be vigilant at all times



Our Mission Annunciation hearts are burning to know, love and serve God by loving and serving others.

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Mass Intentions for this Weekend

SAT, Dec 2	(Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36)
8:00am	Marie Hall†
5:00pm	Eugene I. Stemley†

SUN, Dec 3(First Sunday of Advent)8:00amJames Diermeier†10:00amPeople of Our Parish
Diane Ulch†12:00pmGavin Christman†
Jim Sprinkle†

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

MON, Dec 4	(Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11)
7:00 am	Dennis Gray†
12:15pm	Thomas Guinane Jr.†

TUE, Dec 5(Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24)7:00amDennis Gray†12:15pmKen Burke†7:00pmAlfonso Algarin-Molina†

 WED, Dec 6
 (Is 25: 6-10a/Mt 15:29-37)

 7:00am
 Flora Warzocha†

 12:15pm
 Scott W. Temple†

THU, Dec 7(Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27)7:00amMichael Anthony Tordini†12:15pmKen Burke†5:30pmLinda Sienkiewicz†

 FRI, Dec 8
 (Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38)

 7:00am
 Special Intention

 12:15pm
 Ken Burke†

 7:00pm
 Robert Raes†

SAT, Dec 9(ls 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8)8:00amNate Carbone†5:00pmAlex Jack†

SUN, Dec 10	(Second Sunday of Advent)
8:00am	John and Margaret Demchak†
10:00am	People of Our Parish
	Deceased members of the Marfice/
	Inbornone families†
12:00pm	Diane Abaray†
5:30pm	Violet, Anthony and Tommy Abriola†

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8)

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Recently Deceased

†Jack Roosa	†Sidney Massey
†Marianne Bailey	†Dortha Keenan
†Fahra Haseta	†Leticia Perdomo
†Alan Lee Wnuk	†John Walsh
†Barbara Loehwing	†Tim Dorsey
[†] Stella Champagne	†Edward Gregory
*Patrick Camacho	
 †Fahra Haseta †Alan Lee Wnuk †Barbara Loehwing †Stella Champagne 	†Leticia Perdomo †John Walsh



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive

programs which value their active participation.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5pm -Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm Please note: We have moved our ASL interpreters for our deaf community back to the 5:30pm Mass

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7am & 12:15pm / Saturday: 8am Tuesday: Spanish Mass at 7pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday from 8am (after the 7am Mass) until 7pm in the Chapel of the Angels. Adoration will close for the 12:15pm Mass. **Sign up to be a weekly Adorer on our website.**

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Reconciliation

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP www.annunciationorlando.org/rsvp **Saturdays** from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

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Baptisms - Welcome!

Nolan Lueck Jordan Michael Declan Carr Charlie Josephine Adair Lutz Scout Magnolia Adair Lutz

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Sanctuary Candle

In loving memory of Bob Liden

In loving memory of Debbie Refling

Praying for deceased priests

in the Diocese of Orlando for December

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December 2, 2015 – Msgr. Vidal Arborleda December 4, 2008- Rev. Stephen Phillips December 4,1996- Rev. Con Shine December 13, 1971- Msgr. William Mullally December 21, 1997- Rev. William O'Farrell December 22, 1981- Rev. Vincent Smith December 22, 2010- Rev. Gerry Granahan

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Bishop Giovanni and Fr. David O'Connor from the Diocese of Huancane Peru returned to Annunciation for our Advent Outreach. Bishop Giovanni spoke about the current needs in their Diocese. Visit our website to

listen to a replay of his homily and short video about how your previous donations have made an impact in their Diocese in Peru. Please prayerfully consider making a donation during this season of Advent.



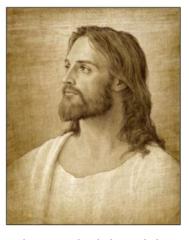
Visit **www.annunciationorlando.org/peru** or use the blue special collection envelopes (please write *Peru* on the envelope.) Thank you!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on December 7th. On December 8th we will have Mass at 7am, 12:15pm and 7pm.

