

Church of the Annunziata



Rev. Msgr. John Leykam, Pastor

Deacon Thomas J. Gottlieb

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Eucharistic Chapel is closed at this time.
(The main church is open for prayer
Monday through Friday
from 6:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.)

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment only.
Please call the Rectory
for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Only registered, active members of our
parish and their children may celebrate
their weddings at Annunziata,
with a six-month preparation period.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

We're called to form our conscience in accord with Catholic teaching.

**Archbishop
Mitchell Rozanski**



After the election, our mission to proclaim and give witness to the Gospel will remain. There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said: "Teacher, who should I vote for in the upcoming election?"

OK, that didn't really happen. But, one week before the election, it sure feels like that's the question on people's minds. And people would like the Church, or me, or their pastor, to answer it.

Well, the Church doesn't answer that question for anyone, and neither will I, and neither should any pastor. The fundamental reason isn't because IRS regulations forbid it (though that's also true). The fundamental reason is that it's a decision for the conscience of each person, and I'm not called to replace anyone's conscience — that's a place where each of us stands alone before God. What I am called to do, and every pastor is called to help with, is to form consciences in accord with Catholic teaching. That's why, every four years, the U.S. bishops publish *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. I recommend it! It contains a robust treatment of how a Catholic should approach elections — it's detailed and nuanced in a way that meets the complexity of our situation.

If I can highlight just two points from the document, to help form and challenge the consciences of everyone in preparation for the election, it would be these.

First: If you don't hold that abortion is the pre-eminent moral issue of our time, and if you don't struggle to justify voting for a candidate whose record or policy would favor or even expand abortion, then you probably aren't forming a Catholic conscience in preparation to vote.

Second: If you think that other serious issues like race, immigration and the environment can be dismissed or ignored, and if you don't struggle to justify voting for a candidate whose record or policy would be contrary to Catholic teaching on these matters, then you probably aren't forming a Catholic conscience in preparation to vote.

To be sure, the issues I just named aren't the only ones to be weighed — there are plenty of others to be placed on the scales. But those two points are enough to challenge everyone for the moment.

The conclusion to be reached after giving all the issues their appropriate weight?

That's not mine to say for anyone but myself. I will steadfastly refuse to tell anyone what conclusion they should reach. No one who works or teaches for the Church should presume to do so, either.

But I know one thing, I notice one thing, and I want to encourage one thing.

What I know is this: Jesus is not running for office. The day after the election our primary mission will be the same: to proclaim and give witness to the Gospel in all its fullness. The winners will make some parts of that easier, and some parts incredibly hard. Either way, we'll have a lot of work to do. What I notice is this: The way we talk to one another makes me uneasy. How we form our relationships before the election makes a big difference in whether or not we're going to be able to work together after the election. For many years now, we haven't been doing such a good job.

What I want to encourage is this: Let's talk to one another differently in the coming year. Let's listen to each other more deeply — to the reasons, the hurts and the hopes. Yes, the election really matters! But something matters more — our shared identity in Christ, and our shared mission to serve the Gospel.

Our culture is drifting ever farther from the Gospel — and by that very fact becoming more and more in need of it. We have too much work to do together to let the powers of the world alienate us from one another.

FROM OUR PASTOR.....



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Throughout the Church of the Annunziata are magnificent stained glass windows depicting Saints who have inspired us through the ages. In the 91 years since our Parish was founded by Msgr. Faris, there are countless mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, who have lived Gospel Values that have led others closer to Jesus and effectively passed on the Catholic Faith by the Grace of God.

While these relatives and friends do not have their own feast day, they are in fact God's Communion of Saints, and their memories challenge us to be real disciples of Christ, by our Christ-like love, our gratitude for God's Blessings, our willingness to be patient, understanding, and forgiving. After a funeral Mass, an adult son of the deceased told me that he and his siblings agreed that their father had never told a lie. He is a perpetual reminder of what Jesus asks of us all: always be truthful, honest, fair, and self-sacrificing.

