

December 5, 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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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.



2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 24 — 4 PM (Children's Liturgy)
 Friday, December 24 — 8 PM
 Friday, December 24 — 10 PM (Mass at Night) *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 this year)

Saturday, January 1 — 8 AM

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1 — 4:15 - 5:15 PM Confessions
 January 1 — 5:30 PM Vigil
 January 2 — 8 AM
 January 2 — 10 AM
 January 2 — 12 PM

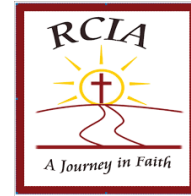
VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

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

You can learn more on their Volunteer Homepage: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>



RCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Haven't completed the sacraments of Confirmation or Communion?

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming Catholic?

RCIA, (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the place for them. For children over the age of 7, we have a process call RCIC, (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). Sessions have begun.

Please feel free to contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext. 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.



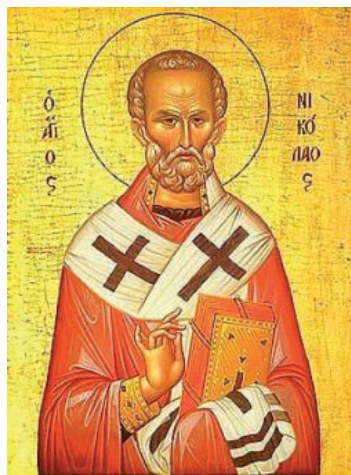
Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

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. NICHOLAS

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Feast Day—December 6

From the ninth century in the East and the eleventh century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and in Christian art and is the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches, and cities. He was a Greek bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey).

According to folklore, he may have saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three children who had been killed, and saved three unjustly condemned men from death. His charity to the poor is commemorated in modern times by those who follow the tradition of stuffing a boot or a stocking with gifts on his feast day. “Santa Claus” comes from the Dutch form of his name, “Sinterklaas.” He is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, and children.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Ivan	Michael Rudy	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Vocations	Intentions

Monday, December 6—Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Antonio Zamora	Intentions
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Tuesday, December 7—Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Tim Lanigan	In Memory
7:00 p.m.	Mellone	Maria Soviero	Intentions

Wednesday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Michael Chrysakis	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maureen Nolan	In Memory

Thursday, December 9—Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Joanne Meredith	In Memory
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Friday, December 10—Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Elizabeth Schubert	In Memory
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Saturday, December 11—Saint Damasus I, Pope

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Nathan Zahedi	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Nunciature	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

Sunday, December 12—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Concepcion & Jaime Cofino	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lou Thomas	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Ivan	Parishioners	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



ADVENT

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES — SECOND WEEK

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



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 November 26th until Saturday, December 18th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



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.

WALK WITH MARY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Archdiocese of Washington's annual *Walk with Mary* procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The gathering for the procession will start at 11:30am at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (16th St. & Park Rd., NW), and the procession will conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (4th St. & Michigan Ave., NE). Following the praying of the Rosary at 1:30 pm, Mass at the Basilica will begin at 2:30pm, with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory as the main celebrant and Bishop Mario Dorsonville as the homilist. For more information, walkwithmary or search on social media using #WalkwithMary



visit adw.org/

TAKE A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Dec 10 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days. or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

THIS WEEK ...**Sunday, December 5**

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

One Stop Christmas Shop

11:00am (PC)

Wednesday, December 8

Religious Education

7:00pm (School)

Thursday, December 9

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, December 11

Mass 9:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm—5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

**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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and the Board of Directors of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families to our Annual Christmas Open House:

Sunday, December 5, 2021

1:00pm - 3:00pm

St. Ann's Center

4901 Eastern Avenue

Hyattsville, MD 20782

<https://www.stanns.org>

Please contact Carolyn Boyle for more information: cboyle@stanns.org or 301-559-5500.

**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:

December 18, 2021

Church of the Annunciation

3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW

9:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting will follow in the parish office conference room

Speaker: Father Brendan Glasgow, Chaplain Downtown Washington Serra Club

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

A MILLION ROSARIES

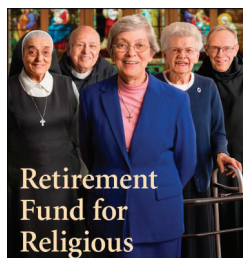
Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more.

