



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We Are Ambassadors for Christ*



April 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

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Thank you for joining us today!  
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!



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## MASS SCHEDULE



**Parishioners are invited to come  
celebrate with us the real presence of  
Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.**



**Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.**

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.**  
**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.**  
**Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng.**  
**12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.**

### Confessions:

**Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, English & Spanish,  
or by appointment.**

**Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370.  
Thank you!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:00 PM † Joseph Menna  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Thanksgiving Holy Family

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 AM † Mercedes del Carmen Zabala  
 10:00 AM † Ruth Marie Barbehenn  
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Hilnolio Moreno  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Benita Ferral

### Monday, April 7, 2025

9:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00 AM † Francisco David Hernandez

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

### Thursday, April 9, 2025

9:00 AM † Jorge Barbaran Diaz

### Friday, April 10, 2025

9:00 AM † Miguel Pardo

### Saturday, April 11, 2025

4:00 PM † Ronald Cadenas  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Thanksgiving Holy Family

### Sunday, April 12, 2025

8:00 AM † Mercedes del Carmen Zabala  
 10:00 AM † Ruth Marie Barbehenn  
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Hilnolio Moreno  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Benita Ferral

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## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### March 29 & 30, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$16,391.63  
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0  
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$174  
 Faith Direct March 1-15: \$5,913.96  
 Miscellaneous: \$1,723



### OCA 2025 Update:

**Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.**

Goal: \$191,737.10  
 Pledged to Date: \$98,348.96  
 Cash received to Date: \$37,891.16  
 Still needed in Pledges: \$93,388.14

**While we have made a lot of progress in pledges,  
there is an amount in pledges that needs to be covered.**

**Thank you for helping to spread the  
good news of salvation!**



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church  
 from 9:30 AM-6:30 PM.

**\*Every first Friday of the month, the reposicion  
will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**



Ministerio San Jose se reunirá el mes de Marzo en el  
hogar de la familia de:

**Sra. Paola Lucio Ordonez**  
**2045 Slocumb Rd.**  
**Haines City, FL 33844**

## SCRUTINIES WEEK #3



The scrutinies are a series of rites for adults who wish to be  
 baptized. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth  
 weeks of the Lenten season.

This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for  
 the elect. There are prayers of exorcism which are intended to  
 help purify the elect from sin and sinful desires. The overall  
 prayers and laying on of hands are to help the elect be  
 enlightened by the Word and grace of God.

The basic structure which takes place immediately following the  
 homily:

- The elect (with sponsors) are invited forward
- Invitation for the parish to silently pray for the elect
- Intercessions for the elect
- Prayer of exorcism
- Laying on of hands on the elect
- Prayer over the elect
- Dismissal of the elect



## New Life in Christ ...



The Gospel for this Sunday, the final one of the Lenten Season, reveals Jesus' divine power. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Christ demonstrated that He is the resurrection and the life, an achievement made possible through the Holy Spirit's power. All we need to do is humble ourselves and allow Him to work through us.

The miracle of restoring Lazarus to life expresses the love and mercy flowing from Jesus' heart. When He received the news about Lazarus's illness, He did not rush to him immediately; instead, He arrived three days after Lazarus had died. Jesus came because of His profound love for Lazarus and his family. Just as their joy was His, their sorrow affected Him deeply. This is why it is written, "Jesus wept."

Faith is essential for those who have placed their hope in the Lord. If we, as God's people, wish to witness His power, faith must be the central focus of our lives as followers of Christ. He asked Mary and Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe in this?" Thus, to resurrect Lazarus, the love of Christ combined with His sisters' faith invoked the power of the Holy Spirit.

This miracle clearly illustrates that Jesus and the Holy Spirit make everything possible. Jesus has authority over life and death. He knows us, loves us, and calls us by name, as He did when He said, "Lazarus, come out!" If we heed and obey His voice, He will restore life to our weak and mortal bodies through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ARE YOU READY FOR  
**REGISTRATION?**

**Registration for the 2025-2026  
Religious Education Academic Year Has Begun!**

**Please call the Religious Education Office  
for more information: (863) 438-2700.**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **For Every Parent** whose child is preparing for their First Holy Communion at St. Ann Church (no matter if they attend class on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays), your child must be at the church on April 5 by 8:30 AM to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please do not leave after dropping your child off.

**Your child will be dismissed immediately after receiving the sacrament since there won't be any classes on Saturday, April 5.**

- **For Every Parent** with a child attending a Saturday class, including those in Kindergarten, First Grade, and Continuing Formation: There will be no classes for any student on Saturday, April 5.

## BBQ SUNDAY



We invite everyone in the parish to join us for our "BBQ Sundae" Sunday, sponsored by Ovation Bistro & Bar, this weekend on Sunday, April 6, in the Social Hall after the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses.

We will also be hosting "BBQ Sundae" Sundays on May 4 and May 18, 2025.

