

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 16 – 17**  
**January: Presiders**

5:00pm Fr. Raymond Fecteau  
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#### Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38  
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**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, 11 January, and continues through Tuesday, 16 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, 24 May, the day following Pentecost..

**WINDOWS:** The stained glass windows in the nave of our church were commissioned exclusively for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. Their general design and their placement were authorized by James Cardinal Hickey and the Sacred Arts Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington. Because we are a parish named in honor of Mary, the fifteen windows in the apse celebrate the mysteries of the Rosary in use at the time our church was built. Those immediately behind the tabernacle are the Joyful Mysteries (white); those on the left of the tabernacle (chair side) are the Sorrowful Mysteries (red); and those on the right of the tabernacle (ambo side) are the Glorious Mysteries (yellow). Four of the sixteen windows in the nave of our church celebrate feasts of Mary not contained in the mysteries of the Rosary. Because our church was built in the Jubilee Year of 2000, twelve windows honor saints listed in the "Millennium Booklet" of the Archdiocese of Washington. Two other windows, those of Isidore and Peter Claver, mark feasts that are unique to the liturgical calendar in the United States. The grape-leaf border on the windows represents the communion of saints. The color of each border co-relates to the liturgical season in

which the feast usually occurs. The color of the cross in each window also varies: white for saints, red for martyrs, and gold for Mary. The name of the feast appears in the upper panel. The date of the feast appears in the lower panel. Symbols or stories related to the feast and person appear in both upper and lower panels. The center medallion is a hand painted representation of the saint named in the window.

**HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN:** The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Caelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At Visitation parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

**IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON** – No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by the mouth. Common sense dictates that one remain at home if feeling unwell.

### Parish Life

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **the Rev. Albert N. Ward**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, **Cecilia Tanzi** mother of **Anthony Tanzi** and **Mary Punchayil**, mother of **Fr. Mathew Punchayil**. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996) and **James Schillinger** (16 January 2008).

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** will be held Saturday, 23 January 2010 from 9:00am – 11:00am in Founders Hall.

**FIRST PENANCE:** First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 30 January at 9:00am. A reception for the children and their families will follow in Founders Hall.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** will be held on Friday, 26 February, from 6:00pm through Saturday, 27 February 6:00pm.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Basketball Shootout** on Saturday, 16 January 2010 at Poolesville Baptist Church. In addition to the Free-Throw Shootout for ages 6 – 14, we have added a half-court tournament for ages 18 and above. Both events are free. Contact Donald Patti of Council #6901 at 8666-478-8080 or email [nash Rambler@yahoo.com](mailto:nash Rambler@yahoo.com) for more information.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am daily liturgy. Morning prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

**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. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

**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.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of marriage. For information or to register for a weekend, go to [www.dcengagedencounter.org](http://www.dcengagedencounter.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.

**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](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 12 January, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Please come to visit Mary of Nazareth School at the Open House on Sunday, 31 January 2010 from 1pm – 3pm. Tour our facility and meet our teachers. We are located at 14131 Seneca road, Darnestown, MD. This Open House is for preschool through eighth grades.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2010 – 2011 School Year** will be held on Tuesday, 9

February and Thursday, 11 February from 9:00am – 11:00am, both days. Parents wishing to register their children must come to the school on one of those two days with the completed application materials. A completed application requires the application and tuition agreement, a copy of the child's birth and Baptismal certificates, a check for the registration fee and the following, if applicable: pastoral recommendation form, copies of report card(s) and standardized testing results. Children entering preschool must be 3 or 4 years old as of 1 September and children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by 1 September. Tuition assistance information may be obtained by calling the school office at (301) 869-0940, ext. 3 or by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington website at [www.catholicschoolswork.org](http://www.catholicschoolswork.org).

**SUPPORT MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL:** Representatives from Mary of Nazareth School will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday, 25 January. The winner may choose between tuition for the 2010 – 2011 school year (valued at \$5,500 and is available only to a student enrolled in the school for that school year) or \$4,000 in cash. Tickets are \$25.00 each and proceeds from the sale will benefit the operating budget of the school.

