October 2, 2022

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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

Wednesday
5:30pm

Reconciliation
Wednesday
6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

Or call the rectory for an appointment

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

Pray with Scripture

Monday  Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday  Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday  Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday  Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
First Friday  Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday  Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
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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.

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.
**Pastor’s Corner**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our first reading this weekend from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 begins as follow: How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. This was written 605 – 597 B.C.

How many of us readings these words think they have been written in our local newspaper this past week? One author thinks this is the first time in Israel’s literature a prophet questions the ways of the Lord. At that time, Israel was filled with political intrigue, and idolatry was rampant. God responds that He uses Babylon as a corrected measure. Soon Jerusalem would fall to the Babylonians. The Lord would restore Israel’s glory and prosperity. May we turn to the Lord and repent so as to follow His ways and give thanks for the many blessings we have received and not deserved.

We will have Blessing of the animals following the 12:00pm Mass on October 2nd. We are all looking forward to seeing those pets that bring such joy to your life. On October 9th we will have a reception of thanksgiving for Mr. David Hillyard who was the long time Sacristan and server at Annunciation. Please come by to wish him well.

God’s Peace,
Fr. Mike

**Holy Hour for Vocations & Consecrated Religious Life**

The Downtown Washington Serra Club will be conducting prayerful Holy Hours for Vocations and for those in Consecrated Religious Life on the first Wednesday of the month at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, 20016, from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. A 5:30p.m. Mass will precede the Holy Hour.

Upcoming dates through 2022 are: October 5, November 2, and December 7. Please join us and invite your friends to join in this prayerful call to holiness and to pray for vocations.

**Homebound Hospitalized Parishioners**

We depend on you to notify the us 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 lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net/DC43 or scan the QR code to donate electronically.

**Poor Box**

Donations for the month of October will benefit the Gabriel Network to provide loving services to women and families challenged with a crisis pregnancy.
SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of the Rosary
16th century

Feast October 7

Dominicans and local rosary confraternities began celebrating a feast honoring Our Lady of the Rosary in the 15th century. As Christian and Turkish forces met in battle in the Gulf of Lepanto (near Greece) on Oct. 7, 1571, Pope Pius V asked Mary to protect Catholic lands and Catholics to pray the rosary. The ensuing Christian victory was attributed to Our Lady of the Rosary. In 1572 the pope allowed some celebrations of Our Lady of Victory on the first Sunday in October; in 1573 the feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary, and in 1716 the feast became universal. The Oct. 7 date was fixed in 1913.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 2—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mellone Parishioners Intentions
10:00 a.m. Park Gabriela Wachs In Memory
12:00 p.m. Park Robert Olson Smith In Memory

Monday, October 3—Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mellone Buddy Harrison In Memory

Tuesday, October 4—Saint Francis of Assisi
8:00 a.m. Park Beth Holmes Intentions

Wednesday, October 5—Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
8:00 a.m. Park Souls in Purgatory In Memory
5:30 p.m. Mellone Vocations Intentions

Thursday, October 6—Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
8:00 a.m. Marchese Maria Noordermeer Intentions

Friday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00 a.m. Park Mary Dempsey In Memory

Saturday, October 8—Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Mellone Louis Oberto In Memory
5:30 p.m. Mellone Francis X. Doyle In Memory

Sunday, October 9—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. TBD Trey Torres In Memory
10:00 a.m. TBD William & Jeanne Cassidy In Memory
12:00 p.m. TBD Parishioners 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
Virtual Spiritual Retreats with Spiritual Direction

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. Click on the link to find more information and upcoming dates. Visit [https://outrladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/what-are-spiritual-exercises/virtual-spiritual-exercises-promo](https://outrladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/what-are-spiritual-exercises/virtual-spiritual-exercises-promo).

IT’S TIME TO REGISTER!

Our faith is a lifelong process of formation and knowledge.

Online registration is now open for our 2022-2023 Catechetical Program year! Register your 1-8 grade child(ren) today.

Religious Education sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm with opening celebration at Church.

Scan the Code to complete registration.

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

RCIA

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 Mezek at 202-362-3323 or mezek@annunciationdc.org.

St Louis de France Catholic Church Charity Fair

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022
11:30am - 4pm
(Mass in French at 10:30 am)
French food (quiches, cakes, "petits fours", ...) on site and to take out
French second hand books for all ages
Brand new French religious books (bible...)
Toys & Games for kids
Flea Market
Activities and Games for kids

Metro Friendship Heights (Red Line)
4125 Garrison St NW
Washington DC 20016

This Week …

Sunday, October 2
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Tuesday, October 4
Walking with Purpose 7:00pm (Atrium)

Wednesday, October 5
Walking with Purpose 8:45am (Atrium)
Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm (Church)
Letter to Women Study 7:00pm (Atrium)

Thursday, October 6
Contemplative Prayer 6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, October 8
Wedding 11:30am (Church)
Confession 4:15pm (Church)
**A Way To Help Yourself and Your Church**

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to $100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).

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**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 next series will begin Tuesday October 18 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 6, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are virtual using Zoom technology. There are no fees but registration is required. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

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**When you pray,**

*go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Mt. 6:6*

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 (martha@marthajohnston.com) for Zoom coordinates and any questions you may have.

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**We’re collecting treasures for the December Christmas Bazaar!**

Donate: Jewelry, antique treasures, home and kitchen goods, handbag 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.
Five years ago, Catholic Charities launched the Financial Stability Network (FSN). During this period, FSN has recruited over 200 volunteers to help lower income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington achieve their specific financial goals. Pro bono financial services include preparation of tax returns, individualized, one-on-one, financial coaching, and financial education workshops.

Most of FSN’s clients are referrals from Catholic Charities diverse array of programs.

In light of the economic downturn and the surge of new migrants in our community, the number of families in need of this assistance has increased greatly. We have superb group of tax and other financial professionals who have come to work together with good natured camaraderie and total commitment. At the same time, as spirited as we are, our current team of FSN volunteers need a few more dedicated volunteers to keep up with the growing demand.

If you are interested in joining the FSN team, or know someone who would be a good fit, please reach out to Deacon Jim Shanahan, Director of FSN, at jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org or 202-772-4310.
Gospel Today
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 17:5-10

Like servants who obey their masters, we are servants to God who obey His commands.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Apostles  Commands
Said       Unworthy
Lord       Servants
Increase   Done
Faith      Duty
Jesus      Obliged
Small      Obey
Mustard    God
Seed

FAITH
Annunciation Catholic Church

SHRED-A-THON

10AM-1PM

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 15TH

Upper Parking Lot
3810 Mass. Ave. NW

Get rid of old documents and papers!
$10 suggested donation.

Enter and exit on Massachusetts Ave NW.
Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

In Theatres Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4 Only

Showtimes

Regal Ballston Quarter
Stadium 12
671 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22203
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

Regal Gallery Place 14
701 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

Regal Majestic Stadium 20
900 Ellsworth Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20910
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850E Tysons Corner Center
McLean, VA 22102
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

Tysons Showplace Icon
at The Boro
1667 Silver Hill Drive
McLean, VA 22102
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Road
Alexandria, VA 22314
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)

Regal Rockville Center 13
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
7:00 PM (Monday & Tuesday)
Week of October 02, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction
From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri
In this talk, Dr. Edward Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries. He shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

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