Each sundae will feature layers of mashed potatoes, coleslaw, and meat, with various barbecue sauces available for you to enjoy.

The cost for each sundae is \$7.

All proceeds will benefit the "Making the Old Legacy New" building campaign.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

We are excited to announce that our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will return this year! We kindly encourage our parishioners to donate bags of candy, baskets, and plastic eggs for this fun event.

**Sunday, April 20**

(after the 12:00 PM Mass)

There will be a collection box in the Narthex where you can drop off your donations.

Thank you in advance for your generous support in making our Easter Egg Hunt a success!



## EASTER FLOWER FUND

*Please help us glorify the Lord during Holy Week & Easter by contributing to our Flower Fund.*

*We appreciate any amount, but we suggest a minimum donation of \$25.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## DAY OF MERCY

### Our Day of Mercy at St. Ann Parish

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 AM-12:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM

*Please note that this is the penance service for Lent.*

Resurrection Catholic Church (Lakeland)  
April 3 - 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Lakeland)  
April 7 - 7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Lake Wales)  
April 8 - 7:00 PM

St. Matthew Catholic Church (Winter Haven)  
April 9 - 10:00 AM-7:00 PM (Reconciliation)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church (Kissimmee)  
April 10 - 7:00 PM





## EASTER SUNRISE MASS



Those who have attended an Easter sunrise service know how powerful and memorable this experience can be. As the sun slowly rises over the horizon, a sense of peace and hope fills the air. And on this extremely special day, you're brought back to a moment thousands of years ago when Jesus' disciples first encountered the power of the resurrection.

A sunrise service is a time-honored Easter tradition for many churches and believers. It's a time to reflect on the past, present, and future. To remember the sacrifice that was made and to celebrate new beginnings, join us for:

**Sunrise Mass**  
**Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025**  
**6:30 AM (Exterior Altar)**

## MAKING THE OLD LEGACY NEW



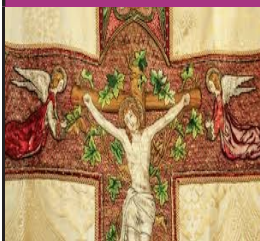
We are excited to share that we have received pledges in the amount of \$1,568,432.97 and \$572,698.13, which have been redeemed in cash toward our goal of \$1.7 million for the rehabilitation of the Fr. Anderson Building and current offices.

While we have made significant progress in our campaign, we still need your support to get this project off the ground.

We are currently in discussions with the Diocese to finalize the project's start date. Once we have that date, we will be happy to share it with the parish.

Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you!

## POPE BENEDICT XVI'S BRIEF GUIDE TO THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



The conclusion of Holy Week ends with the "Liturgy of all Liturgies," commonly known as the "Sacred Triduum." This liturgical event is so important; it spans three days!

A beautiful liturgy draws us closer to the great Paschal mystery of Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection.

**Holy Thursday:** In the evening, entering the Easter Triduum, the Christian community relives what happened at the Last Supper in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. In the Upper Room, the Redeemer wanted to anticipate the sacrifice of his life in the Sacrament of the bread and wine changed into his Body and Blood: he anticipated his death, freely gave his life, and offered himself the definitive gift to humanity.

With the washing of the feet, the gesture with which, having loved his own, he loved them to the end is repeated (cf. Jn 13:1), and he bequeathed this act of humility to his disciples as their "badge": love unto death.

After the Lord's Supper Mass, the liturgy invites the faithful to pause in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reliving Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. And we see that the disciples fell asleep, leaving their Lord on his own.

**Good Friday:** Good Friday, which commemorates the events between Christ's condemnation to death and his Crucifixion, is a day of penance, fasting, and prayer, of participation in the Lord's Passion. At the prescribed hour, the Christian Assembly, with the help of the Word of God and liturgical actions, renews the history of human infidelity to the divine plan, which was nonetheless brought about exactly in this way, and it listens once again to the moving narrative of the Lord's sorrowful Passion.

The Assembly then addresses the Heavenly Father with a long "prayer of the faithful," which embraces all the Church's and the world's needs.

Subsequently, the community adores the Cross and receives the Eucharist, consuming the sacred species reserved from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the previous day. In commenting on Good Friday, St. John Chrysostom observes: "First, the Cross stood for contempt, but today it is something venerable; before it was the symbol of condemnation, today it is the hope of salvation. It has truly become a source of infinite good; it has freed us from error, it has dispelled our shadows, it has reconciled us with God, it has transformed us from being enemies of God to being members of his family, from being strangers to being his neighbor's: this Cross is the destruction of enmity, the source of peace, the casket of our treasure."

**Easter Vigil:** Holy Saturday is when the liturgy is hushed, the day of great silence, and Christians are invited to preserve interior recollection, often difficult to encourage in our day, to be better prepared for the Easter Vigil.

