



# Annunciation Catholic Church

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

**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth 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 1011  
Entrance Hymn – Worship 386  
Responsorial Psalm  
*"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."*  
Offertory Hymn – Worship 438  
Communion Hymn – Worship 893  
Closing Hymn – Worship 398

## Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our ministry to the homeless. Your generosity is appreciated.

We will not have coffee and donuts this weekend.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

**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*

Deacon William Maksymiec  
*Permanent Deacon*

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*Director of Faith Formation*  
mezek@annunciationdc.org

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*Director of Music*  
frankconlon@comcast.net

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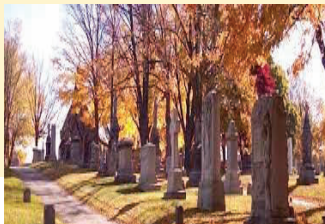
## Sacramental Celebrations



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

## 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

## 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](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

## 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 24

8am	†Anthony Bow Jung	Park
10am	Parishioners	Afu
12pm	†Clementina Theresa Sclafani	Swink
4pm	Special Intention	Park
10pm	†Joseph Cammarata	Afu

#### Monday, December 25

10am	†Dr. John Moretti	Swink
12pm	† Clementina Theresa Sclafani	Park

#### Tuesday, December 26

8am	†Cleofes Tanamor	Park
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#### Wednesday, December 27

8am	†Lou Thomas	Afu
5:30pm	†J. Dapray Muir	Swink

#### Thursday, December 28

8am	Judy Harris	Afu
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#### Friday, December 29

8am	Kimberly Brown	Swink
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#### Saturday, December 30

9am	†Christa Wenninger	Afu
5:30pm	†Pope Benedict XVI	Park

### What's Happening This Week?

#### Sunday, December 24

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

#### Monday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

#### Wednesday, December 27

Mass, 5:30pm (Church)  
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)

#### Thursday, December 28

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

#### Saturday, December 30

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## PARISH LIFE

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



walking with purpose

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

Contact Sue Lohsen at [sue@lohsten.com](mailto:sue@lohsten.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

ANNUNCIATION

## **MEN'S GROUP**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

## 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.



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

## 2023 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY



**Josephine Allies**

Netty Keer  
Petrus Kusaeri

**Nchang Azefor**

Caroline Ohadike

**Mary Lynne Bebee**

Charles & Julia Zigmont

**John Begg**

Joan Vessa Begg

**Scott Boylen**

Simon Boylen

**Claire V. Buensuceso**

Juan Buensuceso  
Vergelio Buensuceso  
Ma. Theresa B. Pasquil  
Felipa Victorino

**Patricia Kennard**

William & Jeanne Cassidy

**Francis & Kathryn Dzubeck**

The Dzubeck Family  
The Smith Family

**Susie Gaston**

Ghislaine Gaston  
Sophie St. Vil

**Diana Gregg**

Thomas Gregg

**Stanley Lynam**

Terence & Joyce Lynam

**William & Leila Maksymiec**

Eileen Maksymiec  
Ellen Gilliam

**Maria Noordermeer**

Maria Liau  
Jeff Noordermeer

**Neuner**

The Neuner Family

**Lillian Peeler**

Peeler Family

**Jack & Amy Simms**

Dorothy Simms

**Margaret Solaqua**

Philip and Ella Solaqua  
Philip and Diane Solaqua  
Carmela and Paul Solaqua  
Lucy and Americo Romano  
Juliette and Bill Cocozza

**Christine Song**

Ong Bà

**Valorie Thompson**

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson

**Rita Tolibao**

Jose Tolibao  
Martin Wenick

**Vittucci Family**

Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Victor Vittucci

**Angelika Zaia**

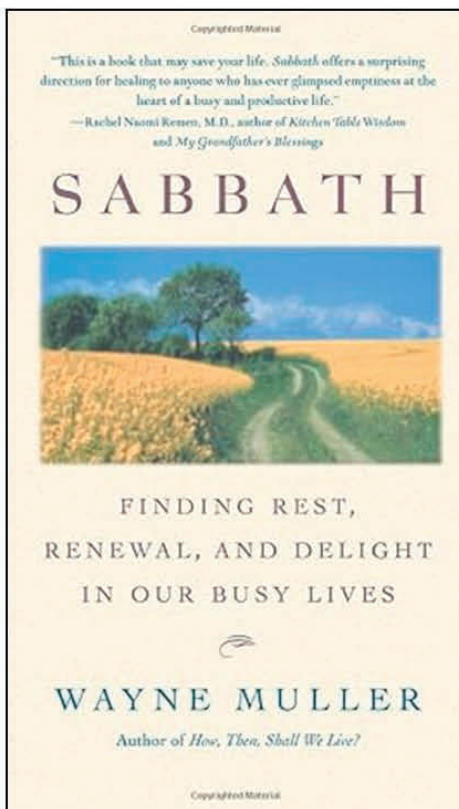
Anthony T. Zaia  
The Gruber Family

**Anna Zakarija**

Zakarija Family  
Pairan Family  
Lucchese Family  
Pope Benedict XVI



# 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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15.



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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-38

Year B

**BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT!**

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.

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## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

1<sup>ST</sup> Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

### We See the Light!

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...

### WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

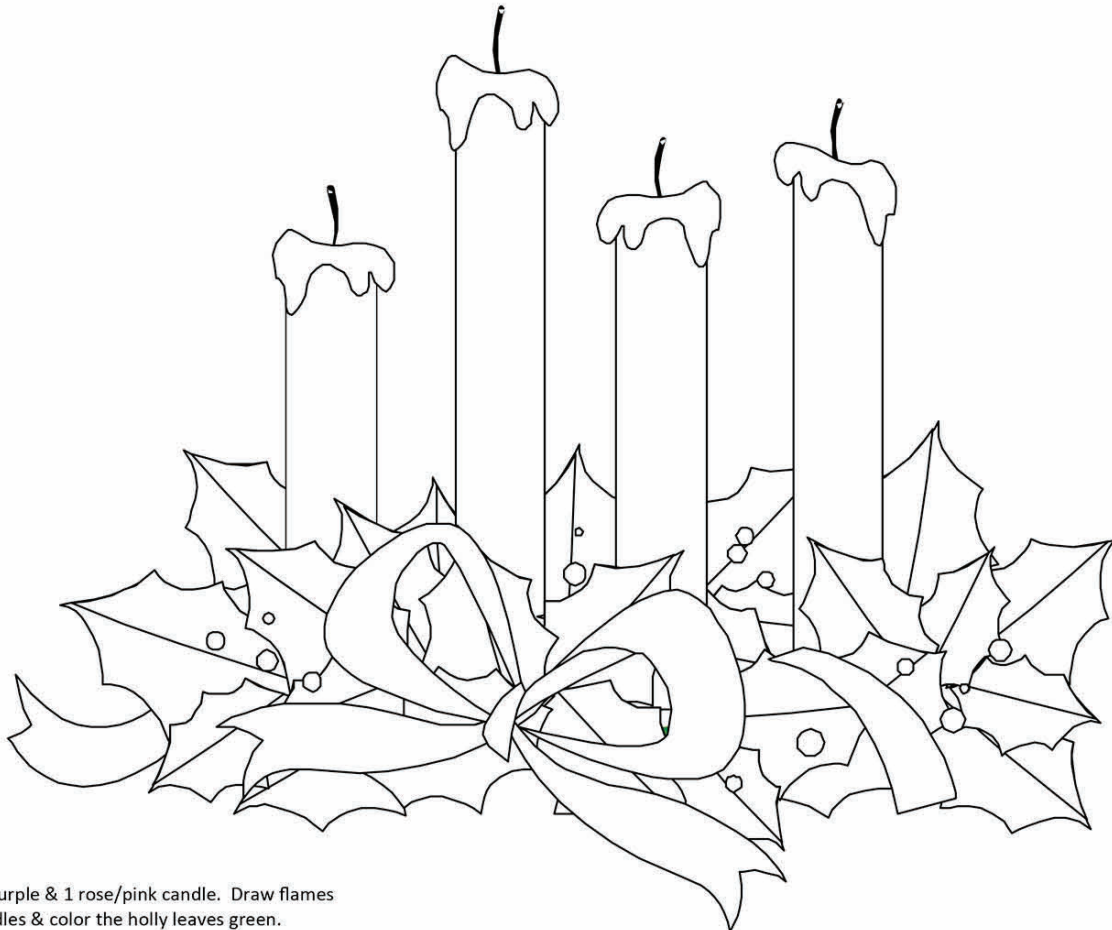
*Prayer said by Father or head of household*

“O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

**We are Aware, We are Prepared,  
We Rejoice, We see the Light!**

**Christ, Light of the World.**



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 24, 2023



## The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



## Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



## The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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**ST. ANN**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **CHURCH OF SAINT ANN PRESENTS 3:00 PM CONCERT SERIES 2023-2024**

- Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Birth*  
**Amit Peled**, Cellist Sunday, September 17, 2023  
**Magdalena Wór**, Mezzo-Soprano  
**Martin Labazevitch**, Pianist
- Sofya Gulyak**, Pianist Sunday, October 29, 2023  
**Brian Ganz**, Pianist Sunday, November 19, 2023  
**Pavlo Gintov** (Ukraine), Pianist Sunday, January 21, 2024
- 68th Kosciuszko Foundation  
Chopin Piano Competition  
Opening Recital** Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
at 7:00 PM  
**Yun-Chih Hsu**, 2022 Winner
- 68th KF Chopin Piano Competition  
Final Round** with members of the  
**National Philharmonic** and  
Maestro **Piotr Gajewski** Sunday, March 3, 2024
- AGMA Relief Benefit Concert** Sunday, March 10, 2024  
Members of the Washington  
National Opera Chorus  
**Jorge Luis Prats**, Pianist Sunday, April 14, 2024  
**Golda Vainberg-Tatz**, Pianist Sunday, May 5, 2024
- Holocaust & Heroism Remembrance Day**  
Righteous Among the Nations: Celebrating  
the Heroic Life of Father Antanas Gobis

Art music is an expression of the soul, and through the God-given gifts of a performer, can bring the listener closer to the source of all that is, Our Lord. Gifted artists, performing in our church, provide an opportunity for people who might not otherwise have the chance to experience this music performed live to do so in an environment that inspires the human spirit to seek a closer connection to God.

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