



# Annunciation Catholic Church

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

## 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

## February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

Readings – Worship 1027  
Entrance Hymn – Worship 466  
Responsorial Psalm  
*“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned!”*  
Offertory Hymn – Worship 459  
Communion Hymn – Worship 715  
Closing Hymn – Worship 461

(8:00am Mass)  
Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 91 (90):15-16  
When he calls on me, I will answer him;/ I will deliver him  
and give him glory,/ I will grant him length of days.

Communion Antiphon Mt 4:4  
One does not live by bread alone,/ but by every word that  
comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Parish Announcements

There is no second collection this weekend.

Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00pm on Friday.

Our monthly collection of items for the mothers and babies of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families will take place next weekend, February 28/March 1. Items needed include baby diapers, baby wipes, laundry detergent, Dove soap bars, toothpaste, and hand lotion. Help warm the hearts and stretch the budgets of these moms as they work to re-establish a stable home life for their children

**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

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## Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the OCIA process. For more information contact Tina Lindberg.



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](mailto:frankconlon@comcast.net)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 21

5:30pm Vigil † Keith Armistead Hahn

### Sunday, February 22

8am Parishioners Hahn

10am Cornelia Meder Afu

12pm † John D. Grimek Hahn

### Monday, February 23

8am † Myra MacPherson Hahn

### Tuesday, February 24

8am Helen Marie Grayson Hahn

### Wednesday, February 25

8am † Carmen Palomeque Ocaña &

José Coco Blanco Afu

7:00pm † Jack Carlsen Hahn

### Thursday, February 26

8am † Manuel Herrera Suero Afu

### Friday, February 27

8am Gwendolyn Rivers Afu

### Saturday, February 28

9am Afu

## What's Happening This Week?

### Sunday, February 22

Religious Education, 9:00am (School)

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)

### Monday, February 23

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

### Tuesday, February 24

OCIA, 10:30am (Parlor)

Women's Bible Study, 7:00pm (PC)

Men's Group, 7:00pm (Atrium)

### Wednesday, February 25

Mass, 5:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm (Church)

Confessions, 6:00pm (Church)

### Thursday, February 26

Contemplative Prayer, 6:25pm (Zoom)

Choir Rehearsal, 8:00pm (Church)

### Friday, February 27

School Mass, 10:30am (Church)

Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm (Church)

### Saturday, February 28

Confirmation Retreat, 9:30am (PC)

Baptism, 11:00am (Church)

Confessions, 4:15pm (Church)

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

### First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

### Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Children's Religious Education**—classes have resumed. We meet on Sunday mornings from 9-9:50am. The weather has been challenging. Your understanding is greatly appreciated!

The family is the domestic church. This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. Here are some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church":

- Pray a family Rosary (each member leads a decade and everyone shares intentions.)
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration. Take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make worshipping a priority. Never miss Mass, even when traveling. Visit [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) to find a church.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, and your neighbors. Remind children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.

**Join us at the 10am Mass! Children's Liturgy of the Word is available at this Mass.**

**Baptisms**—please see our website for the Baptismal Information packet and application form. [www.annunciationdc.org/baptism](http://www.annunciationdc.org/baptism).

Please contact Tina at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) with any questions.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

**Vocations Tree**—Please choose a seminarian prayer card from the vocations tree and pray for him each day during Lent. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Lenten Food Drive**—Our annual Lenten Food Drive will take place on the weekend of March 21/22. Donations will support food pantries in Washington's poorest neighborhoods through the Mulholland Family Foundation. Grocery bags will be available.

**Bazaar Collections**—We are collecting for our July bazaar. Please think of us as you clean up from Christmas! We can find good home for things you might not want or need.

**Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners**—Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion.

## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

**God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)**



### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of February will benefit the FAIR Girls. FAIR Girls offers compassionate care to prevent the exploitation of all girls, with a special emphasis on girls who have experienced homelessness, life inside the foster care system, sexual abuse, and trafficking.

Donate with Venmo



Or sign-up with ParishSoft Giving



## PARISH LIFE

**“Go, therefore,  
and make disciples  
of all nations.”  
– Mt 28:19**

### **Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm**

We begin with Lectio 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](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

### **ANNUNCIATION MEN’S GROUP**

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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](mailto:dfdanello@gmail.com)

### *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

### **♥ Women’s Bible Study ♥**

**Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm**

**in the Parish Center**

**We’ll explore “Mary: Jesus’ Mother—  
and Ours”**

**Six weeks with the Bible.**



**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](mailto:asiegfriedt@gmail.com).

### **Join The Annunciation Catholic Church Choir**

*New members are welcome!*

*Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 8:00pm.*

*The choir sings at the 10:00am Mass on Sundays.*

*Contact our music director, Frank Conlon at  
202-441-7678 for more information.*

# LOURDES ANOINTING MASS

The Federal Association of the Order of Malta cordially invites the sick, disabled, and elderly of the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at the 16th annual Lourdes Anointing Mass on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac (9200 Kentsdale Dr., Potomac, MD 20854).

Our Lady of Mercy is completely accessible for mobility aids and there is plenty of free parking. Members of the Order of Malta will be present to help people throughout the morning.

There will be an anointing and a blessing with Lourdes water for the sick, disabled and the elderly in attendance. Family, friends, and caregivers are invited. A light luncheon reception will be offered to everyone after Mass in the Parish Hall. There is no charge for the day.