Reflections from the Heart by Fr. Ivan

"O LORD, you are our father: we are all the work of your hands." Recently, God wanted me to share with a group gathered in prayer, God's profound desire for us become better to listeners to his Word. speaking the truth of God's profound love for us directly to our own



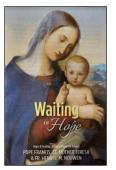
ears and directly to our own hearts. God shared that we can become better listeners and hearers of his word and message, his response and grace when we stop listening to the lies of others and begin to be honest about what we say and do. He wants us to pay more attention to what we are saying and to stop judging and speaking ill and false things about others and ourselves. The Lord invites us to hear what the Father has to say, what he has spoken and what God continues to say to us through his beloved Son, Jesus; God's Word wonderfully manifested in our midst taking flesh and being born of the Virgin and coming to us and remaining with us in scripture, sacrament, priest and Eucharist. We are invited in a particular way this season to become gracious hearers of God's Word and not be drowned by our own need to be heard, for what God has to say is ever so important, more important than what we have to say. God's Word is a lifesaving remedy, a lifegiving gift to us. There is a sense of urgency in God's word and desire, for we are time bound and limited in days, while God's message is timeless and urgent in spiritual nature. For we are all dying and fading away but God wills and wants us to live forever, so listen up. Listen carefully that what you are thinking and asking yourself, is that an inspiration from God or a temptation from the enemy? Listen to your own words. Who talks like that? Are your words lifesaving and giving or do they disparage a person or suck the life out of others? God's words encourage and lift us up. His words are like sunshine on a rainy, dreary day. His words inspire and give us hope. The enemy's words take life and threaten life for they are ever so angry, hateful, malicious, self-centered and self-absorb. Do you speak like that? Listen to your heart. It is how God speaks to us. Truly from the heart. Words that are honest, good and true. The Lord said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." You will be happy you did.

Blessings as we enter the new Liturgical Year! Our ADVENT CALENDAR (below) includes Mission Mondays, Liturgies and many opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

An Invitation to Prayer We invite you to join us in prayer each day as we prepare our hearts during this Advent Season. The booklet, Waiting in Hope, was sent out to all registered parish families.

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FIRST WEEK	December 3 1st Sunday of Advent	Monday December 4 Mission Monday Join us for Prayer and Reflection. 7pm - Church	Tuesday December 5 Confessions 10:30 to 11:30am (<i>RSVP required</i>) Spanish Mass at 7pm	Wednesday December 6 The Living Rosar Songs of Mary 7pm in the Church	Thursday December 7 Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception 5:30pm	Friday December 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 7am, 12:15pm & 7pm.	Saturday December 9 Confessions 3:30 to 4:30pm
SECOND WEEK	December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent	Monday December 11 Mission Monday Join us for Prayer and Reflection. 7pm - Church	Tuesday December 12 Confessions 10:45 to 11:45am (RSVP required) Spanish Mass at 7pm	Wednesday December 13 Confession 6:30 to 7:30pm	Thursday December 14 Make space in your day to welcome Jesus and Mary in prayer. St. John of the Cross	Friday December 15 Confessions 10:30 to 11:30am Simbang Gabi Mass at 6pm	Saturday December 16 Confessions 3:30 to 4:30pm
THIRD WEEK	December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent	Monday December 18 Mission Monday Join us for Prayer and Reflection. 7pm - Church	Tuesday December 19 Confessions 10:30 to 11:30am (RSVP required) Spanish Mass at 7pm	Wednesday December 20 Confessions 6:30 to 7:30pn		Friday December 22	Saturday December 23 Confessions 3:30 to 4:30pm 5pm Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent
FOURTH WEEK	REUSALWITH Loose No 12pm or	The 8am and LOam Masses will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent	Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 5pm (Spanish), 7pm, 9pm and 12midnight	Monday December 25 Christmas	 Sunday, Dec. 31 8am, 10am and Sunday, Dec. 31 Eucharistic Adora Monday, January 	0 - Holy Family Vigil N - Feast of the Holy Fa 12noon Mass - Mary the Mother of ation in the Church - y 1 - Mary the Mothe on Mass (no 7am Mas	mily God Vigil - 5:30pm 7pm to Midnight r of God

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Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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Living Rosary and Songs of Mary Concert Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm in the Church. Sign-up to be a candle holder or prayer leader at www.annunciationorlando.org/rosary

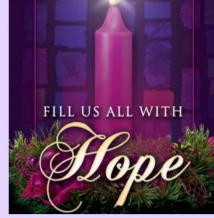


What Is the Immaculate

Mission Monday - December 3rd at 7pm Fr. Zachary Parker from Ascension Catholic Church in Melbourne will lead us in our Reflection. Join us as the Liturgy of the Hours are prayed and sung.



Together in these three Mission Mondays in Advent we continue to become *a people of great prayer*.



