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January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*“Proclaim his marvelous deeds
to all the nations.”*

(Psalm 96)



“Cantemos la grandeza del Señor”.

(Salmo 95)

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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, January 18, 2025

4:00 PM † Vincent Mofheet

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Ezekiel & Raymond de la Cruz

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:00 AM † Romualdo Alvarado

10:00 AM †

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rosa Maria Calderon

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Blanca Ofelia Restrepo

Monday, January 20, 2025

9:00 AM † Francis Russy

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:00 AM †

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, January 23, 2025

9:00 AM † Raymond Jean & Andre Sejour

Friday, January 24, 2025

9:00 AM † Marlene Hyland

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4:00 PM † Evie Murdock

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Diego & Climaco Torres

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00 AM † Paul & Carolyn Katich

10:00 AM † Nelson Torres Medina

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Alina Hernandez & Jessica Florez

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Pedro Pablo Romero Zambrano

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 11 & 12, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$16,386

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0

50/50: Winner has been notified - \$226

Faith Direct December 1-15: \$6,276.94

Miscellaneous: \$275



OCA 2024 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72

Pledged to Date: \$193,030.61

Cash received to Date: \$180,733.97

Still needed in Pledges: \$2,310.52

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 reposition will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.



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

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If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit faith.direct/ **FL1031** or through our website www.stannhc.com to enroll for regular Offertory and our Buildings & Grounds fund securely on-line. Also, "text to give" is available at **(863) 400-1077**. You can text to enroll and text any dollar amount.



We pray for your continued good health and safety in this time of change, and always know you are in our prayers. God Bless You!

Prayer to St. Paul the Apostle

O holy apostle Paul, our patron and protector, look kindly upon us.

Join us in praising God, our Creator, through Jesus Christ, who died and rose to give us life.

Pray with us that God will preserve our parish, strengthen and enrich our community, and defend us from all adversity. Amen.



STOLEN MIRACLE



In today's Gospel from John, the focus is on the initial miracle of Jesus Christ. This miracle was possible because Mary, His Mother, was there, and she realized people's domestic and daily needs. The Blessed Virgin Mary knew the heart and love of her Son, and she pleaded with him to do something. It's fascinating that she did not ask him to multiply the wine or to perform a miracle. The only thing that she said was, "They have no wine." Today, we can say that she made a simple comment, "just in case," but regarding this petition from his mother, he answered with love and mercy. Mary's words, "Do whatever he tells you," provided a great catechesis about obedience to God, and she is considered the 'handmaid of the Lord.' When reading this Gospel, I like to say that Mary stole this miracle from the heart of Jesus. Even though Christ's public ministry was not yet underway, he kindly accepted the opportunity to assist with his gift of a miracle. Christ gave us the exact instructions on using our gifts for the good and growth of God's people through this.

Another important lesson we should learn from today's Gospel is the Blessed Virgin Mary's role in this miracle. She had the gift of prayer or intercession. She knew that her Son would not reject anything good for her. Therefore, she immediately interceded on behalf of her people. For Catholics, the Virgin Mary is the greatest intercessor. What part of her intercession is not clear for our understanding? When someone is in need and asks me to pray for them, I present their intentions and needs to God, knowing that God, in his infinite love, will answer them according to his holy will. If my prayer is attended and answered by Him, sinner that I am, could you imagine what happens when Mary is the one that presents our petition to Jesus, her beloved Son? Mary acknowledges that she does not perform miracles, and we are aware of it, but her intercession will reveal His glory.

Mary's only requirement for servants was that they obey Christ's commands. She knew that her gift of intercession and position as Mother of Christ was a gift from God. For the benefit of her people, she could participate in Christ's ministry by using her gift of intercession.

