

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 14 - 15
January, PRESIDERS:**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob

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Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 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; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

THANK YOU to our liturgical ministers for their generous commitment during this Christmas season; to the cantors, accompanists, and choir for their inspiring music; and to those who generously helped decorate the church and set up the manger.

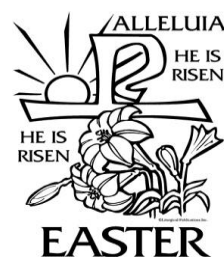
INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50.

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 Tuesday, 10 January, and continues through Tuesday, 21 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, 28 May, the day following Pentecost.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, 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 you remain at home, if feeling unwell.



EASTER SUNDAY 2012: Easter Sunday is a moveable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Feast of the Epiphany*. Therefore we joyfully announce that this year, *Easter Sunday*, the Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 8 April 2012. The Season of Lent begins on *Ash Wednesday*, 22 February 2012; the Season of Easter ends on *Pentecost Sunday*, 27 May 2012.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the deaths of **Anna Giattino**, mother of *Antoinette DeRosa*, and **Jean Marie Brannan McLaughlin**, mother of *Ann Dodelin*. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: On Saturday, 21 January, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation Church, 3810 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., the Blessed Theresa of Calcutta Society's annual day of recollection will include a reflection by Father Carter Griffin, Mass, Adoration and Confession. For more information, contact Maris Moriarty (202) 636-9020.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Free-Throw and Basketball Tournament, open to players 6 to 99, will be held on Saturday, 21 January at noon at the Poolesville Baptist Church. For more information, contact Donald Patti, Council # 6901, at (866) 478-8080.

SEVENTH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP STUDY: A Group Study Workshop, Session II, will be conducted on Sunday, 22 January from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for 7th grade candidates and their parents. Contact Fr. Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org with questions concerning Confirmation.



FIRST PENANCE: First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 28 January at 9:00 a.m. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. Two **volunteers** (not parents of second graders) **are needed** from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and two volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to help set up, monitor, and clean up. Call Michele Olewack (301) 948-5536 ext. 107, if you are able to help.

OLVP MEN'S BRUNCH: Men and teenage sons are invited to come to the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 29 January followed by a brunch at the newly renovated Gaithersburg Holiday Inn. For more information, contact Brian O'Sullivan (240)477-5717.

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. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For further information go to www.dcengagedencounter.org and register for a weekend.

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 mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

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

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 108.

Faith Formation for Life

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Regular class schedules will resume tonight, Sunday, 8 January at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: 23 January 2012: The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held at the Verizon Center (7:00 a.m.) and at the DC Armory (6:30 a.m.). Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with departure for the National March for Life at 11:30 a.m. OLVP has eight tickets available for youth from this parish. Please contact Michele Olewack (301) 948-5536 ext. 107 for a ticket or visit www.facebook.com/youthrallyandmassforlife.

MARY OF NAZARETH OPEN HOUSE: Please come visit Mary of Nazareth Elementary School, our interparish Catholic elementary school, for an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012 between 1:00 p.m.

and 3:00 p.m. Come tour our [Blue Ribbon](#) school, meet the teachers, and talk to current parents and students. Registration materials for the 2012-2013 school year will be available in mid-January. For information, please contact Mrs. Maryellen Weir at mweir@maryofnazareth.org or visit the school's website at www.maryofnazareth.org.

Social Concerns



THANK YOU to the generous people of *Our Lady of the Visitation Parish* for helping to provide a wonderful Christmas to some of our less fortunate neighbors through donations to our St. Nicholas Catalog, the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and our Adopt-a-Family collections, and to the good souls who provided transportation for the larger items.

MARYLAND LOBBY NIGHT: In preparation for Lobby Night (20 February), the Archdiocesan Department for Charity and Justice will host a Legislative Briefing at St. Matthias School Cafeteria in Lanham, MD on Saturday, 28 January, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please RSVP to abosnick@adw.org or call (301) 853-5340.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will be closed on Monday, 16 January, to honor the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

BULLETIN / FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer in the bulletin, please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email cenos@olvp.org.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIR: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is MD114. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call Faith Direct's toll-free number, (866) 507-8757 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 10 Tues Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Sun No Faith Formation Classes
- 16 Mon Office Closed
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Sun 7th Grade Confirmation Study Session,
6:30 – 7:45 p.m., Lower Church
- 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Sat First Reconciliation/Reception, 9:00 a.m.
Church/Hall; Catholic School Students
Wear Uniforms to 5:00 p.m. Liturgy
- 29 Sun Men's Brunch
Mary of Nazareth School Open House
- 31 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

February

- 02 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Chapel
- 05 Sun Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
High School, Rectorry
6,7, 8 Grades, Founders Hall
- 7 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

SAVE THE DATE

February 2012

- 10 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance
- 12 Sun Family Bingo

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