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Mass Times

Please check our website for Mass guidelines, seat reservations, and possible schedule changes.

Sunday
7:00am English (Ordinary Form)
9:00am Latin (Extraordinary Form)
11:00am Latin (Extraordinary Form)
5:30pm English (Ordinary Form)

Weekday English Mass
(Ordinary Form)
6:30am Monday through Friday
12:10pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Weekday Latin Mass
(Extraordinary Form)
12:10pm Tuesday & Thursday

Saturday
8:00am English (Ordinary Form)
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass - English (Ordinary Form)

Livestream Schedule

The following Masses and Vespers are livestreamed via our Facebook page:
-Sunday 9am and 11am Masses
-Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6:30am Mass
-Tuesday through Friday 12:10pm Mass
-Tuesday through Friday 5pm Vespers
-All Saturday Masses

Vespers

Second Sunday Vespers
7:00pm Latin (Extraordinary Form)

Weekday Vespers (Ordinary Form)
5:00pm Tuesday through Friday

Reconciliation

-Sundays following 9am Mass until the 11am Mass begins
-15 minutes before all other Masses

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office prior to going to hospital.

Baptism

Please email *info@acchtx.org*

Marriage

Please email *weddings@acchtx.org*

The 28th of March in the Year of Our Lord 2021

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

Welcome to The Church of the Annunciation!

If you are visiting from out of town, consider making Annunciation your parish home when in Houston. Please sign the guest book in our entryways. If you recently moved into the area, our pastor the Reverend Father Paul Felix would like very much to meet you and welcome you personally to The Church of the Annunciation. Please see him after Mass.

Parish Clergy

Reverend Father Paul Felix, *Pastor*
Reverend Monsignor James Golasinski, *Former Pastor | Retired*
Reverend Father John Ugobueze, *Priest in Residence*
Deacon Kenneth "K.C." Curtis

Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor: Lillian Kish | *administration@acchtx.org*
Activities Coordinator: Sherri Lindsey | *activities@acchtx.org*
Coordinator of Religious Education: Tammy Zanovello | *religioused@acchtx.org*
Director of Sacred Music: Catherine Schaefer | *music@acchtx.org*
Porter: Joseph Nguyen | *reception@acchtx.org*
Wedding Coordinator: Elizabeth Edwards | *weddings@acchtx.org*

Parishioner Registration

To become a registered parishioner, please complete a registration form on our website. Please inform the parish office of any changes to your contact information.

Donations

To make a financial offering, please visit our website or text the word "*Giving*" to 713-322-5125.

Parish Apostolates, Outreach & Volunteers

To learn about the many volunteer opportunities, please email *volunteers@annunciationcc.org*

Please call the Parish Office for:

Funeral Scheduling, Group Tours of Our Historic Church, Mass Intentions, Re-Issued Sacrament Certificates, Sponsoring a Particular Sunday's Altar Flowers (currently $150), and other inquiries.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 28	
7:00am	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
9:00am	Extraordinary Form Low Mass (Latin)
11:00am	Extraordinary Form Solemn Mass (Latin)
5:30pm	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
Monday, March 29	
6:30am	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
12:10pm	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
Tuesday, March 30	
6:30am	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
12:10pm	Extraordinary Form Mass (Latin)
5:00pm	Ordinary Form Vespers (English)
Weds., March 31	
6:30am	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
12:10pm	Extraordinary Form Mass (Latin)
5:00pm	Ordinary Form Vespers (English)
7:00pm	Extraordinary Form Tenebrae (Latin)
Thursday, April 1	
7:00pm	Extraordinary Form Mass (Latin) / Adoration of our Lord at the Altar of Repose following Mass until Midnight
Friday, April 2	
12:00pm	Confessions and Tre Ore Devotions
3:00pm	Extraordinary Form Passion Liturgy (Latin)
Saturday, April 3	
8:30pm	Paschal Vigil Extraordinary Form (Latin)
Sunday, April 4	
7:00am	Ordinary Form Mass (English)
9:00am	Extraordinary Form Low Mass (Latin) Followed by The Blessing Table
11:00am	Extraordinary Form Solemn Mass (Latin) Followed by The Blessing Table

How Will Our Parish Use Our IGNITE Funds?

