

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 14
– 15 November: Presiders

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

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **the Rev. George V. Joyce**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend him and his family to God in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers, the following parishioners: **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007).

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.

SAVE THE DATES: Here is an opportunity to participate in our first parish family **Christmas/Epiphany Pageant** on Sunday, 13 December, 2:00pm in our church followed by a Christmas Cookie Reception. Come to the first meeting on Sunday, **15 November in Founders Hall after the 11:00am liturgy.** *Jesus is the Reason for the Season*, let's make Him smile!!! For additional information, check the bulletin, Faith Formation emails or call the Faith Formation office (301) 948-5536 and speak to Michele or Jackie.

2010 CONFIRMATION DATE: The Most Reverend. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on the **Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9 May 2010 at 2:00pm.**

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.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets on Monday evenings, 7:00pm in Founders hall. For more information, please visit the RCIA website at <http://www.rcia.ihswb.net> or contact Deacon Bob Fischer, (301) 948-5536, ext. 106.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Prepare for Advent by re-energizing your marital relationship. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled 6 – 8 November in Rockville, MD. Email gordon4514@aol.com, download a

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registration form at <http://dc.wwme.org> or call (410) 414-9667.

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.

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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

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

REMINDER: There will not be Faith Formation sessions on Tuesday, 24 November and Wednesday, 25 November. We pray you will have a blessed Thanksgiving.

OLNEY LITERARY DAY at Good Counsel High School will be held on Saturday, 14 November, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Start your day with a seminar on “How to get a Book Published” - then meet and greet a collection of authors from former UPI White house Press Correspondent Helen Thomas, to KidsPost writer and author Fred Bowen. Need a gift for Christmas? Have your book purchase personally autographed. Please visit www.olgchs.org for a list of authors, detailed information, directions and registration.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: **Tuesday, 10 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

HEALTH CARE REFORM: Visit the USCCB’s health care reform website at www.usccb.org/heathcare for informational updates, additional tools and resources.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Conlan, Mr. Thoy Frys, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Grosh, and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Milam.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Sign-ups will be held after liturgy each weekend in 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.
- “**Work out Thursday**”, **3 December**. Strong arms are needed to help unload the Christmas trees beginning at 1:00pm
- **Sales begin on Friday, 4 December**, at 3:30pm

CULINARY SKILLS NEEDED: Help feed the volunteers who are selling the Christmas trees by donating your favorite chili, soup, pasta, sandwiches or desserts. Volunteers are also needed to serve the workers and keep the kitchen clean.

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Help is needed on Saturday/Sunday, 5 – 6 December and on Saturday, 12 December. Sign-up after each weekend liturgy during the month of November.

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: The office will close at noon on Wednesday, 11 November. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am–4:00pm. Please note: the parish office is closed during the lunch hour, 12:00noon–1:00pm.

Facilities

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who came to help clean our church last week in preparation for Archbishop Wuerl's visit.

Finance

CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for Advent wreath candles, religious books and poinsettias after each liturgy in 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.

FORWARD IN FAITH: Our parish has been successful in confirming \$1,861,280.64 in total pledges to support Forward in Faith. \$1,651,228.97 had been paid as of 30 September 2009; the archdiocese has received \$520,000 and our parish has received \$1,131,228.97. The outstanding amount is \$210,051.67. Thank you to all donors here at Visitation Parish who have fulfilled or continue to fulfill their pledges to Forward in Faith.

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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| 08 Sun | Sign-up – Christmas Tree Sales
Craft Shoppe Pre-Sales
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 | Parish Office Closes at Noon
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm |
| 14 Sat | Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church |
| 15 Sun | Adopted Family Slips Distributed
Sign-up - Christmas Tree Sales
Craft Shoppe Pre-Sales
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 |
| 22 Sun | CCHD National Collection
Adopted Family Collection
Sign-up-Christmas Tree Sales
Craft Shoppe Pre-Sales |
| 24 Tue | No Faith Formation Sessions |
| 25 Wed | Vigil of Thanksgiving
Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm
No Faith Formation Sessions |
| 26 Thu | Parish Office Closed |
| 27 Fri | Parish Office Closed |

SAVE THE DATE

December

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

May

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| 09 Sun | Confirmation, 2:00pm, Bishop Gonzalez |
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