

February 5, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
and 12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9am Mass

Monday-Friday: 8am, 11am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm

Saturday: 4:15-5:15pm

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

THIS WEEK ...

2/5	Sunday	Faith Fun — 9:30am (Parish Center)
2/6	Monday	Contemplative Prayer — 4pm (Parlor)
2/8	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Church) Religious Education — 7:00pm (School/Church/PC/CR)
2/9	Thursday	Contemplative Prayer — 4:00pm (Parlor) RCIA—7pm (Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
2/11	Saturday	First Reconciliation Retreat—9am (Church/PC)

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PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

Monday Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

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.

SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Tuesday, February 14th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Starting in 2017, only one general intention is offered per month. The Holy Father plans, however, to add a second prayer intention each month related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The urgent prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.



FEBRUARY INTENTION

Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Apostleship of Prayer, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Apostleship of Prayer on their website at <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions> . . . (The Apostleship of Prayer will also publish the Holy Father's urgent prayer intentions as soon as they are received from the Holy See.)

THE SUNDAY TV MASS

Since, 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are home-bound. Join the congregation at a taping of the TV Mass! Two Masses are taped on the same evening, from 7:30-8:45pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Ave., NE in Washington, DC. Come for one Mass or stay for both! The February taping dates are February 9 and February 23. The Sunday TV Mass airs every Sunday morning at 10:30am on WDCW Channel 50.



ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with Annunciation Volunteers!
Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service Chair** if you have any questions: twkeenan6@gmail.com or 847-902-1405 . Upcoming service events will be posted on FB/ AnnunciationDCYA.

PRAYER REQUEST FRIDAY:
Pray Wherever You Are @ 3pm.
Get your Friday Prayer Reminder on email & FB - post your prayers and we'll pray for you!

For All Annunciation YA Events:
[Facebook.com/AnnunciationDCYA](https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationDCYA)



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF
LOURDES

19TH CENTURY

FEAST FEBRUARY 11

This feast recalls the 18 appearances of Mary to a young French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, from Feb. 11 to July 16, 1858, near a grotto at Lourdes, France. Bernadette did not know the identity of “the beautiful lady in white,” and asked who she was. Mary said, “I am the Immaculate Conception,” the title Pope Pius IX had defined as dogma four years earlier. In 1890 Pope Leo XIII allowed the local Diocese of Tarbes to celebrate this feast; Pope Pius X made it a universal feast in 1907. Lourdes is still the most famous Marian shrine in Western Europe.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 5 – *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m.	Hall	Benefactors	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Langlois	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Maro	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Vocations	Intentions

Monday, February 6 – *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Ann Marie McGovern	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Robert Brewer	In Memory

Tuesday, February 7 – *Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Charles Norris	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Arthur Casary	In Memory

Wednesday, February 8 – *Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Cardinal Donald Wuerl	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Madeline Vas	In Memory

Thursday, February 9 – *Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Rene & Nancy Philippe	In Memory

Friday, February 10 – *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Cardinal Donald Wuerl	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Esther Casary	In Memory

Saturday, February 11 – *Our Lady of Lourdes*

9:00 a.m.	Maro	Josephine Allies	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Lockman	James Armistead	In Memory

Sunday, February 12 – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m.	Maro	Cardinal Donald Wuerl	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Keeler	Gerda Ritschel	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Hall	Mariano Balaan	In Memory

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or living in care facilities.

If you or a loved one would like a visit at home, in the hospital or in a care facility please contact Sister Kathleen Griffin at 202-362-3323 x22 or griffin@annunciationdc.org



POPE'S CORNER

FILL YOUR HEART WITH FACES AND NAMES

Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life.

It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!

— *Evangelii Gaudium*

Reflection: Our lives are amazing gifts, especially when we give them to others. Think about one small but merciful action you can make today that could brighten someone's day. Fill your heart with faces and names!



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.

SECOND COLLECTION

February 12th:

Building Maintenance

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of February will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society to help the poor and homeless in our community.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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ANNUNCIATION PARISH APP

We are excited to announce the release of a new Mobile App for our parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is PACKED with prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, information on parish events, mass schedules, photo capture tools, and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system. Search for it in the app store – Annunciation Catholic Church Washington DC.



2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS



Cleaning up after Christmas? Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2017 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!



Would you like to receive Monsignor Antonicelli's weekly email? Simply send an email to pastor@annunciationdc.org to sign up.

GOOD COMPANY—KALI PAREA

Join Monsignor Antonicelli at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral (36th Street & Massachusetts Avenue) where he will participate in the Panel On Faith with the Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne and President Priest of Saint Sophia, Reverend Steven Zorzos and Rabbi Gil Steinlauf from Adas Israel on February 16th. Prayer and a buffet lunch will start at 12:30. The panel discussion will begin around 1 pm. The program will be held in the Ballroom on the third floor of the Frosene Center, which is adjacent to the Cathedral on Garfield Street. The entrance to the Frosene Center is from the parking lot side. RSVP to cm.rafferty@verizon.net.



