

December 18, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Friday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

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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

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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,

We come the 4th Sunday of Advent. In the Gospel account of the angel's visit to Joseph, Matthew 1:18-24, we see how the "just man" reacts to the action of God in his life. Matthew focuses his attention on Joseph while Luke focuses on the role of Mary. Matthew has established that Joseph is of the house of David and that any of his children would be of the Davidic line. By taking Mary into his home, Joseph has placed his trust and faith in the word of God. He stands in opposition to the custom of the day that would call for Mary to be divorced or even stoned to death.



During these last several weeks as we have prepared for the coming of the Lord, we too are asked to stand with the word of God even though our culture easily dismisses the presence of God in our world. God has promised to be with us until the end of time. May our final week of Advent give us the time and the grace to say, "Yes" to what our God asks of us. We also are called to be Faithful, Just, and open to the will of God for us even if it goes against the signs of the present times.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the volunteers who worked so diligently and faithfully at our Christmas Bazaar. Over many months, they collected, sorted, cleaned, and set up for a very successful Bazaar. They could always use additional help in the new year as they prepare for next year's activities. If you are able to assist, please contact Tina at the parish office.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

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.



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, December 18

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Book Club 11:00am (PC)

Wednesday, December 21

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 7:00pm (Church)

Thursday, December 22

Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Friday, December 23

Office Closed

Confession 6:00pm (Church)

Saturday, December 24

Confession 10:00am (Church)

Children's Mass 4:00pm (Church)

Christmas Eve Mass
10:00pm (Church)

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).

SAINT OF THE WEEK



BLESSED URBAN V

1310 - 1370

FEAST DECEMBER 19

Guillaume de Grimoard was born in the Languedoc region of France, and studied at Montpellier and Toulouse before joining the Benedictines. In 1352 he was elected abbot of the monastery at Auxerre. He was on a mission to Naples for Pope Innocent VI when the pope died, and he was elected as his successor because of his reputation for goodness. Urban V was pope from 1362 until his death, during the "Babylonian captivity," when the papacy was installed at Avignon, France, not Rome. Urban tried to reform the Curia, curb lavish practices, restore the papacy to Rome and heal the East-West schism. He was beatified in 1870.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 18—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benefactors	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Park	Vocations	Intentions

Monday, December 19—*Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Nylse Fajury-Grunwaldt	In Memory
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Tuesday, December 20—*Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Seminarians	Intentions
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Wednesday, December 21—*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Volunteer Missionaries of American University	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Cardinal Wilton Gregory	Intentions

Thursday, December 22—*Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
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Friday, December 23—*Saint John Kanty; Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
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Saturday, December 24—*Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Park	Safety of Travelers	Intentions
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Saturday, December 24—*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)*

4:00 p.m.	Mellone	Children of Annunciation	Intentions
10:00 p.m.	Mellone	Expectant Mothers	Intentions

Sunday, December 25—*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	In Thanksgiving	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	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.

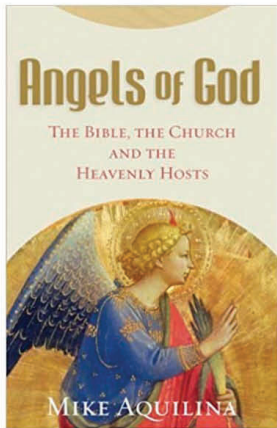
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



Let's gather together and discuss *Angels of God—The Bible, the Church, and the Heavenly Hosts* by Mike Aquilina

About the book:
"Angels are a large part of reality and, as with other large parts of reality—speeding Mack trucks, for example, or looming brick walls—we benefit greatly from their service, and we ignore them at our peril."—From the Introduction

Angels are everywhere—as a matter of fact, right at your side. Forget the sweet-faced cherubs of popular culture, however, and brace yourself for a far more potent reality: powerful heavenly beings who play a significant role in the personal drama of daily life—your life.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions? Need a book?

Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 18, 2022



Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 23 6:00pm
Saturday, December 24 10:00am



2022 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24 — 4 PM
(Children's Liturgy)

Saturday, December 24 — 10 PM
Carols preceding Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25 — 8 AM
Sunday, December 25 — 10 AM
Sunday, December 25 — 12 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31 — 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 1 — 8 AM
Sunday, January 1 — 10 AM
Sunday, January 1 — 12 PM

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.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

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



When you pray,

go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. *Mt. 6:6*

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston (martha@marthajohnston.com) for Zoom coordinates and any questions you may have.

Annunciation Contemplative Prayer
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm



< **KID'S** >
KORNER

Gospel Today
Fourth Sunday of Advent / Matthew 1:18-24

The angel spoke to Joseph in a dream saying, "Through the Holy Spirit Mary will bear a son and you will name Him Jesus." Joseph was a good and righteous man and obeyed God's message taking his wife Mary into his home.

Year A

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YOU WILL NAME HIM JESUS



"She will give
birth to a son,
and you are to
give him the
name Jesus,
because he will
save his people
from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21



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