

December 11, 2022

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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

Wednesday
5:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any reading from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

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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://](https://annunciationcatholicchu1.flocknote.com/everyone)

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.



A MILLION ROSARIES

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>.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We Need Your Help! You may have noticed that some of the same people do most of the volunteer activities here at the parish. I am very thankful for their generosity, but I know we could do so much more if we have additional volunteers. In listening to parishioners, they would like to be able to have fellowship after the Sunday morning Masses. Two families have agreed to cover the cost of coffee and donuts for two Sundays a month. In addition to their generosity, we need to have more people who are willing to help with the setup and clean-up after each of the Masses. If we could create a team of volunteers who would take on this responsibility, then we would be able to offer further opportunities to meet and gather for a shared time together. I propose that we establish four teams of three people each that would alternate months and cover the 8 am and 10 am Masses. If we want to have refreshments after the 12 noon Mass, we would need an additional two teams. Would you please consider volunteering?



In addition, we need more people who are willing to count the Offertory Collection. We will provide the training. For either of these activities please contact, Fr. Mike at mellone@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x19.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. We rejoice because the celebration of the birth of our Savior is so near. Jesus shares in the Gospel that He is fulfilling the message of Isaiah: the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised. Jesus proclaims the greatness of John for he has fulfilled his mission to point to and prepare the way for the Lord. Jesus also proclaims that we who are reborn into the Kingdom of God are even greater than John is. We can do so much more with the grace we receive in the Sacraments and our encounter with Christ. Today the Lord calls us to build His Kingdom following His way of charity, justice, and peace, giving our lives in service to others and Jesus.

On Saturday, December 17th at 7 PM our choir will perform Lessons and Carols for us to prayerfully enjoy and participate. Please set aside this hour in Church in your preparation for Christmas. All are welcome.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift this weekend helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.



Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 11
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Tuesday, December 13
Walking with Purpose
7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, December 14
Walking with Purpose
8:45am (PC)
Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration &
Confession 7:00pm (Church)
Letter to Women Study
7:00pm (Atrium)

Thursday, December 15
Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 17
Confession 4:15pm (Church)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 11—*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Rosita Añez de Falla, Hector Eduardo Falla & Children	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions

Monday, December 12—*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Tamara Murdock Arkes	In Memory
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Tuesday, December 13—*Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Piper	Pat Frohman	In Memory
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Wednesday, December 14—*Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Angel Clarens	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	The Taylor Family	In Memory

Thursday, December 15—*Thursday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	William & Marilyn Panke	In Memory
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Friday, December 16—*Friday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Lydia Sogandares Payne	In Memory
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Saturday, December 17—*Saturday of the Third Week of Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Park	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

Sunday, December 18—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benefactors	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Park	Vocations	Intentions

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



A WAY TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).



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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 17th, 2022

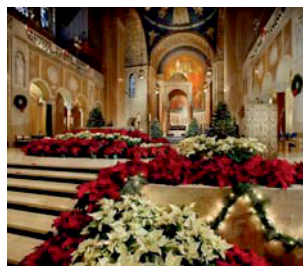
7pm

Please join our choir for an evening of Lessons and Carols in our sanctuary.



CHRISTMAS DINNER REGISTRATION

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. Meals will be available for pick-up or delivery only. To request a Christmas Day dinner, please call [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300). All meal requests must be received by Friday, December 16th.



Volunteers are needed to fill many different positions. To register as a volunteer, please click [here](https://www.bnsic.org). For more information, please contact rsvp@bnsic.org or [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300). Thank you for your interest in helping, and we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.

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.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net/DC43 or scan the QR code to donate electronically.



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.

HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify the us 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 would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at: 202-362-3323 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The Spring 2023 course in the Institute's ongoing Continuing Education Series will be "Called to Love: Theology of the Body." It will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 18 to April 26, 2023.

The course will be taught in person in McGivney Hall on Catholic University of America's campus in Room 006, and offered online simultaneously.

The class fee is \$150. To register, please complete the [online registration form](#). Payment can be submitted via check, cash, or credit card. To submit a credit card payment, please [click here](#).

This course can be taken toward renewal requirements for VCEA licensure. Numerous high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington accept the course for CEU credits.

If you have questions, please contact information@johnpaulii.edu



2022 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

Saturday, December 24 — 10 PM
Carols preceding Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25 — 8 AM

Sunday, December 25 — 10 AM

Sunday, December 25 — 12 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31 — 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 1 — 8 AM

