

March 14, 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  
6:30pm-7:30pm

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



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

### SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

**Monday** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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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,

We recently witnessed an historic trip by Pope Francis to the country of Iraq. This trip faced many obstacles: Pandemic, religious divisions, threat of personal violence toward the Pope, as well as others. Yet after prayer and consultation our Holy Father believed God was calling him to make this outreach in search of peace and reconciliation. In a country that has been torn apart by war for several decades, Pope Francis is an emissary of peace. It is estimated that in 2003 there were over 1 million Christians in Iraq and now only 300,000 are left. The Christians have either fled the country or have been killed. Many religious Muslim and Christian sites and houses of worship have been destroyed.



None of us can miss the association of St. Francis of Assisi traveling to meet Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil in 1219 to share the Christian faith and understanding with this Muslim ruler. Nor can we neglect to see that God spoke to the heart of King Cyrus of Persia to restore the Israelites to their homeland and the rebuilding of the Temple, which is recorded in the second book of Chronicles, our first reading this weekend. Our God will use many various ways and people to share the truth, that He is a God for all people. In John's Gospel we read, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."*

God's love is not limited to only the people who look or think like us or pray like us. He speaks to all hearts throughout history. May we not live our lives preventing others from hearing His Good News of salvation and freedom.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike



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.

## THANK YOU!

Annunciation comes through again with amazing support! Last Sunday was rainy, cold, and dreary yet so many came out and generously donated to our collections. Two cars piled high with food went to the Holy Name of Jesus Food Pantry in Northeast DC. A car full of cleaning supplies, wipes, and other items for babies, along with snacks went to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Family. Be sure to check out our online Curiosity Shoppe - we received many new donations!



## 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>.

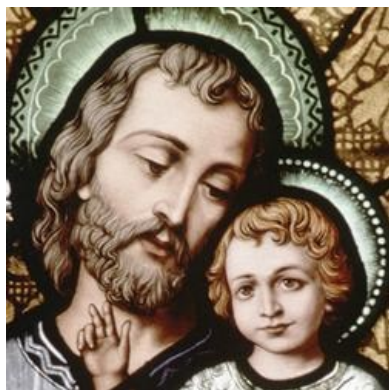


### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## SAINT JOSEPH

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 14** – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Wolfgang Ritschel	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Joanne Meredith	In Memory

**Monday, March 15** – *Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Andrea Clune	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Abigail Mellone	Intentions

**Tuesday, March 16** – *Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	Intentions

**Wednesday, March 17** – *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Joanne Meredith	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Ector Christie	In Memory

**Thursday, March 18** – *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	William & Marilyn Panke	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lou Thomas	In Memory

**Friday, March 19** – *Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Dick Coffman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Creusa daSilva	In Memory

**Saturday, March 20** – *Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony B. Jung	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Edward Charles Marian	In Memory

**Sunday, March 21** – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Gerda Ritschel	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Davonne Loup	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



## THIS WEEK ...

<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	CLOW Faith Fun	10:00am (Zoom) 10:30am (Zoom)
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	Religious Ed/Grade 1 Religious Ed/Grade 2	3:30pm (Zoom) 4:00pm (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	Bible Study Religious Ed/Grade 3 Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6	1:00pm (Zoom) 3:30pm (Zoom) 4:00pm (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	Confession Eucharistic Adoration Religious Ed/Grade 4 Religious Ed/CP 1 & CP 2 Confession Bible Study	11:30am (Chapel) 11:30am (Church) 3:30pm (Zoom) 4:00pm (Zoom) 6:30pm (Church) 7:00pm (Zoom)
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	Contemplative Prayer	6:20pm (Zoom)
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	3:00pm (Zoom) 7:00pm (Church)
<b>Saturday, March 20</b>	Mass Confession Mass	9:00am (Church) 4:15pm (Chapel) 5:30pm (Church)

## KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Thanks to all of you who are praying for the seminarian you picked from the Vocations Tree. Please keep up the daily prayers for him throughout Lent -- and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian's card lists his year of formation? Did you wonder what it meant? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination! Seminarians who have just graduated from high school work on earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy (*First College, Second College, Third College, Fourth College*). Then they go on to study graduate-level theology (*First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, Fourth Theology*). Men who have already earned a bachelor's degree before coming to the seminary may need to spend 2 years in a pre-theology program before going on to graduate-level theology (*First Pre-Theology, Second Pre-Theology*). At some point before ordination, a seminarian may spend a year at a parish (*Pastoral Year*). Usually, a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon the year before he is ordained a priest. If you picked a deacon, pray for him a special way: He is preparing for ordination in June!



## 2021 LENT SCHEDULE

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26  
(3:00pm) Zoom

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26  
(7:00pm)

### The Light is on For You

Wednesdays — February 24 thru March 31  
Eucharistic Adoration (11:30am—1:30pm)  
Confessions (11:30am—12:30pm and 6:30pm—7:30pm)  
Confessions Saturday (4:15pm to 5:15pm)

### Holy Thursday, April 1

(No 8am or 11am Mass)  
Morning Prayer (9:00am)  
Confession (9:30am to 10:30am)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

### Good Friday, April 2

(No 8am or 11am Mass)  
Morning Prayer (9:00am)  
Confessions (9:30am to 10:30 am)  
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm  
Confessions at 3:30pm—5:00pm  
Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday, April 3

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)  
Morning Prayer (9:00am)  
Confessions (9:30 to 10:30)  
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

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

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

## SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

Commit to service in 2021! Share your talents and time as a mentor, pro bono professional, or in special project support. **Apply by March 31, 2021!**

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers for ongoing roles with a weekly commitment to service. Involvement in these important roles requires an application, conversation with program staff about expectations, and at least a 75-hour commitment, including orientation and training. During COVID-19, **most volunteering is done remotely** via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail.

