

December 9, 2018

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
and 12:30pm

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

Monday-Friday: 8am, 11am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays: 11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday: 4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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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.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

On the Second Sunday of Advent we always hear the voice of John the Baptist calling out to all the ages and all peoples to make ready for the coming of the Savior. He speaks to us today just as boldly as he spoke to the Israelites of his own day. John's message of repentance was for his contemporaries, so it is for us. We may see the sins of others more clearly than our own but, we know we are in need of mercy and forgiveness. We must not shy away from facing our own failures and faults. We must not let ourselves slide by saying, "That person is worse than me." We must always bring before the Lord our need for His grace. As the prayer over the offerings in this Sunday's Mass says, "Since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy." If we do not confess our sins we miss the opportunity to receive the life giving mercy of God and the joy of knowing we are free of sin's burdens.



Again I would like to invite you to the music concert on December 16. Rev. Philip Ilg and the young people of the Neo-Catechumenal Way will be performing sacred and secular Christmas Music for your enjoyment and to raise funds so the young people may attend World Youth Day in Panama. The theme of 2019 World Youth Day is, *I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.* (Lk 1:38) This is a great theme for us since it is the words of Mary spoken at the Annunciation of the Lord. Along with great music there will be opportunity to purchase religious gifts and treats. I hope to see you there at 5:30 pm.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Your generosity is appreciated.



SQUARE DANCING

There will be a Square Dance on Tuesday, December 11th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



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 16th

Building Maintenance

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

Andrea Rosales
SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST

SAINT OF THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE

16th century

FEAST DECEMBER 12

Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak, in December, to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus-cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide.

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 9 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Lucy Cavallo	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Suzie Solesbee Chandler	In Memory

Monday, December 10 – *Monday of the Second Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Vera Dowhan	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	William S. Dinger	In Memory

Tuesday, December 11 – *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Hector E. & Rosita A. deFalla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Willem Nijhof	In Memory

Wednesday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	William F. Panke	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory

Thursday, December 13 – *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Al Kovalik	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Bernard Hannibal	In Memory

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

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rolando Castaneda	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Mathieu & Joseph Huynh	In Memory

Saturday, December 15 – *Saturday of the Second Week of Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Deceased Residents of the Towers	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Charles Koones	In Memory

Sunday, December 16 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Yoralbert Gomez Duran	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Michael Passaro	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Creusa DaSilva	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.



YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Parish Center—11:30am

We'll celebrate the Christmas season at our Christmas Luncheon following the 11am Mass. Please RSVP to Stephanie at parish@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 by December 10th.



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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS

Once again we are preparing for our annual children's Christmas Pageant Mass which will be on Christmas Eve, Monday, 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 15th and Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to register your child.



2018 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24th

4pm Children's Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Mass

8:20pm Christmas Music

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25th

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm



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 until December 20th from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

ADVENT WREATH

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES — SECOND WEEK

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



BLOOD DRIVE



Our CIA teen group will be sponsoring a blood drive. Right now we need 50 people to sign-up and commit so that we could get the Bloodmobile here. Please consider giving the gift of life! Baby-sitting will be available the day of the drive. See the flyer for details.

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate an arrangement, the suggested donation is \$50 per arrangement (maximum of four arrangements.) The deadline for dedicating flowers is the Sunday before the desired weekend. If you would like to donate flowers please contact Patrice Morace at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org.

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with Annunciation Volunteers!
Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service Chair** if you have any questions: twkeenan6@gmail.com or 847-902-1405. Upcoming service events will be posted on FB/AnnunciationDCYA.

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website www.annunciationdc.org

JOIN THE CIA!

We hear the need for students who need Community Service Hours. So all High School, 7th & 8th grades are invited to participate! **Come join the CIA!** Students are not obligated to participate in all the events listed. Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohsen.com or Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to get on our email list. Parent drivers/chaperones welcome! A page on our website is in the works! Dates and times can be found on our parish website google calendar.



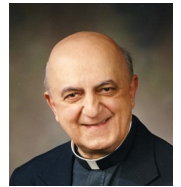
December Events

December 15, 2018 – Teen Christmas Party

December 22, 2018 – IONA

FATHER BRICE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Father Donald Brice, who served as our Parochial Vicar from 1993 to 2008, will celebrate his 60th anniversary as a priest on Thursday, December 20th at the 11:00am Mass. A light reception will follow. All are invited.



NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

THIS WEEK ...

12/9	Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun – 9:30am (PC) Breaking Open the Word – 11:00am (PC)
12/11	Tuesday	Adult Bible Study – 11:30am (PC) Square Dancing – 6:30pm (PC) Baptism Preparation Class – 7:00pm (CR)
12/12	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – 11:30am (Church) Young at Heart Luncheon – 11:30am (PC) Adult Faith Formation – 7:00pm (PC) Religious Education – 7:00pm (School & Gym)
12/13	Thursday	Contemplative Prayer – 6:25pm (CR) Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm (Church)
12/14	Friday	ACS Christmas Pageant – 5:00pm (Church)
12/15	Saturday	Christmas Pageant Practice – 10:00am (Church)

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4

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WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

