

December 19, 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

Monday– Friday

8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:1-4A

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Friday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 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,

As we enter the Fourth Week of Advent, the celebration of Christmas is right upon us. This may cause us to rush to Christmas without looking this week at how the Lord is preparing us. On Sunday Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and the child in Elizabeth's womb, John, is blest with the Holy Spirit. On Monday we reflect on Mary's "Fiat", "thy will be done" as she accepts the gift to become the Mother of God. On Tuesday we pray in the Song of Songs how God has chosen the Hebrew people to be His Beloved. On Wednesday Mary responds to Elizabeth how blessed she is and how wonderful the Lord is to her and all God's people. Thursday we rejoice in the birth of John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament Prophets and the First of the New Testament Prophets. He is the one who will prepare the way of the Lord.



This is truly a blessed week to enter deeply into the fulfillment of the promise God made many centuries before that he would save His people from sin and death through the coming of Christ, His chosen Son.

Holy and Blessed Christmas to each of you. Please see the bulletin for the Christmas Mass schedule on Friday and Saturday. Sunday, December 26th, is the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday, January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year so we will have one Mass at 9 AM. January 2nd is the Feast of Epiphany, and we will have a Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30. Our regular Masses on Sunday are at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm.

God Bless you,
Fr. Mike

HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on families, friends, and neighbors to notify the parish office if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion.

If you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

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>.



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 19

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Thursday, December 23

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 25

Mass 9:00am (Church)

Baptism 10:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass 5:30pm (Church)



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. DOMINIC OF
SILOS

Feast Day – December 20

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As a youth Dominic tended sheep on the foothills of the Pyrenees where he learned to appreciate solitude. He then pursued the quiet life as a monk. Dominic became the prior of his monastery, but was forced to flee by the king of Navarre, who intended to seize the monastery's land. The monastery of St. Sebastian at Silos welcomed him. There as prior, Dominic conducted a successful program of spiritual and material renewal. The Dominicans especially honor him. For a century after Dominic's death, Blessed Joan of Aza visited his tomb. There she had a vision promising her that she would have another son. When the child was born she named him Dominic and he became the founder of the Dominican Order.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 19—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Ivan	Creusa daSilva	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Nunciature	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Basil Chike Nwankwo	In Memory

Monday, December 20—*Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maria Soviero	Intentions
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Tuesday, December 21—*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
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Wednesday, December 22—*Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
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Thursday, December 23—*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
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Friday, December 24—*Friday of the Fourth Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Nunciature	Andrea Clune	In Memory
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Friday, December 24 – *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)*

4:00 p.m.	Macfarlane	Children of Annunciation	Intentions
8:00 p.m.	Ivan	Anthony Girata	In Memory
10:00 p.m.	Mellone	Brian Nett	In Memory

Saturday, December 25 – *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	Ivan	Lou Thomas	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

Saturday, December 25—*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Vigil)*

5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Vocations	Intentions
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Sunday, December 26—*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benefactors	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Ivan	Rolando & Alicia Castaneda	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

ADVENT

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH CANDLES — FOURTH WEEK

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



FEEL THE DESIRE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS?

Come meet devout Catholics who dedicate part of each day praying for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and consecrated religious life.

Meet members of the Downtown Washington (St. Junipero) Serra Club at one of their up-coming meetings.

January 15, 2022

Church of the Annunciation

3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW

9:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting will follow in the parish office conference room

Speaker: TBA

Questions? Contact Alice Middleton, President, Downtown Washington Serra Club. Her email is: cathcap@aol.com

FREE UBER RIDES TO GET COVID-19 VACCINES

Iona Senior Services is pleased to announce that it is partnering with Uber to offer free rides to Covid-19 vaccine and booster appointments for older adults ages 60 and up through December 31, 2021.

Each promotional code is valid for two rides within the Washington metropolitan area, up to \$40 off each. Codes must be entered within the Wallet section of the Uber app before the trip begins.

