

Mass Schedule

Saturday......(Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday — Friday8:00am Wednesday5:30pm Saturday9:00am

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

Annunciation Catholic Church

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

August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship 1169
Entrance Hymn – Worship 835
Responsorial Psalm
"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."
Offertory Hymn – Worship 736
Communion Hymn – Worship 932
Closing Hymn – Worship 614

Parish Announcements

Our second collection is for our church utilities.

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 <u>Contact</u> (202) 362-3323

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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 inquires 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our lives are filled at times with a great deal of pain and suffering, from our first skinned knee to the death of a beloved spouse, our hearts have cried out, "It hurts." Sometimes it is not only our personal pain but that of others which leads us to turn



to Christ. Jesus says, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." So often we forget these words as the pain of loss reaches deep into our hearts.

Misunderstood, betrayed, and dismissed by those who professed they truly cared for us is a hallmark of our suffering. Jesus himself experienced these very things. Jesus not only says the Devil will not have his way with us, but that Jesus will be with us always even to the end of time. In these times of suffering, we may not turn to the Lord right away or we may not believe He will intervene for our good. St. Paul writes to the Romans, "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" We have often said we trust in the Lord. It is in the most difficult of times not just to say those words but to live them out by believing them. Let us never turn away from believing in God's care for us and those we love. He is ever present even when we think He is absent.

Thank you for your generosity to the Togo Mission. You may still make a contribution by sending or bringing a gift to the parish and we will forward it to the Mission.

God's Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions		What's Happening This Week?				
Sunday, August 27 8am	Park Mellone Mellone Park Mellone Park Mellone Park Mellone Park Mellone	Sunday, August 27 CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium) Book Club, 11:00am (PC) Wednesday, August 30 Mass, 5:30pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church) Thursday, August 31 Contemplative Prayer, 6:25pm (Zoom) Saturday, September 2 Wedding, 10:30am (Church) 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 no longer accepting donations for our Summer 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 August supports IONA Senior Services which helps older adults and their families with the challenges of aging.





PARISH LIFE



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

Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohsen.com for more info.

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 Center Contact Daniel Danello for more info: dfdanello@gmail.com



Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

Every Thursday at 12pm—Rain or Shine in front of the Russian Embassy 2650 Wisconsin Ave NW



With Endow, women encounter their identity as daughters of God helping them to grow in their faith. Meetings take place every Wednesday 7:15-8:30pm in the Atrium.

Contact Tina Lindberg for more info.



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.

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

- Mt 28:19



Pray in English Monday through Friday after the 8am Mass, in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday Meet in the church



Annunciation





75th Anniversary



Rejoice, So Highly Favored!

Upcoming dates and events for our upcoming 75th anniversary celebrations.

Saturday, October 7th

6:30pm 5th Annunciation Parish Anniversary Dinner Gala

Please join your fellow parishioners to toast Annunciation's 75th anniversary! Tickets are \$75 a person and include dinner, wine and beer.

More details on how to purchase your ticket will be announced soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email 75annivesary@annunciationdc.org or call (202) 362-3323.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to be involved in planning our 75th anniversary celebrations, please email us at 75anniversary@annunicationdc.org.

We're collecting treasures for the December Christmas Bazaar!

Donate: Jewelry, antique treasures, home and kitchen goods, handbags and scarves, toys and sporting goods

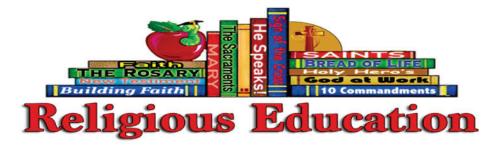
Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!

Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org
or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off

School Resumes This Week

Our students return on Monday, August 28th. The lower lot will be blocked off during school hours. Please be careful when driving.





IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Our faith is a lifelong process of formation and knowledge.

Online registration is now open for our 2023-2024

Catechetical Program year!

Register your 1-8 grade child(ren) today.

Religious Education sessions will begin on

Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm with an opening celebration in the Church.

Scan the code to complete registration.

Contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.

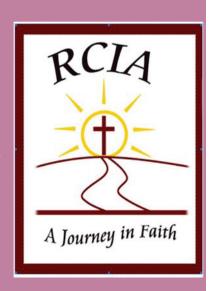


ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the
Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact Andreja at 202-362-3323 or mezek@annunciationdc.org.





Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to <u>Matthew</u>, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's <u>faith</u> was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who <u>do</u> you say that I am"? Peter <u>responded</u> "You are the <u>Messiah</u>, The <u>Christ</u>, The <u>Son</u> of the Living <u>God</u>".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told <u>Peter</u> he was the <u>rock</u> upon which He would <u>build</u> His <u>church</u>. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the <u>formation</u> of the church and the <u>key</u>, The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

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- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

ACROSS

- 1 The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ____ was solid as a rock
- 4) To construct
- **5]** A place we go to worship
- **8]** The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- **10]** Jesus is The ____ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ____ you say that I AM".
- **12]** What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ____.
- **2]** Jesus is The Messiah, or ____.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- **6]** Our Father, The Almighty
- **7**] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object

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On this rock I will build my church.



Week of August 27, 2023



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

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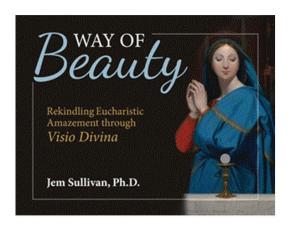
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Our summer selection is *The Way* of *Beauty: Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement Through Visio Divina* by Jem Sullivan, Ph.D.

We are created for beauty, the visible form of truth and goodness. The experience of beauty awakens our spiritual senses and prepares us for a new way of seeing the world. Through its beauty and spiritual power, the Eucharist provides us with

the opportunity to experience a deeply personal transformation of life.

Way of Beauty aims to help you discover, or rediscover, a sense of "Eucharistic amazement" through the beauty of sacred art depicting the theology, history, and spirituality of the Mass.

This beautiful book also introduces the practice of *visio divina*, focusing on the Eucharist through twelve masterpieces of sacred art. Alongside each work of art, you will find prayers of the Mass, passages from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a guided reflection. With each reflection, you'll be led on a Eucharistic pilgrimage of beauty to encounter how the desire and promise of Jesus to be with his disciples always continues today in the gift and mystery of the Eucharist.

Questions? Need a book?

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