

February 16, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

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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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34–9:1
Saturday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

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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.

FATHER JACK'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Annunciation,

The expression “not one iota” of difference means an unimportant amount. It is a pretty common English idiom. But it has its roots in Greek, and in fact, from Scripture. Iota, ι, is the 9th letter in the Greek alphabet, and is also the smallest letter. But, contrary to our expression, Christ today reminds us that even the smallest bits can be extremely important. He tells the crowd listening to His Sermon on the Mount “Αμην γαρ λεγω υμιν εως αν παρελθη ο ουρανος και η γη **ιωτα** εν η μια κεραια ου μη παρελθη απο του νομου εως αν παντα γενηται” or “Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one **iota**, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.” Jesus wants the crowd to know that He is not opposing God’s great revelation of the Law to the Israelites, but instead He is the fulfillment of this Law and revelation. He is emphasizing the importance of fidelity to what God has revealed. And that even the smallest difference can create major differences.

As seemingly insignificant as a single letter can be, we know how easy it is to misspeak and create a major misunderstanding, just look up news bloopers on youtube. Or how sloppy handwriting can lead to a radically different understanding. But to take Christ literally, we can see how big one iota of difference can change nearly everything we know about Him. The early Church at the Council of Nicea debated whether Christ was ὁμοιούσιος (homoiousios) or ὁμοούσιος (homoousios) with the Father, that is, whether He was “of the same substance” or “of similar substance.” The only difference between these two Greek words is literally one iota. A difference that changes us from believing in Christ as He is, which is God-Incarnate, from thinking of Him as similar to God, a demi-God, something short of His Reality. And what a difference that makes for Christian thought through the ages, what a change in believing that God cares for us so much that He became like us “in all things but sin” (Hebrews 4:15) and having God simply look down on our weakness. This iota of difference is the difference between a God who has taken on our nature and so redeemed it, and a God who simply ignores it. But God has raised us to “little less than the angels” (Psalm 8). We have a God who redeems every pain, suffering, joy, emotion, and thought in our life because he experienced them too. What Good News that is, a Good News that we should be sharing with everyone.

So then, the question should arise, what iota can you change in your life? What small sacrifice can lead you closer to God? What seemingly minor act of charity can you do to show someone God’s care for them? What small change will give God the room to work a miracle in your life and in the life of your neighbor? For a grain of salt alone is small, but many grains can change the entire world.

God’s Peace,

Fr. Jack



SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Friday, February 21st 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

February 22

Religious Education

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.

This week’s bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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PLATING & POLISHING

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



BLESSED FRANCISCO & JACINTA MARTO

20th century

FEAST FEBRUARY 20

Two of the three Fatima visionaries, this sister and brother were beatified in 2000. With their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, they had monthly visions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal, from May to October 1917. Mary asked the shepherd children to promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart and pray the rosary daily. Both Martos died of influenza, Francisco at age 10 in 1919, and Jacinta at age 9 in 1920. Their cousin, who became a Carmelite nun, died in 2005 at age 97. Fatima is among the world's great Marian shrines and pilgrimage sites.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Julian Santiago, Sr.	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Gerda Ritschel	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Jesse Ortiz	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions

Monday, February 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Virginia Hammell	In Memory
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Tuesday, February 18—Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Diane Pastro	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Shirley Brown	In Memory

Wednesday, February 19—Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Creusa R. daSilva	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Carla Rockelli	In Memory

Thursday, February 20—Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Rev. Paul Goda, SJ	In Memory

Friday, February 21—Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Gail Buschey	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Keith Armistead	In Memory

Saturday, February 22—The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Olga Rodriguez	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Berard	Peter J. Marian	In Memory

Sunday, February 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Berard	Wolfgang Ritschel	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Patricia Draddy	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Catherine Gleason Powers	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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND!

Join us in the footsteps of Jesus, October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!



Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020
Masses at 8am, 11am & 7pm (No Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays – February 28 thru April 3
7:00pm

The Light is on For You

Wednesdays – March 4 thru April 8
Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am – 8:00pm

Confessions

11:30am – 12:30pm
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Living Stations

Friday, March 6 at 7:00pm

Lenten Dinner

Friday, March 6 at 7:30pm

Parish Mission

March 23 – 25 at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 9

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
(No 8am or 11am Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
(No 8am or 11am Mass)
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Confessions at 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Passion of the Lord at 7:30pm

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)
Confessions at 11:00am – 12:30pm
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:30pm
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am

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 a Lourdes Anointing Mass on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac. Our Lady of Mercy is completely accessible 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: Joan Glasgow (301) 807-7500 or email her at glasgow778@gmail.com.



ORDER OF MALTA
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40 DAYS—40 ITEMS CHALLENGE

Wednesday, February 26th, is the first day of Lent. Each day of Lent remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a bag provided for you. Bring the filled bag back to church at the end of the forty days, the weekend of April 18-19, 2020. We will donate these items to someone who can really use them! Bags will be available the weekend of February 15th through Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Contact Tina Lindberg, lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 with any questions. **Please only items that are clean, free of stains/smells and in good condition.**

2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Cleaning up after Christmas? Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2020 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!