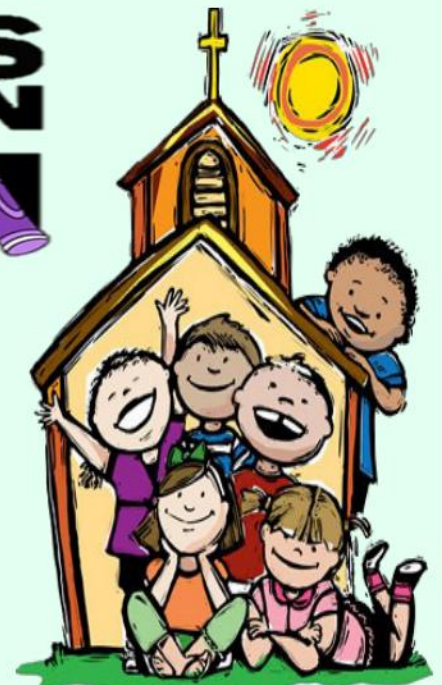
Happy Sunday!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE
2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION ACADEMIC YEAR**

**WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE
PARISH BULLETIN FOR**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



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a special blessing!**

**6th Sunday
of the Word of God**

January 26, 2025

«I hope in your Word» (Psalm 119:74)



DIE, RISE, AND GO YOUTH RETREAT

We want to inform the community that the Youth Retreat called Die, Rise, and Go, originally scheduled for October 11-13, 2024, was postponed due to Hurricane Milton. It has been rescheduled for February 7-9, 2025.

We are just a few weeks away from the retreat, and if you consider it a good option for your children, there are just a few spots available.

The retreat will be at Circle F. Dude Ranch, with the special assistance and direction of Fr. Carlos Urbina, Augustinian Order from New York. Do not miss it!



Contact the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370.

NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. Ann Church!

We invite you to register with our parish by filling out a registration card available in the Narthex in the church or by visiting the Church Office.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

In all the Dioceses of the United States, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Join us this January 22 in prayer.



Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image—as well as theirs—made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE

HONORING

In commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on:

January 20, 2025



Martin Luther King Jr.



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth we urgently desire...."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The grand tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops worldwide are expected to designate their cathedrals or popular Catholic shrines as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

In our Diocese of Orlando, the churches designated for this Jubilee to receive plenary indulgences are St. James Cathedral and Mary, Queen of the Universe. We are all invited to visit these churches this year.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 re-awaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both
 humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 re-awaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.
 To you, our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise forever.
 Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL



St. Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. He instantly saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became tireless, proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday rising from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ, the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal, and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Reflection: Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often, his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by so many beautiful jewels that have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language.

MILAGRO ROBADO



En el Evangelio de hoy de Juan, el foco está puesto en el milagro inicial de Jesucristo. Este milagro fue posible porque María, su Madre, estaba allí, y se dio cuenta de las necesidades domésticas y cotidianas de la gente. La Santísima Virgen María conocía el corazón y el amor de su Hijo, y le suplicó que hiciera algo. Es fascinante que no le pidiera que multiplicara el vino o que hiciera un milagro. Lo único que dijo fue: “No tienen vino”. Hoy, podemos decir que hizo un simple comentario, “por si acaso”, pero ante esta petición de su madre, él respondió con amor y misericordia. Las palabras de María, “Haced lo que Él os diga”, proporcionaron una gran catequesis sobre la obediencia a Dios, y se la considera la “esclava del Señor”. Al leer este Evangelio, me gusta decir que María robó este milagro del corazón de Jesús. Aunque el ministerio público de Cristo aún no estaba en marcha, aceptó amablemente la oportunidad de ayudar con su don de un milagro. Cristo nos dio las instrucciones exactas sobre cómo usar nuestros dones para el bien y el crecimiento del pueblo de Dios a través de esto.

Otra lección importante que debemos aprender del Evangelio de hoy es el papel de la Santísima Virgen María en este milagro. Ella tenía el don de la oración o intercesión.