To get your code or learn more, please contact Vicky Hall on Monday through Thursday from 7:00am to 3:00pm at (202) 895-9409 or vhall@iona.org.

Quantities are limited. While supplies last. Must apply the promo code in the Wallet section of the Uber app prior to requesting the ride within the Washington Metropolitan Area to redeem discount. Please ensure you are putting the promo code in the wallet section of the app. Discount valid for up to \$40 off maximum of 2 UberX or XL trips (maximum \$40 total discount) that begin or end within the Washington Metropolitan Area. Cannot be combined with other offers. One time use only. Non-transferable. Offer expires at 11:55pm ET on December 31, 2021. Discount does not apply to tips. Cannot be used on JUMP. Offer and terms subject to change.



2021 CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 24 — 4 PM
(*Children's Liturgy*)

Friday, December 24 — 8 PM

Friday, December 24 — 10 PM
Carols preceding Mass

Saturday, December 25 — 8 AM

Saturday, December 25 — 10 AM

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 25
4:15 - 5:15 Confessions

Saturday, December 25
5:30 PM Vigil

Sunday, December 26 — 8 AM

Sunday, December 26 — 10 AM

Sunday, December 26 — 12 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*)

Saturday, January 1 — 8 AM

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1
4:15 - 5:15 PM Confessions

Saturday, January 1
5:30 PM Vigil

Sunday, January 2 — 8 AM

Sunday, January 2 — 10 AM

Sunday, January 2 — 12 PM

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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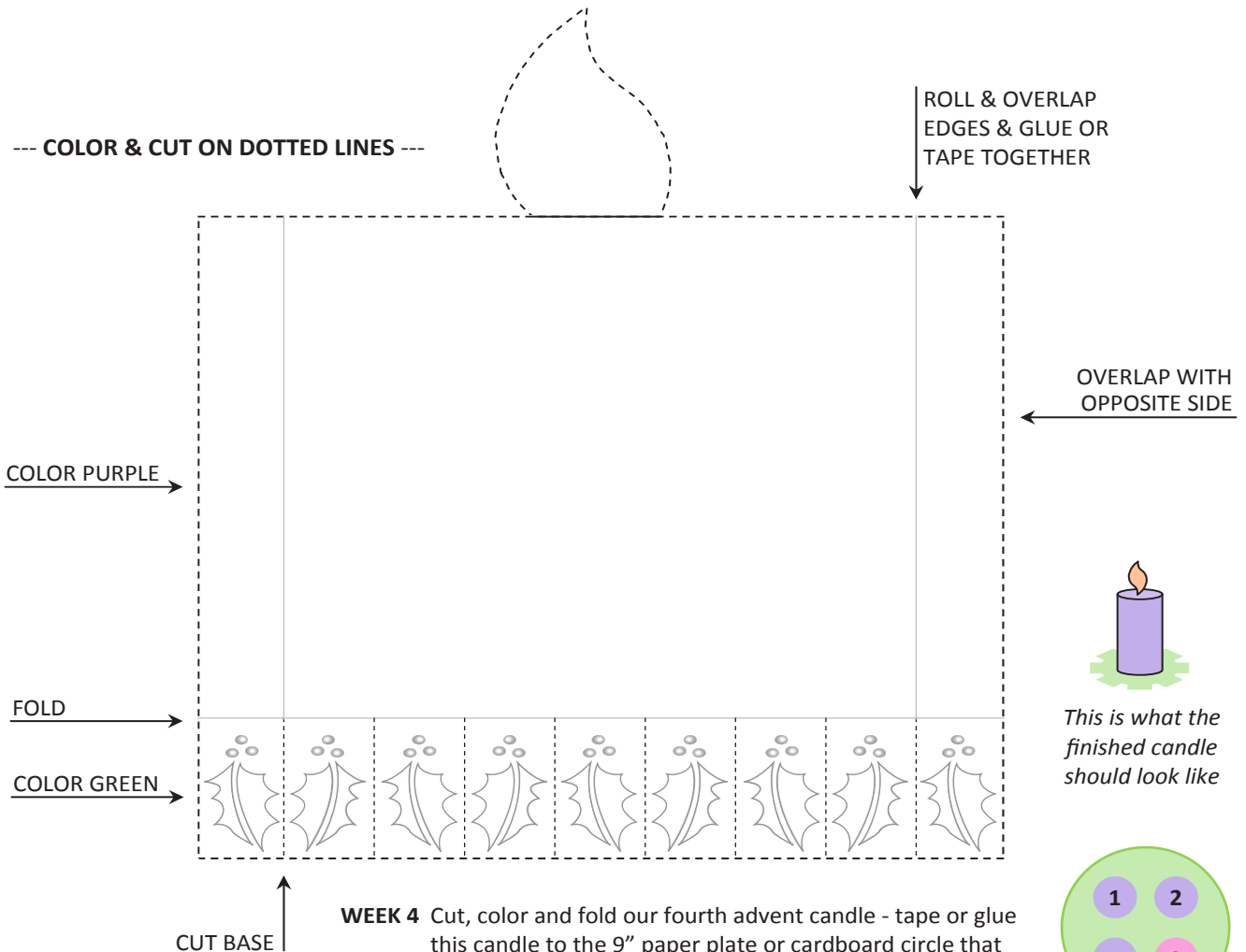
WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

