



Annunciation Catholic Church

Be it done to me according to your Word
+Luke 1:38+

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....(Vigil) 5:30pm

Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday – Friday.....8:00am

Wednesday.....5:30pm

Saturday.....9:00am

Confessions

Wednesdays.....6:00-6:45pm

Saturdays.....4:15-5:15pm

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary
After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena
After the 9am Saturday Mass

Worship 1008
Entrance Hymn – Worship 386
Responsorial Psalm
"My soul rejoices, my soul rejoices in my God."
Offertory Hymn – Worship 399
Communion Hymn – Worship 120
Closing Hymn – Worship 564

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our building and maintenance fund. Your generosity is appreciated.

Welcome to Annunciation!

Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.

Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

Our Parish

Hours

Monday-Friday
9am-4pm

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins
Administrator

Rev. Adam Park
In Residence

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Permanent Deacon

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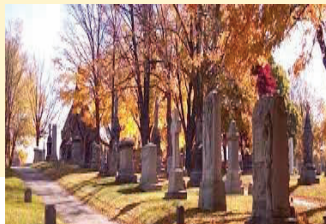
Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for marriage preparation. Any inquiries should be sent to the parish office.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

Liturgical Worship

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon:
frankconlon@comcast.net

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, December 5 after 7pm with Monsignor Watkins, Anita, John, Christine, and Joe in attendance. The meeting began with prayer.

- The Council extensively discussed reactions to its letter regarding the recent allegations and the prospects for creating dialogue in the parish.
- The Council discussed what manner would be most prudent for creating dialogue and healing in the parish.
- The Council returned to the importance of prayer in this difficult time.
- The Council made plans to gather after Christmas for a working meeting.
- The Council scheduled its next meeting for January 18 and made plans to spend more time on regular business in addition to the crisis.

The meeting ended with prayer after 8pm.

VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREATS

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently, these programs are being offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of only \$75 per person is greatly appreciated. For more information and upcoming dates. [Learn More](#)

PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm. We are here for you.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17

8am	†Christopher Danello	Afu
10am	Pairshioners	Swink
12pm	†Lapresentacion Tanamor	Park

Monday, December 18

8am	†Souls in Purgatory	Swink
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Tuesday, December 19

8am	†Maria Ferriday	Park
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Wednesday, December 20

8am	Giles Remick	Swink
5:30pm	World Peace	Afu

Thursday, December 21

8am	Special Intention	Afu
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Friday, December 22

8am	Safety for Travelers	Park
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Saturday, December 23

9am	†Jeff Noordermeer	Park
5:30pm	†Spencer Tanamor	Swink

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, December 17

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

Monday, December 18

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, December 19

Men's Group, 7:00pm (Atrium)
Walking with Purpose, 7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, December 20

Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (PC)
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)
Religious Education, 7:00pm (School)

Thursday, December 21

Contemplative Prayer, 6:20 (Zoom)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

Saturday, December 23

Confessions, 4:15pm (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

Homeless Ministry

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

Parish Bazaar

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)



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.

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or sign-up with Faith Direct



PARISH LIFE

**“Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations.”**

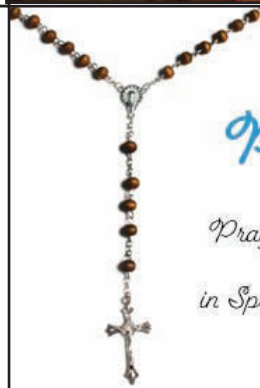


walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center.

Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohse.com for more info.



Pray the Rosary

*Pray in English Monday through Friday
after the 8am Mass,
in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday
Meet in the church*



**Pray the
Rosary for Peace
in Ukraine**

Every Thursday
at 12pm—Rain or Shine
in front of the
Russian Embassy
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW

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MEN'S GROUP

faith + fraternity + fiat

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done to me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Atrium

Contact Daniel Danello for more info:
dfdanello@gmail.com



**Coffee Hour
is Back!**



Thanks to volunteers, there are now donuts and coffee after the 8am and 10am Masses every week, but after the 12pm Mass only on the second Sunday of the month. With more volunteers, we can have donuts and coffee after that Mass, too. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, or to tend the coffee and donuts between Masses, please contact Anita Siegfriedt at asiegfriedt@gmail.com.

