

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 7
– 8 November: Presiders**

5:00pm Fr. Raymond Fecteau
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11:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 5 November 2009, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Thomas More Chapel in the parish Barn.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 13 November. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) was born in San Angelo, Italy. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and established dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States and South America. While on a picnic in Colorado with orphaned children, she had them gather rocks and construct a large image of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). Mother Cabrini believed that each of us is called to carry the gospel message to others, and that Mary, Star of the Sea, guides us to where we are most needed (lower panel).

SALVE REGINA: The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, “*Hail, Holy Queen.*” At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers, the following parishioners: **Joseph Parran** (2 November 2002), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (7 November 2006), and **Edna Walters** (8 November 1999)

ALL SOULS DAY VISITS TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: All Souls Day, 2 November, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. “The souls of the departed,” teaches Pope Benedict XVI, “can... receive ‘solace and refreshment’ through the Eucharist, prayer and almsgiving” (SS, 48). Parishioners are encouraged to visit the sacred ground of the Archdiocese’s Catholic cemeteries on Monday, 2 November to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. The All Souls Day Mass will be held at 9:00am, in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

INFANT BAPTISMS: 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.** Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. The next class will be **Saturday, 14 November** 10:00am in the church. To register, call the parish office (301) 498-5536 ext. 105.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT DINNER: Sunday, 8 November, 4pm – 7:30pm. Have you ever felt called to the Priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual mass and dinner with Archbishop Wuerl for adult men who are open to the priesthood. The evening will include mass with Archbishop Wuerl, a presentation, dinner and an opportunity to meet other Catholic men who are considering the call. If you are looking for a sign, this is it – “come and see” why the priesthood is such a gift. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org, (301) 853-4580. Participants should be single men in their 20’s – 40’s who are practicing Catholics.

HOW PRIESTS ARE CHOSEN AND FORMED: Msgr. Robert J. Panke, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Priest Vocations and Formation will speak about “How Priests are Chosen and Formed” on Wednesday, 18 November 7:30pm at the Church of the Little Flower (School Music Room), 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. For more information call (301) 320-4538.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS: A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA on 11 – 13 December 2009. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes 1 December 2009. Please call the Dominican Retreat House, (703) 356-4243 or Doug Sebek,

(703) 860-4929 as soon as possible.

RETREAT FOR CHILDREN from Separated and Divorced Families: A one-day healing retreat for children (in grades 3 – 8) from separated and divorced families will be held Saturday, 7 November at St. Elizabeth School in Rockville. It will include small group discussions, individual reflection and fun activities. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or call (301) 853-5337.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Prepare for Advent by reenergizing your marital relationship. Attend a Worldwide marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled 6 – 8 November in Rockville, MD. Download a registration form at <http://dc.wvme.org> or call (410) 414-9667 or email gordon4514@aol.com.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: 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.

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

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 3 November 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION will meet in Founders Hall Sunday, 1 November, 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Tuesday, 3 November at Ireland's Four Fields in Cleveland Park. Bring friends to happy hour from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. At 8:00pm, our featured speakers will present on this season's theme "*The Secret Lives of Priests*". For more information on archdiocesan and parish young adult opportunities, email Laura Ferstl at yam@adw.org.

EDUCATION-PARISH-SERVICES (EPS): What is our primary mission as Catholics and how do we fulfill it? Find out by enrolling in the EPS course, **Evangelization: The**

Essential Mission of the Church, a six-week exploration of evangelization and catechesis as the essential mission of the Church, especially in parish life. The course will be held Tuesdays, from 3 November – 8 December, from 10:00am – 12:30pm (includes Mass) on the campus of Trinity (Washington) University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. Rev. Anthony Krisak, CSP, S.T.D., Director, ENVISION Services, Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association will be the instructor. To register, contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or call (202) 8884-9030. For details and information about additional upcoming courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. EPS relies solely on donation.

Social Concerns

FOOD BAG COLLECTIONS: Student volunteers are needed to distribute bags after liturgy for several food collections; 7 – 8 November, 5 – 6 December, 6 – 7 March and 24 – 25 April. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Newell at Denise22@comcast.net or call (301) 990-6085. Confirmation service hours are available for this project.

YOUNG ADULT WORKS OF MERCY: Each month, young adults from the Archdiocese of Washington come together to serve those in need. Join us for a morning of service at the Missionaries of Charity on Sunday, 8 November, 9:00am – 10:30am at 3310 Wheeler Rod., SE, Washington, DC. Volunteers will help prepare and serve meals for the homeless and coordinate clean up. Experience the joy of serving others and the beautiful charisma of Mother Teresa's nuns. Afterwards, we will meet in downtown DC for lunch and fellowship. Parking is available at the Missionaries of charity. For more information, e-mail Laura Ferstl at yam@adw.org.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION (CCHD) will be taken in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington the weekend of 21 - 22 November 2009. The CCHD funds 4,000 programs across the United States to help people find a way out of poverty. CCHD aids local groups as they create jobs, improve neighborhoods, train adults for employment, keep schools safe for children and raise leaders for the future. Your generosity is appreciated.

Human Resources

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH TREE SALES: Sign-ups will be held after liturgy each weekend in

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November, beginning 7 – 8 November. Mark your calendars to help with set up at 8:00am on Saturday morning, 28 November. For more information call Bill Connors, (301) 869-8203.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for in the bulletin please submit the information by calling Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Friday.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note: the parish office is closed during the lunch hour, 12:00noon–1:00pm. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am–4:00pm.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem.

TRAFFIC PATTERNS: For the health and safety of all, please follow the designated traffic patterns for our church. Enter from Seneca Road and take an immediate right onto the first driveway. Exit via the second drive (furthest from Seneca Road) and turn left toward Seneca Road. Fire regulations prohibit parking in the circle during services. Please drive counter-clockwise in the circle.

Finance

CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for Advent wreath candles, religious books and poinsettias after each liturgy beginning the weekend of 7 – 8 November in Founders Hall. Deliver will be the weekend of 5 – 6 December. The shoppe will be open from Friday evening, 4 December to Sunday, 6 December. Our raffle items for this year include *Chrissa*, *the 2009 American Doll* and the *Christmas Shop Lego Toy Set*. Raffle tickets will be available beginning 7 November through 6 December. All proceeds benefit the parish.

ENVELOPE CHANGE: Thank you to all those parishioners who have enrolled in Faith Direct. In the coming months, you will notice that our offertory envelopes and Debt Reduction envelopes will include a box to check and indicate that you have chosen to contribute through Faith Direct. Your Faith Direct contributions are not designated for Holy Days or Archdiocesan Collections. You will no longer need to use the offertory cards provided by Faith Direct. When you receive your new envelopes with the new message, please contact the Faith Direct office at (866) 507-8757 or email them at info@faithdirect.net to

discontinue receiving the offertory cards. Our church account number is MD114.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 November our mortgage debt is \$644,682.72. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The October revenue from our Debt Reduction Collection amounted to \$7,237.33.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

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| 01 Sun | All Saints Day
Archbishop Wuerl, 9:00am Liturgy
Blessing of Windows
High School Faith Formation Session
6:30 – 7:45, Founders Hall |
| 02 Mon | All Souls Day
RCIA, 7:00pm Founders Hall |
| 03 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 04 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 05 Thu | Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Thomas
More Chapel, Barn |
| 08 Sun | Sign up – Tree Sales/Craft Shoppe
Food Bags for St. Martin's Distributed
Holy Name at 9:00am Liturgy |
| 09 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm Founders Hall |
| 10 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 11 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 15 Sun | Adopted Family Slips Distributed
Sign-up Tree Sales/Craft Shoppe
Food Bags for St. Martin's Returned
St. Nicholas Project Begins |
| 16 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall |
| 17 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 18 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 19 Thu | Sodality Mass, Thomas More Chapel
7:00pm Parish Barn |
| 22 Sun | CCHD National Collection
Adopted Family Collection
Sign-up-Tree Sales/ Craft Shoppe |
| 25 Wed | Vigil of Thanksgiving
Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm |

SAVE THE DATE

December

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| 04 Fri | Tree Sales Begin |
| 04 Friday | Craft Shoppe Opens |

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