**EPS: EDUCATION + PARISH + SERVICE Conversational Spanish for Parish Ministry** for English speakers who want to speak enough Spanish to be effective greeters, ministers to the homebound, bulletin editors and participants in bi-lingual liturgy and prayer. The course will be offered in two six-week sessions at EPS on the campus of Trinity University. The winter introductory session will be on Monday, 11 Jan – 22 Feb, 10am – noon; the evening sessions are on Wednesday, 13 Jan to 24 Feb, 7–9pm. To register, or for more information, call Ann Kitterman at (202) 884-9030 or email [kittermana@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kittermana@trinitydc.edu). EPS classes are held on the campus of Trinity University in Washington, DC.

### *Social Concerns*

**ADULT MASS AND RALLY FOR LIFE** will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church at 10103 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring beginning at 8:00am with songs and rosary. The Most Rev. Barry Knestout, auxiliary bishop of Washington will preside at mass which is scheduled at 10:30am. David Bereit, founder and national director of 40 Days for Life, will be the guest speaker. Participants are encouraged to arrive early at St. John's (7:30am) and park at the church lot. The mass ends at 11:30 and participants will ride Metro to the Smithsonian station where the march begins at 1:00pm and ending by 4:00pm. For more information contact Margi

Paglinawan at (571) 332-0362 or email [mymaestro777@yahoo.com](mailto:mymaestro777@yahoo.com).

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** The Maryland Catholic Conference's annual Lobby Night, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state lawmakers, will be held on President's day, Monday, 15 February, in Annapolis. Please visit [www.mdathcon.org](http://www.mdathcon.org) or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979 for more information.

### *Human Resources*

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

**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 (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org) by noon on Friday.

### *Facilities*

**SNOW EMERGENCY:** Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery Country public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

### *Finance*

**FAITH DIRECT:** Thank you to all those parishioners who have enrolled in Faith Direct. You will continue to receive envelopes; however, you will notice that the Offertory and Debt Reduction envelopes will include a box to check to indicate that you have chosen to contribute through faith Direct. You will no longer need to use the offering cards provided by Faith Direct. Please contact the Faith Direct office at (866) 507-8757 or [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) to discontinue receiving the cards. Our church account number is MD114.

**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive credit in 2009, your contributions must have been dated by Thursday, 31 December 2009. If you mailed a contribution, it must have been postmarked by Monday, 4 January 2010

and received in the parish office by Friday, 8 January 2010 to have been credited to your 2009 Contribution Statement.

**ST. MARY'S CAR RAFFLE:** We will be participating in the February 2010 Car Raffle with St. Mary's in Landover Hills, MD. Like last year, there will be 5 new cars. Chances will be \$5.00; and we keep \$2.50. We are also looking for a chairperson and other volunteers to help with this process. If you are able to help, please call Marcia in the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 102 or email [mmontanio@olvp.org](mailto:mmontanio@olvp.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### January

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| 10 Sun | Black and Indian Missions<br>National Collection<br>High School Faith Formation<br>6:30 - 7:45pm, Founders Hall |
| 11 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn  |
| 12 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn<br>Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 13 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 18 Mon | Parish Office Closed  |
| 19 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn<br>Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 20 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 22 Fri | March for Life, 1:00pm, Washington DC   |
| 23 Sat | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Breakfast<br>9:00 am - 11:00am, Founders Hall                                |
| 25 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn  |
| 26 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn<br>Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 27 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions  |
| 30 Sat | First Penance and Reconciliation<br>9:00am, Church  |

### SAVE THE DATE

#### February

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| 05 Fri | Volunteer Mardi Gras Party<br>7:30pm - 10:30pm, Founders Hall |
| 07 Sun | Family Bingo, 2:00pm Founders Hall                            |
| 26 Fri | Confirmation Retreat Begins, 6:00pm                           |
| 27 Sat | Confirmation Retreat Ends, 6:00pm                             |

#### May

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