



# THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

A GREAT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

Jesus Christ in His great love and mercy  
invites you to stop in

*Annunziata Church*

Tuesday, December 17th.

Three priests will be in the confessionals  
anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

# Church of the Annunziata

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## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.  
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) \*  
Holy Day 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. \*  
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. \*  
\* *Times subject to change*

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.  
Last Sunday of the month, all the Sundays of  
Advent and Lent, or anytime by calling one of  
your priests at the rectory.

## *Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners*

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.  
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.

## *Parish Staff*

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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

FROM OUR PASTOR.....

GO TO CONFESSION  
LET YOURSELF BE CONSOLED



As I prepared this column, I first read what Pope Francis preached at his morning Mass at the Vatican. The Successor of St. Peter calls all people to remember that anyone who wants to experience the consolation and tenderness of God, simply needs to go to confession.

Our Holy Father made up an imaginary conversation:  
“Father, I have so many sins, I have made so many mistakes in my life.”  
“Let yourself be consoled.”  
“But who will console me?”  
“THE LORD!”

“Where must I go? “To ask pardon. Go. Be Bold. Open the door.”  
“Jesus will welcome you. Do not be afraid!”  
“I am confused, I have forgotten what to say and what to do.”

Open the door—“Jesus draws near to those in need of the tenderness of God the Father!”

“The Lord always consoles us as long as we let ourselves be consoled.”  
“Of course, God the Father also corrects His children, but God does that, too, with tenderness.”

Often, Pope Francis said, “People look at their own limits and sins and start thinking that there is no way God can forgive them. It is then that the voice of Our Lord is heard saying, ‘I will console you. I am close to you. God tenderly reaches us——be not afraid, God loves You!’”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

On your way to dinner, or shopping, or practice, or a game, or doing homework, drop by Church and receive the Sacrament of Confession. Monsignor Jim Ramacciotti, who teaches at our Seminary, Father Paul Rothschild, Chaplain at the Carmelite Monastery, and our Pastor, will be in the confessionals. No matter how many years, no matter if you forgot how to receive the Sacrament, no matter if you can't remember any sins you committed, please COME and let one of the Priests help you receive one of God's greatest Gifts.

## SOUND IN ANNUNZIATA CHURCH

Over the years, parishioners have contacted me regarding their concerns about our Church sound system. We have upgraded equipment in consultation with audio experts who work principally with Churches. Over the last year, we have had several companies make presentations regarding our speakers in Church. A great deal has changed in speaker quality in the last 30, 40, 50, and 60 years. A Family in the Parish has gifted our Parish Church with new speakers that are of the same quality as the Carmelite Monastery. Sincere gratitude to all our parishioners who are so supportive of their parish and engaged in the Mission of Christ.

### ANNUNZIATA'S HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays - 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.      Thursdays - 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Annunziata's Chapel is located on the west side lower level of the church. You may enter the building through the east door of the building between 7 am and 4 pm. Please pray about committing an hour each week (or every other week) to Eucharistic Adoration. For more information, please contact Pat Carmody at 314-991-0818.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**  
**5:00 and 10:00 pm**

**Christmas Day**  
**7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am**

### **NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve**  
**5:00 pm**

**New Year's Day**  
**7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am**

*The Parish Office will be closed*  
*December 24, 25 and 26*  
*December 31 and January 1*

**FIAT**  
WOMEN'S GROUP

AT KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting. All women are invited to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Our speaker will be **Father Jason Schumer, Vice-Rector for Cardinal Glennon College and Assistant Professor of Sacramental and Liturgical Theology** at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. For more information or to watch videos of past Fiat talks, visit

<https://kenrick.edu/fiat/>.

# PSR NEWS

## The Story of Christmas

Advent prayers and devotions often emphasize the multifaceted coming of Jesus: his birth here on earth, his coming into our lives on a daily basis, and the promise of his final coming to judge the living and the dead. For our part, it's all about being ready.

Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our recognition that Mary was conceived in the womb of her Mother, St. Anne, without the stain of original sin, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn whose image depicts a young, pregnant Mary. I love thinking about Mary pregnant with our Lord. You just know she was one of those radiant young women whose joy shone from the inside out. I can just imagine her stolen moments talking to Jesus in her womb, singing and just loving him as she prepared for his birth. There is a sweetness to that first pregnancy, everything is new and the anticipation is unlike any other. We do a lot to get ready.

