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December 24, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2023
The Nativity of the Lord

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Mass Intentions for this Weekend

SAT, Dec 23 (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66)
 8:00am Suellen Donaghy†
 5:00pm Deceased members of the Roy/Neblock/
 Manning families†

SUN, Dec 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 8:00am Al and Phil Piche†
 10:00am People of the Parish
 4:00pm Dustin Garber†
 4:00pm Amelia Feinberg†
 6:00pm Deceased members of our Parish†
 7:00pm Alan Lee Wnuk†
 9:00pm Gary Burkey†
 12:00am Joseph Cascio†
 12:00am Berta & Pete Halpern†

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

MON, Dec 25 (Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn1:1-18)
 10:00am Deceased members of the Dessert/
 Winslow families†
 12:00pm Kamryn Bahrami†

TUE, Dec 26 (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22)
 7:00am Violet Mary Bergerone†
 12:15pm Joan Wilson†

WED, Dec 27 (1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8)
 7:00am Leonor Gutierrez†
 12:15pm Paul Swope†

THU, Dec 28 (1 Jn:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18)
 7:00am Staci Novotny†
 12:15pm Ken Burke†

FRI, Dec 29 (1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35)
 7:00am Cesar Eberto Garzon†
 12:15pm Gavin Christman†

SAT, Dec 30 (1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40)
 8:00am Ladys Colon Ordones †
 5:00pm Eleanor Gdula†

SUN, Dec 31 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
 8:00am Henry and Shirley Seromik†
 10:00am People of Our Parish
 Ron Dobbins†
 Mary, Mother of God
 Ken Burke†
 12:00pm Anna and Al Romano†
 5:30pm

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40)

Recently Deceased

†Olga Mirta Fernandez †James Oliver
 †Frances Panico †Berta Halpern
 †Joan Ahlberg
 †Robert Singer



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.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, Dec. 30th, from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

Baptisms - Welcome!

Abigail Marie Childress

Parker Thomas Scott

Sutton Elizabeth Scott

Gianna Belen Vosilla

Flowers for the Altar

In loving memory
 of Felipe Borrero

Praying for deceased priests

in the Diocese of Orlando for December

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

Christmas and New Years Schedule

- **Saturday, December 23** – The 5pm * Mass will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- **Sunday, December 24** – The 8am and 10am ** Masses will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent.
- **Sunday, December 24** – Christmas Eve: Masses at 4pm**, 6pm (Spanish), 7pm*, 9pm & midnight.
- **Monday, December 25** – Christmas: Masses at 10am and 12noon.



- **Saturday, December 30** – Holy Family Vigil Mass – 5pm
 - **Sunday, December 31** – Feast of the Holy Family: 8am, 10am and 12noon Mass
 - **Sunday, December 31** – Mary the Mother of God Vigil – 5:30pm*
- Eucharistic Adoration in the Church – 7pm to Midnight**
- **Monday, January 1** – Mary the Mother of God: 10am and 12noon Mass (no 7am Mass, no Adoration)

*ASL Interpreted for our deaf community. **Live-stream

Parish Office and Bookstore Schedule

The Parish office and Bookstore will be closed on December 24th and will re-open on January 2nd

On behalf of our Parish Clergy and Team we say thank you and God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of Christmas graces, gifts and blessings. We are truly blessed to be part of this amazing Annunciation family. Thank you. God's peace and blessings always.

Reflections from the Heart by Fr. Ivan

"Nothing will be impossible for God." I recall in my youth, in my much younger days, feeling nothing was impossible for me. I was encouraged to think big, to reach for the stars, to imagine all the possibilities, to have a dream and pursue it. I was led to believe nothing was impossible for me if I worked hard, continued my



education, had faith; these would be the keys to success to achieve my goals in life. I am thankful for the gifts God has given and shared with me. It would be so easy to look back on life, see the accomplishments, and feel a sense of achievement and believe I made it, see nothing is impossible for me. However, the truth is, I am and have been limited in so many ways. At times in comprehension and failing to fully understand situations, intentions and conversations. At times limited in the strength and the ability to endure certain individuals and circumstances. At times limited in having patience with God, with others and even being gentle with myself. I guess sometimes sometimes are and can be impossible for me. However, nothing is impossible for God. God is amazing. Who else can create out of nothing, build such an amazing kingdom, forgive for eternity, be patient with every person, every individual and love everyone including enemies and pray for those who persecute God. For some, prayer and forgiveness seem to be impossibilities but with God, nothing shall be impossible. At times, we project our own limitedness and impossibilities on to God. We come to believe others or make ourselves believe that God cannot love us, God will never forgive us, God will never provide for us and that God has abandoned us. Impossible! Nothing can be further than the truth for God is not limited in his love and kindness. His mercy endures forever. His love and kindness, his mercy and patience, his gentleness and compassion are unfathomable. They are forever. God's possibilities once again opened for us the pathway to heaven. He created Mary in his image and likeness, in his perfection and goodness, without stain or blemish or sin. Nothing is impossible for God. He sent his Son into our fallen world to be like us in all things but sin so that he may offer himself as a spotless, unblemished lamb, bring us light, and get us back to heaven for nothing is impossible for God. So think big, reach for the stars, have faith and believe that with God all things are possible.