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your generosity is appreciated.



CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2021

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer, and Friendship Place. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from: WALMART, Target, or Visa.

Donations may be made through our website, www.annunciationdc.org. Gift cards or monetary contributions can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets in an envelope marked Christmas Project. Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "Christmas Project" in the memo line.

DONATIONS DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Let's share the joy of the season!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday: 7:00pm (Vigil)

**Wednesday: 8:00am & 10:00am,
(No 7:00pm)**

The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. However, for centuries Catholics had believed in Mary's exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary's birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

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.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday morning, 9-11 a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday morning, 9-11 a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday evening 6-8 p.m. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday morning, after 10 am Mass |

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

Thank you and blessings,

Fr. Mike

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
Luke 3:4

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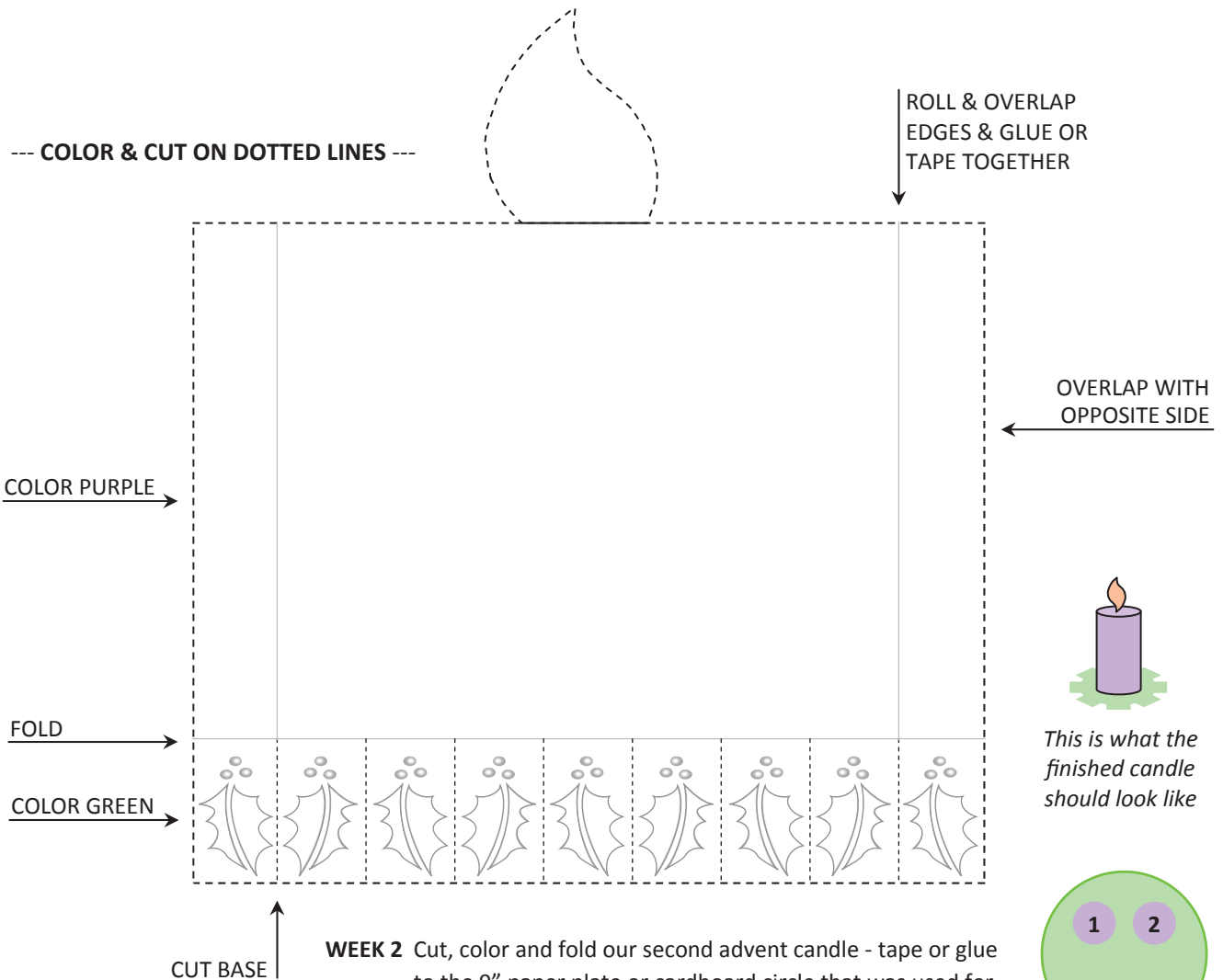
WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