Ella sabía que su Hijo no rechazaría nada bueno para ella. Por lo tanto, inmediatamente intercedió a favor de su pueblo. Para los católicos, la Virgen María es la mayor intercesora. ¿Qué parte de su intercesión no está clara para nuestra comprensión? Cuando alguien está en necesidad y me pide que ore por él, presento sus intenciones y necesidades a Dios, sabiendo que Dios, en su infinito amor, las responderá según su santa voluntad. Si mi oración es atendida y respondida por Él, pecador que soy, ¿te imaginas lo que sucede cuando María es la que presenta nuestra petición a Jesús, su Hijo amado? María reconoce que no hace milagros, y nosotros estamos conscientes de ello, pero su intercesión revelará Su gloria.

El único requisito de María para los siervos era que obedecieran los mandatos de Cristo. Ella sabía que su don de intercesión y su posición como Madre de Cristo era un don de Dios. Para beneficio de su pueblo, ella podía participar en el ministerio de Cristo utilizando su don de intercesión.

¡Feliz domingo!

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

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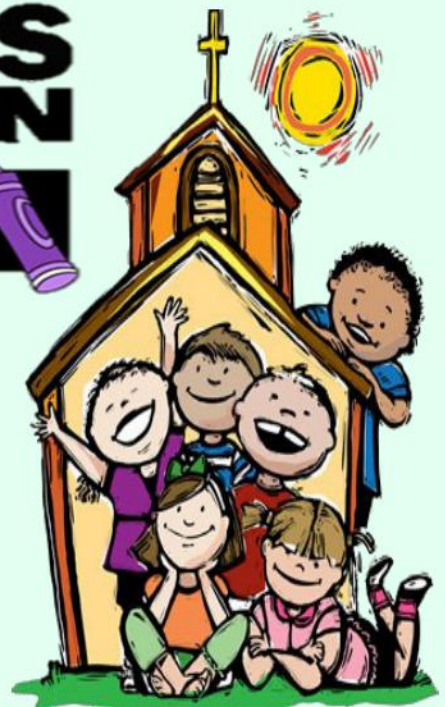


NO HAY CLASES EL SÁBADO 25 DE ENERO.

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HONORING

En conmemoración del
Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.
las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas los:

20 de enero de 2025

Martin Luther King Jr.

RETIRO JUVENIL "DIE, RISE, AND GO"

Queremos informar a la comunidad que el Retiro Juvenil llamado Die, Rise and Go, originalmente programado del 11 al 13 de octubre de 2024, se pospuso debido al huracán Milton. Ha sido reprogramado del 7 al 9 de febrero de 2025.

Estamos a solo unas semanas de este retiro, y si lo consideras una buena opción para tus hijos, hay solo algunos lugares disponibles.

El retiro será en Circle F. Dude Ranch, con la asistencia especial y dirección del P. Carlos Urbina, de la Orden Agustiniense de Nueva York. ¡No te lo pierdas!

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (863) 422-4370.



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JORNADA DE ORACIÓN POR LOS NO NACIDOS

En todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos, el 22 de enero (o el 23 de enero, cuando el 22 de enero cae en domingo) se observará como un día particular de oración por la plena restauración de la garantía legal del derecho a la vida y de la penitencia por las violaciones a la dignidad de la persona humana cometidas a través de actos de aborto.

Únase a nosotros este 22 de enero en oración.



Padre celestial, en Tu amor por nosotros, protege contra la iniquidad del diablo, a esos pequeños indefensos a quienes Tú has dado el don de la vida.

Toca con lástima los corazones de aquellas mujeres embarazadas en nuestro mundo de hoy que no están pensando en la maternidad.

Ayúdales a ver que el niño que llevan está hecho a Tu imagen, así como a la de ellos, hecho para la vida eterna.

Disipa su miedo y egoísmo y dales verdaderos corazones femeninos para amar a sus bebés y darles a luz y todos los cuidados necesarios que una madre puede dar.

Te pedimos esto a través de Jesucristo, Tu Hijo, Nuestro Señor, Quien vive y reina contigo y Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

¡NUEVOS PARROQUIANOS!

¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia de Santa Ana!

Le invitamos a registrarse en nuestra parroquia completando una tarjeta de registro disponible en el Nártex de la iglesia o visitando la Oficina de la Iglesia.



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