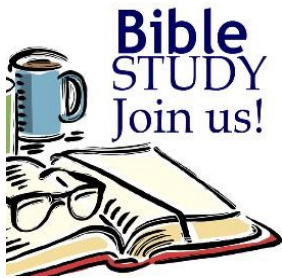
UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

February 17, 2020—10:30am

Patricia Daley

March 7, 2020 — 1:00pm

Gary Saltsman



Tuesdays

after the 11:00am Mass
in the Parish Center

or

Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Conference Room

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Sign up for emails about
Young Adult events on our
website

www.annunciationdc.org



This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

What will you do for your professional encore? If you are moving towards either a full or part time retirement and are thinking about what follows a long and successful career, consider meaningful service. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a program established by the Jesuits that gives seasoned women and men over 50 an opportunity to share their experience with those in our Washington community in greatest need, while participating in a formation program rooted in Ignatian Spirituality. The commitment is part time and there are a number of rewarding service opportunities in the Metropolitan region. For more information on the IVC or to attend an informational session later in February, please contact Dan Kerns at dkerns@ivcusa.org or by calling 202-415-4411.

THIS WEEK ...

2/16	Sunday	CLOW 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun 9:30am (PC) Cup of Joe 10:00am (PC)
2/17	Monday	Funeral—Patricia Daley 10:30am (Church)
2/18	Tuesday	Bible Study 11:30am (Parish Center) Baptism Preparation Session 7:00pm (CR)
2/19	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration 11:30am (Church) Bible Study 7:00pm (CR) Children's Religious Ed 7:00pm (School & Church)
2/20	Thursday	Contemplative Prayer 6:25pm (Parlor) Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (Church)
2/21	Friday	Square Dancing 6:30pm (PC)
2/22	Saturday	Baptism 10:00am (Church)

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Gospel Today Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Matthew 5:17-37

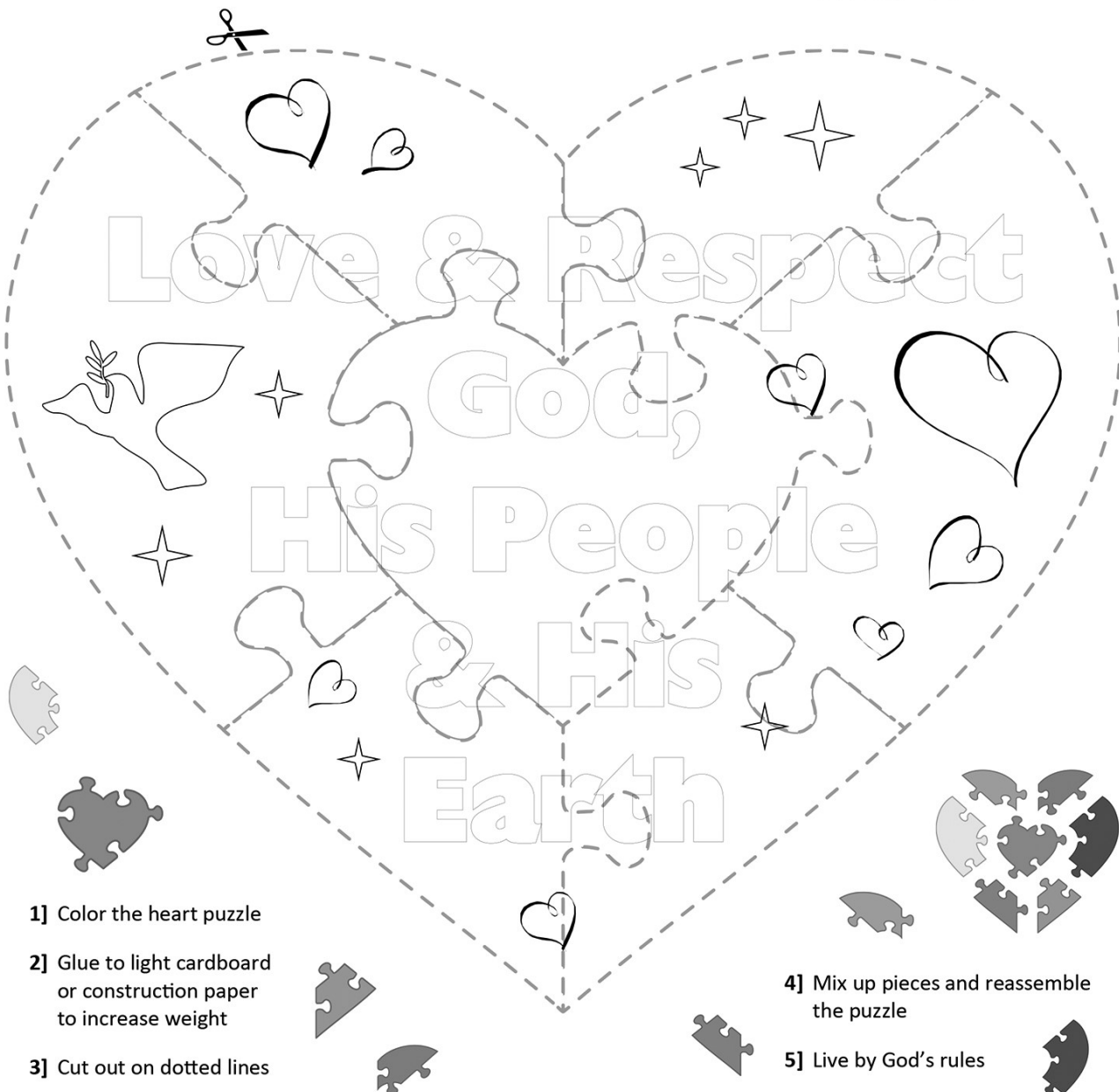
Jesus reminds His people to remember and obey the Mosaic Law. The rules or Ten Commandments given to Moses tell us how to live in a way that pleases God.

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But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:19



1] Color the heart puzzle

2] Glue to light cardboard
or construction paper
to increase weight

3] Cut out on dotted lines

4] Mix up pieces and reassemble
the puzzle

5] Live by God's rules