

December 1, 2019

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Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday
8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday
11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm
*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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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.

VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are in need of more Eucharistic ministers to make home visits. A number of our parishioners are home-bound and would like to receive Communion weekly. Help us reach out to our neighbors in need. Share the gift of the Eucharist and community. Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this past Thanksgiving weekend was filled with joy and an opportunity to share your blessings with family and friends. I would like to begin by thanking everyone who participated in our Parish Christmas Bazaar. The many hours of service given by our volunteers created an atmosphere of delight and communion. There were people who came on Sunday and stayed for Mass who had not attended Annunciation in the past. As of now the net profit is over \$21,000.00. This was a tremendous success. Thank you to all!



This Sunday, December 1, 2019, we begin a new Liturgical Year. On Sundays we will have our readings from Cycle A and the weekday readings will be from Year II. Our Holy Father asks of us to pray that, "every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority."

Advent gives us another opportunity to proclaim, "Maranatha," "Come, Lord Jesus!" We entreat the Lord to "Come" now in our lives and at the end of time. Advent is a season of hope with a penitential flavor. Please make the time to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have confession on Saturdays from 4:15pm to 5:15pm, on Wednesdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm and on December 23rd from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a special time to meet the Lord of peace and understanding.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

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 this weekend until Saturday, December 21st or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.



In Loving Memory

UPCOMING FUNERAL

December 14, 2019 – 2:00pm

Fran Freeman



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

December 8

Retirement for Religious

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.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

**NICHOLAS**

Fourth Century

FEAST DECEMBER 6

From the ninth century in the East and the 11th century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and art, and the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches and cities. He was bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). According to folklore, he saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three murdered children hidden in a brine-tub or saved from death three unjustly condemned men. There is no evidence that he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 or suffered persecution for his faith. "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch form of his name: "Sinte Klaas."

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, December 1** – *First Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Margarita Añez Ariza	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Bill Grayson	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Special Intention	Intentions

Monday, December 2 – *Monday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Rosita Añez de Falla & Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Special Intention - Alicia	Intentions

Tuesday, December 3 – *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Edwin Teves	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Patricia Crilley Wigmore	In Memory

Wednesday, December 4 – *Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jim Berilla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Mama Viaja	In Memory

Thursday, December 5 – *Thursday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Fran Freeman	In Memory

Friday, December 6 – *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rosita Añez de Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Albert Lucius DePaul	In Memory

Saturday, December 7 – *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Bruno Cornolini	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Berard	Tim Lanigan	In Memory

Sunday, December 8 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony E. Chrysakis	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Jack & Natalie Shea	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Clara Ferrara & Rufus Ferrara	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound.

Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

ADVENT REFLECTION & DINNER BY FATHER JACK BERARD

Mary & St. John the Baptist:

Discipleship & Receptivity



Saturday, December 7, 2019

Parish Center - 6:30pm

RSVP no later than December 2, 2019

Patrice Morace 202.362.3323 x13 or morace@annunciationdc.org



YOUNG AT HEART HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 11 2019

All Seniors are cordially invited to a Holiday Luncheon following the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Center. An RSVP is requested by Friday, December 6th to the Parish Office at 202-362-3323 or parish@annunciationdc.org.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, December 1st after the 9am and 10:30am Masses for a warm pancake breakfast, holiday songs and kids activities and crafts, including pictures with Santa Claus! Tickets are \$10 per person. Kids receive a Santa Picture free with ticket purchase. All proceeds go to help support Annunciation Catholic School's overhead and maintenance.

Bring a friend - Hope to see you there!



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 1

CLOW

9:00am (PC)

Faith Fun

9:30am (PC)

Breakfast with Santa

10:00am (PC)

Monday, December 2

Consecration to Mary Mtg.

11:30am (CR) & 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, December 3

Bible Study

11:30am (PC)

RCIA

7:00pm (CR)

Wednesday, December 4

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am (Church)

Bible Study

7:00pm (CR)

Children's Religious Ed

7:00pm (PC)

Group Advent Lesson

7:00pm (PC)

Thursday, December 5

Contemplative Prayer

6:25pm (CR)

Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm (Church)

Saturday, December 7

Baptism

10:00am (Church)

Consecration to Mary

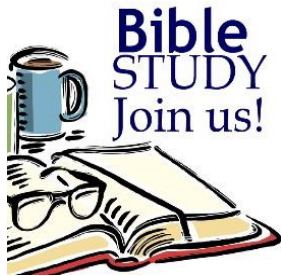
5:30pm (Church)

Advent Reflection & Dinner

6:30pm (PC)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS

Once again we are preparing for our annual children's Christmas Pageant Mass which will be on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm. Children ages four and up are cordially invited to participate in the retelling of the birth of Jesus. Practices will be held on Saturday, December 14th and Saturday, December 21st from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to register your child.



Tuesdays
after the 11:00am Mass
or
Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center

THE ANNUNCIATION 2019 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer, and Friendship Place. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from: CVS, GIANT, SAFEWAY, TARGET or WALMART.

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

DONATIONS DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019.

Thank you for your generous support.



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.

ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. (from www.usccb.org)

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

FIRST WEEK

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions)



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Gospel Today First Sunday of Advent / Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

Year A

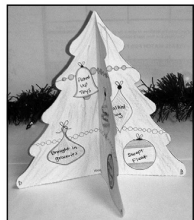
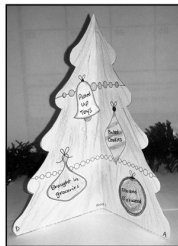
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

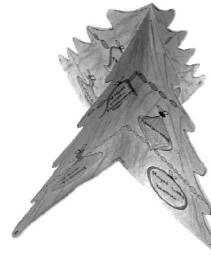
Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and 2 to complete.

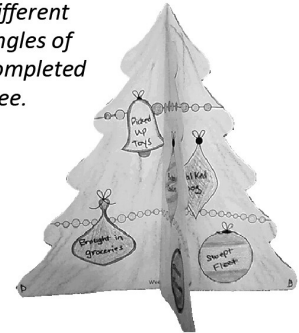
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

