

December 13, 2020

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

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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.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Gaudete Sunday, REJOICE!



With John the Baptist, we are to point the way to Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. In a world that often promotes, “me first,” we encounter John, who always points to Jesus first. He is truly humble, but does not hide his most significant role in our salvation. He proclaims, “I am a voice crying out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.”

How many times have you witnessed an individual or group of people who know the rules but think, those rules do not apply to them, whether waiting in line, going through red lights, or taking advantage of another? John stands a witness against such an attitude. He even encourages his disciples to follow the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. It is a good lesson for us, to do what is good for the other before we do what is good for us. When you encounter a person who is gracious to you or allows you to proceed before them are you not blessed? Are you not encouraged to do the same the next opportunity you have to place someone ahead of yourself? Humility does not diminish our dignity but magnifies the good we see in the other. Remember, Jesus identifies himself in the lives of others as well as ourselves. Jesus is our God come down from the glory of heaven to take us up to live with Him in eternity.

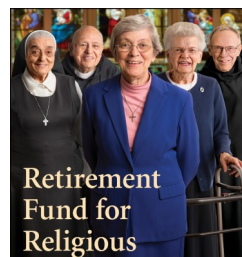
Please remember we are presently limited to 50 people in the Church for services and we will have overflow in the parish center. Please register for all upcoming Masses. On Christmas we will have 6 Masses and all will be streamed on our Youtube channel, Annunciation Catholic Church Washington DC. Christmas Eve masses are 6pm, 8pm, and 10pm and Christmas day 8am, 10am, and 12 noon.

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Bazaar. It was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers and patrons.

God's Peace and Grace,
Fr. Mike

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



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

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK


**ST. VIRGINIA
CENTURIONE
BRACELLI**

1587-1651

Feast Day – December 15

Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Elizabeta & Drago Flauder	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Maura Loakman	In Memory

Monday, December 14 – *Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Edward & Teresa Morace	In Memory

Tuesday, December 15 – *Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Charley & Jane Koonen	In Memory

Wednesday, December 16 – *Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Herman Dadle	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	James Braxton	In Memory

Thursday, December 17 – *Thursday of the Third Week in Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Marie Tran	In Memory

Friday, December 18 – *Friday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Sue White	In Memory

Saturday, December 19 – *Saturday of the Third Week in Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eugene & Pauline McMahon	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Creusa R. DaSilva	In Memory

Sunday, December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Antczak Family	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	SOSJ	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



CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2020

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

Donations may be made through our website, www.annunciationdc.org. 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 13, 2020.

Thank you for your generous support.



CHRISTMAS ALTAR DONATION FUND

The adornment of our Church with poinsettias, greens and treesgifts from God's creation is a way for us to remember loved ones and give thanks to God for people or events in our lives. Over the past years, we've asked for a donation of \$25. Because the smaller poinsettias costs \$47.95 and the larger trees, much more, we thought we would have a general Christmas Altar Donation fund this year. Donations will still be mentioned in the bulletin with your intentions.

Should you wish to participate in this endeavor, you will be able to make your donation online or complete a Christmas Flower envelope that will be in the back of Church and drop it in the collection basket during weekend Masses.



ADVENT

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES — THIRD WEEK

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



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 November 28th until Saturday, December 20th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 13

Food Drive

10:00am – 2:00pm (Parking Lot)

CLOW – 10:00am (Zoom)

Faith Fun – 10:30am (Zoom)

Monday, December 14

Religious Ed/Grade 1

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 15

Bible Study – 1:00pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grade 3

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6

4:00pm (Zoom)

Baptism Preparation

7:00pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 16

Confession – 11:30am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am – 1:30pm (Church)

Religious Ed/Grade 4

3:30pm (Zoom)

Religious Ed/CP 1 & CP 2

4:00pm (Zoom)

Bible Study – 7:00pm (Zoom)

Confession – 6:00pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm – 8:00pm (Church)

Thursday, December 17

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 19

Confession

4:15pm – 5:15pm (Chapel)



M. Bruce Lustig
Senior Rabbi

December 2, 2020

Father Michael Mellone
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Dear Father Mellone,

I want to thank you for the generous check of \$2,374.13 toward the Thanksgiving "to-go" bags we prepared this year instead of the usually in-person warm luncheon we have shared with you and the community in years past. The Covid virus did change the "how" we did the luncheon, but not the "what." With Annunciation volunteers, we brought joy to many in our community and beyond. Your members were first to offer to help in the limited capacity we had. I think this year, more than ever, the food was greatly appreciated. We handed out enough food to feed over 250 people! It was a true labor of community.

Again, thank you for your donation and wishing you all a warm holiday season.

Shalom,

M. Bruce Lustig, Rabbi

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.