

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## Receiving Fresh Blessings

This Advent Season we remember that the greatest source of comfort and courage amidst life's trials is the fact that God has not forgotten about us. We begin this new liturgical year with a renewed vigor that God desires to come with fresh blessings for each of us this Christmas Season. The people that put up Christmas decorations or listen to Christmas music so early instinctively have a sense of God's fresh blessings. However, it takes more than decorations and music. According to the prophet Isaiah, there are two things we can do to get ready to receive those blessings: to fill in every valley and to make low every mountain (Is 40: 1-5, 9-11). The valleys could represent our sins of omission, the things we should be doing but aren't. For example, if we aren't spending quality time with our family, we need to fill in that valley. If we aren't spending at least a few minutes each day in prayer with God, we need to fill in that valley. If we aren't going regularly to confession to rejuvenate our souls with God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness, we need to fill in that valley. The mountains can represent the selfish and sinful habits that we have built up—the sins of commission. If we like to gossip and spread criticism, we need to tear down that mountain. If we are leading a double life, indulging in hidden sins or lies that are poisoning our souls, we need to lay low that mountain. If we are arrogantly treating our colleagues, teammates, or family members like lower class citizens, we need to topple that mountain. The mountains and valleys inhibit God's grace from traveling into our hearts—they are roadblocks that keep out God's mercy, peace, and wisdom of fresh blessings. Let us take time to smooth out and clear up the roads to our hearts. Christ wants to bless us in fresh ways, we must take time to make room for Him.

*Christ's Blessings*  
*To Jeffrey Waldrep*

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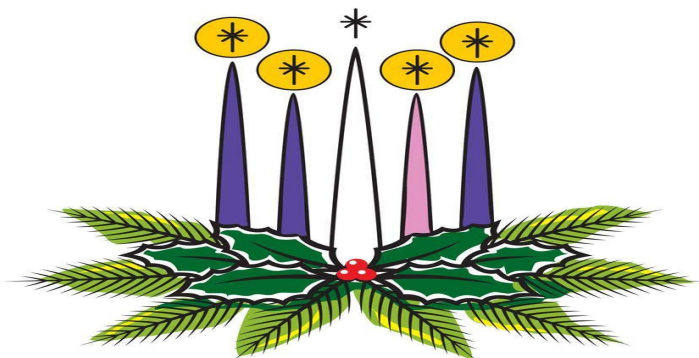
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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

- Tuesday, December 8th**  
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (Activity Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Main Church) **Holy Day of Obligation**
- Wednesday, December 9th**  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
9:00 a.m. St. Drexel Bible Study (Activity Center)
- Thursday, December 10th**  
10:00a.m. Bible Study (Activity Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Main Church)
- Friday, December 11th**  
9:00 a.m.- First Friday Mass (Main Church)
- Saturday, December 12th**  
4:30p.m.-5:15 p.m. Confession Before Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass (main Church)
- Sunday, December 13th**  
7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m. Confession Before Mass  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Main Church)  
9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. (activity Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Main Church)  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation (Activity Center)  
5:30 p.m. CYO (Activity Center)



## Advent Reconciliation

### Opportunities for Reconciliation this season are:

- December 12th: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.  
December 15th: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.  
December 17th: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.  
December 19th: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.

Please do not wait until the last minute to do your Reconciliation. We want everyone to be able to receive this special sacrament.



## Religious Education

- ◆ Classes return December 6th

For online access to PreK Seeds program, please email Erica at [accreligious@gmail.com](mailto:accreligious@gmail.com)



**CYO will meet this Sunday  
Dec 6th at 5:30 &  
Confirmation at 4:30**



December 8– No Class  
December 15– The Last Things?  
December 22nd– No Class



Check out these Advent resources:

- ◆ [catholiccompany.com/magazine](http://catholiccompany.com/magazine)
- ◆ "How to Celebrate Advent Like a Catholic"
  - ◆ FORMED series ADVENT
  - ◆ Share how you or your family celebrate Advent on Facebook at Parishioners of Annunciation Catholic Church
- ◆ 7 Advent Resources your family will love:

<https://catholic-link.org/7-advent-resources-the-whole-family-will-love/>



Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is at 5:30 in the Main Church.



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Weekly Offering 11/30/2020	\$ 6,237.00
On-Line Giving: 11/30/2020	\$ 1035.00
SVdP 11/30/2020	\$ 400.00
Video/Online Cost donation	\$ 0.00

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**Historic Chapel Debt Balance: \$ 290,083.01**

*(Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$10,000 per month in order to fund our monthly payment. )*

### Generous Donations:

November 01, ( includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 261.00
November 08, ( includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 1,930.00
November 15, ( includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 2,035.00
November 22, (includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 350.00
November 29, (includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 51,715.00

### Stewardship

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live, the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards"

Join us as we Celebrate Father Paul's Retirement !



*Prince of Peace & Annunciation Catholic Church*

Invites you to help us celebrate Father Paul Stewart's Retirement.

*Sunday, December 6th, 2020*

*Come & Go*

*1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m*

*Annunciation Activity Center*

We kindly request masks are to be worn.



