



# Annunciation Catholic Church

*Be it done to me according to your Word*  
+Luke 1:38+

## Mass Schedule

Saturday.....(Vigil) 5:30pm  
Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday – Friday.....8:00am  
Wednesday.....5:30pm  
Saturday.....9:00am

## Confessions

Wednesdays.....6:00-6:45pm  
Saturdays.....4:15-5:15pm

## Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary  
After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena  
After the 9am Saturday Mass

**December 31, 2023**

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Worship 1017

Entrance Hymn – Worship 417

Responsorial Psalm

*"O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."*

Offertory Hymn – Worship 437

Communion Hymn – Worship 419

Closing Hymn – Worship 428

## Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our religious education ministry. Your generosity is appreciated.

Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary. It is not a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will be at 10:00am.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

**Welcome to Annunciation!**

## Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.  
Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

## Our Parish

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
9am-4pm

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins  
*Administrator*

Rev. Adam Park  
*In Residence*

Deacon William Maksymiec  
*Permanent Deacon*

Andreja Mezek  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
mezek@annunciationdc.org

Frank Conlon  
*Director of Music*  
frankconlon@comcast.net

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& Social Concerns*  
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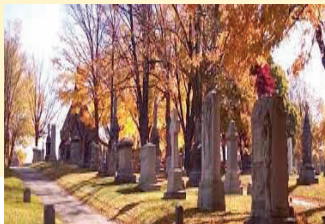
## Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for marriage preparation. Any inquiries should be sent to the parish office.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

## Liturgical Worship

*"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (Sacrosanctum Concilium)*

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon:  
frankconlon@comcast.net

## 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

## 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).

## PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm. We are here for you.



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, December 31

8am	†Pope Benedict XVI	Swink
10am	†Lou Thomas	Park
12pm	Parishioners	Afu

#### Monday, January 1

10am	Edfa Bagalacsa & Family Thanksgiving	TBD
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#### Tuesday, January 2

8am	Angela Baird & Family	Park
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#### Wednesday, January 3

8am	†Benjie Bowers	TBD
5:30pm	†Jenae Jeffries	TBD

#### Thursday, January 4

8am	Special Intention	TBD
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#### Friday, January 5

8am	†Pope Benedict XVI	Park
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#### Saturday, January 6

9am	The Rivers Family	TBD
5:30pm	†Ed Werner	Afu

### What's Happening This Week?

#### Sunday, December 31

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)  
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

#### Monday, January 1

Mass, Solemnity of Mary, 10:00am (Church)  
*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*  
Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, January 2

Parish Office Closed

#### Wednesday, January 3

Mass, 5:30pm (Church)  
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)  
Religious Education, 7:00pm (School & CR)

#### Thursday, January 4

Contemplative Prayer, 6:20 (Zoom)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

#### Saturday, January 6

Confessions, 4:15pm (Church)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

## Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at [mezek@annunciationdc.org](mailto:mezek@annunciationdc.org).

# SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

## Homeless Ministry

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

## Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## Parish Bazaar

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

# FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)



## 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.

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## PARISH LIFE

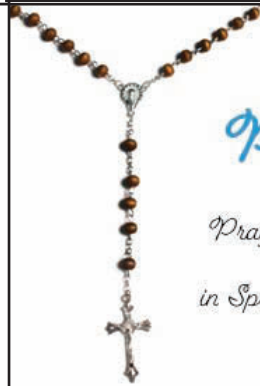
**"Go, therefore,  
and make disciples  
of all nations."**



walking with purpose

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Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and  
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center.  
Contact Sue Lohsen at [sue@lohsen.com](mailto:sue@lohsen.com) for more info.



*Pray the Rosary*

*Pray in English Monday through Friday  
after the 8am Mass,  
in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday  
Meet in the church*



**Pray the  
Rosary for Peace  
in Ukraine**

Every Thursday  
at 12pm—Rain or Shine  
in front of the  
Russian Embassy  
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW

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**MEN'S GROUP**

faith + fraternity + fiat

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done to me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Atrium  
Contact Daniel Danello for more info:  
[dfdanello@gmail.com](mailto:dfdanello@gmail.com)



**Coffee Hour  
is Back!**



Thanks to volunteers, there are now donuts and coffee after the 8am and 10am Masses every week, but after the 12pm Mass only on the second Sunday of the month. With more volunteers, we can have donuts and coffee after that Mass, too. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, or to tend the coffee and donuts between Masses, please contact Anita Siegfriedt at [asiegfriedt@gmail.com](mailto:asiegfriedt@gmail.com).

