

December 31, 2023 ~ Feast of the Holy Family



## Mass Intentions for this Weekend

SAT, Dec 30	(1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40)
8:00am	Ladys Colon Ordonez †
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 †
12:00pm	Ken Burke †
	Mary, Mother of God
5:30pm	Anna and Al Romano †

## Mass Intentions for the coming Week

MON, Jan 1	(Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21)
10:00 am	William Alezander Garzon †
12:00pm	Silvia Cavanaugh †
TUE, Jan 2	(1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28)
7:00am	Enrique Oswaldo Garzon †
12:15pm	Diana McNulty †
7:00pm	Ariel Cordova †
WED, Jan 3	(1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34)
7:00am	Nellie Barretta †
12:15pm	Carmen and Bobby Williams †
THU, Jan 4	(1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42)
7:00am	Luis Tomas †
12:15pm	Anthony Autorino †
FRI, Jan 5	(1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51)
7:00am	Maria Wolf †
12:15pm	Diana McNulty †
7:30pm	Culture of Life
SAT, Jan 6	(1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11)
8:00am	Silvia Cavanaugh †
5:00pm	Richard J. Schmidt †
SUN, Jan 7	(The Epiphany of the Lord)
8:00am	Fr. Tony Heilein †
10:00am	People of Our Parish
	Salvatore DiBella †
12:00pm	Barthy Jalbert †
5:30pm	Prek Nikollaj †

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12)

## Recently Deceased

†Mark Vergason  
 †Beth Gill Washburn  
 †Margaret Maniaci



## 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

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP

[www.annunciationorlando.org/rsvp](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/rsvp)

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

## Eucharistic Adoration.

Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship with Him? In this New Year, please consider signing up to pray with Him for one hour each week. Sign-up at [www.annunciationorlando.org/adoration](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/adoration) Questions? Please contact Scott Stafstrom at [ssafstrom@annunciationorlando.org](mailto:ssafstrom@annunciationorlando.org) or 407-869-9472



## Flowers for the Altar

If you would like to help adorn the Sanctuary in honor of a special event or deceased loved one please call our Parish Office at 407-869-9472.



### *Ave Joseph*

Hail, Joseph, filled with divine grace,  
in whose arms the Savior was carried  
and under whose eyes He grew up:  
blessed art thou among men  
and blessed is Jesus,  
the Son of thy dear Spouse.

Holy Joseph, chosen to be the father  
of the Son of God,  
pray for us in the midst of our cares  
of family, health and work,  
and deign to assist us  
at the hour of our death.

Amen.



### *Reflections from the Heart by Fr. Ivan*

“He who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.” When we look into the eyes of the Holy Family, we should be able to see our own family, our true home, the place we long to belong. Piercing their sweet image, looking into their hearts, seeing their family portrait, understanding their history, and partaking in their journey, we find meaning in our own lives. We can understand perhaps a little bit more the amazing grace our heavenly Father has given unto us. We can personally experience the purpose of our own being and the gracious gift of being born into such a sacred family. Created in God’s image and made in the holiness of God, we belong to this perfect family graciously given to all humanity by our heavenly Father as a gift and model to aspire to become. Not just a reflection or a representation of a perfect family but God’s Holy Family, which creates us and forms us anew. Conceived anew through the lifesaving waters of baptism, brought forth from the baptismal womb of Holy Mother Church, we are once again holy, members of the household of God, heirs to his glorious kingdom and citizens of our true homeland, heaven. When we see beyond ourselves, our own lives, our own problems, we can see our own family, the family of God. Joseph is a man of honor, honoring God our Father, honoring Mary our Mother. Mary is a woman of faith keeping God’s word deep in her heart and acting upon on it. Jesus is a beloved child of God, forever obedient to his Father in heaven, forever obedient to his parents on earth and forever committed to us, his family in spirit and in truth. As members of this holy family, we take on their virtues, we learn from their faith. We learn to model their behavior and to live out their trust in God and their love for one another. It was not always easy for the Holy Family, as we like to think and believe. We believe God was always with them, providing for them but find it difficult to believe that God is also with us, providing for us for all eternity. Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced a life as we know it. They experienced the unfortunate circumstances and effects of sinful, disobedient humanity. There was certainly sorrow and terror, poverty and rejection, illness and death; however, they remained obedient in faith, confident in prayer, joyful in the Lord, always submissive, actively submitting to God’s holy and divine will.



### **Merry Christmas! Join us for our Holy Family and Mary Mother of God Masses!**

- **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 are closed 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.***



### 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 the night.

~ People of Great Prayer ~

**Simbang Gabi** was celebrated with Mass followed by food, performances of dance and song, raffle drawings, children's games, community singing of Christmas carols and line dancing in the St. Gabriel Life Center. It was a special evening at our parish with over 220 people attending the event.