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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

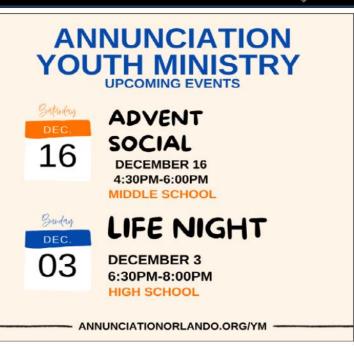
Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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Annunciation Habitat for Humanity



We have several build dates coming up in Sanford. It is easy to sign-up and get involved and it is very rewarding to work with the families we are serving. Visit www.annunciationorlando.org/habitat



Contact Raphael Fernandez at 407-869-9472, Email: rfernandez@annunciationorlando.org

Dec 2/3	Cantor	Group
5:00pm	Natalie Morgan	Soloist
8:00am	Mary Lou Zobel	Soloist
10:00am	Elaine Ashley	Chamber Choir
12:00pm	Julie Burkey	Mixed Ensemble
5:30pm	Ashley Edelbrock	Contemp. Praise
Dec 9/10	Cantor	Group
5:00pm	Natalie Morgan	Soloist
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8:00am	Jami Bartschi	Soloist
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	Jami Bartschi	Soloist

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Catechism Corner



WHAT IS ADVENT?

BEGINNING THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL YEAR, ADVENT IS THE SEASON ENCOMPASSING THE FOUR SUNDAYS (AND WEEKDAYS) LEADING UP TO THE CELEBRATION OF <u>CHRISTMAS</u>.

READ MORE AT <u>WWW.ANNUNCIATIONORLANDO.ORG/CATECHISM</u>



What is Your Catholic Legacy? To leave a legacy is to reveal our hearts, for our legacy is a final testament of who we are, what we value, and whom we love. Regardless of your age, circumstances, or economic status, we encourage you to begin thinking about the legacy you are creating with your life, your aspirations for what you wish to leave behind and the message you hope to share with your loved ones, your community, and your Church. Once you have provided for your family, we hope you will remember the many needs of your parish and our larger diocesan family, including our seminarians, retired priests and Catholic school students. Learn more:www.cfocf.org/leavealegacy

Offertory and Online Giving

Thank you for continuing to support our Parish Community! The participation through our Online Giving program has been vital and we are very grateful. If you wish to contribute online, please visit www.annunciationorlando.org/online-giving.

If you are visiting and would like to contribute please use the blue envelopes or click on the QR code to donate online. Thank you!





Calling All Moms!

St. Anne's Ministry of Moms is a community that celebrates faith and fellowship during these special years of life. We would like to invite all

moms and children to join us at our upcoming event! The last ministry meeting of the semester will be held

this Thursday, December 7th, at 9:30am in the St. Gabriel Life Center! Please join us for a spiritual gift exchange as well as a "Baby Shower for



Mary" benefiting Life Choices Medical Clinic. For more details please email us at stannesministry@gmail.com.

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Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Have you been away from the Church... or do you just want to learn more about vour faith?

If you were raised in another faith or if you do not have a faith background but you feel called to something deeper please contact Deacon Pete at 407-869-9472 or ppronko@annunciationorlando.org



Pray with us for an increase in Vocations. Host our Vocation Blessing Cup in your home! The commitment is for one week - to bring the cup to your home and pray each day for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please sign up at:

www.annunciationorlando.org/vocation-cup

Eucharistic Adoration.

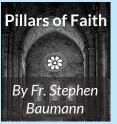
Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship with Him? Please consider signing up to pray with Him for one hour each week. Sign-up at www.annunciationorlando.org/adoration Questions? Please contact Scott Stafstrom at sstafstrom@annunciationorlando.org or 407-869-9472



St Joseph Men's Group Spend Fridays in Advent at Mass! Join us every Friday morning for Mass at 7am in the Church, followed by great coffee in the St. Gabriel Life Center with a reflection on the readings and prayer. We finish by 8am. All men of the parish are welcome. If you have questions, please anv

407-869-9472 contact Scott Stafstrom at sstafstrom@annunciationorlando.org

St. Margaret of Scotland - November 16th



St. Margaret of Scotland (1046-1093) was Hungarian by birth, raised at the court of St. Stephen, King of Hungary, and later brought to England. Having to flee there after the Battle of Hastings, she was shipwrecked off the coast

of Scotland. She and her family were welcomed by King Malcolm, whom Margaret married, four years later, about 1070 A.D.

Their married life was blessed; they had eight children. Margaret was able to help Malcolm be a virtuous king and she was his trusted advisor. Together they practiced austerities and were generous to the poor and needy, often ministering to them personally. Margaret took great personal interest in the religious and spiritual life of the people, urging synods to correct the prevalent abuses of simony (the buying and selling of church offices), usury (excessive interest charged on loans), and marriage between close relatives. Margaret died at Edinburgh in 1093, an ideal mother and queen.