The Church of the Annunciation will use the funds to repair our beautiful, historic organ, the Pilcher Opus 1206. Any monies left over will go to other repairs and enhancements for the Church.

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APRIL 14
APRIL 20

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VIA ZOOM

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Congratulations to the newest members of the Body of Christ

Claire Renee Weideman
and
Noah Daniel Pane

who received the Sacrament of Baptism on March 20, 2021. We also congratulate their families and Godparents.

RCIA

Please pray for the men and women coming fully into the Holy Catholic Church on Holy Saturday, April 3. They are entering deeper into their studies and growing in knowledge. Offer a prayer up to your Confirmation saint for them as they pray for the intercession of their patron Saint who will become a great friend and Heavenly advocate.

Pray also for their sponsors and all the RCIA team who journey with them.

If you or anyone you know want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and enter fully into the Faith, email rcia@acchtx. Please include your mobile number.

-*Wednesday, March 31*: Holy Week Tenebrae at 7pm

-*Saturday, April 3:* Holy Saturday Mass 8:30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

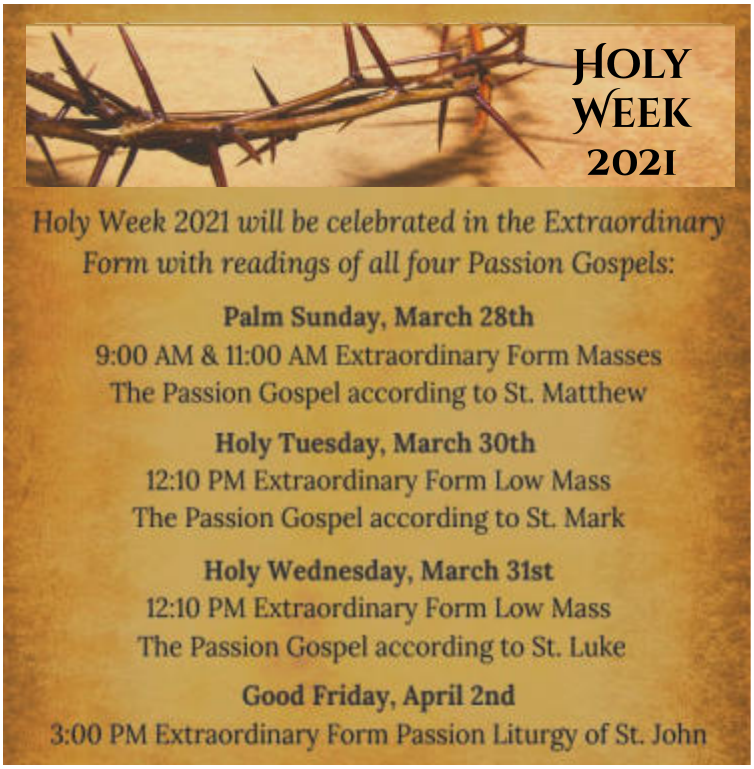
If you wish to enroll your child/children in Religious Education please email religiousED@acchtx.org. In-person classes have begun. There is an at-home option for some grades (or curriculum suggestions) available as well.

First Penance and Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (FHC) – Classes will meet Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:15am at the Foley House. Parents please help your candidates be properly disposed for and attentive at Mass; how to use their missal, and learn the Mass responses. The Mass booklets given out at the previous lesson are helpful. Frequent the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as often as possible.

Confirmation 2021 – The class will meet Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:15am in the Foley House. Chapter 8 (The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit) and Chapter 9 (Life in the Holy Spirit – Prayer) must be read in preparation for this lesson. Ancillary work includes memorizing the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the explanation of Supreme Unction (Preparation for Confirmation booklet, #2 and #6 on page 7).

Please keep us in your prayers that we will always teach the Truth with love and fidelity. Please pray to the Holy Spirit that our students and candidates will open the doors of their hearts and minds and come to KNOW God, LOVE God, and SERVE Him.

Questions concerning Religious Education at Annunciation (instruction at the parish or at home) and/or Sacrament Preparation can be directed to Tammy at religiousED@acchtx.org.



Vocation Discernment

Are you discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life? Do you know about the Houston Vocations office? Please contact the staff there to discuss God's plan of service for you in His Church.

