

March 7, 2021

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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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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,

The Holy Scriptures bring us the Commandments of God given to Moses and the Israelites. Most of us learned these by heart from our parents, religious education classes or through our own studies. They are broken down into two major divisions. The first three are directed to our relationship with God and the next seven are reflective of how we should live with all other people. The foundations of the 10 Commandments is boiled down to two. "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself."



In the past several weeks you have heard the discussion about which vaccine for the Coronavirus to take. The following is the statement issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which is consistent with the Congregation of Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested, and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' [1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer's or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

So, I encourage you to receive your vaccination in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Presently you may receive any of the approved vaccines as an act of charity and for the common good. As witnesses, Cardinal Gregory and many of the clergy and staff of the Parish have received their vaccinations. As we love you, please love your neighbor.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

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>.



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 or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule an appointment.



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 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 FRANCES OF ROME

1384-1440

Feast Day – March 9

This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 7 – *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	The Lucchese Family	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Sands	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	SOSJ	Maria Luther	In Memory

Monday, March 8 – *Saint John of God, Religious*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony Chrysakis	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory

Tuesday, March 9 – *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Mary Ellen Kirst	In Memory

Wednesday, March 10 – *Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Abigail Mellone	Intentions

Thursday, March 11 – *Thursday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Ted Crausway	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Claire Carson	In Memory

Friday, March 12 – *Friday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Concepcion & Jaime Cofino	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Arthur Casary	In Memory

Saturday, March 13 – *Saturday of the Third Week of Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Andrea Clune	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

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

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



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

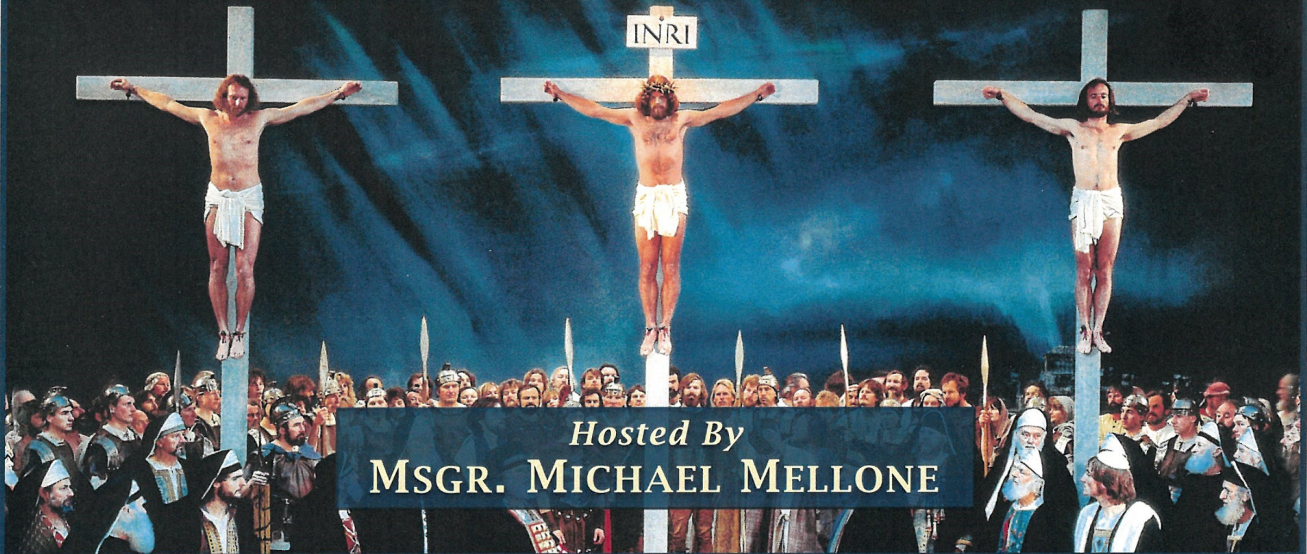
THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 7	CLOW Faith Fun	10:00am (Zoom) 10:30am (Zoom)
Monday, March 8	Religious Ed/Grade 1 Religious Ed/Grade 2	3:30pm (Zoom) 4:00pm (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 9	Bible Study Religious Ed/Grade 3 Religious Ed/Grades 5 & 6	1:00pm (Zoom) 3:30pm (Zoom) 4:00pm (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 10	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)
Thursday, March 11	Funeral — Claire Carson Contemplative Prayer	11:00am (Church) 6:20pm (Zoom)
Friday, March 12	Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	3:00pm (Zoom) 7:00pm (Church)
Saturday, March 6	Mass Confession Mass	9:00am (Church) 4:15pm (Chapel) 5:30pm (Church)

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the “wrong business” in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days”. *John 2: 19*

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
Jerusalem
Temple
Table
Exchanging
Money
Stop
Father
House
Market
Sign
Disciples

Believed
People
Written
Scripture



J	B	H	O	B	W	R	I	T	T	E	N
D	E	X	C	H	A	N	G	I	N	G	G
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