St. Margaret's holiness in marriage is brought to mind through one of the readings in the Divine Office. From the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, of the Second Vatican Council, we read:

"Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experiencing the meaning of their unity, and gain an ever deeper understanding of it day by day."

Also, "This intimate union in the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissolvable unity between them."

"Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love, which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of His union with the Church." (Gaudium et Spes, n.48).

St. Margaret of Scotland understood that being a truly fulfilled woman meant freedom to love God and to serve others. "May her example and prayers help us to become living signs of God's goodness." (Collect of Mass).

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Book and Gift Store - Advent Candles & Wreaths in stock! Hours - Mon-Fri: 10:30am -5pm, Sat: 4:30-5pm; 6-6:30pm, Sun: 9:00am-1:30pm

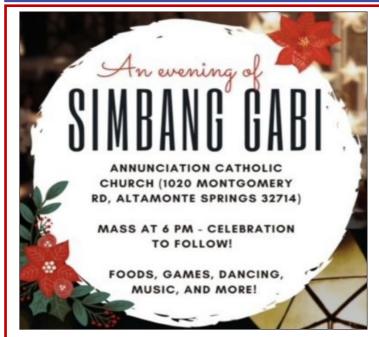


In many Polish homes throughout the world, a beloved family tradition is the breaking of the oplatek on Christmas Eve. Oplatek is a thin wafer made from flour and water

similar in taste and consistency to the hosts that are used for communion during Mass. Oplatki are often stamped with an elaborate Christmas scene.

Historically, these would be distributed by the church to parishioners' homes during the Advent season. The Christmas wafer is shared before Wigilia, the Christmas Eve supper. Wigilia comes from the Latin word "vigilare" which means to wait.

The oplatek is meant to remind families of the Eucharistic bread at Mass and makes a further connection between Christmas and the gift of the Eucharist, the presence of God among us.



"Simbang Gabi, the Filipino word for "night mass" is a nine -day devotional series of Masses attended by Catholics in the Philippines at early dawn leading to Christmas Eve. This year our church joins other parishes in celebrating Simbang Gabi in several churches in the diocese.
Please join us at the Annunciation Catholic Church on December 15th at 6pm for Mass followed by a festive celebration at the Family Life Center. RSVP: Anna Tobias (407) 451-3212; Sponsorship: Alice Tullo (321) 262-4827.



St. Joan of Arc Circle presents our 1st Annual Christmas Ornament.

We are grateful for the wonderful response and have ordered additional ornaments for delivery before Christmas.

They can be purchased for \$20 (cash or check made payable to Annunciation Catholic Church.)

Contact us at sjacircle3@gmail.com to place your order. Proceeds benefit local charities supported by St. Joan of Arc Circle.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE BASILICA CHOIR 2023

The Choir and 40-piece Orchestra of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe will present "Christmas with the Basilica Choir on Friday, December 15th at 7:30 pm. At this popular event, the Basilica Choir will present a wide variety of both sacred and secular as well as classical and popular Christmas music. An audience sing-a-long of Christmas carols will round out the evening. No tickets are required and all are welcome.

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For more information please call our Parish Office at **407-869-9472** or email **info@annunciationorlando.org**

Clergy

Very Rev. Ivan Olmo, V.F	Pastor
Rev. Mark Librizzi	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Lawrence Mulinda	Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Augustine Clark	Retired
Rev. William Gohring	Retired
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Deacon Pete Pronko	Permanent Deacon

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Mondays - Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Sundays from 9am to 12noon

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In need of assistance?

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We look forward to welcoming your child into our family at Annunciation Catholic Church! For information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism for Children, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Experience the joy of forgiveness... If it has been a while since you have been to Confession, do not be afraid! The Priest will guide you through this Sacrament of healing. Visit www.annunciationorlando.org/reconciliation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit... For information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth, please contact our Faith Formation for Children and Youth at 407-869-9472. If you are an adult in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact our Adult Faith Formation Office at 407-869-9472.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8 For information regarding the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

VOCATIONS

...I have called you by name. Isaiah 43:1 Do you feel called to Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact our Clergy at 407-869-9472.

HOSPITAL VISITATION ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you or a loved one in need of healing? If you or someone in your family is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472. In case of emergency or if you or a family member are in the hospital, please contact the Parish Office to receive a pastoral visit.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Now may be the time... and this may be the place! For more information on the journey of Christian Initiation, please contact Deacon Pete Pronko at 407-869-9472.

ANNULMENTS

Questions about divorce and re-Marriage? For information regarding Annulments, please contact Jody North at 407-215-7639.

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