### 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!



2023

**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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### Annunciation Young Adult Ministry



Join us for our next gathering. For more information contact Maggie at [mmunyon@annunciationorlando.org](mailto:mmunyon@annunciationorlando.org) or visit [ANNUNCIATIONORLANDO.FLOCKNOTE.COM/YAM](http://ANNUNCIATIONORLANDO.FLOCKNOTE.COM/YAM)



### OPEN HOUSE

#### Explore Our Campus

Sunday, January 28  
9am-Noon

Kindergarten  
Information Session  
9am in our  
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January 28 - February 9

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### Human trafficking Outreach Ministry & Education

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*Protecting Youth from Predators in this Digital Age*

We know predators are lurking out there, seeking to harm children and youth. But where are they? How do they target our kids? And what does a parent need to know to keep their children safe? This presentation will teach parents how predators have migrated online to lure and exploit youth and what parents need to know in order to protect their children.

**JAN 12**

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Church

#### Presenters:

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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](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/prayer-intentions)



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

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

### St Joseph Men's Group



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 any questions, please contact Scott Stafstrom at 407-869-9472 sstafstrom@annunciationorlando.org

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### Annunciation Habitat for Humanity



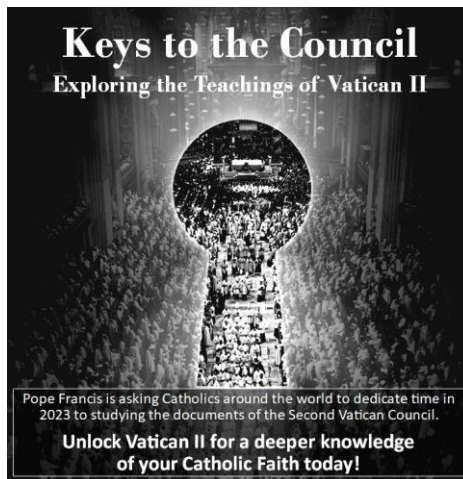
We have several build dates coming up in Sanford. It is easy to sign-up and get involved and it is very rewarding to work with the families we are serving. Visit [www.annunciationorlando.org/habitat](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/habitat)

### 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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**When:** Thursdays from 7 - 9pm on January 18, February 1 & 22, March 7 & 21, April 11.

**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](http://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?

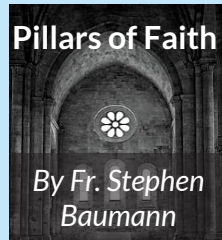
If you were raised in another faith or if you do not have a faith background but you feel called to something deeper please contact Deacon Pete at 407-869-9472 or ppronko@annunciationorlando.org



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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Mary was celebrated from an early time in the life of the Church as the "Mother of Jesus," but with the Council of Ephesus in 431 she was declared the "Mother of God."

Beautiful mosaic depictions of her as Mother of God are to be found in churches in Italy and Greece. After the Second Vatican Council, it was decided to celebrate this feast of her divine motherhood during the octave of Christmas, linking this feast to the celebration of Christ's birth. The purpose of today's liturgy is to honor the role of Mary in the mystery of our salvation, and at the same time to sing the praises of her unique dignity as the one through whom we have been given "the gift of the Author of life."

The picture of Mary presented to us in St. Luke's gospel account is of a reflective, meditative woman. Just like Abraham, she has given her "Yes" to God's will but the implications of that "Yes" have still to become clear to her. Nevertheless, Mary trusts God and is counted among those who, as Luke says, "hear the Word of God and keep it."

That picture of Mary, striving to understand God's grand design for her, should cause us to reflect, to meditate, and to think deeply about the Word that we hear at mass and about our own part in God's plan. In some way, as our founding pastor, quoting St. Ignatius, indicated over the years, we must, as did Mary - "listen closely to the Word, reflect upon it, respond to it, and relish it." If we are seeking a New Year's resolution, this would be a good one - to be people of the Word who reflect and respond.

Surely in our troubled times, both at home and abroad, part of God's plan for us is that we should be instruments of God's peace, making fruitful use of that freedom of God's children bestowed on us in Christ - of which St. Paul wrote to the Galatians. As we seek God's peace and offer it to others, we can be confident of Mary's spiritual motherhood for each of us; and should turn to her with confidence to intercede for our needs.

On this day, as we honor the Mother of God, we recall St. Bernard's description of Mary as "our tainted nature's solitary boast." I pray that The Lord will bless and keep you, lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace that will fill your hearts and minds.

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## 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](mailto:jnorth@annunciationorlando.org) for updated location.

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THE  
DATES



**MARRIAGE  
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**All marriages need constant nurturing to continue to grow and strengthen.** Join us for Marriage Renewal Weekend - **Friday February 2nd to Sunday, February 4th** on our Annunciation Campus. The weekend starts at 6:15pm on Friday and ends at 1pm Sunday, however you get to sleep in your own bed each night. More information coming next weekend on registration.

**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](http://www.cfocf.org/leavealegacy)

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### Parish Office Hours

Mondays - Fridays from 9am to 5pm.

Sundays from 9am to 12noon

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Mon. to Fri.: 10:30am – 5pm

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

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### 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?

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For more information on the journey of Christian Initiation, please contact Deacon Pete Pronko at 407-869-9472.

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*Questions about divorce and re-Marriage?*

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### Bulletin Information

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