2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL BEGINS

Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January asking you to make a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. The Cardinal's Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish

SEEK
FIRST
THE
KINGDOM
OF
GOD
Matthew 6:33

As in past years, the theme of the Appeal is "Seek First the Kingdom of God." As we seek first the kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, love and compassion.

Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Parishioners may donate fresh flowers in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or for an anniversary, or from a wedding. Weekends are available to anyone who wishes to sponsor the flowers until the beginning of Lent. The suggested donation is \$50 per arrangement (maximum of four arrangements.) The deadline for dedicating flowers is the Sunday before the desired weekend.

If you would like to donate flowers please contact Patrice Morace at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org.

HELP HOLY CROSS WIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A group of girls from The Academy of the Holy Cross won the Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge Best in State award. Their mobile app concept provides an easy way for donors to find local food banks and show what they need. They are the only Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Washington to win. They are now competing for the Fan Favorite award. To win, they need to get the most votes. Help them win by texting PANTRYPAL to 22333 by February 14!

HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on Saturday, February 18 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature inspired talks, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. The day will conclude with a family style meal. The cost of attendance is \$10 per couple and \$20 for a family of three or more.



To register please visit: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

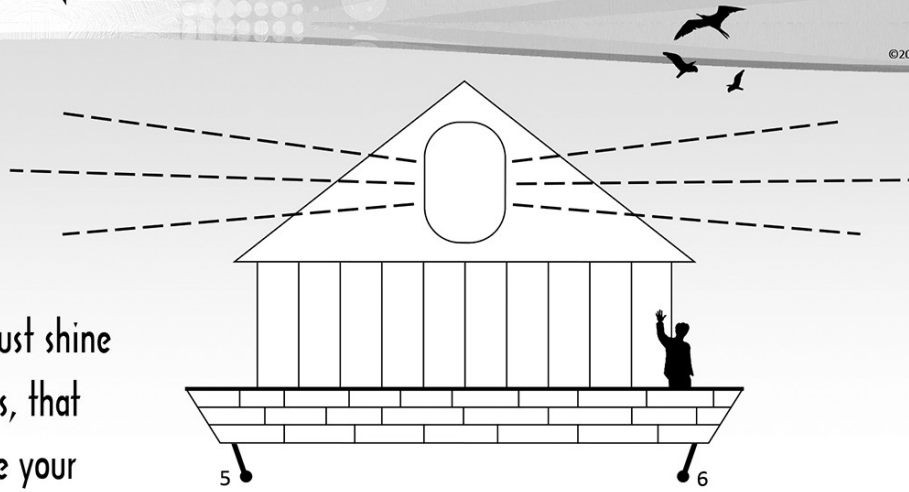
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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says let your good deeds shine on others like a light shining out in the darkness.

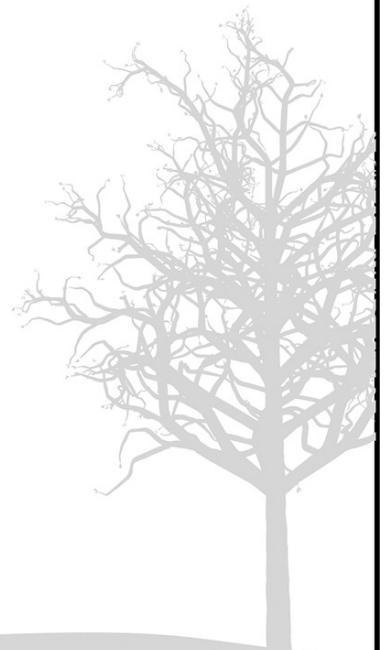
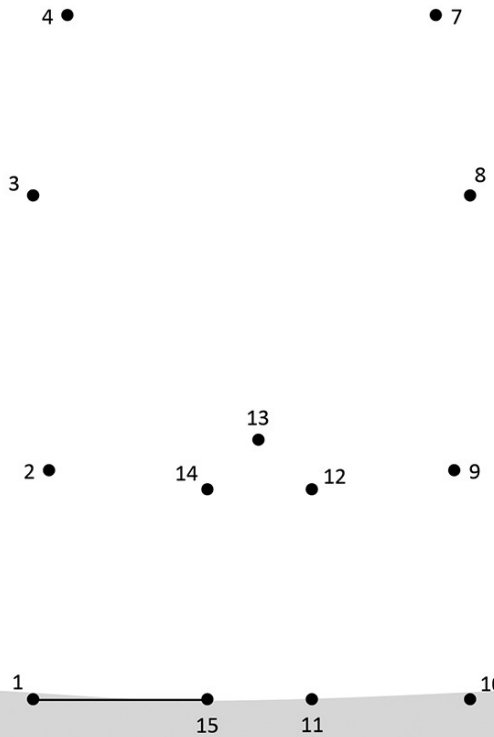
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Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Matthew 5:16



Follow the dots 1-15. What do you see? Do you have a favorite lighthouse? They shine every day to aid sailors, even during cold winter nights. Color the lighthouse shining bright. What good work can you do to help others, while "shining bright" and glorifying Jesus?

