

January 29, 2023

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
First Friday	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
First Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

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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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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.



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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

If we have spent any time trying to understand where the Lord is leading us in life, we have discovered He has plans for us, which are filled with surprises. Msgr. Richard Marchese announced this past Thursday, January 19, that he has accepted a new assignment, which will lead him to the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. Msgr. Marchese has been a tremendous blessing to us at Annunciation Catholic Church. His willingness to celebrate many Masses over many years during the week has enabled him to share his gift of faith, wisdom, and erudition with our community. He has developed many lasting friendships here at the parish. Monsignor's final Mass here was January 26, at 8 am. Please join me in lifting Monsignor up in prayer as he serves the Lord and God's people in his new assignment.



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.

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the first of 5 discourses from the Gospel of Matthew. Even though the Disciples are mentioned, this discourse is for all of Israel. If one reads Psalm 1 you can see that the structure is familiar to the Hebrews. Blessed (Happy) is the one who lives one life in fulfillment of the Torah. Matthew does not predict that the fulfillment of the blessing will come during one's lifetime. Its completion will be in God's time in the fullness of His Kingdom. The meekness, mournfulness, and suffering will be our life here on earth but the completion of our journey to God will be in His time. May we live to be one with the Lord and not just the pleasures of this earth. Through our faithful actions, may we see the goodness of Christ in our neighbor and reflect the glory of God to them.

Beginning January 29, we will celebrate Catholic School's Week. Please stop by our school and see the good work that the Lord is accomplishing with our faculty and scholars. Look to see if your child would thrive in faith and education here at Annunciation Catholic School or visit us at <https://annunciationschool.net/>

From the evening of January 29 until the afternoon of February 4, I will be at a retreat and will be praying for you and your intentions.

God's peace,
Fr. Mike

SQUARE DANCE

The next square dance will be held on Monday, January 30th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Square dances will feature live musicians and a caller. There is no admission charge. For more information, please contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, January 29

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Book Club 11:00am (PC)

Monday, January 30

Square Dancing 6:30pm (PC)

Tuesday, January 31

Walking with Purpose

7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, February 1

Walking with Purpose

8:45am (PC)

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

Holy Hour for Vocations

6:00pm (Church)

Confession 6:00pm (Church)

Thursday, February 2

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, February 4

Confession 4:15pm (Church)

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT BLAISE

Fourth Century

FEAST February 3

This bishop and martyr lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.



Throats will be blessed at the 8:00am Mass on Friday, February 3rd.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 29—*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Enrique Lewis-Morgan	Intentions

Monday, January 30—*Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Mary Boesman	In Memory
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Tuesday, January 31—*Saint John Bosco, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Margaret Costello	In Memory
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Wednesday, February 1—*Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	The Rock Family	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Park	Gabriel Payne	Intentions

Thursday, February 2—*The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Miguel Camacho	In Memory
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Friday, February 3—*Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Sant Ansgar, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Lydia & Cecil Hornbaker	Intentions
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Saturday, February 4—*Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Park	Vocations	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Souls in Purgatory	In Memory

Sunday, February 5—*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony Bow Jung	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Park	Ingeborg Pairan Zakarija	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Park	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



JOIN THE SERRANS

Are you being called to holiness? Are you being called to be a Serran? Come join Serrans as we pray for vocations and for those in consecrated life. Holy Hours are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Annunciation Church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington 20016.

The Holy Hours will be Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7. Please come and join us in prayer in this lay apostolate. To learn more about Serra, contact Alice Middleton, Serra Club President at cathcap@aol.com.

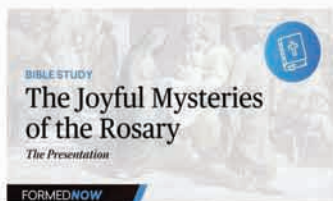
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 29, 2023



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:1-12a

Beatitude means happiness, and in the Gospel today, Jesus teaches The Beatitudes as a guide for the way we should live each day.

Year A

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The Good News

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Jesus wants us to be happy. Jesus teaches happiness to all in His Sermon on the Mount.

In His sermon today Jesus teaches us a good way to live.

This is what Jesus says:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.



Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.



Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.



Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Draw a picture of yourself in the newspaper, then share and talk to someone about what you drew.



This is _____, happily living The Beatitudes.

Living the message in The Beatitudes, gives happiness to everyone - ourselves, those around us and especially Jesus!

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.

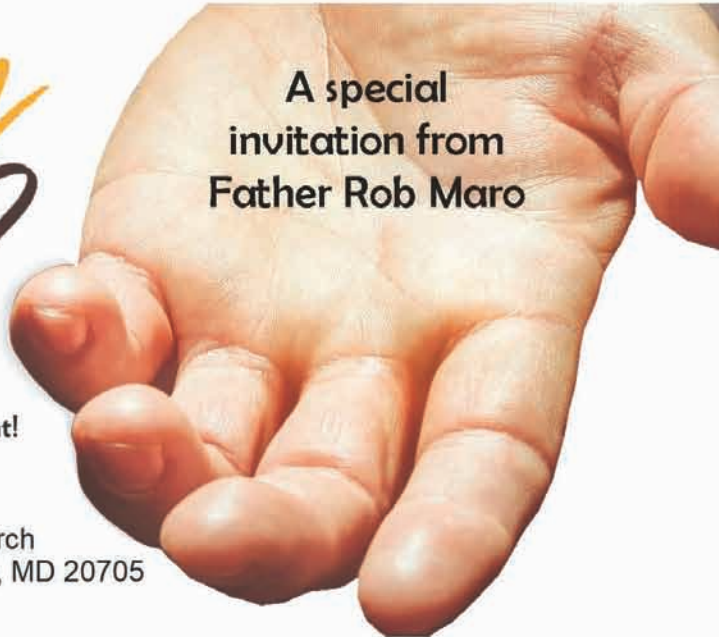
Questions? Need a book?

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invitation from
Father Rob Maro



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Do you know you were made for greatness?

Do you understand your life's true purpose?

At this special 3-day event, enter into a deeper experience of Christ through inspiring talks by renowned speaker, Dan Harms, powerful praise and worship, and Eucharistic adoration. Each evening will be followed by refreshments and a time for fellowship.

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- Night 2: "Knowing my purpose"
- Night 3: "Living in the power of the Holy Spirit"

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Shadow Day

at Saint John Paul II Seminary

For Juniors and Seniors in High School

Friday, February 3, 2023 ♦ 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.



Join us on February 3 to learn more about the priesthood!

IF you are a Junior or Senior in high school, come and shadow a day in the life of a seminarian at Saint John Paul II Seminary and experience seminary life firsthand!

You'll have a chance to meet, talk, and eat with our seminarians; ask questions; attend class, Mass, and Adoration; and play sports.



Register now at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-shadow-day>

For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany,
Director of Priest Vocations, 202-636-9020, or vocations@adw.org.

Young men in high school: Are you interested in the priesthood?

Join us for an excursion and hike in
Ft. Washington Park!

Sunday, February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.–2:15 p.m.



Are you a young man in high school who is interested in learning more about the priesthood? Join us on **February 19** for a day that includes Mass, lunch, hiking, and talks. Spend time with seminarians, priests, and other high-school guys who are open to the priesthood.

We'll gather at **Our Lady Help of Christians** (100 Village Street, Waldorf) for 10:00 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch. Next we'll travel by bus to Ft. Washington Park for hiking and talks. The day concludes at 2:15 p.m.

Please register at

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