

Annunciation Catholic Church

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Love

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

What a powerful example of “faithfulness” we have today in the person of St. Joseph. A normal, hardworking man, who thought that he had everything worked out: a good job; betrothed to the love of his life, Mary; had their wedding date set. As everything was falling into place, not all was perfect. St. Matthew tells us that Joseph had a dream that not only was Mary with child, but that Joseph was to trust that this was all God’s doing. He was to take Mary as his wife. Troubling was the fact that Joseph had to feel betrayed. He was about to marry a woman who was pregnant before marriage. It was not his child. The penalty during that time was that Mary should have been stoned and ostracized. Joseph didn’t run away, didn’t have it out with God, didn’t turn Mary over to the authorities, didn’t say “why me.” Great was Joseph’s faithfulness.

He did what God commanded him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife. It was Joseph’s faithfulness. Joseph was faithful to God, to his wife, and himself. Whatever fear, anger, or resentment that Joseph felt, it didn’t get the best of him. I believe that many times it is frustrating when our lives do not go as planned. But, if we are faithful to God’s Will, whether His Will comes through a sacrament, through a dream, or through others, we have nothing to fear. During these last days of Advent, let us be ever more aware of the direct and indirect ways that God reveals “God’s Self” to each of us. For as God reveals His Will, we have nothing to be afraid of, for truly “great is thy faithfulness”.

Christ's Blessings
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Tuesday-Thursday

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Friday

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Confession: Sunday 7:15-7:45 or
by appointment

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December 21, 2025

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday	December 23
5:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	December 24
5:30p.m.	Children's Vigil Mass
9:00p.m.	Midnight Mass
Thursday	December 25
10:30	Mass
Friday	December 26
8:00a.m.	No Mass
Sunday	December 28
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
10:30a.m.	Mass



ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- december 21** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- december 21** Youth Mass and Pageant Auditions 1:00 PM in the Main Church
- december 23** Youth Mass and Pageant Rehearsal 10:00AM in the Main Church
- december 24** Youth Mass and Pageant 5:30PM
- december 28** No Classes - Christmas Break
- january 4** No Classes - Christmas Break

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

12-21-25

Weekly Offering	12-14-25	\$ 10,051.00
On-Line Giving:	12-14-25	\$ 6,745.00
SVDP	12-14-25	\$ 900.00
On Line Mass	12-14-25	\$ 0.00
Chapel Preservation	12-14-25	\$ 460.00

Joseph was faced with a devastating series of events. He had become betrothed to Mary in a binding religious ceremony, committing to her as his wife. Since the precepts of his time dictated a waiting period between the formal betrothal and taking her into his home as his wife, her pregnancy was a terrible shock to him. He had every reason to believe that his betrothed wife had been unfaithful. Yet, instead of bringing down the full wrath of the law on Mary, he planned to divorce her quietly. She could have been put to death for adultery, and Joseph, as heartbroken and mortified as he must have been, simply did not want that. What a gentle and kind heart he must have had. Are we as gracious and kind when we believe we have been wronged?

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12-23-25	5:30 pm		
Wednesday	12-24-25	8:00 am	Ralph Corrado	CF RIP
Thursday	12-25-25	8:30am.	Eva Corrado	CF RIP
Friday	12-26-25	8:00 am		RIP
Sunday	12-28-25	8:00am	Ruby Forrester	LC RIP
Sunday	12-28-25	10:30am	People of the parish	SI

The young people of our Parish and School are invited to participate in the

Christmas Eve Youth Mass and Christmas Pageant

Who: All youth in grades PreK4 – 12th grade
Where: Annunciation Catholic Church
When: Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24th
arrive at 5:00 pm for 5:30 pm Mass

Participants must attend the mandatory rehearsals:

Christmas Pageant Participants: Grades PK4-8
Auditions--Sunday, December 21st at 1:00PM
Rehearsal--Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:00AM
Christmas Youth Choir Participants: Grades 3-12
Tuesday, December 23rd at 9:00AM

TODAY at 1:00

Pageant Participants Sign Up Via Email or Attend the First Rehearsal

Interested Participants please email Mrs. Clapper at ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



Christmas Youth Choir



Please make this the best youth choir as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus!