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12/08/2020	5:30 pm	David La Bough	SI
Wednesday	12/09/2020	8:00 am	Allan Smith	KA RIP
Thursday	12/10/2020	8:00 am	Chester Cox	PT RIP
Friday	12/11/2020	8:00 am	Asheley York Family	KA SI
Saturday	12/12/2020	5:30 pm		
Sunday	12/12/2020	8:00 am	People of the Parish	
Sunday	12/13/2020	10:30 am	Shirley Bruce	SI



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### December 7- Monday

IS 35:1-10, LK 5:17-26

### December 8-Tuesday

GN 3:9-15, 20, PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, EPH 1:3-6, 11-12, LK 1:26-38

### December 9- Wednesday

Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

### December 10- Thursday

IS 41:13-20, MT 11:11-15

### December 11- Friday

IS 48:17-19, MT 11:16-19

### December 12- Saturday

ZEC 2:14-17, LK 1:26-38

### December 13- Sunday

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11, LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
1 THES 5:16-24, JN 1:6-8, 19-28

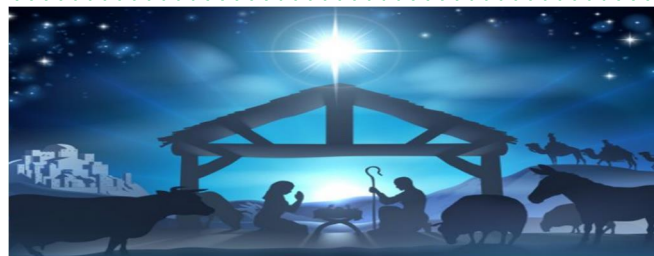
### Adopt a Family for Christmas

*Help the Saint Vincent De Paul Society make Christmas wishes come true.*

**We are doing Christmas Giving different this year, but with your help we can make a difference.**

**WE WILL BE USING GIFT CARDS AND CASH!**

**If you would like to donate contact Henry Barclay at 662-329-1559**



### Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve Vigil*  
5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

*Christmas Day*  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

All services are in the main church.



December 6, 2020

## What's Happening at ACS!

Staff and students returned to school this week well-rested and ready to conquer the last three weeks of this semester. The following students placed first in their class spelling bees and went on to represent ACS in the MSAIS local spelling bee on Tuesday: Lola Cooper, Ava Dowdle, Jayden Lee, Jonathan Cooper, and Abigail Pettus.

This week we also welcomed Emmie Sherertz, to the ACS faculty. Emmie started as our new art teacher for prek-5<sup>th</sup> grades on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Emmie brings with her an abundance of knowledge and talent in the field of art. She has two sons, Ben and Alex, who already attend ACS.

We are looking ahead to the holiday season and we ask that you prayerfully consider adding ACS to your year-end donations list. We depend on donations to close the tuition gap and help with the operating budget. Your help is especially needed this year due to the pandemic. Please visit our website at [www.annunciationcatholic.org](http://www.annunciationcatholic.org) for ways to donate!

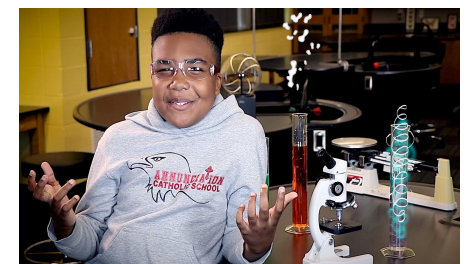
## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/21–1/5 Christmas Holiday
- 01/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
- 01/31–02/5 Catholic School's Week
- 02/17 Ash Wednesday
- 3/15–3/19 Spring Break
- 4/2—Good Friday—No School



## In other news...

- We have a strict NO VISITORS POLICY this year. This is for the protection of our faculty, students, and visitors.
- Mass will be held each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. via Facebook Live. Don't have a Facebook account? That's okay! You can still tune in to our page without an account and participate in virtual Mass at <https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationCatholicSchoolColumbusMS/>
- We are unable to hold many of our social events at this time. We will let you know ASAP if we are able to reschedule.



Visit our website or YouTube channel to watch the 2020–2021 Annual Appeal video. We had the best actors in town.



LEARN

**FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?**

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**MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD AND BRANT PITRE**

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

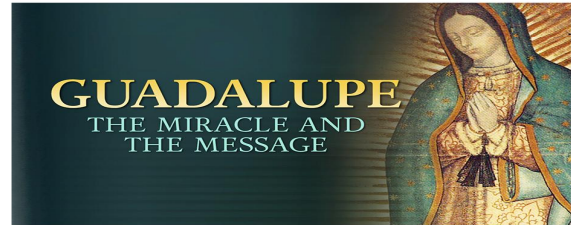


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WATCH

**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.



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**Prayers for Parishioners:**

- Bill Adams
- Lisa and Andy Atkins
- Marian Beall
- Charles Bridges
- Christy Burks
- Ginny Clarke
- Judy Coleman
- Carl Deddo
- Carl Doumit
- Howard Ferguson
- Ruby Forrester
- Mary Forrester
- Greg Gabriel
- Gwen Gouveia
- Marga Hamner
- Mary Hayden
- Mary Hydrick
- Marilyn Horton
- Patti Johnson
- Dr. Ralph Johnson
- Greg Jones
- Ginny Konieczki
- Florence Ladner
- Madeline Malcolm
- Willie Menotti
- Anne Mitchell
- Sam Phillips
- Kerry Pittman
- Karen Pittman
- Debra Weseli

**Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners**

- Gary Belhumeur
- Ashley Britt
- Luke Brown
- Gayle Booker
- Joel Carrigan
- Claude Carter
- John Michael Crimm
- Mike Doughty
- Mary Forrester
- Sue Gentry
- Sister Mary Gianini
- Scott Hankins
- Beth Hutton
- Steve Johnson
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