If you have any questions, please contact: Barbara Ritschel (202) 674-2931 or email her at [barbaraff@live.com](mailto:barbaraff@live.com).

## ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 2026



Our Parish is pleased to participate once again in the Annual Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive to benefit the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and the 9 Parish Food Pantries they support in Washington's poorest neighborhoods. Food insecurity continues to be a major problem in our city, and with the numbers of families visiting us increasing, and the continued high cost of groceries, your help is especially needed this year.

Please bring your donation of *non-perishable food* to Mass with you the weekend of March 21-22 and limit your donations to the following items:

- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Cheerios or other low sugar cereal
- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas)
- Canned soup (hearty varieties are best)
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic only; no glass)
- Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Chef Boyardee
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce (plastic only; no glass)
- Giant Food \$25 Gift Cards

If you are unable to participate because you are out of town, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. You may send your donation to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 or Donate by credit card online at [MulhollandCharities.org](http://MulhollandCharities.org). Thank you for your generous support.



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# LENT

## Eucharistic Adoration

- Wednesdays of Lent | 6:00pm-6:45pm

## Stations of the Cross

- Fridays of Lent | 7:00pm

## Confessions

- Wednesdays | 6:00pm-6:45pm
  - Saturdays | 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- By appointment | call the rectory office at 202-362-3323



## Lenten Fast and Abstinence Guidelines

All Catholics from their 14th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on the days of fast. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed. Together the two meals should not exceed the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.

## Pray for our Seminarians

Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where there are cards for each of the seminarians in the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards to pray for your chosen seminarian(s) each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church. Who knows? You could be praying for a future pastor of our parish!



## SPIRITUAL RETREATS WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers a wide variety of retreats including mini-retreats for women, reflections for men, marriage enrichment retreats, as well as one-day, weekend, and week-long retreats. Go to: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/All%20Programs> to learn more.

## PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Is someone you know lonely or overwhelmed? Call the Seton Shrine Prayer Line toll free at 1-866-202-4934! Staff will be ready to take your call Monday-Friday 10am - 5pm and pray with you.



## HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Please keep our marked handicap spaces available for those with the proper permits. While it may be tempting to park there, even briefly, doing so prevents someone who actually needs that spot from safely accessing the building. Thank you for being considerate of your fellow parishioners.





# Breaking Open the Word Lent 2026

## Virtual, Global, Scriptural Conversations in the Spirit



**Join Catholics from around the world for one hour each week to reflect and share insights on the weekly Gospel**

### Steps to Participate

1. Register for the day/time that works for you
2. Receive a Zoom login via email
3. Log in each week of Lent for prayer and conversation

**Weekly meetings in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese**

**Register here: [bit.ly/botw2026](https://bit.ly/botw2026)**



Small Group Facilitators also needed.  
Info and Registration at link above.

Sessions are free, donations are welcome.

*The attached video which describes the Lenten Conversation Meetings:*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gRO3uaGRaZU7nTioyhpWxF7kIRv5BRTC/view?usp=sharing>

*The video is also in Spanish:*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CsfbH6s5MNnV3GQq3ejw9OTwSxEjBKV/view>



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To begin His ministry Jesus prayed, fasted and avoided sin as He spent 40 days in the desert praying to God. He believed the Holy Spirit would be with Him.

# Believe... in the power of prayer

Pretzels shaped like praying arms remind us of the rewards of our prayers.

Eat a pretzel after your prayer this week.



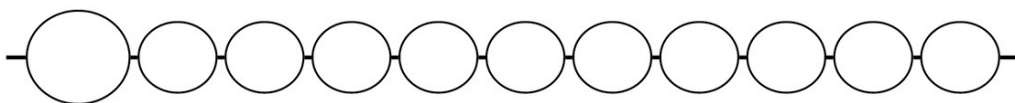
Dear God,  
This week I pray for these people I love.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Add as many people as you want to the list.

## The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Think about this mystery before praying.  
In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to God about what was to take place.



**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Think about Jesus praying to God, "Thy will be done".

# 22nd Annual Day of Recollection



**“The Joy and Necessity of Praying for Priests”**

**Keynote Presentation by  
Father Rob Maro**

Coordinator for the Pastoral Care for Priests in  
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

**“The Priest and His Humanity:  
A Path to Ministry”**

**Reflection by  
Father Mark Ivany**

Director of Priest Vocations,  
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Prior to accepting his new assignment in July 2025, Father Rob Maro previously served as pastor at St. Joseph (Beltsville) and St. Francis Xavier (Leonardtown). A native of Long Island, NY, Father Maro was ordained a priest on June 20, 2015, and received his first assignment at the Church of the Annunciation, Washington, DC.

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## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

This day will include Celebration of Mass, Adoration, Confession, and lunch.

*Lunch speaker: Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani, Archdiocesan Delegate for Consecrated Life  
“Supporting the Consecrated Men and Women in the Archdiocese”*

### **Church of the Annunciation**

3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Church of the Annunciation is handicap accessible.



Please register for this event by 4:30 p.m. on March 9 at  
<https://forms.dcpriest.org/2026-mtvs-day-of-recollection>

The **Mother Teresa Vocation Society** prayerfully supports vocations to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, Office of Priest Vocations. Events are free and open to all (donations are appreciated). For more information, please email Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org), or visit <https://mtvs-adw.org/>.

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