**Annunciation Contemplative Prayer
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm**

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 for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have—
martha@marthajohnston.com.

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 until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am-9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



POINSETTIAS

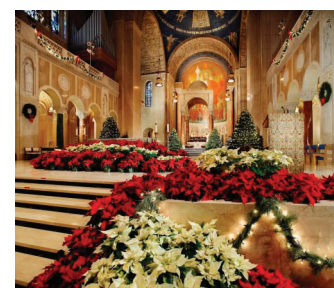
Each year during Christmas Season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias donated by parishioners, in memory of family, friends, and loved ones. If you wish to join with us in this memorial gesture, please use the envelopes included in your December envelope packet or use the envelopes 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 DINNER

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](tel: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 [here](#). For more information, please contact rsvp@bnsic.org or [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300). Thank you for your interest in helping, and we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

All are welcome to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Penance at our Advent Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Christmas," on Tuesday, **December 19** at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. Confessions will be available in several languages, including Spanish. *The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Farragut North Red Line, Farragut West Orange Line, and Dupont Circle Red Line Metro stops. Visit us at www.stmatthewscathedral.org or call us at 202-347-3215*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK SEEKS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ADVISORY

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls this year on a Monday. Even though Mass is celebrated on Sunday evening on December 24, it is for the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord, and only fulfills the Mass obligation for Christmas. Sunday's Mass obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is still required by attending Mass either on Saturday evening, December 23rd or Sunday morning, December 24th.



<p>Saturday Dec. 23, 2023</p>	<p>9:00am Mass (Fulfills No Obligation)</p>	<p>5:30pm Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent (Fulfills Sunday Obligation Only)</p>
<p>Sunday Dec. 24, 2023</p>	<p>8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses Fourth Sunday of Advent (Fulfills Sunday Obligation Only)</p>	<p>4:00pm & 10:00pm Masses Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Fulfills Christmas Obligation Only)</p>
<p>Monday Dec. 25, 2023</p>	<p>10:00am & 12:00pm Masses The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Fulfills Christmas Obligation Only)</p>	
<p>Monday Jan. 1, 2024</p>	<p>10:0am Mass Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	

KIDS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

FALL IS FLYING BY, AND ADVENT IS FAST APPROACHING! WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENT HELPERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR PARISH CHILDREN'S MASS ON

DECEMBER 24 AT 4 PM.

CHILDREN AGES 4 AND OLDER CAN PARTICIPATE AS MARY, JOSEPH, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, MAGI...

PRACTICE DATES ON **SATURDAYS:**

- DECEMBER 2 FROM 11 TO 12 IN THE CHURCH
- DECEMBER 9 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER
- DECEMBER 16 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER
- DECEMBER 23 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER

ALL COSTUMES WILL BE PROVIDED BY PARISH!

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT
ANDREJA MEZEK AT mezek@annunciationdc.org



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 17, 2023



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

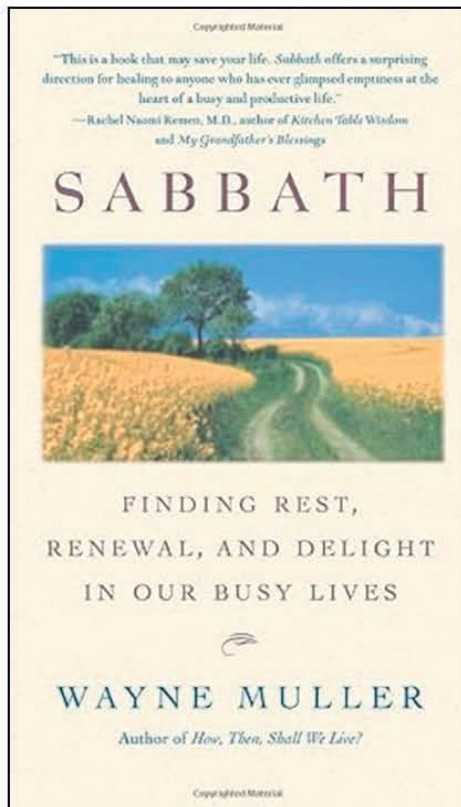


O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



The January book is *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller.

