

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 January 2022

## Sacred Liturgy

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

12 Noon and 6:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am and 12 Noon

Saturday

9:00 am

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday from 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
After Weekday and Sunday Masses  
Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Anointing of the Sick / Emergencies

In case of an emergency and immediate need of a priest,  
please call 240-463-9960.

#### VISION STATEMENT

“Guided by the Light of Christ, we are building a vibrant, welcoming community of *fellowship, grace, love* of God and one another.”

#### MARY

We honor Mary as our mother in faith and pattern of holiness in daily life.

#### CHARISM

The name of our parish reminds us to make the corporal and spiritual works of mercy a personal priority.

#### STEWARDSHIP

We accept our responsibility to properly use the time, talent and treasure God has entrusted to us: as graced individuals, as a gifted parish, and as a blessed nation.

#### MINISTRY

We are called by our baptism to worship the Father, to build community in the Spirit, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to serve all those in need.

#### TRADITION

We are proud to live our Christian faith as members of the Roman Catholic Church and as a parish of the Archdiocese of Washington.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2022**

31 Mon Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church  
Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church

**FEBRUARY 2022**

01 Tue Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
Sodality Rosary, 9 a.m., Church  
Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

02 Wed Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church  
Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church  
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

03 Thu Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church

04 Fri Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church  
Mass, Noon and 6:00 p.m.

05 Sat Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Church

06 Sun Mass, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Healing Mass, 2:00 p.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Pre-K, K: 9:00 a.m., Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
H.S. Youth Group: 6 p.m., Pavilion

07 Mon Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church  
Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church

08 Tue Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
**Shawl Ministry**, 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall



**Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—  
19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-  
18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10,  
11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/  
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-  
8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/  
Lk 5:1-11

*Liturgical Life*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on **weekdays**, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 am to Noon and on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**ORDINARY TIME:** Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 10, and continues through Tuesday, March 1, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends, that is, on Monday, June 6, the day following Pentecost.

*Parish Life*

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Hector Gomez-Avila**, brother of Jaime Arreguin-Avila. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Robert J. Diethrich** (10 January 2020), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013), **Stuart Meister** (28 January 2020), and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

PASTOR'S PAGE

With the memorial of St. Blaise on Thursday, February 3, we are offering the Blessing of the Throats this weekend. Who was St. Blaise and why do we bless throats through his intercession? A blog site – [aquinasandmore.com](http://aquinasandmore.com) – gives us the following answers:

Like many a martyr, St. Blaise was rounded up in a persecution—this one ordered by Emperor Licinius of Rome. On his way to jail, a woman whose son was choking on a fishbone placed the boy at Blaise's feet, and...you guessed it! The boy was miraculously cured. And the cures didn't stop there...

Apparently, St. Blaise's trip to jail was a busy one. As the story goes, in addition to the woman whose son he helped, Blaise met another woman whose pig had been taken by a wolf. Blaise, known for having a way with animals, commanded the wolf to let the pig go, which it did. Maybe the wolf owed him a favor; tradition says that animals, as well as people, would come to Blaise for healing.

Whatever the reason, the woman, thankful for a successful hostage negotiation, brought Blaise two candles so he could have light in his jail cell. To this day, St. Blaise is often depicted holding two candles—and that woman's gift, a gesture of appreciation, has become a gesture of supplication as our priests hold candles over us in prayer on the Feast of St. Blaise.

In Christ,

*Fr Greg*



**INFANT BAPTISM:** Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism. The next class is scheduled on Saturday, **March 5th**, at 10 am in Founders Hall. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS:** As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on **February 18-20**, 2022. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-wayretreat/>. To register email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

**SHAWL MINISTRY:** The next Shawl Ministry Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **February 8th** at 6:45 pm in Founders Hall. Please email [kokinda@comcast.net](mailto:kokinda@comcast.net). If you have questions or you know of someone who could use a shawl or lapghan.

