

January 10, 2021

# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*  
10:00am (Zoom)

Monday– Friday

8:00am & 11:00am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday

11:30am – 1:30pm

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday

4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an  
appointment*



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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

### SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

### GOSPEL: MARK 1:7-11

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

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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](http://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](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Please be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The New Year has begun and we look back at the last year as well as forward to the new year beginning. Most of us want to put behind us the year 2020. There was so much sickness, death, political upheaval, environmental disasters, and personal distress. Yet, we are a people of hope and live in the promises of the Lord. We are thankful for the many people who have recovered from Covid-19; we are grateful for the doctors and scientists who have developed vaccines. We have discovered new ways to reach out and help those in need. We have seen and made sacrifices for the good of others. We have looked beyond our personal comforts and turned to the Lord in prayer and for consolation.



Don't we also take this time to make resolutions for good in our spiritual lives? How many of us have said to ourselves I will set a specific time to pray, read the scriptures, volunteer at my church, or reach out to a neighbor who may be lonely? May I ask a question, "How many of us are regularly late for Mass?" Sure, things come up at the last moment and there are circumstances beyond our control. But if this is happening week after week, we may need to ask ourselves, "Why?" Do I have any idea what the Gathering Song was, did I miss the opportunity to turn to the Lord and seek forgiveness of my sins or give praise for the Glory of God? Do I arrive so late that I miss God's Word to me in the readings and Gospel? Does my late arrival disturb those who are attending to prayer and reflection as I try to find a seat? A good resolution may be to leave my home in plenty of time to get to church early, that I can properly place myself in an attitude of prayer and put aside the many distractions that occupy my life. What would it mean to me to arrive 10 minutes early for Mass? It will give time for the Lord to speak to my heart and fill me with His grace. You already know that seating in Church is limited and there is need to make special arrangements for seating. Arriving early would allow this to happen more smoothly and be respectful to those already in a state of prayer.

Mass is a time for communal prayer and is different from private prayer. Therefore, it is important to respond aloud with the responses. I don't mean we make a spectacle of ourselves, but it is not a time for whispers. Let our "Amens" be strong and filled with confidence that we believe the Lord will work in our lives and in the lives for whom we offer prayer.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10 AM Mass, Cardinal Wilton Gregory will be here to lead us in worship. It is important to register for this Mass so seating may be provided. May we gather as a faith filled community to give honor and glory to God with joyous hearts.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike



## A MILLION ROSARIES

Every prayer counts! Please 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](http://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 January will benefit the Northwest Center which seeks to promote the dignity of women and respect for all human life.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

MARGUERITE  
BOURGOYS

## Feast Day – January 12

1620-1700

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 10** – *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Steven Skonberg	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Sands	The Duran Family	In Memory

**Monday, January 11** – *Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Frank Carlsen	In Memory

**Tuesday, January 12** – *Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. Richard Marchese	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Pasquale Campagnuolo	In Memory

**Wednesday, January 13** – *Saint Hilary; Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joan Ellsworth	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Nick Coppage	In Memory

**Thursday, January 14** – *Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Vincent DeCarlo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Sands	Anne Szipszky	In Memory

**Friday, January 15** – *Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Belvia Bostick	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Lucas	The Taylor Family	In Memory

**Saturday, January 16** – *Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Ivany	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Sands	Edward Armistead	In Memory

**Sunday, January 17** – *Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Gregory	Robert Jason Cadrette	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Sands	Cindy Geske	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



## GET TO KNOW IONA SENIOR SERVICES

Are you planning for your future, looking for services and programs, or concerned about an aging family member? Iona can help. Join a half-hour Zoom tour on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 2:30pm to find out how. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15.

## COVID-19 VACCINES INFORMATION FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Throughout the past few weeks, we have heard a lot of information about the testing and development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. There has been continuous conversations within the Catholic community about the safety and morality of these vaccines, so we are glad to say that both the Moderna and Pfizer have developed vaccines using mRNA, and without the use of controversial fetal cell lines. Similarly, both vaccines have been tested in an ethical way that is in line with previous moral statements made by Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Academy for Life. Receiving either vaccine would be morally permissible in the Catholic Church and would also be an important pro-life decision that would help to defend the most vulnerable. Through our own personal actions and decisions, we can help to protect our neighbors from the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information on the vaccines and their development, you can review a Catholic Standard interview with Dr. David Diemert, a medical doctor and scientist who is part of a team researching a potential COVID-19 vaccine at <https://cathstan.org/voices/kathryn-windels/catholic-churchs-perspective-on-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccine>.

The USCCB has also published an internal memo on this issue, and you can find more information on this topic at <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/11/23/misinformation-us-bishops-catholics-covid-vaccine-abortion>.

Finally, the Office of Life Issues recently published an article with more information in the [Catholic Standard](#).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK SEEKING 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](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

## THIS WEEK ...

### Sunday, January 10

CLOW — 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun — 10:30am (Zoom)

### Monday, January 11

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Tuesday, January 12

Bible Study — 1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 13

Confession — 11:30am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am — 1:30pm (Church)

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2:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 4

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/CP 1 & CP 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

Bible Study — 7:00pm (Zoom)

### Thursday, January 14

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

### Saturday, January 16

Mass — 9:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass — 5:30pm (Church)



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**JANUARY 30, 9AM -10:15AM DIET MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 6, 9AM - 10:15AM PRINCIPLES OF EXERCISE**

- Each virtual session will explore physical fitness principles, spiritual principles, and include a light workout (no equipment needed).
- **Register for the program at <http://bit.ly/douglawrenceFCM-ER>.** A recording of each session will be provided to registrants.
- Free will donations accepted via PayPal.



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## Gospel Today

The Baptism of the Lord | Mark 1:7-11

John baptized Jesus with water in the Jordan River, then the Holy Spirit, like a dove, came upon Him. God was pleased!

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People are baptized as babies, children, or as adults, just like Jesus. To everyone, God says:

*"With you I am well pleased."*

### MY BAPTISM

*Draw a picture of your baptism or place a photo.*

**My parents  
or guardians**

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**My Godparents**

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MY NAME

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DATE