

# *Our Lady's Catholic Church*

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## **Pastor**

Rev. John T. Nguyen

## **Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper**

Mrs. Rebekah J. Guyther

## **Schedule of Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days as announced

## **Parish Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Tuesday - Friday

Closed on Monday

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

By appointment, with enough time for Parents to meet with the Priest.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

## **Religious Education**

Classes for those attending Public School please call Parish Office.

## **Registration in the Parish**

Parishioners should be registered. We need you! Forms are available at the door to the church.



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### REFLECTION

We are now only a week away from the day when we celebrate the Lord's coming in the Incarnation. In Jesus – Emmanuel – God is with us, as we are reminded in today's readings. For thousands of years, a waiting world yearned for this momentous event. Now we know that God's actual, physical presence in the world has been realized. Amid all the hustle and bustle of these final days before Christmas, let us not overlook the greatest gift of all.

This Advent we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame would walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together, and when nations would beat their swords into plowshares. Today we hear him announce a sign: a virgin will bear a son, who will be named Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." Let us treasure this in our hearts as we contemplate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Jesus.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

|             |         |            |
|-------------|---------|------------|
| December 24 | 4:00pm  | M Clements |
|             | 10:00pm | D Dudziec  |
| December 25 | 8:30am  | A Cress    |
|             | 11:00am | R Stancil  |

**The 19th Annual Day of Recollection will take place on January 21, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.** You do not have to be a member to attend. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, will present a reflection, "Spending Time with God, How to Pray before the Eucharist." The morning will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9:00 AM. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Ivany's reflection will follow Mass. Jim Towey will be our keynote speaker. His presentation is on "Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Secrets for a Happy Life and Peaceful Death." Mr. Towey is the author of the biography, "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa." Mr. Towey was an advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa for twelve years. His book is an inspiration and it will be a delight to hear his stories in person. Lunch will be served. There is no charge for the day. Fr. Ivany will end the day with an update on vocations in our Archdiocese and a final blessing.

**New Parishioners:** Our Lady's Church extends a warm welcome to you! If you are new to the area or just returning home to Our Lady's, we invite you to register and make Our Lady's your parish. Registration forms can be found at the doors of our church, at the Rectory or you can register online at [www.ourladyschurch.org](http://www.ourladyschurch.org)

### **Christmas Flower Remembrances**

**Christmas flower envelopes are due this Sunday, December 18.**

### Parish Calendar

**December 18** – Christmas Decorating and Lunch following the 11am Mass.

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**December 24** – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 4:00pm and 10:00pm.

**December 25** – Christmas Mass 8:30 and 11:00am.

**December 26 – January 2** - Parish Office Closed.



**We will decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 18, following the 11:00am Mass. Please help us decorate and enjoy lunch with us!**

**Call the Rectory:** Please keep Fr. John or the Parish Office informed if someone is sick or hospitalized. We can add their name to the prayer list. They can also have a visit from Fr. John.

### Mass Intention Requests

Please call the Parish Office at 301-475-8403 to request a Mass Intention. The usual stipend is \$10 and Mass cards signed by Fr. John are available. ***We are currently accepting Mass intentions for 2023.***



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## SUNDAY December 18, 2022 & ITS VIGIL

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### *Mass Intentions*

|            |         |                            |
|------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sat Dec 17 | 4:00pm  | Olga Russell               |
| Sun Dec 18 | 8:30am  | Olga Russell               |
|            | 11:00am | Our Lady's Parishioners    |
| Tue Dec 20 | 8:00am  | Olga Russell               |
| Wed Dec 21 | 8:00am  | Olga Russell               |
| Thu Dec 22 | 8:00am  | Olga Russell               |
| Fri Dec 23 | 8:00am  | Bernie & Betty Ann Beavan  |
| Sat Dec 24 | 4:00pm  | Dr. John Francis Fenwick   |
|            | 10:00pm | Loyd Stancil               |
| Sun Dec 25 | 8:30am  | George & Frances Wigginton |
|            |         | Dick & Sara Hammett        |
|            | 11:00am | Our Lady's Parishioners    |