**SUPER BOWL ITALIAN SUBS:** The Knights of Columbus are once again offering their super bowl deal of Italian Subs for \$6.00 each, ordered by **Thursday, February 3rd** and picked up on Sunday, February 13th. To place your order, call Tom Moschella, (240) 988-1599.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on Wednesday, **February 2nd at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer a weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance are parish and family based. Confirmation is a two-year program that begins in seventh grade. Throughout this period, Confirmands are to be participating in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school. First Eucharist/Penance is a two-year program that begins with participation in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school in first and second grades, with registration for the sacraments in second grade. Registration in our parish Faith Formation Program is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Programs. To register for the sacramental programs, contact Kathleen Rooney at [krooney@olvp.org](mailto:krooney@olvp.org). To register for our parish Faith Formation program, contact Erin Clegg at [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS SIGN-UP:** An easy sign up link can be found on the parish website, [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org), under the "Ministries" tab. Come share

time with Our Lord and join this powerful ministry. For more information, email John and Diana at [hurley05@verizon.net](mailto:hurley05@verizon.net).

**FLOCKNOTE:** Sign-up today for Flocknote, an easy way to keep up with dates and changes at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. Flocknote is a tool for OLVP to communicate important information quickly, parish-wide, to our “Flock.” You can sign-up for Flocknote by emailing Colleen Enos at [cenos@olvp.org](mailto:cenos@olvp.org).

**MATRIMONY POLICY:** It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a Priest or Deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date. **Do not plan the reception until you meet with a Priest/Deacon.** Please email Father Greg Shaffer ([gshaffer@olvp.org](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org)), or Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([DeaconTed@olvp.org](mailto:DeaconTed@olvp.org)).

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevent you from attending Mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

**ALL HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES** have Catholic Chaplains to care for Catholic patients and residents. On admission, be sure to notify the staff of your desire to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Feel free to call Fr. Greg (240) 463-9960, as well.

***Faith Formation for Life***

**MARY OF NAZARETH FAMILIES:** Please submit Pastoral Recommendation forms to the Parish Office no later than Monday, **February 14.** Forms can be emailed to [krooney@olvp.org](mailto: krooney@olvp.org) or mailed to the parish office. Be sure to include your family photo. Signed forms will be returned directly to the school; and the school will notify you when your form has been received. *Thank you, in advance, for submitting your form on time!*



**2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION:** Faith Formation sessions will be held today, **Sunday, January 30th** for Pre-K, Kindergarten at 9:00 a.m., and for Grades 6, 7, and 8 at 6:00 p.m. Children in Grades 1 through 5 **will not meet on Tuesday, February 1st.** Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 8th, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

***Social Concerns***

**THANK YOU:** We thank all those parishioners who donated new baby items to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. You have warmed many little hearts.

**ADW ANNUAL APPEAL:** We invite you to join in the mission of the Annual Appeal as we offer together from God’s abundance our gifts of charity. By supporting the charitable works of our local Church, you strengthen our one Body of Christ to care for all those in need throughout our Archdiocese. 100% of your gift is restricted to the ministries and programs that are a part of the Annual Appeal. Not a penny will go into another fund, nor to legal or settlement fees, nor to the costs to conduct the Annual Appeal, which are provided from separate revenue sources.

***Human Resources***

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: Mr. James McCafferty and Mr. & Mrs. Brooke Sappington.

**PARISH SYNOD MEETING:** Pope Francis has asked the entire world-wide Catholic Church for our input on “...Communion, Participation and Mission” of our church. Please join Father Greg and Deacon Ted for a parish listening session from **9 am to noon on Saturday, February 26** in the St. Cecelia Room in the lower level of the Church. Invite everyone to participate. To RSVP, please email: [DeaconTed@olvp.org](mailto:DeaconTed@olvp.org).



**HOW TO JOIN OUR PARISH:** A warm welcome to Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church! Registration forms are available on the shelf in the vestibule of the church or you may register online at: [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

***Facilities***

**PARISH REPAIR:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 and report the problem so that we may get it fixed.

***Finance***

**FAITH DIRECT:** With no added cost to you and great benefit for our parish, please consider enrolling in e-giving. Easier than ever, just text “Enroll” to 301-701-3032, or enroll on-line at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is MD114.