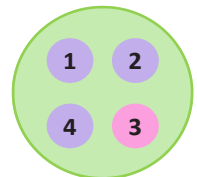
Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

Synodality and the Synodal process are not a gathering or meeting of bishops, nor are they the administrative arm of the Church. Rather, Synodality is the path and process of the Church as communion. It is the communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with each other and praying together to hear the voice of Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel. Synodality involves clergy, religious and laity listening and speaking, praying and discerning together, and placing the hopes and concerns of the People of God at the foot of the bishops, who, united with the Pope, decide matters of faith and morals in order to preserve the faith

“Synodality, in this perspective, is much more than the celebration of ecclesial meetings and Bishops’ assemblies, or a matter of simple internal administration within the Church; it is ‘the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* [way of living and being] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission’” (*Preparatory Document* no. 10). “In fact, this People, gathered together by its Pastors, adheres to the sacred deposit of the Word of God entrusted to the Church, perseveres constantly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fraternal communion, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer, ‘so that holding to, practicing, and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the Bishops and Faithful a single common effort’” (*Preparatory Document* no. 13). Synodality and the Synodal process are not about engaging others for the purpose of deciding matters through a parliamentary vote. Nor is the primary purpose of Synodality to introduce democratic methods into the Church, where the majority determines how the Church will act. Synodality is also not about promulgating strategic plans or managing pastoral parish ministries through objectives. Synodality is about the entire People of God journeying together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to become holy.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church throughout the world has been asked by Pope Francis to enter into “journeying together” and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. At Annunciation, we are beginning by asking you how we can best gather your thoughts for the Synod 2021 – 2023. We would like to know what days and times might be best for you to attend a parish discussion group as part of our response to the Synod.

Please indicate below your top three choices for a time to gather, with “1” indicating your most preferred option, “2” your second option, and “3” your third option. We will schedule sessions based on the input we receive .

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Let us know by filling out the form, place it in the offertory basket, email the parish (parish@annunciationdc.org), or hand it to one of the Priests or Deacons.

Thank you and blessings,

Fr. Mike

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

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CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

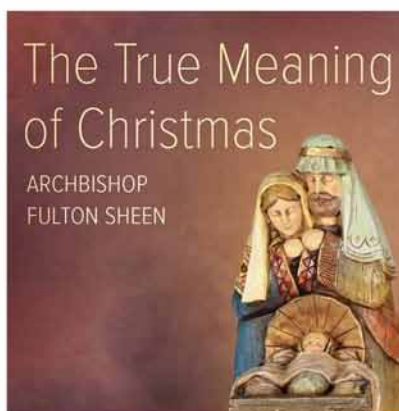
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

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THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

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