FOURTH WEEK



Sunday
December 24

The 8am and
10am Masses
will be for the
4th Sunday of
Advent

No 12pm or 5:30pm Mass
for the 4th Sunday of Advent

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Christmas Eve

Masses at 4pm,
6pm (Spanish),
7pm, 9pm and
12midnight

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ADVENT OUTREACH

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!

In Thanksgiving for all of your outreach efforts this past year.

Thank you for helping
us meet and exceed
Annunciation's Our
2023 Catholic Appeal
Goal of \$778,470.94 !

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BLESSED
ARE THEY
WHO SEEK HIM

PSALM 119:2



Thank you again to everyone involved with our Fall Festival! We are grateful for the opportunity this year to again invite the community to our campus for fellowship, fun and food in an effort to share the proceeds through our charitable outreach.

As of December 15th, the net proceeds were \$10,000. Thank you for your participation as we live our mission to love and serve others. We will be distributing the proceeds to the following charities:

JMJ Pregnancy Center
Kids House Of Seminole County
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The Sharing Center
United Against Poverty
Ali's Hope Foundation



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Annunciation Young Adult Ministry



Join us for our next gathering. For more information contact Maggie at mmunyon@annunciationorlando.org or visit ANNUNCIATIONORLANDO.FLOCKNOTE.COM/YAM

Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve



Join us on Sunday, December 31st, after the 5:30 pm Mass for Eucharistic Adoration in our Church until 12 midnight. You may come and stay for prayer for a short visit with Jesus in the Eucharist or stay for the evening. We will offer prayers throughout night.

~ People of Great Prayer ~



OPEN HOUSE

Explore Our Campus

Sunday, January 28
9am-Noon

Kindergarten
Information Session
9am in our
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High School Life Night!

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

Dec 23/24	Cantor	Group
5:00pm	Elaine Ashley	Chamber Choir
8:00am	Raphael Fernandez	Soloist
10:00pm	Rebecca Pagan	Mixed Ensemble
Dec 24	Cantor	Group
4:00pm	Caroline Del Rey	Children's Choir
4:00pm	Jami & Mark Bartschi	St. Gabriel Life Center Mass
7:00pm	Various	Youth Choir
9:00pm	Various	Mixed Ensemble
Midnight	Caroline Del Rey	Chamber Choir
Dec 25	Cantor	Group
10:00am	Geoffrey Fella	Chamber Choir
12:00pm	Caroline Del Rey	Soloist
Dec 30-31	Cantor	Group
5:00pm	Nick Mathews	Soloist
8:00am	Jami Bartschi	Soloist
10:00am	Jami Bartschi	Soloist
12:00pm	Megan Humphrey	Soloist
5:30pm	Elaine Ashley,	Contemporary Praise
Jan 01	Cantor	Group
10:00am	Jami Bartschi	Soloist
12:00pm	Caroline Del Rey	Soloist

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

GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP SERIES

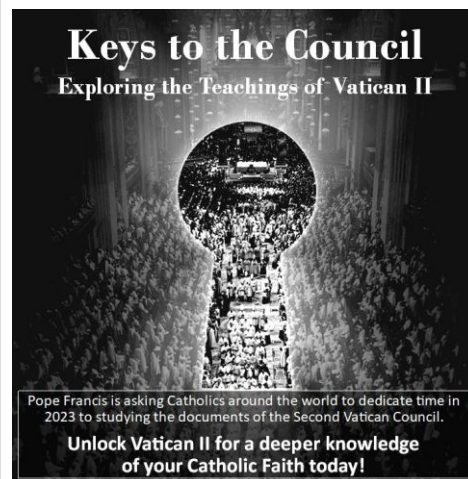
Wednesday, January 10 - February 7, 2024
St. Gabriel Life Center 6:00-7:30 pm



- January 10 - Fr. Ivan Olmo "Grief and Spirituality".
- January 17 and January 24 - Herb Knoll, a well known author and speaker. "A Journey of Hope, Healing and Inspiration for Widows and Widowers"
- January 31 - Julie Burkey - Grief Empowerment Coach. "Untangling Life after Loss." How to balance grief and to navigate the stress of loss
- February 7 - Julie Burkey - Julie helps you get into action so you can start to recreate your life after loss.
- Fr. Ivan Olmo - "Going forward" - How can Annunciation be of help to you?

