PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit.

We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today’s Liturgy takes us to the raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45, revealing Jesus’ most stunning miracle and the final one leading to his death. Perhaps one of the most enigmatic problems is with Jesus’ delay upon hearing of his dear friend Lazarus’ death. Why would Jesus delay two days before leaving to come to the aid of his friend at the request of his sisters, Martha and Mary? Surely it was not because of a lack of affection for Lazarus. Jesus wanted to work this final miracle in which He would show his power over our ultimate fear, death itself. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been buried four days earlier.

Upon his arrival, both Martha and Mary remind Jesus that He could have saved their brother. Knowing that Lazarus was dead, what Jesus would do would call for amazement and faith from Martha and Mary and many others. But even with this extraordinary miracle of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, there were those with hardened hearts who would not believe and figured that this was some kind of a trick. Do you believe in Jesus’ power over life and death? Do you believe in the resurrection of the body on the last day? If yes, then let us give our lives over to live as Jesus calls us to entrust the events of our lives to God’s providential care. While everyone is suffering under this Coronavirus pandemic, we know that God is still with us. We read in the Letter to the Hebrews 13:8, 13 that Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. If we grow in our personal relationship with Christ through prayer, we will also grow in our trust that the Lord Jesus will sustain us through whatever we must endure. St. Paul reminds us in Phil. 4:4-7 to lock down in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice... The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let us spend time in prayer and thanksgiving and rejoice as we look to how God will carry us through to new life.

LOCKDOWN

I share with you a poem entitled “Lockdown” from a Capuchin Franciscan, Brother Richard Hendrick, OFM Cap of Ireland, which reveals hope in the midst of the trials.

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalm 116:12)

Today we remember how we have grown as a community and who we are today.

Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic/ The birds are singing again/ The sky is clearing,/ Spring is coming,/ And we always encompassed by Love

Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples/ are preparing to welcome/ and shelter the number/ through the neighborhood/ So that the elders may have someone to call on. Today and delivery to the housebound. Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her sounds of family around them. They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland/ Is offering free meals across the empty squares,/ keeping their windows open/ so that those who are alone/ may hear the Ireland, which reveals hope in the midst of the trials.

entrust all the events of our lives to God

The Church will remain open daily from 8am - 5pm for private prayer and devotion. Please stay safe and well.

The Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/19 - 6/30/20) is based on the giving of our faith family for Fiscal Year 2019. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks and cash is $1,788,000.00 or $34,000.00 per week. Contributions for the 37th weekend of the fiscal year were $3,068.00. In the 37th week of our fiscal year, our budgeted goal for ministry programs and ordinary operating expense is $1,292,000.00 and our collections are $1,348,665.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

May God bless you in your sacrificial giving. Lord, help me move from comfort to sacrifice.
Lent

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O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did from Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection, Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our plea — we are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger.
O glorious and blessed Virgin.
—Pope Francis, Prayer for Protection during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This Week’s Meetings/Activities

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, all meetings, scheduled events and activities have been canceled until further notice. While we long for the day that we can return to worship together at Mass, this is an opportunity to practice true Christian charity towards your neighbors, especially the elderly and medically vulnerable, by making the sacrifice of stay at home and follow the directions of our local authorities to prevent the spread of the virus. Please rely for the relief of all those suffering during this difficult time, for the healthcare workers on the frontlines, and for our leaders. This is a time for great charity toward each other, and to each other, to our families, to our parishes, to our communities.

Prayers for Rcia Elect & Candidates

Please continue to pray and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Consolation (Grief) Ministry

On the 1st Thursday of the month after the 5:30 PM Mass, ministry gatherings to pray the Rosary for the deceased parishioners and loved ones of our parish. The Consolation (Grief) Support Group continues on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in St. Bakita Hall. The program is called “Seasons of Hope.” Meetings are postponed until further notice. For details, please call the parish office at 229-6000 or lesliemonnette@annunciationparishbq.org.

Refrain: Love is not a joining, but a choice. Make an act of will to love someone even when it is difficult.

Word of Life Reflection

There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving back to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life! (The Gospel of Lk 6:35)

Religious Education Programs

We accept children in their faith journey year-round

Elementary Religious Education (Pre-K - 5th grade)
Middle School Religious Education (6th & 7th grade)
Confirmation Program (8th, 9th, 10th grade)

At this time, ALL Religious Education Program activities are suspended. A further notice for the health and safety of the community.

2020 Census

2020census.gov

COVID-19

These are challenging times.
I would like to encourage RC families to take time to read the Sunday readings together or pray the Stations of the Cross as a family. Take time as a family to pray for those who are vulnerable and those who are already sick, pray for the healthcare workers on the frontlines, and our leaders who are having to make difficult decisions.

Reflect:
Please reflect on the lives of the saints who also faced challenges with deep faith in God’s goodness. Also, enjoy being a family of prayer.

Lenten Meals Sales

Loyola Press is offering a free Coronavirus lesson for your children that teaches them how to protect themselves and others and how to pray and support our neighbors in need.

Growing with God: Safe and Secure

Ministry of Mom Support (MOMS)

Meetings are postponed until further notice.

5th Sunday Rosary
Sunday, March 29

No gathering this month, please pray the Rosary at home.

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice.

Assignment:
Assigned Acknowledged and prays daily at the Church between 8 AM - 5 PM in front of the Tabernacle. You are under no obligation to come. If you are able, you are encouraged to do so. If you are unable to, please contact the parish office.

For the latest updates on status of the Church for private prayer:
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CRS Rice Bowls

Please continue to remember to add your spare change to the CRS Rice Bowl. CRS helps both the local community and the world who are disproportionately affected by difficult times. More information will follow regarding when this collection will be taken up.

More info a Lenten resources at www.crsricebowl.org

The Original Image of Divine Mercy

The Exhibition

A special presentation by Divine Mercy Expert & director Daniel diSilva at Annunciation.

***Currently POSTPONED***
Continue to watch this bulletin for information about when this exhibition and presentation will be rescheduled.

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LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, March 30th — Saturday, April 4th, 2020

MONDAY: Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY: Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9   Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY: Lenten Weekday
Dt 3:14-20, 91-92, 95   Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit; Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9   Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY: First Friday; Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13   Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY: First Saturday; St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28   Jn 11:45-56

MUSIC & LITURGICAL MINISTRY
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Rose Marie Vigil, Administrative Assistant

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

Cantor Rehearsal: NO CANTOR REHEARSAWS until further notice
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Please wait for information regarding rehearsals
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: NO REHEARSAWS until further notice.

Again we keep this solemn fast. A gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly To faith and hope and charity.

We pray, O blessed Three in One, Our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

MINISTRY

As we approach the holiest days of the Church Year, it is more important than ever to spend time in prayer. Although we may not experience the liturgical celebrations gathered in community, we are nonetheless joined by our common faith in the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. Although we may be reading the day’s Scriptures and following the Mass prayers with a missal in our homes—alone, with family, or a few friends—we are united with Catholics around the world who are saying the same prayers, reading the same Scriptures and reflecting on the same God whose love for us was made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Although Lent 2020 has become a time of unusual sacrifice and suffering, it is up to us to find the deeper meaning of Lenten renewal as we call on Christ for strength: Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html