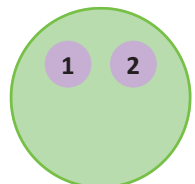
Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



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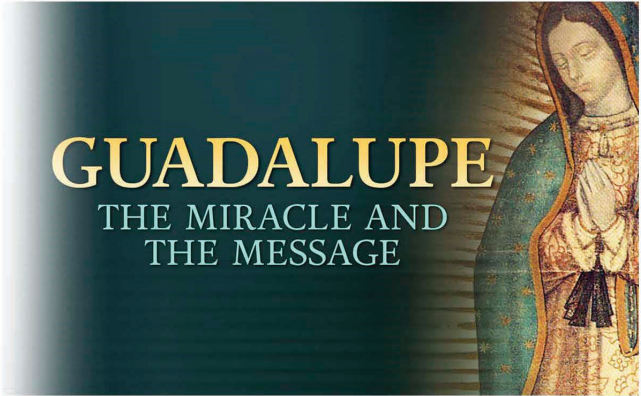
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

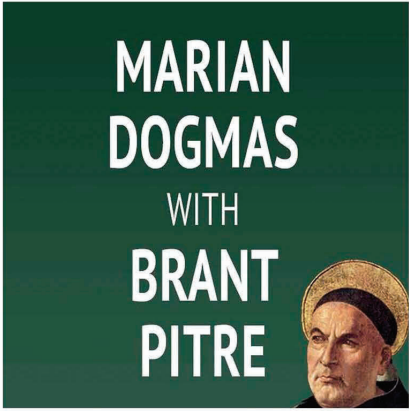
Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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LISTEN

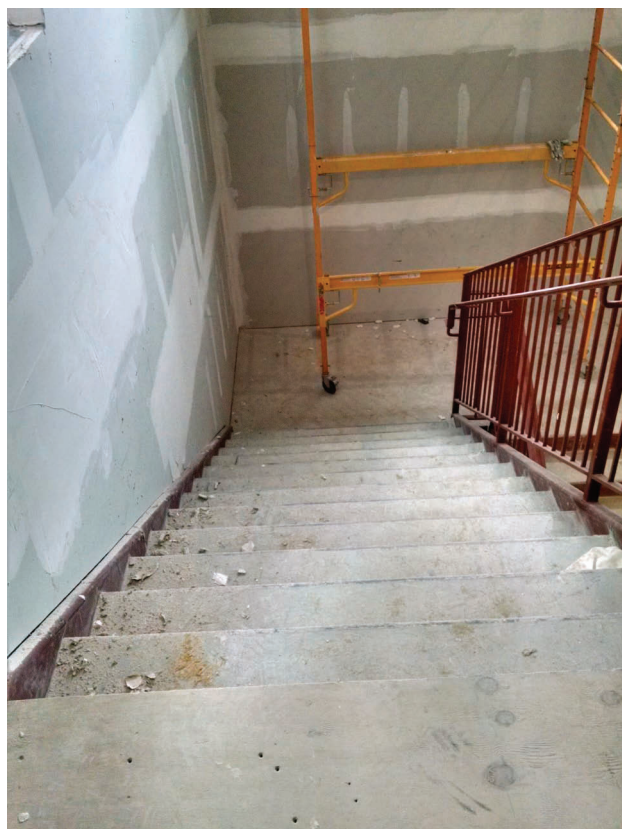
MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.



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