### *Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick*

Johanna Brubacher Malone, Christine Gruby, John Thiel, Mary Anne Groat, Judy Roa, Charles Fenwick, Ann Johnson, Judi Leppo, Bob Greenwell, Mary Clements, Virginia Fenwick Diehm, Alvin Kragh, Steve Himes, Theresa Clements, Marian Wright, Bill Benson, Rose Marie Benson, JoEllen Marek, Melissa Higgs Trossbach, Paul Woodburn, Jr., Stephen Skundrich, Eleanor Fenwick Ripple, Jacqueline Muir Westlein, Patty Van Ryswick, John Allum-Poon, Evelyn Ryce, Dennis Gatley, Teresa Fenwick, Claudia Fenwick, Cathy Norris, Ricky Burroughs, Anna Daugherty, Ben DeWeese, Dona Hamlet, Bob Russell, Jessica Higgs, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Pat Bateman, Sarah Milburn, Agnes Higgs, James N. Trossbach, Edith McFadden, Beth Higgs, Peter Van Ryswick, Charles Mills, Alice Holly, Cecelia Knott, Jimmy Ludwig, Angel Spalding, Ray Harding, Jr., Rose Spalding, Trish (McWilliams) Guy, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick, Shane Copsey

### CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**Our Lady's Church is collecting donations of food for St. Aloysius' food pantry.** Please bring non-perishable healthy and nutritious foods (no glass jars please) to the church and place your contributions by the Sacred Heart statue. For more information on how you can help and what types of food they prefer, please visit, <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/food-pantry>. With your support they are able to sponsor a **Food Give Away Day** on the third Saturday of the month.

### Lighthouse Catholic Media CD & Book Rack

Visit our kiosk and find inspirational CDs, pamphlets and books on our Catholic faith. These items are very reasonably priced. The kiosk is located in the choir side vestibule.

### SOMD MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS -

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 7:00PM -**

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH,

Lexington Park. Is your heart prepared to receive the Infant Jesus at Christmas? What gifts will you give Him? Christ wants us to give Him our difficult memories of the past, brokenness, sin, even our anxiety and worries! In the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, inviting all to come, lay it all before Jesus and receive healing prayer. Come with expectant faith. Confessions begin at 6:30PM.

**Enjoy the Knights of Columbus Council 1470 Bingo on Friday nights at the Father Andrew White School Gym Friday nights. Doors open at 5:00pm - start time is 6:30pm.** The Knights use proceeds from Bingo to support local charities.

**Church Volunteers Needed!** We need volunteers to serve as Lectors, in the Choir and Altar Servers. Please call the Parish Office 301-475-8403 if you can help. Thank you!



### Father Andrew White, S.J. School

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### Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

*FAW continued our tradition of service! One of our 8th grade students organized a coat drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and those in need in our community. Thank you to all who helped support this great cause.*

*Merry Christmas from all of us at Father Andrew White School. We are so grateful for your continued financial and spiritual support.*

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This year Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God's plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year by January 20, 2023.

**Silent Retreat Weekend for Women: January 6-8, 2023.** Start the New Year with a silent retreat. Explore your mission in life, and in the new year, as you experience His Presence in the silence! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!



# 19th Annual Day of Recollection



**“Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s Secrets for a  
Happy Life and Peaceful Death”**

**Keynote Presentation by Jim Towey**

Author, “To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of  
Mother Teresa”

**“Spending Time with God: How to Pray  
Before the Eucharist”**

**A Reflection by Father Mark Ivany**

Director of Priest Vocations,  
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

*The day will also include Celebration of Mass,  
Adoration, Confession, and lunch.*

*Sponsored by* **MOTHER TERESA VOCATION SOCIETY**

## **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Church of the Annunciation**

3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Please register for this event at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-day-of-recollection>




The **Mother Teresa Vocation Society** prayerfully supports vocations to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, Office of Priest Vocations. Events are free and open to all (donations are appreciated). For more information, please email Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org), or visit <https://DCPriest.org/mtvs>.

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