

February 2, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday

8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday

11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday

4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger “to prepare the way” and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus “is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel.” Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
First Friday	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kgs 3:4-13; 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



Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChurch1.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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On February 2, 2020, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Our scripture readings help us to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises to Israel. Especially in the Gospel of Luke, references will be made as to how Jesus is the answer to the questions about who the anointed of the Lord will be. As we read the Gospel we encounter several figures who give insight into the person and mission of Jesus. Simeon filled with the Holy Spirit sees that the Lord God has completed the promise of sending a Messiah. In seeing Jesus, Simeon sees his life as being complete. Not only is Jesus the fulfillment of the promise to Israel but also for all people, the Gentiles included. The prophetess Anna, a truly holy woman, who spent many hours each day in the Temple in prayer also saw in Jesus the redemption of Jerusalem. Then we have Mary and Joseph, who as a family, bring their son to the Lord God to be blessed and consecrated to God. Our families are biological, religious and social and all of us are saved through the redemptive mission of Jesus.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike



LAUDATO SI': CHALLENGE AND RESPONSE

Professor William Dinges from Catholic University will be here on Sunday, February 9, 2020, to walk us through key points of Laudato Si' and discuss aspects of the Catholic response over the last five years. We will meet in the Parish Center after the 10:30am Mass. Be sure to attend and find out how you can make a difference! For more information contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8TH) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces the 2020 Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF 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 can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. 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 and are due by 11:59 pm March 31, 2019.

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.



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Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

February 9

Building Maintenance

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of February will benefit the FAIR Girls. FAIR Girls offers compassionate care to prevent the exploitation of all girls, with a special emphasis on girls who have experienced homelessness, life inside the foster care system, sexual abuse, and trafficking.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



SAINT OF THE WEEK

**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.

CNS Saints



There will be blessings of the throats at each weekend Mass, in addition to St. Blaise's feast day on February 3rd.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord**

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Vocations	Intentions
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Jack & Natalie Shea	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Benefactors	Intentions

Monday, February 3—Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Lisa McCarthy	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory

Tuesday, February 4—Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Martha & Ray Kirsch	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Mama Viaja	In Memory

Wednesday, February 5—Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Andrea Clune	In Memory

Thursday, February 6—Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rosita Añez deFalla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Nathan Zahedi	In Memory

Friday, February 7—Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Al Kovalik	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Theresa Morace	In Memory

Saturday, February 8—Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Pat Frohman	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Berard	Anthony Chrysakis	In Memory

Sunday, February 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Vocations	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Berard	Theresa Morace	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Benefactors	Intentions

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND!

Join us in the footsteps of Jesus, October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!



ARIMATHEANS NEEDED!

We need more volunteers for this Ministry. The name of the ministry comes from Joseph of Arimathea, who appears in all four of the Gospels.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the Kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having brought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, watched where he laid. Mark 15, 42-47.

At each funeral Mass, there are usually two Arimatheans who perform the following tasks:

- Light all the candles including the Paschal candle
- Prepare the gifts and the incense for Mass
- Precede the celebrant(s) with the cross and Holy Water
- Assist the celebrant as altar servers
- Serve as lector and as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, if necessary.

With each funeral Mass, Arimatheans hope to do their small part in comforting a grieving family in the example of their namesake, who must have comforted Mary with his care of the body of Jesus. Ideally, an Arimathean is someone with flexibility in their work schedule or retired, a fully initiated catholic and a desire to serve. Training is provided. There are several who have volunteered for this ministry so there is no pressure to serve unless you are able. Contact Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x 13 for more information.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, February 2

CLOW

9:00am (PC)

Faith Fun

9:30am (PC)

Social Concerns Meeting

11:30am (CR)

Tuesday, February 4

Bible Study

11:30am (Parish Center)

RCIA

7:00pm (CR)

Wednesday, February 5

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am (Church)

Bible Study

7:00pm (CR)

Children's Religious Ed

7:00pm (School)

Thursday, February 6

Contemplative Prayer

6:25pm (Parlor)

Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm (Church)

Saturday, February 8

Reconciliation Retreat

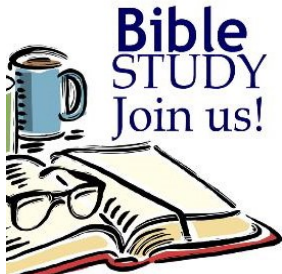
9:00am (Church & PC)



UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

March 7, 2020 — 1:00pm

Gary Saltsman



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Tuesdays

after the 11:00am Mass

or

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

in the Parish Center

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Sign up for emails about
Young Adult events on our
website

www.annunciationdc.org

MASS TO REMEMBER SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Remember those enslaved in modern-day slavery and become inspired to act. Observe the World Day of Prayer Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking and the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita with a special intercultural Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on Saturday February 8 at 4:30 pm at St. Camillus Catholic Church. (1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903)

The Mass and reception that follows are sponsored by the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Services. Please RSVP to MRSTraff@usccb.org.

St. Bakhita (born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869) was enslaved as a child and trafficked to Italy. She won her freedom with the help of the Canossian Sisters, became a Canossian Sister, and went on to share her story of freedom and dignity.

2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Cleaning up after Christmas? Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2020 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!



QUO VADIS SHADOW DAY

Juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join us for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America on February 7, 2020, 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. The day will allow the young men to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. It is also a great opportunity to meet other high school students who are considering seminary. Please register to attend at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The series will begin Tuesday, February 25, and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 14, 2020 from 7:00-8:30 PM. There is no fee but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Friday, February 21st in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



The Presentation of the Lord / Luke 2:22-40

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–Luke 2:28

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