Next Sunday, November 1st, we gather to praise God and honor God's Saints, and to pray through their intercession for healing, reconciliation, and peace throughout the world!

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY FOR ALL SOULS

On Monday, November 2nd, Annunziata will have a special Mass at 5:30 p.m. (in addition to Mass at 7 a.m.) to pray for the members of our Family who have died, especially in the last year. A lighted candle will be placed on the Altar at the 5:30 Mass with the name of each parishioner who has died during the last year. In addition, if you wish to remember a deceased member of your Family, please call Linda at the rectory, and we will place a candle for them on the Altar.

For those unable to be present for the 5:30 p.m. Mass on November 2nd, the Mass will be live-streamed (please go to the Parish website: www.annunziata.org and then click on the Online Mass link for the televised Mass.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Bishop Robert Hermann, Auxiliary Emeritus of our Archdiocese, often says, "When I die, pray for me!" I would add, "When I die, pray for me!" The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to "Praying for the Dead" as a Christian obligation. Through prayer, almsgiving, and offering the Mass, we can hasten the purification of those in purgatory.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance, (by the Communion rail on St. Joseph's side) and they will be remembered not only on November 2nd, but at every Mass throughout November.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!"

Our Prayer Page

PLEASE PRAY

for doctors and nurses, first responders, and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.

Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
 Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
 Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
 LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
 2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
 John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
 1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
 Captain Molly Collins DuTart, U.S. Army
 Major Courtney Collins Fox, U.S. Army
 Soosan Good, U.S. Army
 Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
 1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
 Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
 James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
 SSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
 Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
 Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
 Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
 Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
 Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
 SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
 PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
 Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
 Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
 Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

(Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)



On November 2nd,
 we celebrate
ALL SOULS' DAY.
 We pray that all who have died
 may rest in peace.

We will commemorate those
 who have died during this past
 year in a special way by
 lighting a blessed candle and reading
 each name at the celebration of the
Mass at 5:30 pm
November 2nd.

(The candle is then yours to take home.)

Anyone who has lost a loved one and
 would like to have a candle lit in their
 loved one's honor, please
 contact Linda in the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
 Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5;
 Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
 Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
 Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6;
 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

From Death To New Life



Clare Curran Coulter	October 25, 2010
Thomas Jay O'Toole	October 25, 2016
Maria Musick Brennan	October 26, 2010
Ann George O'Donnell	October 26, 1986
Margaret Carter Heckman	October 27, 2012
John J. Dowling, Jr.	October 28, 2000
Elizabeth Katherine Galle	October 28, 2011
Michael Eugene Collins	October 29, 2017
Mary Ellen Hunkins Holton	October 30, 2012
Richard W. Bland	October 31, 1997
Virginia Hemenway Goessling	October 31, 1993
Edwina D. Harrington	October 31, 2006
Eleanor Lyons Schlafly	October 31, 2018
Eileen Vandillen Sherrill	October 31, 2005

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.



Retirement Fund for Religious—NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.

On the weekend of November 1, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior religious were influential in establishing Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies throughout our archdiocese and the United States. They initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. Many of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Increasing health care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Mitchell T. Rozanski.

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Hartnett

5:00 p.m. Janet Stephens

Sunday, October 25

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Simon Bender

11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, October 26

7:00 a.m. Maria Musick Brennan

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 a.m. Thatcher/Eiseman Family

Thursday, October 29

7:00 a.m. Michael Collins

Friday, October 30

7:00 a.m. Stewart, Margaret &
Douglas Morrison

Saturday, October 31

7:00 a.m. Mary Noetzel

5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, November 1

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Philip Bradford Flanigan

11:00 a.m. Megan Barzizza

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OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name _____

Cell/Phone Number _____

Address/Zip _____

Email _____

☐ Please make the above changes to my parish record.

☐ I would like our Church Family to pray for:

☐ I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

☐ I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon
