December 26, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

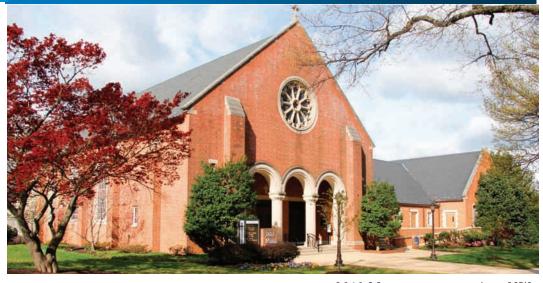
Miraculous Medal Novena after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

Monday– Friday 8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15pm-5:15pm Or call the rectory for an appointment



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8Tuesday1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18Wednesday1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35Thursday1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40Friday1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

First Saturday Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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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.

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,

I wish you the best Christmas gift ever, knowing the saving work of redemption of Jesus Christ in your life. He is the best gift the Father could have ever given to us. May the New Year bring you an increase in Faith, Hope, and Love!



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and we come to know that it is not only the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph whom we honor but we also are called to honor peoples of all families. In Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians, he broadens the definition of family. It is not only those who are biologically related to one another but also, "God's chosen ones". God chooses all of us to be one in His family. We hear the voice of God in various ways and through various people. All of us are created in the image and likeness of God. The virtues that Paul elaborates: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness are for all people to practice. In this New Year, one of our resolutions we may choose to make and keep is to make a constant effort, in all situations to practice these virtues and see the face of God in all people even when they do not offer them to us.

God bless you this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Mike

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 26 CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Thursday, December 30 Contemplative Prayer 6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, January 1
Mass 9:00am (Church)
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Confession
4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)
Mass 5:30pm (Church)

FREE UBER RIDES TO GET COVID-19 VACCINES

Iona Senior Services is pleased to announce that it is partnering with Uber to offer free rides to Covid-19 vaccine and booster appointments for older adults ages 60 and up through December 31, 2021.

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To get your code or learn more, please contact Vicky Hall on Monday through Thursday from 7:00am to 3:00pm at (202) 895-9409 or vhall@iona.org.

Quantities are limited. While supplies last. Must apply the promo code in the Wallet section of the Uber app prior to requesting the ride within the Washington Metropolitan Area to redeem discount. Please ensure you are putting the promo code in the wallet section of the app. Discount valid for up to \$40 off maximum of 2 UberX or XL trips (maximum \$40 total discount) that begin or end within the Washington Metropolitan Area. Cannot be combined with other offers. One time use only. Non-transferable. Offer expires at 11:55pm ET on December 31, 2021. Discount does not apply to tips. Cannot be used on JUMP. Offer and terms subject to change.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

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

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Thomas Becket

1118-1170

Feast Day - December 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26–The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mellone Benefactors Intentions
10:00 a.m. Mellone Parishioners Intentions
12:00 p.m. Ivan Rolando & Alicia Castaneda In Memory

Monday, December 27-Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Mellone Timothy V.A. Dalton In Memory

Tuesday, December 28–The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mellone Souls in Purgatory In Memory

Wednesday, December 29-Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Nunciature Victims of Natural Disasters Intentions

Thursday, December 30– *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord* 8:00 a.m. Marchese People Discerning Vocations Intentions

Friday, December 31–Saint Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 a.m. Marchese Individuals Battling Cancer Intentions

Saturday, January 1 – *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

9:00 a.m. Mellone Catherine Emery Botella In Memory 5:30 p.m. Mellone Lou Thomas In Memory

Sunday, January 2– The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Sands Parishioners Intentions
10:00 a.m. SOSJ Anthony Girata In Memory
12:00 p.m. Mellone Vocations 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



HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on families, friends, and neighbors to notify the parish office 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'd like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

FEEL THE DESIRE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS?

Come meet devout Catholics who dedicate part of each day praying for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and consecrated religious life.

Meet members of the Downtown Washington (St. Junipero) Serra Club at one of their up-coming meeting.

January 15, 2022

Church of the Annunciation 3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW 9:00 a.m. Mass Meeting will follow in the parish office conference room Speaker: TBA

Questions? Contact Alice Middleton, President, Downtown Washington Serra Club. Her email is: cathcap@aol.com

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day

Jan 21 / Feb 18 / Mar 11

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates <u>ourladyofbethesda.org</u>. Or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

A MILLION ROSARIES

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at http://littlesistersofthepoor.org.



