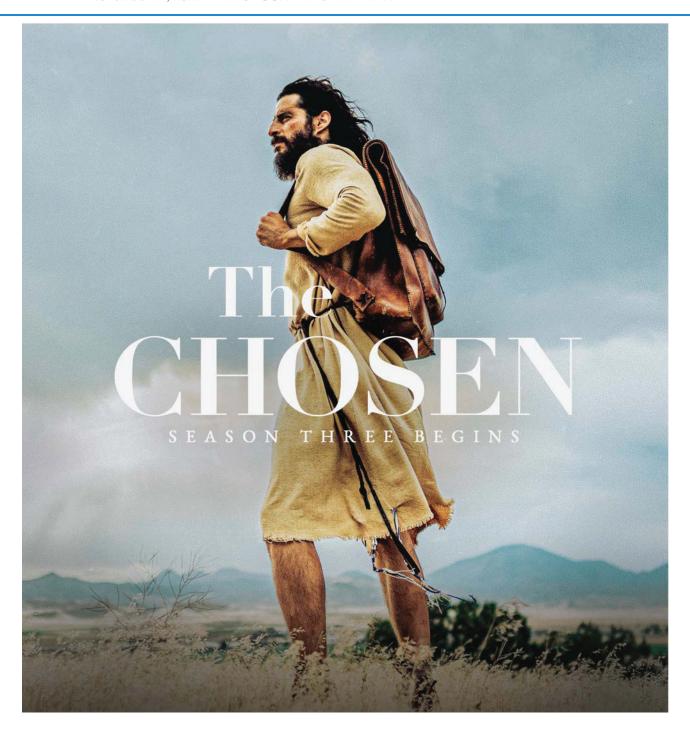
Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Assiociate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.



Making Advent Great for Kids

Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE THEATRE?

Join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Parish Center to view The Chosen Season 3: Episodes 1 & 2. Tickets are required. They can be purchased online at https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/thechosenS3/543426 for \$11 per person.



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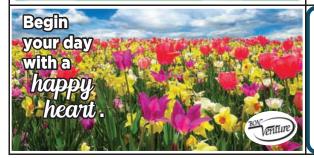
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