With so much emphasis on motherhood, my Advent reflections often turned to that first coming of Christ: Mary and Joseph's journey through the desert, the birth in the manger, Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, the choirs of angels, the humble shepherds, the bright star, the three kings bearing gifts, the many animals, the pungent smells, the night cold... As mature Christians, it makes sense that we prepare for every facet of Christ's coming, but when getting ready gets the best of us, which is inevitable this time of year, thinking about the story of Christmas fills us with childlike joy.

God Bless You,  
Laura Gyawali  
PSR Principal



### Annual Christmas Pageant TODAY!

Come see our PSR children reenact the story of Christmas today in church immediately following 11:00 Mass (so Noon-is).

(Kindergarten and 1st Grade Rehearse from 10:00 - Noon in Faris Hall)

Today is the Final Day of Classes--PSR Resumes Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Have a blessed and **Merry Christmas!**



**50 Minutes Flies By... Join Us**  
**PSR Parent Coffee**  
**Sundays during PSR classes in Faris Hall**





## LET US PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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  
 1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army  
 Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army  
 Soosan Good, U.S. Army  
 Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy  
 Captain Kate Lunsford, U.S. Army  
 1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army  
 Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army  
 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  
 James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps  
 John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy

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



### *From Death to New Life*

Thomas Paul Gleeson, Jr.	December 15, 2006
Faye Beth O'Byrne	December 15, 2015
Irene Sullivan Ewing	December 16, 2011
Delphine Polk Gatch	December 17, 2007
Jim Good	December 18, 2017
Jean Cronk Andrews	December 19, 2012
Clarann Pollnow Budke	December 19, 2010
Robert Harroll Mooney	December 20, 2002

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;  
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10;  
 Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8;  
 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
 Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;  
 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;  
 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;  
 Mt 1:18-24

### HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

If you are admitted to a hospital, and are asked if you would like your priest to be notified, **please say "yes, call my parish priest at Annunziata at 314-993-4422."**

**If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized, please do not assume we know.**

**Call the Rectory (314-993-4422).**

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**All men are invited to join in this discussion of the Bible, which meets every other Monday, 7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall.**

**For information call Don Carmody at (314) 854-8600.**

**December 15, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Saturday, December 14

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed  
9:00 a.m. Msgr. Krawinkel  
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, December 15

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Mary Darst Donnelly  
11:00 a.m. Bruce Selkirk, Jr.

Monday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Sue George & Family  
7:45 a.m. Joe White

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 a.m. Lydia & William Lackland  
7:45 a.m. John Shields

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 a.m. Cardinal Bernard Panafieu  
of Marseille  
7:45 a.m. Jim Good

Thursday, December 19

7:00 a.m. John Tines  
7:45 a.m. Dr. George T. Hughes

Friday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Mary & Madelyn Maher  
7:45 a.m. Randy George

Saturday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Bett O'Neill  
9:00 a.m. Special Intentions  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
9:00 a.m. Gil Lewis  
11:00 a.m. Margot Schenk

December 14th & 15th

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m.  
Chrissy Nardini  
Kathy Driscoll  
7:00 a.m.  
Jackie Naunheim  
9:00 a.m.  
Gene Cunningham  
Geoff Morrison  
11:00 a.m.  
John Cronin  
Charles Nicolais

**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Mike Nardini  
Stella Alexander  
9:00 a.m.  
Cindy Cunningham  
Geoff Morrison  
11:00 a.m.  
Charles Nicolais  
Carol Donelan

**SERVERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Miles Anstey  
Piper Summers  
Harry Nardini  
9:00 a.m.  
Molly Leonard  
Sadhbh Leonard  
Jorie Gyawali  
11:00 a.m.  
Javier Suarez  
Emmett McIntosh  
Richard McIntosh

December 21st & 22nd

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m.  
Gil Bickel  
Marty Bickel  
7:00 a.m.  
David Holton  
9:00 a.m.  
Suzie Weiss  
Carol Donelan  
11:00 a.m.  
Rick Manley  
Bill McDowell

**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Gil Bickel  
Marty Bickel  
9:00 a.m.  
Carol Donelan  
Suzie Weiss  
11:00 a.m.  
Bill McDowell  
Rick Manley

**SERVERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Ava Fichter  
Giselle Fichter  
John Hawkins  
9:00 a.m.  
Lilliane Bailey  
Matthew Hardin  
Claire Benoist  
11:00 a.m.  
Elizabeth Saleeby  
Halliden Brown  
Audrey Mahoney

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