

February 5, 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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20–2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

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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://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone>

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,

The turning of the calendar to February means the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is at hand. I am happy to share with you that the 2022 Annual Appeal attained its overall goal of \$11 million. On behalf of Cardinal Gregory, thank you to all our families who contributed in 2022 to help the archdiocese reach its goal. Furthermore, we exceeded our own parish goal, which is a testament to the incredible generosity of Annunciation Catholic Church. Here are our figures for the past year's appeal. Our 2022 goal was \$126,400.00. We pledged \$161,210.16 and we paid \$159,237.44. Our expected rebate to the parish will be \$16,418.72. Thank you again for your generosity to assist your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Now, I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. If you are not familiar with the Annual Appeal, you may wonder how it is different and separate from your offertory giving to the parish. First, the Annual Appeal unites us with our archbishop in serving the many, charitable needs of the Church of Washington. Second, the Annual Appeal funds ministries that our parish could not sustain on our own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs and deaf and disabilities ministries. Third, the Annual Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from schools and catechesis, to family and pro-life ministries, to many more in between.

The Annual Appeal is a call to stewardship. It is not mandatory. This means that the many vibrant ministries we have in the archdiocese are the result of families such as your own who have responded generously each year with your free will offering. I am particularly grateful, as a priest of the archdiocese, for your contribution, which helps to inspire new vocations and form our new generations of priests.

I am also asked to remind you that, as in every year, 100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. You can read more about the 2023 Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

Next weekend will be our commitment weekend. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Your steadfast generosity not only is a source of inspiration for me but a force for good in our Church today.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike



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, February 5
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Tuesday, February 7
Walking with Purpose
7:00pm (PC)

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

Thursday, February 9
Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, February 11
Confession 4:15pm (Church)

SAINT OF THE WEEK



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

19TH CENTURY
FEAST FEBRUARY 11

This feast recalls the 18 appearances of Mary to a young French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, from Feb. 11 to July 16, 1858, near a grotto at Lourdes, France. Bernadette did not know the identity of “the beautiful lady in white,” and asked who she was. Mary said, “I am the Immaculate Conception,” the title Pope Pius IX had defined as dogma four years earlier. In 1890 Pope Leo XIII allowed the local Diocese of Tarbes to celebrate this feast; Pope Pius X made it a universal feast in 1907. Lourdes is still the most famous Marian shrine in Western Europe.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 6—*Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Tuesday, February 7—*Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Wednesday, February 8—*Saint Jerome Emiliant; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	Maureen Nolan	In Memory

Thursday, February 9—*Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	TBD	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Friday, February 10—*Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Saturday, February 11—*Our Lady of Lourdes*

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

Sunday, February 12—*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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



2023 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

The 2023 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is open to all eighth-grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Interested students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted ONLY online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, March 31, 2023.

For more information, visit contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 05, 2023



Bernadette

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



How and Why to Pray the Rosary

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

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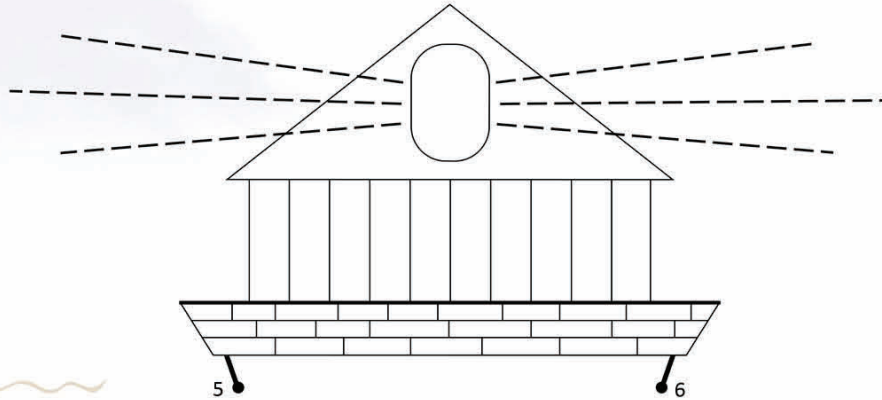
Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says let your good deeds shine on others like a light shining out in the darkness.