**Annunciation Contemplative Prayer  
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm**

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 for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have—  
[martha@marthajohnston.com](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

## 2023 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY



**Josephine Allies**

Netty Keer  
Petrus Kusaeri

**Nchang Azefor**

Caroline Ohadike

**Mary Lynne Bebee**

Charles & Julia Zigmont

**John Begg**

Joan Vessa Begg

**Scott Boylen**

Simon Boylen

**Claire V. Buensuceso**

Juan Buensuceso  
Vergelio Buensuceso  
Ma. Theresa B. Pasquil  
Felipa Victorino

**Patricia Kennard**

William & Jeanne Cassidy

**Francis & Kathryn Dzubeck**

The Dzubeck Family  
The Smith Family

**Susie Gaston**

Ghislaine Gaston  
Sophie St. Vil

**Diana Gregg**

Thomas Gregg

**Stanley Lynam**

Terence & Joyce Lynam

**William & Leila Maksymiec**

Eileen Maksymiec  
Ellen Gilliam

**Maria Noordermeer**

Maria Liau  
Jeff Noordermeer

**Neuner**

The Neuner Family

**Lillian Peeler**

Peeler Family

**Jack & Amy Simms**

Dorothy Simms

**Margaret Solaqua**

Philip and Ella Solaqua  
Philip and Diane Solaqua  
Carmela and Paul Solaqua  
Lucy and Americo Romano  
Juliette and Bill Coccozza

**Christine Song**

Ong Bà

**Valorie Thompson**

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson

**Rita Tolibao**

Jose Tolibao  
Martin Wenick

**Vittucci Family**

Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Victor Vittucci

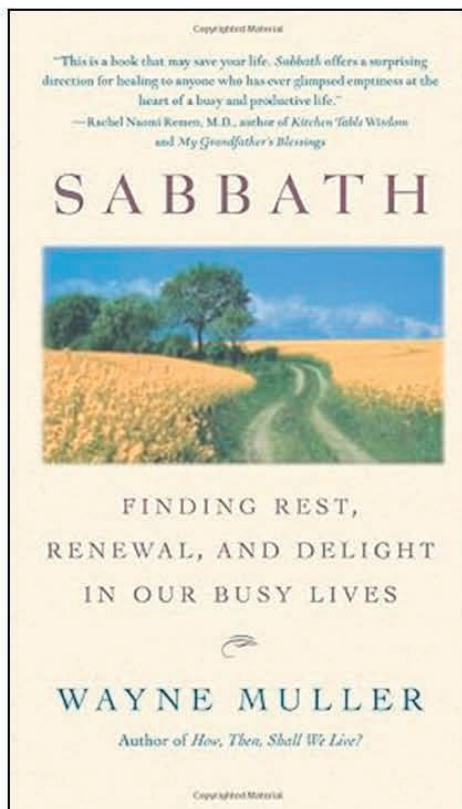
**Angelika Zaia**

Anthony T. Zaia  
The Gruber Family

**Anna Zakarija**

Zakarija Family  
Pairan Family  
Lucchese Family  
Pope Benedict XVI

# ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



The January book is *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller.

In today's world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family, we long for a moment to ourselves.

Millennia ago, the tradition of Sabbath created an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Now, in a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller, author of the spiritual classic *How, Then, Shall We Live?*, shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal—a refuge for our souls.

*We need not even schedule an entire day each week. Sabbath time can be a Sabbath afternoon, a Sabbath hour, a Sabbath walk. With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness.*

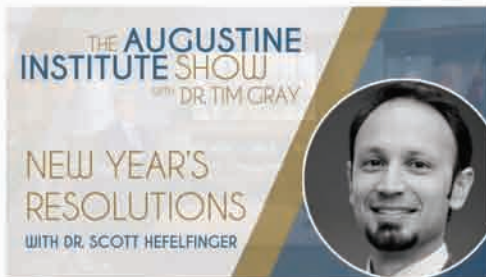
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH @11AM**  
**IN THE PARISH ATRIUM**

**BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

Contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of December 31, 2023



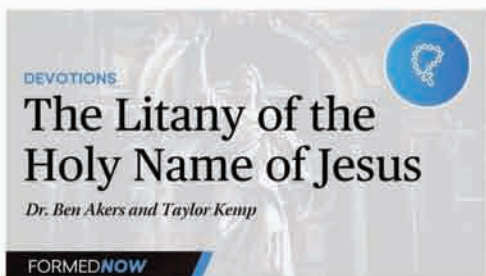
### New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



### The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



### Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



**Gospel Today**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40**

Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



**The Holy Family of**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in their names, found in bold above. Draw in faces and color the picture.

# The Kids' Bulletin

*December 31st, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family  
January 1st, 2024: Feast of Mary the Mother of God*



**Mary,**



*Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?  
Use the code to find out!*



# Holy Family Word-Find

L G O D S E L F L E S S  
O M H V J E F A E J A C  
C O O P E R A T I O N A  
H T L C S L M H S S H R  
I H Y H U E I E H E L P  
L E O O S A L R A P O E  
D R T M A R Y H R H V N  
H O M E H N J A E E E T  
F A I T H R O P E A C E  
F O S T E R Y P P O O R  
P E R F E C T Y C A R E



*See if you can  
find all these  
words about the  
Holy Family in  
the puzzle!*

*Use the leftover  
letters to fill in  
the blanks at  
the end!*

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