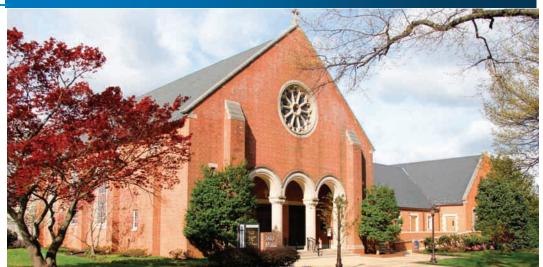
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Mass Schedule Saturday 9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

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

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

#### **GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9**

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

#### PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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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 <a href="https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone">https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone</a> 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.

#### BAZAAR DONATIONS

Christmas is officially over and we're collecting donations again. To keep us all safe and healthy, **please make an appointment to drop items off**. Contact Tina Lindberg via email at <a href="mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org">lindberg@annunciationdc.org</a> or call 202-362-3323 x15.



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#### PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, Luke 13:6-9, reminds us of the patience the Lord has with us but also the patience we should have with one another. This week the Cross was put up on our Bell Tower. It is not the final step of our project but we are coming close. In June, the bells should be arriving for the



Carillon and installed throughout June and July. I invite you to try out our new entrance with the internal stairway and elevator if you have not done so already.



The Volunteer Missionaries of the Society of St. John will be speaking at all the Masses next week to solicit your assistance in raising money for their mission trip to St. Lucia with the students from American University. They are doing great work of evangelizing the students at AU and we are seeing the fruits of their labor in those attending Mass at our parish. Please pray for them and support them if possible.

Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and an end to war and violence throughout the world. If possible, join your fellow parishioners and others on Thursday at 12 noon to pray the rosary

outside the entrance to the Russian Embassy on Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington DC.

God's Peace, Fr. Mike

#### 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 would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 or <a href="mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org">lindberg@annunciationdc.org</a>.

#### A MILLION ROSARIES

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.





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 March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs.

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Oscar Romero

1917-1980

#### Feast day - March 24

Before becoming archbishop, Monsignor Romero was not aware that the government was responsible for the deaths of many civilians. However, shortly after his installation, his close friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, a priest who openly opposed the unjust practices of wealthy landowners, was assassinated. This experience awakened Archbishop Romero to the reality of the corruption in his country and prompted him to take a stand for his people's freedom.

Archbishop Romero persistently defended the rights of the people. His vocal response to government violence against the poor led to difficulties with other clergy members and his religious superiors as well as death threats from government accomplices.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot to death while celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel of Divina Providencia hospital. He was beatified in May 2015 and canonized on October 14, 2018 by Pope Francis.

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#### Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 20-Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Oberle Maria Soviero In Memory 10:00 a.m. Mellone William & Jeanne Cassidy In Memory 12:00 p.m. Mellone Parishioners Intentions

Monday, March 21-Monday of the Third Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mellone Siri Hettiarachchi In Memory

Tuesday, March 22-Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mellone James Landry In Memory

Wednesday, March 23-Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mellone Souls in Purgatory In Memory 5:30 p.m. Mellone Dr. John Moretti In Memory

Thursday, March 24– Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Marchese Dick Coffman In Memory

Friday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Marchese Ben Patton In Memory

**Saturday, March 26**–Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mellone Madeline & Ameal Rabil In Memory5:30 p.m. Mellone Christopher Landry In Memory

Sunday, March 27-Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. SOSJ Parishioners Intentions 10:00 a.m. Mellone Dr. John Moretti In Memory 12:00 p.m. Mellone James Cabangon In Memory

#### 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



# 2022 Scholarship Competition for Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Grade Students

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announced The 2022 Lucinda L. Jasper 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.

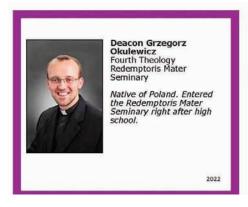
The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is now officially opened.

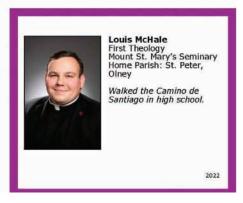
Interested students can apply online at <a href="http://www.lljsf.org/">http://www.lljsf.org/</a>. Visit the website, <a href="http://www.lljsf.org/">http://www.lljsf.org/</a>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay.

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, <a href="http://www.lljsf.org/">http://www.lljsf.org/</a>. 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, 2022.

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

#### Pray for Vocations





Please stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent by praying for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese. Please keep in mind Deacon Grzegorz and Louis who have served this parish!