Please join us for a 1-hour, virtual [Volunteer Open House](#) Thursday, March 18 at 6:00 PM. Also, check out the current volunteer roles and apply for one on [Catholic Charities' Volunteer Page!](#) <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/>

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8<sup>th</sup>) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces The 2021 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opens January 21, 2021. Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay on January 21, 2021.

Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted ONLY online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2021.

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).

## 2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Now accepting donations of the following for the 2021 Christmas Bazaar and the NEW Online Curiosity Shoppe: *Jewelry, Antique Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Home and Kitchen Items, Scarves and Handbags Toys and Sporting Goods*



**Please—No Books, CDs, DVDs, or Clothing!**

Please contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule an appointment.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 3:14-21

Jesus is the Light of the World, come to save us from the darkness. Through His love, the believers will have eternal life.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

*John 3: 16*

# Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sundays optional)*

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.



Jesus	Darkness	Life
Only	Everyone	Truth
Son	Through	Sight
World	Love	God
Light	Believes	Send
Save	Eternal	

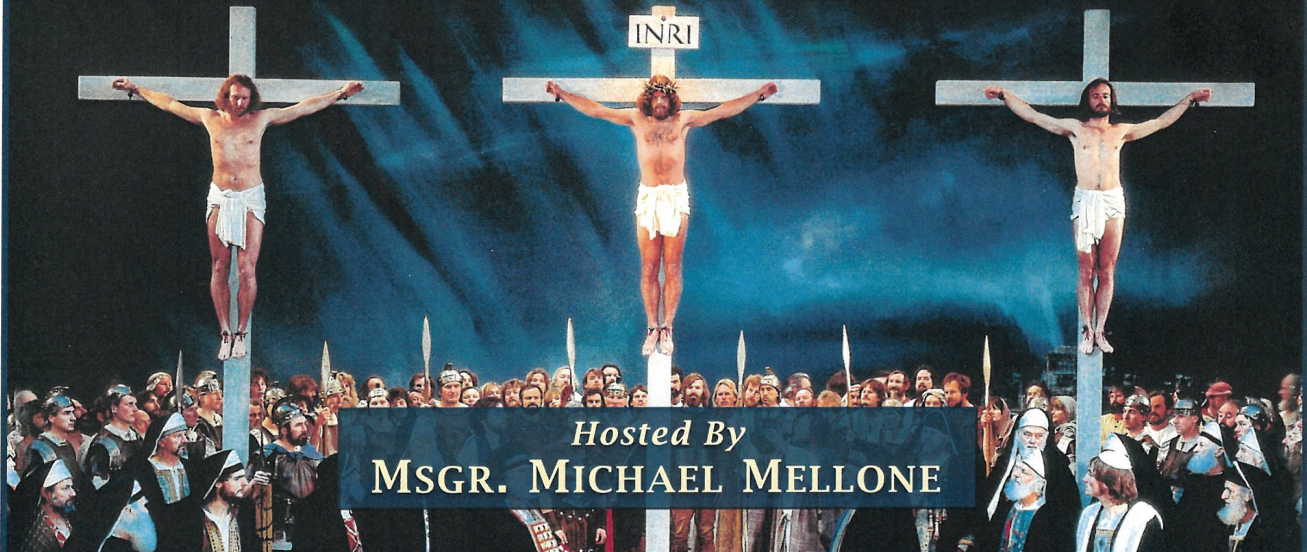
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## Washington DC Seniors: Tell DDOT about your transportation priorities! Shape the next DDOT plan and how money is spent!

Your input to the DDOT long-range transportation plan **MoveDC** is important! The District Department of Transportation planners need to hear from many of our city's more than 112,000 older adults / seniors.

Faster sidewalk repair? Crossing the street more easily in all parts of the city? Reduce speeding on our streets? Changes so buses can move faster? Improve the condition of bus stops? More transportation options in "transportation deserts" like Wards 7 and 8? What does transportation equity mean to you? What are your priorities to improve multimodal transportation in DC?

Hey, what is *multimodal* transportation?! It's just the many ways there are to get around...walking, taking the bus/train, using a wheelchair, taxi/Uber/Lyft, biking or driving. Tell DDOT which of these transportation modes, the many mobility options for going places, are most important to you, as a senior.

### **Communicate your thoughts, priorities and concerns in three ways:**

- **Take the new online survey** through March 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.wemovedc.org](http://www.wemovedc.org). Be sure to include your age. Add comments by clicking the white bubbles.
- **Call the Hotline** at **(202) 599-7371** any Thursday (10am-11am) in February or March to talk to a DDOT staff member. Or call any time of day and leave a message with your name and phone number, and your call will be returned. You may take a survey by calling the Hotline. Ask that your age be recorded. (Yes, optional, but this is a way for seniors to be counted.)
- **Send an email to** [movedc@dc.gov](mailto:movedc@dc.gov). Include your age; make seniors count.

If you missed the two MoveDC Town Hall meetings earlier in February, visit [www.wemovedc.org](http://www.wemovedc.org) to see the slide presentation.

*Flyer prepared by Heather Foote, Transportation FootePrints [Transportation.FootePrints@gmail.com](mailto:Transportation.FootePrints@gmail.com), and adapted from the DDOT website. Updated to 2021-02-12.*