Visit houstonvocations.com or call (713) 652-8239.

Mass Intentions

Sun., March 28

7:00am Lucy-Faustina Luong
9:00am Ramiro Moya †
11:00am T. Marion Miller †
Secondary intention People of the Parish
5:30pm Paul Turlock †

Mon. March 29

6:30am Penelope Whittaker-Wright † and Family
12:10pm Haydee Fuentes Birthday

Tues., March 30

6:30am Kenneth Griffith "Ken" †
12:10pm Barbara Salesi

Wed., March 31

6:30am Paul Turlock †
12:10pm Isabella Dennis

Thur., April 1

7:00pm Jerry Vandenboom †

Fri., April 2

(No Mass)

Sat., April 3

8:30pm Gloria Olgin

Sun., April 4

7:00am Gloria Martinez Montgomery †
9:00am Jessica Grieco and Family
11:00am Tran, Vo, Nguyen and Hoang Family †
Secondary intention People of the Parish

† *Deceased*

Easter Flowers Collection

The Altar Society is collecting donations for the Easter flowers to adorn the altar and church.

Give online at **tinyurl.com/AnnunciationFlowers** and choose the "Easter Flowers" fund, or you can give your donation to members of the Altar Society, stationed near the donation box in back of the Church after weekend Masses.

Thank you for your support.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux on the Wounds and Merits of Christ

Source: crossroadsinitiative.com/

Bernard of Clairvaux on the wounds and merits of Christ. Fitting to be used in Lent and especially during Holy Week as we meditate on the Passion of the Lord Jesus and his infinite mercy. It makes clear that all merit is his, but is ours too since he shares it with the members of his body. St. Bernard, perhaps the greatest preacher of the middle ages, delivered this sermon around the year 1130 AD. Where can the weak find a place of firm security and peace, except in the wounds of the Savior? Indeed, the more secure is my place there the more he can do to help me.

HIS WOUNDS OUTWEIGHS OUR SIN

The world rages, the flesh is heavy, and the devil lays his snares, but I do not fall, for my feet are planted on firm rock. I may have sinned gravely. My conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the the Lord: He was wounded for our iniquities. What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ? And so if I bear in mind this strong, effective remedy, I can never again be terrified by the malignancy of sin.

WE SHARE IN HIS MERITS

Surely the man who said: My sin is too great to merit pardon, was wrong. He was speaking as though he were not a member of Christ and had no share in his merits, so that he could claim them as his own, as a member of the body can claim what belongs to the head. As for me, what can I appropriate that I lack from the heart of the Lord who abounds in mercy? They pierced his hands and feet and opened his side with a spear. Through the openings of these wounds I may drink honey from the rock and oil from the hardest stone: that is, I may taste and see that the Lord is sweet.

NAIL AS A KEY TO UNLOCK THE DOOR

He was thinking thoughts of peace, and I did not know it, for who knows the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? But the piercing nail has become a key to unlock the door, that I may see the good will of the Lord. And what can I see as I look through the hole? Both the nail and the wound cry out that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The sword pierced his soul and came close to his heart, so that he might be able to feel compassion for me in my weaknesses.

THE SECRET OF HIS HEART

Through these sacred wounds we can see the secret of his heart, the great mystery of love, the sincerity of his mercy with which he visited us from on high. Where have your love, your mercy, your compassion shone out more luminously that in your wounds, sweet, gentle Lord of mercy? More mercy than this no one has than that he lay down his life for those who are doomed to death.

MY MERIT COMES FROM HIS MERCY

My merit comes from his mercy; for I do not lack merit so long as he does not lack pity. And if the Lord's mercies are many, then I am rich in merits. For even if I am aware of many sins, what does it matter? Where sin abounded grace has overflowed. And if the Lord's mercies are from all ages for ever, I too will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever. Will I not sing of my own righteousness? No, Lord, I shall be mindful only of your justice. Yet that too is my own; for God has made you my righteousness.

This post on the wounds and merits of Christ's mercy is an excerpt from St. Bernard's homilies on the Song of Songs (Sermo 61, 3-5: Opera omnia, 2, 150-1). It appears in the Roman Catholic office of readings for Wednesday in the 3rd week of ordinary time. The accompanying biblical reading is from Deuteronomy 29:1-28.

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