In today's world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family, we long for a moment to ourselves.

Millennia ago, the tradition of Sabbath created an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Now, in a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller, author of the spiritual classic *How, Then, Shall We Live?*, shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal—a refuge for our souls.

We need not even schedule an entire day each week. Sabbath time can be a Sabbath afternoon, a Sabbath hour, a Sabbath walk. With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH @11AM
IN THE PARISH ATRIUM

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

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

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

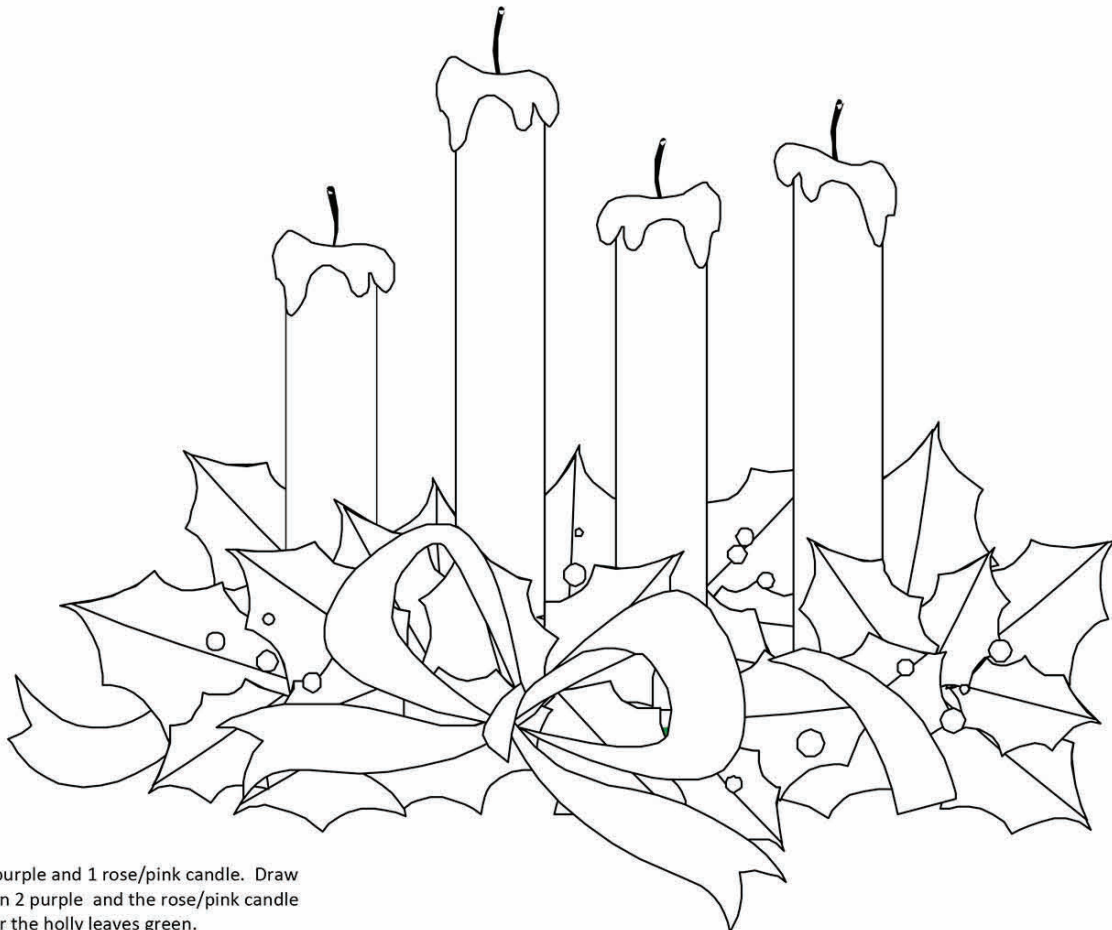
The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.

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