Sunday, January 1 — 10 AM

Sunday, January 1 — 12 PM

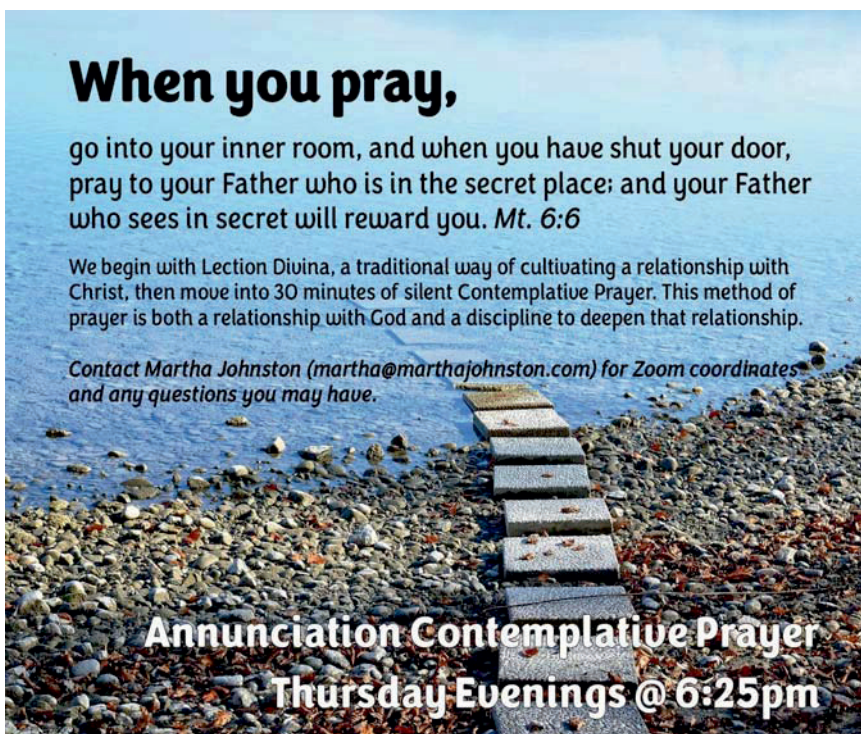
When you pray,

go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. *Mt. 6:6*

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston (martha@marthajohnston.com) for Zoom coordinates and any questions you may have.

Annunciation Contemplative Prayer
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm



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 Saturday, November 26th until Saturday, December 17th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities ADW is seeking volunteers for many different projects this summer! Here are some ways you can get involved, both individually and with a group:

Individual Opportunities:

St. Maria's Meals is back! Every Tuesday in Temple Hills and Wednesday in downtown DC, Catholic Charities volunteers and staff members provide individuals and families with hot meals. Sign up on our event calendar: [https://](https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/)

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Prepare and deliver a meal for 20 people at Dorothy Day Place in Rockville, any night of the week! Signing up to cook a meal helps staff focus on other priorities such as clinical work and employment services: <http://btr.im/80hmc>

Sign up for a year of service with Catholic Charities through AmeriCorps or Capuchin Franciscan Corps!

- Financial Stability AmeriCorps
- Nutrition Education AmeriCorps
- Volunteer Office VISTA
- Volunteer Medical Clinic VISTA
- Capuchin Corps Volunteer in Volunteer Office, Spanish Catholic Center, or Medical Clinic

ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS PROJECT



IT'S A TRADITION!

The Annunciation Christmas Project benefits our sister parish, Holy Redeemer. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from WALMART, TARGET, or VISA.

We have been asked to support 75 seniors and 18 families (almost 100 individuals). Our goal is to provide a \$25 gift card to everyone. The gift cards will be put into a Christmas card and will be delivered to Holy Redeemer along with cookies made by our Young Adult Group.

Gift cards or monetary contributions may be placed in the collection baskets or sent to the parish office in an envelope marked "CHRISTMAS PROJECT." Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "CHRISTMAS PROJECT" in the memo line.

DONATIONS DEADLINE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Thank you for your generous support.



Kids Needed for Christmas Pageant!

We are looking for children and parent helpers to take part in this year's Christmas Pageant that will take place during our parish children's mass on December 24 at 4 PM.

Children ages 4 and older can participate as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Magi... in speaking and non-speaking roles. The speaking parts are geared for older children.

Practice dates:

Saturday, December 3 from 11 to 12 in the church

Saturday, December 10 from 10 to 11 in Parish Center

Saturday, December 17 from 10 to 11 in Parish Center

All costumes will be provided by parish.

To participate, please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Third Sunday of Advent / Matthew 11:2-11

Year A

Jesus told the people John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Him to prepare for His coming. Jesus continued preaching the Good News and helping the poor, sick and dying. By His lessons we are taught to help others by our good words and actions.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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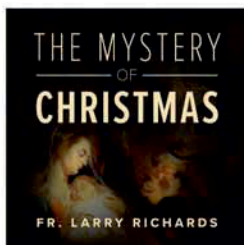
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

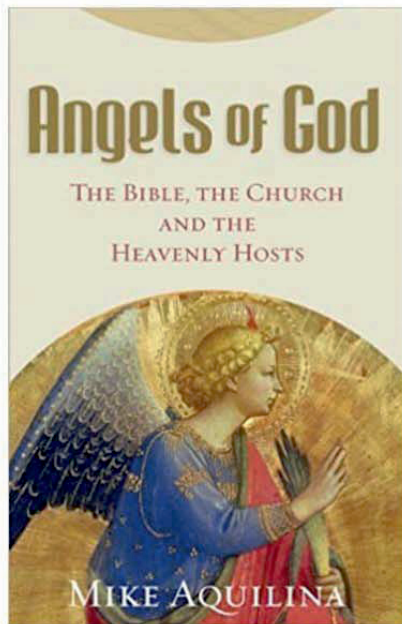


The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



Let's gather together and discuss *Angels of God—The Bible, the Church, and the Heavenly Hosts* by Mike Aquilina

About the book:

"Angels are a large part of reality and, as with other large parts of reality—speeding Mack trucks, for example, or looming brick walls—we benefit greatly from their service, and we ignore them at our peril."—From the Introduction

Angels are everywhere—as a matter of fact, right at your side. Forget the sweet-faced cherubs of popular culture, however, and brace yourself for a far more potent reality: powerful heavenly beings who play a significant role in the personal drama of daily life—your life.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Questions? Need a book?

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