We will practice on **Tuesday, December 23** 9:00a.m.

Children are welcome to sing in the choir and be in the Pageant!

We will sing at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Youth Mass

Choir members arrive by 5:00 p.m. All youth in grades 3-12 are welcome.

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Merry Christmas

No Class until January 6, 2026



PARISH NEWS

Lighting of the Luminaries Lit at both Christmas Eve Masses



Luminaries will be lit in honor of
or in memory of your loved one.
Donation of \$5 per luminary lighting

Luminary sign ups after Mass on
December 21st

All luminary donations benefit
Religious Education and CYO



Stay Connected • Stay Involved • Stay Growing in Faith

DECEMBER 2025

- 12/21: Youth Mass and Pageant Auditions 1:00AM in the Main Church
- 12/21: Sunday Funday - Christmas Movie & Hot Chocolate
- 12/23: Youth Choir Practice @ 9am in the Main Church
- 12/23: Pageant Rehearsal @ 10am in the Main Church
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Youth Mass @ 5:30PM
- 12/28: NO CYO - Christmas Break

Contact Mrs. Samantha Edwards - AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com - 662-364-8676

Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

Gather with friends, cozy up, and join us for a heartwarming Christmas Movie Night.

TODAY 4PM - 6PM

Hot Chocolate Bar
Popcorn
Christmas Cookies

All Catholic Things

The Tuesday morning All Catholics Things Women's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, January 13th will resume with an 8 week study of Mary, followed by a 8 week study of the book of Hebrews.

The class is from 10:00-12:00 in the Activity Center.

Literature must be ordered.

All women of the parish and community are invited.

You need not be Catholic to join. Come experience the fellowship

of encouragement to

live out our faith. Call or text

Karen Overstreet-662-251-1961 for more information.

MERRY Christmas

Wishing you peace and joy!

**The Church office will be closed
December 23-January 6**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass
Wednesday- 5:30p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Wednesday- 9:00p.m.

Time Change →

Christmas Day Mass
Thursday- 10:30a.m.

New Year's Day
Thursday- 10:00a.m.

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Holidays

December 23- No Mass

December 24- 5:30 Children's Mass- 9:00p.m. Vigil

December 25- 10:30a.m. Christmas Day Mass

December 26- No Mass

December 30- No Mass

December 31- No Mass

January 1- 10:00a.m New Year's Day Mass

January 2-8:00a.m

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**



December 21, 2025

ACS Principal Once Again Delights Students as “Elf”.

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas at ACS. Between fun projects, gingerbread house making (both real and cardboard), special animal visitors and our own “Elf” appearing, students have loved counting down to winter break! May your family have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!



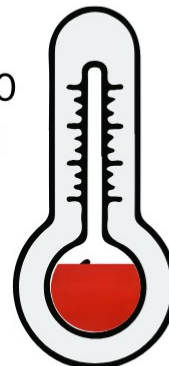
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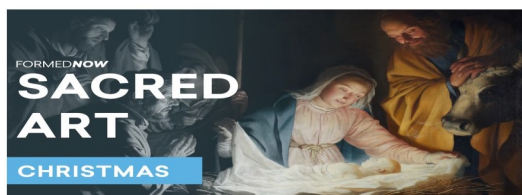
This Week on Formed

Week of December 21, 2025



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

Prayers for Parishioners

Delores Belhumeur
Christy Burks
Ginny Clarke
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Prayers for Families & Friends

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Men of our parish, 18 years or older, are invited to become members of the W. H. Jolly K of C Council.

As members, you will join with your brother Knights, putting your faith in action in support of our parish and community.

For more information on how to become a member contact Dave Gruseck (412) 559-8514 or email him at

grusedjg@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is extending an open invitation to women of our parish to become members and share in our mission of spiritual and charitable growth.

For more information contact Rhonda Hicks 662-364-0054(cell)



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