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LET
YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE



Your light must shine
before others, that
they may see your
good deeds and glorify
your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

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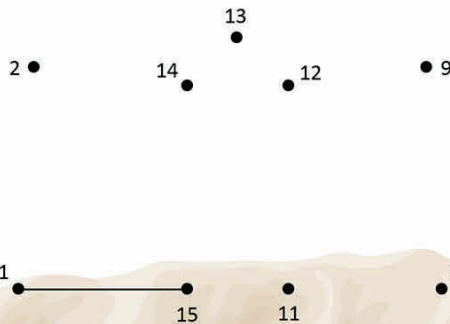
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Follow the dots 1-15.

What do you see?

Do you have a favorite lighthouse?
They shine every day to aid sailors,
even during cold winter nights.
Color the lighthouse shining bright.
What good work can you do to help
others, while “shining bright” and
glorifying Jesus?



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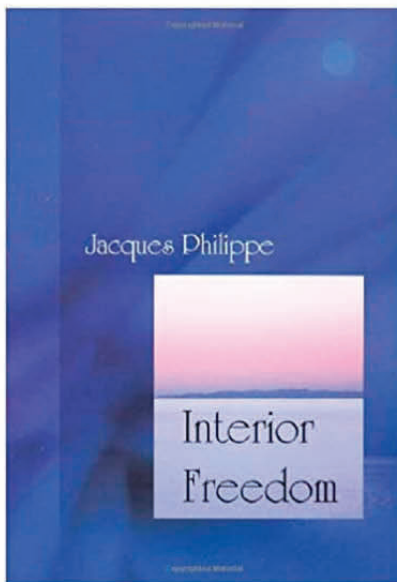
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ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



February's book choice is *Interior Freedom* by Jacques Philippe

About the book:

Interior Freedom leads one to discover that even in the most difficult circumstances we possess within ourselves a space of freedom that nobody can take away, because God is its source and guarantee. Without this discovery we will always be restricted in some way and will never taste true happiness. Author Jacques Philippe develops a simple but important theme: we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. He explains that the dynamism between these three theological virtues is the heart of the spiritual life, and he underlines the key role of the virtue of hope in our inner growth.

About the Author:

Rev. Jacques Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, founded in France in 1973. Ordained in 1985 and a preacher of retreats in France and abroad, he has written several books which focus on themes of interest to modern readers, including the need for prayer, peace of heart, and a correct understanding of freedom.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Questions? Need a book?

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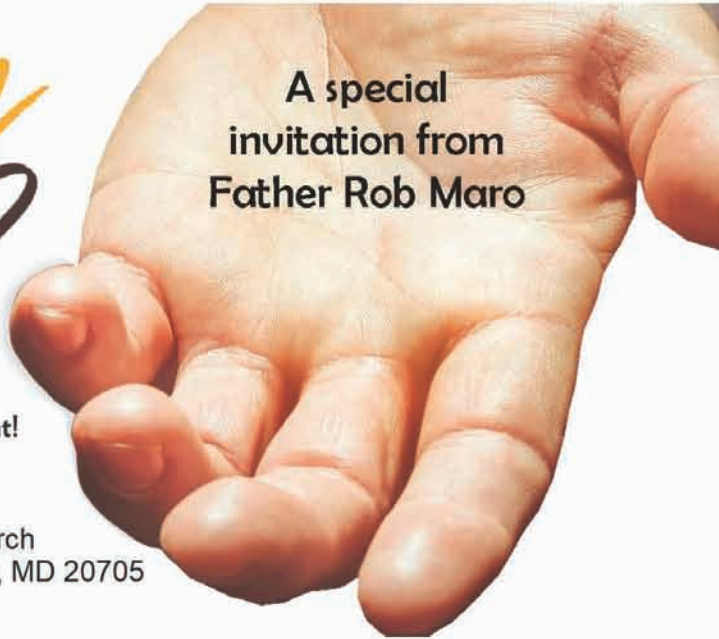
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Young men in high school: Are you interested in the priesthood?

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

<https://dcpriest.org/2023-ft-washington-excursion>



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