Please RSVP - Ann Stanko 407-497-1618 call or text

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Where: Nazareth Center.

Cost: \$25 (includes book: Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II and materials.) This fee is waived for returning participants.

To register, visit:

www.annunciationorlando.org/keys



Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Have you been away from the Church... or do you just want to learn more about your 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 ssstafstrom@annunciationorlando.org or 407-869-9472

St. Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr – Dec. 26th

Pillars of Faith

By Fr. Stephen Baumann

Chapters six and seven of the Acts of the Apostles tell us what we know of St. Stephen, the first martyr. He was a deacon, one of seven especially chosen by the apostles. He was “a man filled with faith and with the Holy Spirit,” (Ch. 6:5) and after the apostles laid hands on Stephen, he was “filled with grace and power, and was working great wonders and signs among the people.”

It is prophetic that the first martyr was one who engaged in the task of caring for the poor and needy. These are traditional concerns for God’s prophets from ancient times to the present. Stephen’s life and virtue were a rebuke to those who resisted the grace of God. He told his persecutors: “You always oppose the Holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors.” (Acts 7:51). Like many prophets before him, he was unjustly killed (stoned to death) because he spoke for God.

“The gates of heaven opened out to blessed Stephen, and he was crowned first among martyrs.” (Antiphon for the Benedictus, Morning Prayer)

In our prayers on this feast, also the “name day” for Bishop Stephen Parkes and me, we ask the Lord to “give us joy in honoring St. Stephen the first martyr,” (Prayer After Communion – at Mass) and to “help us to imitate his goodness.” (Opening Prayer – at Mass).

This name day can also be shared by all “Stephen’s,” as that name is derived from the Greek translation that means “The Crowned One.” St. Stephen was, in fact, “crowned” with martyrdom, as the supreme offering of his life.

CHRISTMAS

The 12 Days of Christmas

Dr. Elizabeth Klein

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Please mark your calendar! Coming Saturday, January 13th... The Annunciation Council of Catholic Women invite you and your family to:
A TASTE OF ANNUNCIATION



Featuring international cuisine from various regions including desserts. Come and experience a taste of foods from 5 regions and be in community with others. When: January 13 @ 6 pm in the St. Gabriel Life Center. Prices are \$15.00 for adults and children over 12; \$10.00 for children 6 – 12 and free for children under 6. We look forward to feasting with you! Reservation encouraged. Contact Mary Matheus mmatheus0523@gmail.com or 407-701-4712

New Beginnings

A ministry of healing and reconciliation to serve the divorced and separated.

January 23rd

at 6:30pm



Join us as we continue our *New Beginnings* meetings with Fr. Ivan. Must RSVP to Jody North at jnorth@annunciationorlando.org for updated location.



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How can we pray for you? Everyday life can be challenging and we want to pray for your intentions. Our Priests will be praying for each specific intention that you submit. Submit your intentions at:

www.annunciationorlando.org/prayer-intentions

Catechism Corner



WHERE DID THE 'OUR FATHER' PRAYER ORIGINATE?

IN RESPONSE TO HIS DISCIPLES' REQUEST
"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY" (LUKE 11:1),
JESUS ENTRUSTS THEM WITH THE
FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER,
THE OUR FATHER.

READ MORE AT

WWW.ANNUNCIATIONORLANDO.ORG/CATECHISM

The Feast of the Holy Innocents will be commemorated with a Bilingual Mass on Thursday, December 28th at 7pm at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Please join us at this Eucharistic Celebration to remember the Holy Innocents who died at the hands of Herod, as well as all those children lost through miscarriage, abortion, accident or illness. Following the Mass, our Tree of Remembrance will be Blessed and decorated to represent the children that have been lost. You can bring an ornament, or one will be provided for you. This event is sponsored by the Parish's Culture of Life Ministry.

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
 Rev. Stephen Baumann Retired
 Rev. Augustine Clark Retired
 Rev. William Gohring Retired
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 Deacon Pete Pronko Permanent Deacon

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 Jody North Baptism, Marriage Preparation/ Annulment Advocate

Liturgy and Worship

Mary Ann Fox Director of Liturgy
 Raphael Fernandez Director of Music
 Joan Braun Music & Liturgy Assistant

Parish Office Hours

Mondays - Fridays from 9am to 5pm.

Sundays from 9am to 12noon

Book & Gift Store hours:

Mon. to Fri.: 10:30am – 5pm

Sat.: 4:30-5pm; 6-6:30pm, **Sun.:** 9am-1:30pm.



In need of assistance?

Please contact our Society of St. Vincent dePaul at 407-215-7669 or by email: svdp@annunciationorlando.org

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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