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January 30, 2017

"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you?"

Matthew 25:38

WASHINGTON — Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the USCCB, have issued the following joint statement regarding the recent executive order on the new refugee policy announced by President Trump this past Friday. President Trump's executive order suspends the entry of refugees into the United States for 120 days. The order also indefinitely stops the admission of Syrian refugees and for 90 days, bars individuals from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

Full joint statement as follows:

Over the past several days, many brother bishops have spoken out in defense of God's people. We are grateful for their witness. Now, we call upon all the Catholic faithful to join us as we unite our voices with all who speak in defense of human dignity.

The bond between Christians and Muslims is founded on the unbreakable strength of charity and justice. The Second Vatican Council in *Nostra Aetate* urged us to sincerely work toward a mutual understanding that would "promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom." The Church will not waiver in her defense of our sisters and brothers of all faiths who suffer at the hands of merciless persecutors.

The refugees fleeing from ISIS and other extremists are sacrificing all they have in the name of peace and freedom. Often, they could be spared if only they surrendered to the violent vision of their tormentors. They stand firm in their faith. Many are families, no different from yours or mine, seeking safety and security for their children. Our nation should welcome them as allies in a common fight against evil. We must screen vigilantly for infiltrators who would do us harm, but we must always be equally vigilant in our welcome of friends.

The Lord Jesus fled the tyranny of Herod, was falsely accused and then deserted by his friends. He had nowhere to lay His head (Lk. 9:58). Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself. Our actions must remind people of Jesus. The actions of our government must remind people of basic humanity. Where our brothers and sisters suffer rejection and abandonment we will lift our voice on their behalf. We will welcome them and receive them. They are Jesus and the Church will not turn away from Him.

Our desire is not to enter the political arena, but rather to proclaim Christ alive in the world today. In the very moment a family abandons their home under threat of death, Jesus is present. And He says to each of us, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (MT 25:40).



January 29, 2017

Dear Brother Priest,

Today, I write to you regarding the recent White House executive order which suspended entry into the country of foreign nationals from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen, for 120 days, reduced the number of refugees to be admitted to the United States, indefinitely suspended the resettlement of Syrian refugees, and calls for heightened review procedures for these peoples. A version of the order can be read [here](#).

At this time, the legal situation is still fluid and news reports are sometimes confusing, but in the meantime, real people and real humanitarian concerns are being affected. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement on the matter, which you can review [here](#).

My hope is that you might find helpful these additional thoughts. As I recently noted, we are called to care for one another, whether it be our longstanding neighbor down the street, or a newcomer to our nation seeking relief from brutal religious and political persecution. It was earlier this month that our Holy Father reminded us that “Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself.”

Here in our Church of Washington, we strive to do just that every day, through our pastoral care, through our many services at the parish level and at Catholic Charities, and in some cases, by simply raising our voices to confirm the dignity of every human life. Last Friday at our Rallies and Masses for Life, and at the March for Life, our voices – our presence – could not be ignored in the defense of the unborn and life at every stage. So too now do we raise our voices in support of all refugees, especially those fleeing religious persecution.

As the federal government pursues any legitimate national security concerns, we hope that it will do so not at the expense of innocent people who are in need, and that it will take all necessary actions to ensure that their safety is protected and that it will expedite all processes to address the need for humanitarian relief.

Through organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and In Defense of Christians, we must continue to make our voices heard, urging the U.S. government to welcome in a particular way Christian refugees, who have been the object of genocide, and all men, women and children fleeing persecution, that they be protected and welcomed after swift but appropriate screening. Through our immigrant and refugee outreach programs, we must continue to serve as a visible sign of God’s mercy and our solidarity with our brothers and sisters no matter how far they may have traveled.

The political debate, which is complex and emotionally highly charged, will continue, but we must do our best to remain focused on the pastoral and very real work we undertake every day for the vulnerable and most in need ... for the strangers at our doors.

Asking God’s blessing on your ministry, and with every personal good wish, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8TH) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces the 2017 Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online and are due by March 31, 2017.

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.

SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME)

The weekend of February 18-19 Annunciation will be providing meals for So Others Might Eat. The recipe and casserole pans can be found on the table in the Parish Center hallway. If you can't make the recipe, you may purchase or make whatever you would like (meatloaf, chicken, and ham dishes are especially popular); please label and bring it to the Parish Center freezer. SOME operates a food pantry, and accepts donations of all kinds of non-perishable food, staples (cold cereal, pasta, rice, etc.) and canned goods. There is a bin in the parish hallway if you would like to donate these items. Thank you for your generosity!



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for the month of November are now available during the weekday. When two Masses are said during the day, one will be reserved for All Souls and the other for an individual.

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, several Masses are available: 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm, & 6:00pm. The 9:00pm Mass is taken. Christmas Day Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one. The suggested donation is \$10.