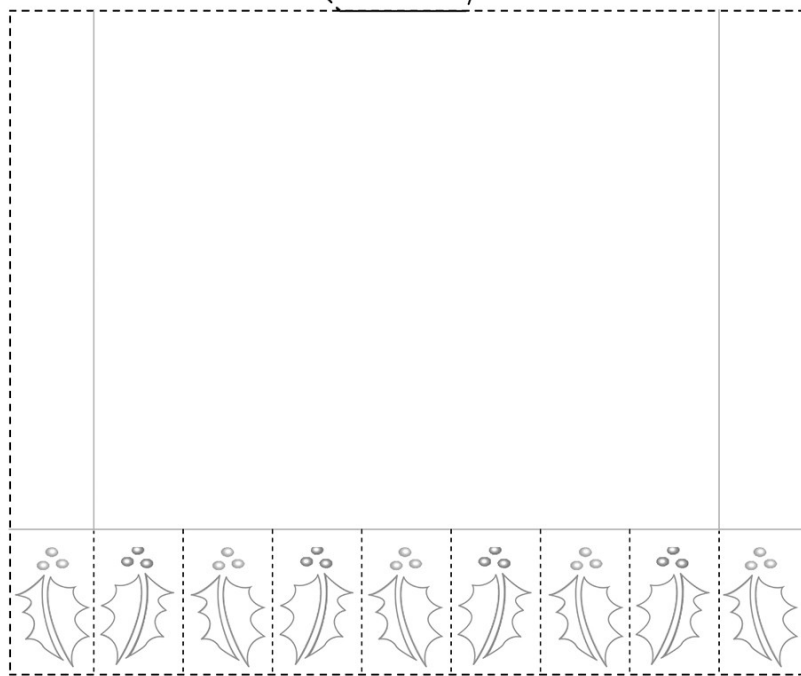
OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

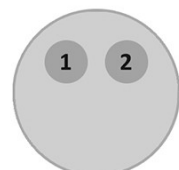
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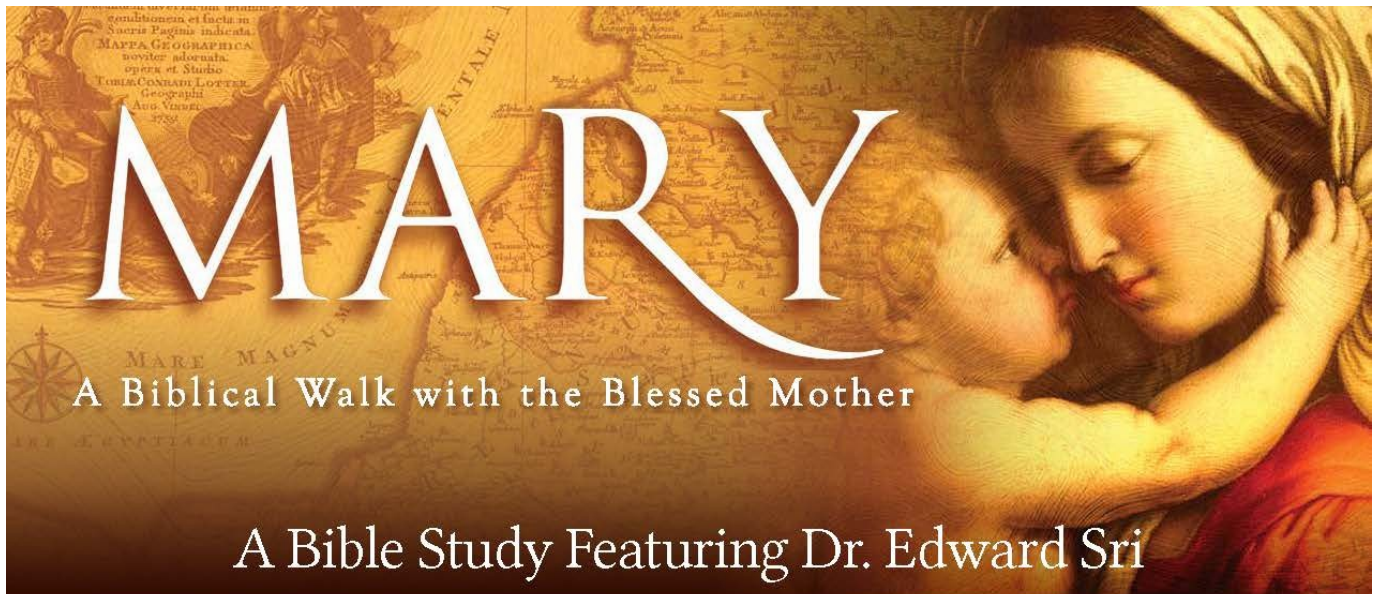
CUT BASE



This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





Join us on Tuesday's For Lunch & Learn

Parish Center
11:30am
Beginning December 4

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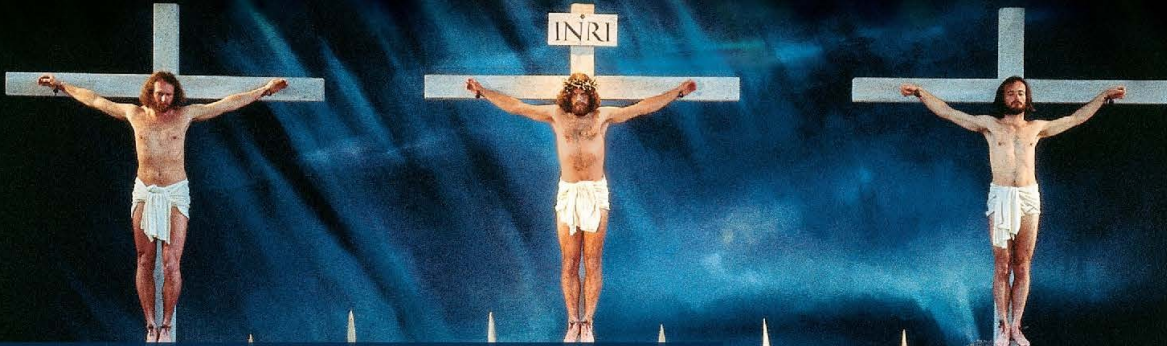
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