

December 15, 2019

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

*Miraculous Medal Novena*

after the Saturday 9am Mass

### Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &  
12:30pm

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday

8:00am & 11:00am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday

11:30am-7pm

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

11:30am-12:30pm

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

<b>Monday</b>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

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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](http://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.

## VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are in need of more Eucharistic ministers to make home visits. A number of our parishioners are home-bound and would like to receive Communion weekly. Help us reach out to our neighbors in need. Share the gift of the Eucharist and community. Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

## 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](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Please be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Gaudete, Rejoice! Our Savior is near at hand. The Third Sunday is a time of joy and is why the celebrant wears rose-colored vestments. It is important for us to realize that the Lord has come to save us as well as to bring just judgement at His second coming. It is not a time to be filled with fear but to know that the Lord will judge wisely. Therefore we live each day in anticipation of the Lord's coming to bring the fulfillment of his Kingdom. If we approach each day with joy in our hearts we will bring a spirit of hope and courage. Hope and courage give us the ability to face the challenges of life seeking out what is good and sharing the blessings that they offer. We do not need to see all as lost or filled with darkness; we can go forward acting on that which is beautiful and true. Goodness, beauty and truth are attributes of God and as we see and respond to them we encounter the Lord God.



We look forward to celebrating with you the joy of Christmas. On December 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have an extra time for confession from 7 – 8 pm. Christmas Eve Masses are at 4, 6, and 9 pm, with a music concert beginning at 8:20 pm. Christmas Day Masses are 8 and 10 am and 12 noon. Please invite family and friends to share this great day of Rejoicing.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike



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

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

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## BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE

This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 22 at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call (202) 526-8300.



### SECOND COLLECTION

December 22

Ministry to the Homeless

### 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.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



**Tom McGlynn, Realtor**

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## DOMINIC OF SILOS

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## FEAST DECEMBER 20

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 he founder of the Dominican Order.

CNS Saints

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 15** – *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Berard	Martha & Martin Rukavina	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Emanuela Santini	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Grace Booth	In Memory

**Monday, December 16** – *Monday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jorge Alberto & Maria Teresa Duran	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	William & Marilyn Panke	In Memory

**Tuesday, December 17** – *Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Sara Garcia Zapata	In Memory

**Wednesday, December 18** – *Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Grace Starr	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Maria Clarice Martins	In Memory

**Thursday, December 19** – *Thursday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Lucy Cavallo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Creusa Ramos daSilva	In Memory

**Friday, December 20** – *Friday of the Third Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Laura Weber	In Memory

**Saturday, December 21** – *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Adelyn Covi	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Berard	Eugene & Pauline McMahon	In Memory

**Sunday, December 22** – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Ross Odorisio	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Fran Freeman	In Memory

**We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound.** Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org). Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

*Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.*

## 2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CONFESSION

Monday, December 23rd  
7:00pm — 8:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th  
4pm Children's Mass with Pageant  
6:00pm Mass  
8:20pm Christmas Music  
9:00pm Mass



### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th  
Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

### OFFICE CLOSED

December 24th — December 27th

### MASS (December 26th — December 31st)

One Daily Mass at 9:00am

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Vigil — Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30pm  
Wednesday, January 1st at 8:00am & 10:30am

## THIS WEEK ...

### Sunday, December 15

CLOW  
9:00am (PC)  
Faith Fun  
9:30am (PC)  
Cup of Joe  
10:00am (PC)  
Roth Concert  
5:00pm (Church)

### Tuesday, December 17

Bible Study  
11:30am (PC)

### Wednesday, December 18

Eucharistic Adoration  
11:30am (Church)  
Bible Study  
7:00pm (CR)  
Children's Religious Ed  
7:00pm (PC)

### Thursday, December 19

Contemplative Prayer  
6:25pm (Parlor)  
Baptism Preparation Session  
7:00pm (CR)  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm (Church)

### Saturday, December 21

Christmas Pageant Practice  
10:00am (Church)  
Baptism  
2:00pm (Church)

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## 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 until Saturday, December 21st or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.




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## ADVENT WREATH

### A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

### WREATH CANDLES — THIRD WEEK

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)




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## ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

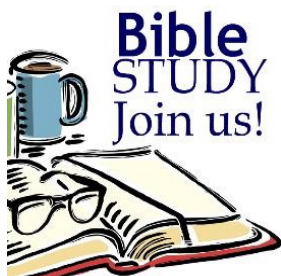
Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website  
[www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org)

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## BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.



Tuesdays  
after the 11:00am Mass  
or  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
in the Parish Center



### 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.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**R/.** Amen.

—*From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS

Once again we are preparing for our annual children's Christmas Pageant Mass which will be on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm. Children ages four and up are cordially invited to participate in the retelling of the birth of Jesus. Practice will be held on Saturday, December 21st from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at [morace@annunciationdc.org](mailto:morace@annunciationdc.org) to register your child.



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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent / Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Year A

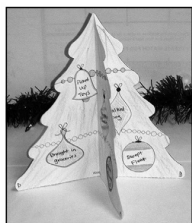
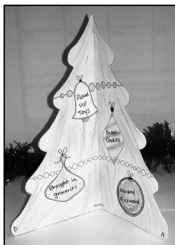
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

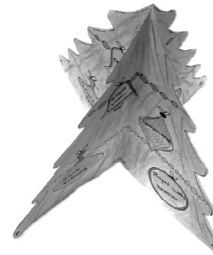
### Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

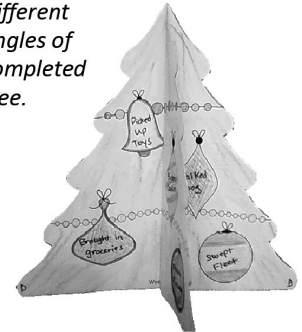
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

