

December 25, 2022

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William T. Maksymiec

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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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

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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.



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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we celebrate this time of gift giving, let us always remember the Greatest Gift we have received, that of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is our Heavenly Father's fulfillment of the promise made long ago to overcome sin by sending us the one who will conquer sin and death. This gift of Jesus is also the gift we can give to another by the way we treat them and invite them to join in the journey to discover Jesus in their life. We most intimately receive Jesus in the reception of Holy Communion. May the new year enable us to recommit ourselves to a life of faith by striving to be a saint in how we live out our daily life and share our life for the good of others.

God's Peace, Joy, and Love be with you and those you cherish always.

Fr. Mike



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.

A WAY TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH

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THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration &
Confession 7:00pm (Church)

Thursday, December 29

Contemplative Prayer
6:25pm (Zoom)

Friday, December 30

Office Closed

Saturday, December 31

Confession 4:15pm (Church)



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SAINT OF THE WEEK



THOMAS BECKET

1118 -1170

FEAST DECEMBER 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25—*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	In Thanksgiving	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

Monday, December 26—*Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Edward Morace	In Memory
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Tuesday, December 27—*Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Sister Virginia Dunn	In Memory
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Wednesday, December 28—*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Andreja Mezek	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Park	Holy Innocents	In Memory

Thursday, December 29—*Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Enrique Lewis-Morgan	In Memory
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Friday, December 30—*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Christa Wenninger	In Memory
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Saturday, December 31—*Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Pope Francis	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Park	Engaged Couples	Intentions

Sunday, January 1—*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Mike Sheehan	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Maureen Nolan	In Memory

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



19th Annual Day of Recollection



“Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s Secrets for a Happy Life and Peaceful Death”

Keynote Presentation by Jim Towey

Author, “To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa”

“Spending Time with God: How to Pray Before the Eucharist”

A Reflection by Father Mark Ivany

Director of Priest Vocations,
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*The day will also include Celebration of Mass,
Adoration, Confession, and lunch.*

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DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Church of the Annunciation

3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Please register for this event at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-day-of-recollection>



The **Mother Teresa Vocation Society** prayerfully supports vocations to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, Office of Priest Vocations. Events are free and open to all (donations are appreciated). For more information, please email Maris Moriarty at moriarty@adw.org, or visit <https://DCPriest.org/mtvs>.

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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



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Gospel Today

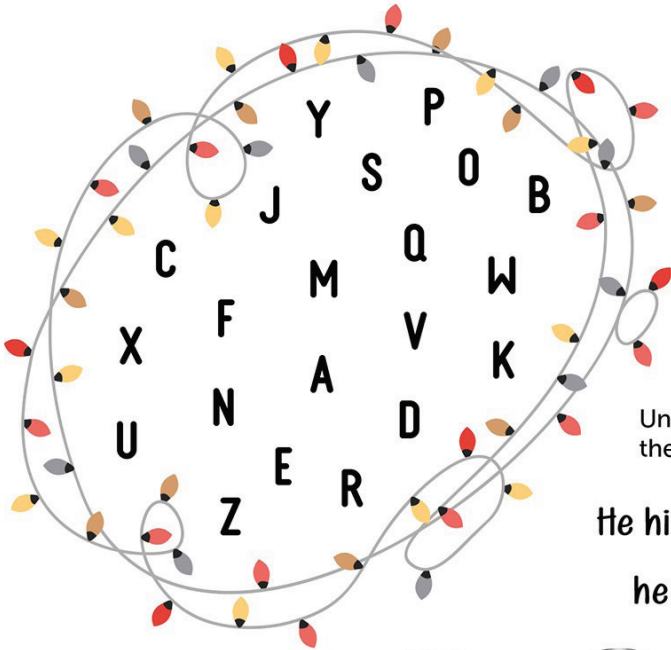
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) / John 1:1-18

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Merry Christmas



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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD THE TRUE LIGHT

Find and write the missing letters
(from A to Z) not found within the lights.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete
the sentence below (the same word is used twice).

He himself was not the _____ ;
he came only as a witness
to the _____ .

-JOHN 1:8

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answer = light (2x)

2022 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY



Josephine Allies

Netty Keer
Petrus Kusaeri

Nchang Azefor

Lucy Azefor

Mary Lynne Bebee

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John Begg

Joan Vessa Begg

Claire V. Buensuceso

Juan Buensuceso
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Isidro Cruz
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Dillon Family

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Francis R. Dzubek

The Dzubeck Family



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Zoran Kravar

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