



Annunciation Catholic Church

Be it done to me according to your Word

+Luke 1:38+

December 10, 2023
Second 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 1005

Entrance Hymn – Worship 392

Responsorial Psalm

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 402

Communion Hymn – Worship 395

Closing Hymn – Worship 386

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports the Retired Religious Fund. Your generosity is appreciated.

A Roth Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

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
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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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

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.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR THE GRIEVING

During the holidays, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Holiday festivities can be difficult for those who are grieving. If you are mourning the loss of a child, parent, spouse, sibling, or other loved one, please join us for this Christmas Remembrance Service on Thursday evening, December 14, 7:00pm at St. Andrew the Apostle, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20902. Registration is encouraged but not required. Click [here](#) or use the QR code to register using our online registration form. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or flm@adw.org.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10

8am	Parishioners	Swink
10am	Maria Collum	Park
12pm	†Brian Konzen	Afu

Monday, December 11

8am	†Brian Konzen	Swink
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Tuesday, December 12

8am	†Janusz von Hewell	Park
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Wednesday, December 13

8am	†Harriet Pressler	Afu
5:30pm	Special Intention	Swink

Thursday, December 14

8am	†Angel Clarens	Afu
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Friday, December 15

8am	†Eva Taylor	Swink
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Saturday, December 16

9am	†Christopher Danello	Swink
5:30pm	†Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	Afu

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, December 10

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)
Roth Concert, 5:00pm (PC)

Monday, December 11

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

Saturday, December 16

Serra Club Meeting, 9:30am (Atrium)
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.

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct



PARISH LIFE

**"Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations."**



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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

ANNUNCIATION

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 Saturday, December 16th or 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](https://www.bnsic.org). 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.



ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2023

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from WALMART, TARGET or VISA.

We have been asked to support 75 seniors and 18 families (almost 100 individuals.) Our goal is to provide at least one \$25 gift card to everyone. The gift cards will be put into a Christmas card and delivered to Holy Redeemer.

Gift cards or monetary contributions may be placed in the collection baskets or sent to the parish office in an envelope marked "Christmas Project." Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "CHRISTMAS PROJECT" in the memo line.



Help us continue this tradition!

DONATIONS DEADLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Thank you for your generous support!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm Saturday, December 23

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Mass with Pageant

10:00pm Mass

Christmas Music Preceding Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

10:00am and 12:00pm

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Not a holy day of obligation)

10:00am



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*

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](#)

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.

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 10, 2023



The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show

Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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**Clara Schumann – Three Romances for Violin and Piano, Op. 22
Beethoven – Sonata for Violin and Piano in E Flat Major, Op. 12, No. 3
Lera Auerbach – Selections from Preludes, Op. 46
Franz Schubert – Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major, D. 574
Alfred Schnittke – A Paganini for Solo Violin**

Sunday, December 10, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Annunciation Catholic Church

**3810 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
(one block west of Wisconsin Avenue)**

No Admission Charge. Free-Will Offerings will be received.
For more information, please call 202-441-7678 - Please sign-up for our email list at brianqthorne@icloud.com
A reception will follow the concert.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE!

John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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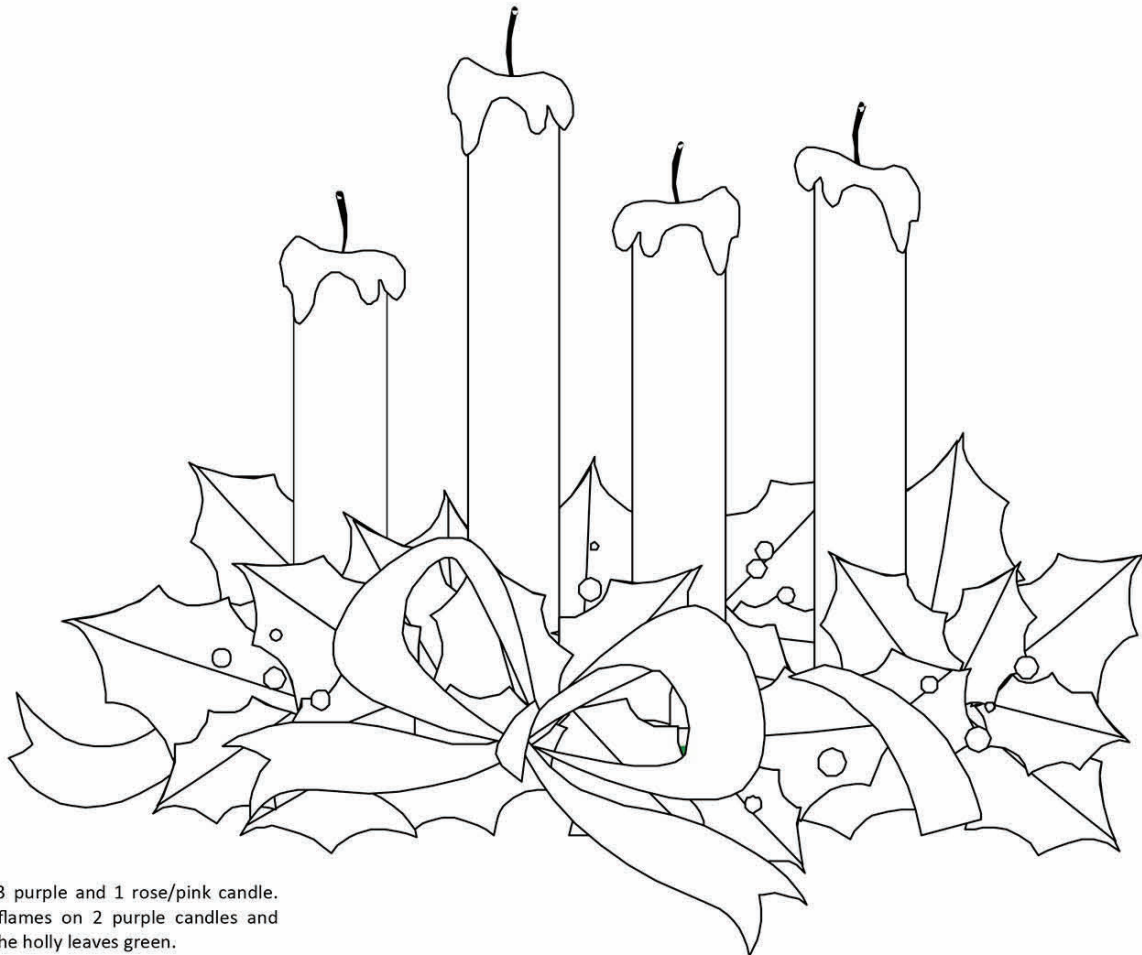
We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
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color the holly leaves green.

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