Heavenly Father, we beseech you to pour out your grace upon your servants and sons **Grzegorz** and **Louis**. Bless them in their formation and guide them in their discernment. If it be your will, strengthen them to be good and holy priests in service of your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, priest, prophet, and king, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

#### This Week ...

Sunday, March 20 CLOW 10:00am (PC)

**Tuesday, March 22** Bible Study 1:00pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 23
Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm (Church)
Religious Education
7:00pm (School)
Bible Study 7:30pm (Zoom)

**Thursday, March 24** Contemplative Prayer *6:20pm (Zoom)* 

**Friday, March 25** Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Church)

Saturday, March 26 Mass 9:00am (Church) First Reconciliation 10:30am (Church) Confession

4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel) Mass 5:30pm (Church)



### Virtual Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4 thru April 8 (3:00pm) Zoom
Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org to sign up

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays, March 4— April 8 (7pm)

#### The Light is on For You

Wednesdays, March 9— April 13 Eucharistic Adoration (6:00pm – 7:00pm) Confessions (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

#### Holy Thursday, April 14

(No 8am Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

#### Good Friday, April 15

(No 8am Mass)
Confessions (12:00pm – 2:00pm)
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

#### Holy Saturday, April 16

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass) Confessions (3:00pm – 5:00pm) Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

#### Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt, April 17 Following the 10:00am Mass

# Annual Lenten Food Drive March 19th & 20th

Please help us help the working poor of the District

Bring your donations in a new or gently-used reusable grocery bag when you come to Mass

or

Drive by and Drop off Sunday, March 20th from 10am-1pm

Most needed items:
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Dry Cereal (Cheerios, Bran Flakes)
Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Peas, Corn)
Soup (Hearty varieties are best)
Canned Fruit, any kind
Peanut Butter and Jelly (Plastic containers please!)

Baked Beans (cans) and Rice (any size)
Pasta and Pasta Sauce (Plastic containers please!)

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The Order of Malta is collecting the following:

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# Gospel Today Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

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The parable uses a barren fruit tree to help us understand God's patience and love for His creation. Given the proper nurturing, unfruitful people can again become pleasing to God.

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#### NURTURE

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Draw fruit and leaves on the tree. Add any fruit that would be good to eat.

Example... apples, oranges, peaches, pears, figs. Don't forget to add a bird to the nest!

Now the tree represents people —ready to share & give good things to others. What can people give others that trees can't give? Ex. a hug

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#### PICK OF THE WEEK

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### THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



# Annunciation Annunciation

### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

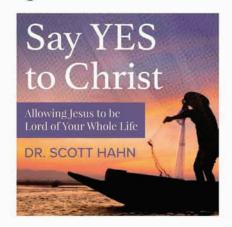
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

# LEARN

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#### SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Indeed, many Catholics fear that Romans is too "Protestant." But understood correctly, as St. Paul intended, Romans is authentically Catholic.

Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal family of God. Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

Participants will meet online every week to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. We will run our *Romans* Bible study on **Tuesdays at 1 PM** and **Wednesdays at 7.30 PM**. For more information or to register contact **Andreja** at **202.362.3323 x 13** or **mezek@annunciationdc.org**. We hope you can join us!

Starting dates: Tuesday, March 15 / Wednesday, March 16

#### ZOOM LINK INFORMATION:

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#### ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join your fellow parishioners at 12pm on Thursdays to pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine in front of the Russian Embassy, 2650 Wisconsin Avenue NW, throughout Lent. If you're unable to join us in person, pray along with us from wherever you are.







#### ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

The Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary** full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.

**Glory be** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

**Fatima Prayer:** O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

#### **Luminous Mysteries**

**Jesus' Baptism:** You wash away our sins and show us the road to salvation; may Putin and all oppressors see your truth and desire peace.

Let us pray that the Peace of Christ may overcome all war and violence, especially in Ukraine.

**Wedding at Cana:** You desire for us overflowing joy; may Ukraine once again be filled with your joy. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and protect the people of Ukraine in the face of war.

**Proclamation of the Kingdom:** You taught us how to love; may your love be spread throughout the earth. Lord, send forth your Holy Spirit to protect the rights and dignity of all people.

**Transfiguration:** You showed us that you are truly God; may your glory shine on all hearts and minds transforming them to your will.

Let us pray that Vladimir Putin will have a full conversion of heart, end this war, and seek peace.

**Institution of the Eucharist:** You sacrificed yourself for us; may full union with you be desired by all so as to bring peace throughout the world.

Lord, we ask You to grant wisdom to the leaders of all nations and protect all those affected by war and oppression.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Final Prayer:** Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Memorare:** Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O virgin of virgins and mother. To thee do I come. Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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