Finally, during the Easter Vigil, the veil of sorrow that shrouds the Church because of the death of the Lord will be torn by the victorious cry: Christ is risen and has defeated death forever! We will then truly be able to understand the mystery of the Cross "since God also creates wonders even in the impossible," an ancient writer says, "so that we may know that he alone can do what he wills. From his death comes our life, from his wounds our healing, from his fall our resurrection, from his descent our uplifting."

## New Life in Christ ...



El Evangelio de este domingo, el último de la Cuaresma, revela el poder divino de Jesús. Al resucitar a Lázaro, Cristo demostró que Él es la resurrección y la vida, un logro posible gracias al poder del Espíritu Santo. Solo necesitamos humillarnos y permitirle obrar a través de nosotros.

El milagro de devolverle la vida a Lázaro expresa el amor y la misericordia que brotan del corazón de Jesús. Cuando recibió la noticia de la enfermedad de Lázaro, no corrió a verlo de inmediato; en cambio, llegó tres días después de su muerte. Jesús vino por su profundo amor por Lázaro y su familia. Así como su alegría era la suya, su dolor lo conmovió profundamente. Por eso está escrito: «Jesús lloró».

La fe es esencial para quienes han puesto su esperanza en el Señor. Si nosotros, como pueblo de Dios, deseamos ser testigos de su poder, la fe debe ser el centro de nuestras vidas como seguidores de Cristo. Les preguntó a María y a Marta: «Yo soy la resurrección y la vida... ¿Creen en esto?». Así, para resucitar a Lázaro, el amor de Cristo, combinado con la fe de sus hermanas, invocó el poder del Espíritu Santo.

Este milagro ilustra claramente que Jesús y el Espíritu Santo lo hacen todo posible. Jesús tiene autoridad sobre la vida y la muerte. Nos conoce, nos ama y nos llama por nuestro nombre, como lo hizo cuando dijo: «¡Lázaro, sal fuera!». Si atendemos y obedecemos su voz, él devolverá la vida a nuestros cuerpos débiles y mortales mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo.

P. Alfonso Cely  
Párroco

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

ARE YOU READY FOR  
**REGISTRATION?**

**Inscripciones para el 2025-2026**  
**¡El año Académico de Educación Religiosa ha comenzado!**

**Por favor llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa  
para más información: (863) 438-2700.**

## ¡AVISOS IMPORTANTES!

- **Para todos los padres** cuyo hijo se está preparando para su **Primera Comunión en St. Ann Church (no importa si asisten a clase los martes, jueves o sábados)**, su hijo debe estar en la iglesia el 5 de abril a las 8:30 AM para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Por favor, no se vaya después de dejar a su hijo.

**Su hijo será despedido inmediatamente después de recibir el sacramento, ya que no habrá clases el sábado 5 de abril.**

- **Para todos los padres** con un hijo que asiste a una clase los sábados, incluidos los de Kindergarten, Primer Grado y Formación Continua: No habrá clases para ningún estudiante el sábado 5 de abril.



## BBQ SUNDAY



Invitamos a todos en la parroquia a unirse a nosotros para nuestro "BBQ Sundae Sunday", patrocinado por Ovation Bistro & Bar, este fin de semana el domingo 6 de abril, en el Salón Social después de las misas de las 10:00 AM y 12:00 PM. También organizaremos "BBQ Sundae" los domingos el 4 y el 18 de mayo de 2025.

Cada sundae contará con capas de puré de papas, ensalada de col y carne, con varias salsas de BBQ disponibles para que disfruten.

El costo de cada sundae es de \$7.

Todo lo recaudado se destinará a la campaña de construcción "Making the Old Legacy New".



## BUSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA



¡Nos complace anunciar que nuestra tradicional búsqueda de huevos de Pascua regresará este año! Animamos amablemente a nuestros feligreses a donar bolsas de dulces, canastas y huevos de plástico para este divertido evento.

Domingo 20 de abril  
(después de la misa de las 12:00 PM)

Habrà una caja de recolección en el Nártex donde podrás dejar tus donaciones.

Gracias de antemano por su generoso apoyo en la realización de nuestro; La búsqueda de huevos de Pascua fue un éxito!

## FONDO DE FLORES DE PASCUA

**Por favor, ayúdanos a glorificar al Señor durante Semana Santa y Pascua contribuyendo a nuestro Fondo de Flores.**

**Agradecemos cualquier cantidad, Pero sugerimos una donación mínima de \$25.**

**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**



## DIA DE MISERICORDIA

*Nuestro Dia de la Misericordia en la St. Ann Parish*

Miercolés, Abril 9 de 2025  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM y 5:00-8:00 PM

Tenga en cuenta que este es el servicio de penitencia para la Cuaresma.

Resurrection Catholic Church (Lakeland)  
Abril 3 - 7:00 PM

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