

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 30 – 31**

**January: Presiders**

5:00pm	Fr. Raymond Fecteau
9:00am	Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00am	Fr. Raymond Fecteau

#### Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

**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.

**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 one remain at home if feeling unwell.

### Parish Life

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of parishioner *Jane E. Gordon*. We commend her and her family to God in our prayers.

**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 family will follow in Founders Hall.

**CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION** for parishioners receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2011. Candidates and parents may choose between two dates: Tuesday 26 January, 6:30pm – 7:45pm in Founders Hall or Wednesday, 27 January, 6:30pm – 7:45pm in Founders Hall. The contact person for Confirmation is Fr. Ray at [rfecteau@olvp.org](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)

**HOLY HOUR:** An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 4 February 2010, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Thomas More Chapel.

**ANNUAL ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Friday, 5 February 2010, 7:30pm – 10:30pm in Founders Hall.** Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages and dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. Please RSVP by Friday, 29 January 2010, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.

**ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO, Sunday, 7 February 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Founders Hall.** This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Come enjoy some relaxed time with family and friends before the start of Lent.

**MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT, 5 – 7 February 2010:** Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood at Theological College, beginning Friday evening, 5 February and ending on Sunday, 7 February at noon. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, (301) 853-4580 or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

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

**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 mass, call the

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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 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 26 January, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to parishioner John Feeney, the newly elected president of the Board of Directors of Mary of Nazareth School. John serves our parish as a minister of the Assembly at the 11:00am liturgy

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** On Sunday, 24 January, students attending Mary of Nazareth Catholic School, and their parents, will provide refreshments after the 9:00am liturgy and 11:00am liturgy.

**SUPPORT MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL:** Representatives from Mary of Nazareth School will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday, 24 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.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Please come to visit Mary of Nazareth School at the Open House on Sunday, 31 January 2010 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. 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).

**PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS:** Mary of Nazareth families who are registering to attend the school, either new families or families who are returning next year, are asked to drop off their forms at the parish office at least one week before their due date. Please call the office (301) 948-5536, before dropping the form off. Parish staff will call you for pickup after the form is signed.

**EPS COURSES: Education+Parish+Service** is offering two courses on Tuesdays, beginning 2 February. **Jesus, Our Lord and Redeemer** explores the mission of Jesus on earth and will be held at 10:00am. On Tuesday evenings a Church history course, **The Growth of Catholic Tradition: Middle Ages and Reformation** will be held from 7:00pm – 9:15pm. Both courses are on the campus of Trinity University in Washington, DC. To register for either course contact Ann Kitterman at [kittermana@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kittermana@trinitydc.edu).

### *Social Concerns*

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION:** The Archdiocese is collecting funds to send to Haiti. If you would like to make a donation, please send your check, payable to “*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*” with a notation on the check for “*Haiti Relief*”, and send it to the parish office, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874.

**2010 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS:** Many parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl asking that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, “*I Will Give You Thanks, O Lord*” (Ps. 138:1). Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION:** Our parish donated \$2,076.00 to this national collection.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** The Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) and the Catholic bishops of Maryland, invites you to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis on Monday, 15 February from 3pm – 8pm. Lobby Night is an event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected state officials about social issues and the state budget’s impact on social service program. Lobby Night begins with prayer and commissioning from the bishops, followed by issue briefings from MCC staff then meetings with lawmakers followed by a dinner reception with legislators. Registration is required. To register, call (301) 261-1979 or register online at [www.mdccathcon.org](http://www.mdccathcon.org).

***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:** Those parishioners who have enrolled in Faith Direct 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. The offering cards are no longer needed. 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.

**MORTGAGE:** As of 1 January 2010, our monthly mortgage debt is \$613,882.09. The December revenue

amounted to \$9,982.33. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500.

<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>January</b>	
24 Sun	Catholic Schools Week Celebration After 9am & 11am Liturgy
25 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn
26 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Study Session 6:30pm- 7:45pm, Founders Hall Faith Formation Sessions
27 Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade confirmation Study Session 6:30pm – 7:45pm, Founders Hall Faith Formation Sessions
30 Sat	<b>First Penance and Reconciliation</b> 9:00am, Church
<b>February</b>	
01 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn
02 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
03 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions
04 Thu	Holy Hour, 7:00pm, Thomas More Chapel
05 Fri	<b>Volunteer Mardi Gras Party</b> 7:30pm – 10:30pm, Founders Hall
07 Sun	<b>Family Bingo, 2 – 4pm</b> Founders Hall High School Faith Formation 6:30pm – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
08 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn
09 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
10 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions
14 Sun	Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
15 Mon	President’s Day, Parish Office Closed
16 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
17 Wed	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Sacred Liturgy: 6:00am, 12 noon, 6:00pm 8:00pm Ecumenical Service Faith Formation Sessions
20 Sat	Getting Ready Day, 9:00am – 11:00am
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
<b>February</b>	
26 Fri	<b>Confirmation Retreat Begins, 6:00pm</b>
27 Sat	<b>Confirmation Retreat Ends, 6:00pm</b>
<b>May</b>	
09 Sun	<b>Confirmation, 2:00pm Bishop Gonzalez</b>

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