2021 Christmas



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 25 4:15 - 5:15 Confessions

Saturday, December 25 5:30 PM Vigil

Sunday, December 26 — 8 AM

Sunday, December 26 — 10 AM

Sunday, December 26 - 12 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, January 1 — 9 AM

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1 4:15 - 5:15 PM Confessions

Saturday, January 1 5:30 PM Vigil

Sunday, January 2 — 8 AM

Sunday, January 2 — 10 AM

Sunday, January 2 — 12 PM

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Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2:41-52

KORNER THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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- 1] Jesus went to the temple with his parents in this town.
 - a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem
- 2] They were there for ______.
 - a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover
- 3] How old was Jesus?
 - a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty
- 4] When the caravan left, where was Jesus?
 - a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead c) Left behind
- 5] Mary and Joseph found Jesus after _____
 - a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of

Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in]

wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

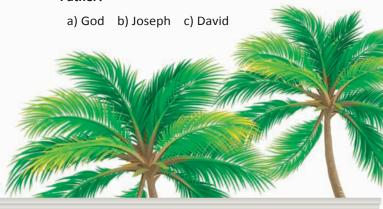
6] What did the temple teachers think about Jesus?

a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded

7] When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they were .

a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished

8] When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his Father?



< BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

a) Joyful

- b) Sorrowful
- c) Glorious
- d) Mystery of Light/ Luminous



- Luke 2: 41-52

WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

Synodality and the Synodal process are not a gathering or meeting of bishops, nor are they the administrative arm of the Church. Rather, Synodality is the path and process of the Church as communion. It is the communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with each other and praying together to hear the voice of Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel. Synodality involves clergy, religious and laity listening and speaking, praying and discerning together, and placing the hopes and concerns of the People of God at the foot of the bishops, who, united with the Pope, decide matters of faith and morals in order to preserve the faith



"Synodality, in this perspective, is much more than the celebration of ecclesial meetings and Bishops'assemblies, or a matter of simple internal administration within the Church; it is 'the specific modus vivendi et operandi [way of living and being] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active partin her evangelizing mission'" (Preparatory Document no. 10). "In fact, this People, gathered together by its Pastors, adheres to the sacred deposit of the Word of God entrusted to the Church, perseveres constantly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fraternal communion, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer, 'so that holding to, practicing, and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the Bishops and Faithful a single common effort'" (Preparatory Document no. 13). Synodality and the Synodal process are not about engaging others for the purpose of deciding matters through a parliamentary vote. Noristhe primary purpose of Synodality to introduce democratic methods into the Church, where the majority determines how the Church will act. Synodality is also not about promulgating strategic plans or managing pastoral parish ministries through objectives. Synodality is about the entire People of God journeying together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to become holy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church throughout the world has been asked by Pope Francis to enter into "journeying together" and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. At Annunciation, we are beginning by asking you how we can best gather your thoughts for the Synod 2021 – 2023. We would like to know what days and times might be best for you to attend a parish discussion group as part of our response to the Synod.

Please indicate below your top three choices for a time to gather, with "1" indicating your most preferred option, "2" your second option, and "3" your third option. We will schedule sessions based on the input we receive .

Monday morning, 9-11 a.m.	Friday afternoon, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday morning, 9-11 a.m.	Monday evening 6-8 p.m.
Thursday morning, 9-11 a.m.	Tuesday evening, 6-8 p.m.
Friday morning, 9-11 a.m.	Wednesday evening, 6-8 p.m.
Monday afternoon 1-3 p.m.	Thursday evening, 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday afternoon, 1-3 p.m	Friday evening, 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday afternoon, 1-3 p.m.	Saturday morning, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m.	Sunday morning, after 10 am Mass

Let us know by filling out the form, place it in the offertory basket, email the parish (parish@annunciationdc.org), or hand it to one of the Priests or Deacons.

Thank you and blessings,

Fr. Mike

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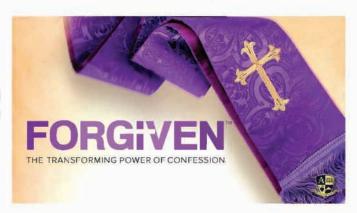
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PICK OF THE WEEK

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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

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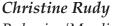
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