

January 8, 2023

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DEACON

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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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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6**

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 4:12-16; 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.



## HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify 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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

May we continue to lift up in prayer Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. May he live now in the presence of our Savior.



This Sunday we celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**. Epiphany means to show or make known. Our God, incarnate, is now made known to the entire world as the Magi from the East travel to meet him. It is important for us to remember that Christ has come for all people. We sometimes put on blinders and think He has come for only those who believe in Him or even for just Catholics.

How does Jesus make Himself known to others and us today? For most Catholics, we come to know the Lord through the faith being passed onto us through our parents or family members who are Catholic. We then receive the grace of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Now God is at work in our own lives and through our own acceptance of Him.

As our faith grows, we often share it with others who are Catholic and sometimes with our friends who are interested in why we believe and make the good choices we make. Most frequently Christ makes himself known through the actions of Catholics. We must also be aware we can turn people away from Christ by our actions and choices. It is reported that Mahatma Gandhi said, "If it weren't for Christians, I'd be a Christian."

One of the resolutions we can make in the New Year is to strengthen our faith in Christ through prayer and acts of charity. May we welcome all people who are searching for the Way, the Truth, and the Life in Christ Jesus.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## MASS HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's second apparition on June 13, 1917, the World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "The Blue Army" invites you to a service which includes the Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing oil:

Friday, January 13, 2023  
Basilica of the National Shrine  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel  
400 Michigan Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
1:00pm

For more information call 301-595-1770



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, January 8**  
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

**Tuesday, January 10**  
Walking with Purpose  
7:00pm (PC)

**Wednesday, January 11**  
Walking with Purpose  
8:45am (PC)  
Mass 5:30pm (Church)  
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:00pm (Church)

**Thursday, January 12**  
Lifeline Screening  
8:00am (PC)  
Contemplative Prayer  
6:20pm (Zoom)

**Saturday, January 14**  
Confession 4:15pm (Church)

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## Marguerite Bourgeoys

1620 - 1700

## FEAST January 12

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 8**—*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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

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

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Ben Hutto	In Memory
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**Tuesday, January 10**—*Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Brian Nett	In Memory
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**Wednesday, January 11**—*Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Patricia Wagner	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	Alix Mojica	In Memory

**Thursday, January 12**—*Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rev. Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
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**Friday, January 13**—*Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
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**Saturday, January 14**—*Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Vocations	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Park	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

**Sunday, January 15**—*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Anthony Bow Jung	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Personal Intentions	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



## 19th Annual Day of Recollection



**“Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s Secrets for a Happy Life and Peaceful Death”**

**Keynote Presentation by Jim Towey**  
Author, “To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa”

**“Spending Time with God: How to Pray Before the Eucharist”**

**A Reflection by Father Mark Ivany**  
Director of Priest Vocations,  
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

*The day will also include Celebration of Mass,  
Adoration, Confession, and lunch.*

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### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Church of the Annunciation**

3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Please register for this event at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-day-of-recollection>



The **Mother Teresa Vocation Society** prayerfully supports vocations to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, Office of Priest Vocations. Events are free and open to all (donations are appreciated). For more information, please email Maris Moriarty at [moriarty@adw.org](mailto:moriarty@adw.org), or visit <https://DCPriest.org/mtvs>.

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### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of January will benefit the Northwest Center which seeks to promote the dignity of women and respect for all human life

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## Gospel Today

### Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Year A

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Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.



When they saw the  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10



# ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB

## WHY WE'RE CATHOLIC



OUR REASONS FOR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

TRENT HORN

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

January's book choice is *Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love* by Trent Horn

About the book:

How can you believe all this stuff? This is the number-one question Catholics get asked and, sometimes, we ask ourselves. Why do we believe that God exists, that he became a man and came to save us, that what looks like a wafer of bread is actually his body? Why do we believe that he inspired a holy book and founded an infallible Church to teach us the one true way to live? Ever since he became Catholic, Trent Horn has spent a lot of time answering these questions, trying to explain to friends, family, and total strangers the reasons for his Catholic faith. Some didn't believe in God, or even in the existence of truth. Others said they were spiritual but didn't think you needed religion to be happy. Some were Christians who thought Catholic doctrines over-complicated the pure gospel. And some were fellow Catholics who had a hard time understanding everything they professed to believe on Sunday. *Why We're Catholic* assembles the clearest, friendliest, most helpful answers that Trent learned to give to all these people and more. Beginning with how we can know reality and ending with our hope of eternal life, it's the perfect way to help skeptics and seekers (or Catholics who want to firm up their faith) understand the evidence that bolsters our belief and brings us joy.

**Questions? Need a book?**

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