



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We Are Ambassadors for Christ*



February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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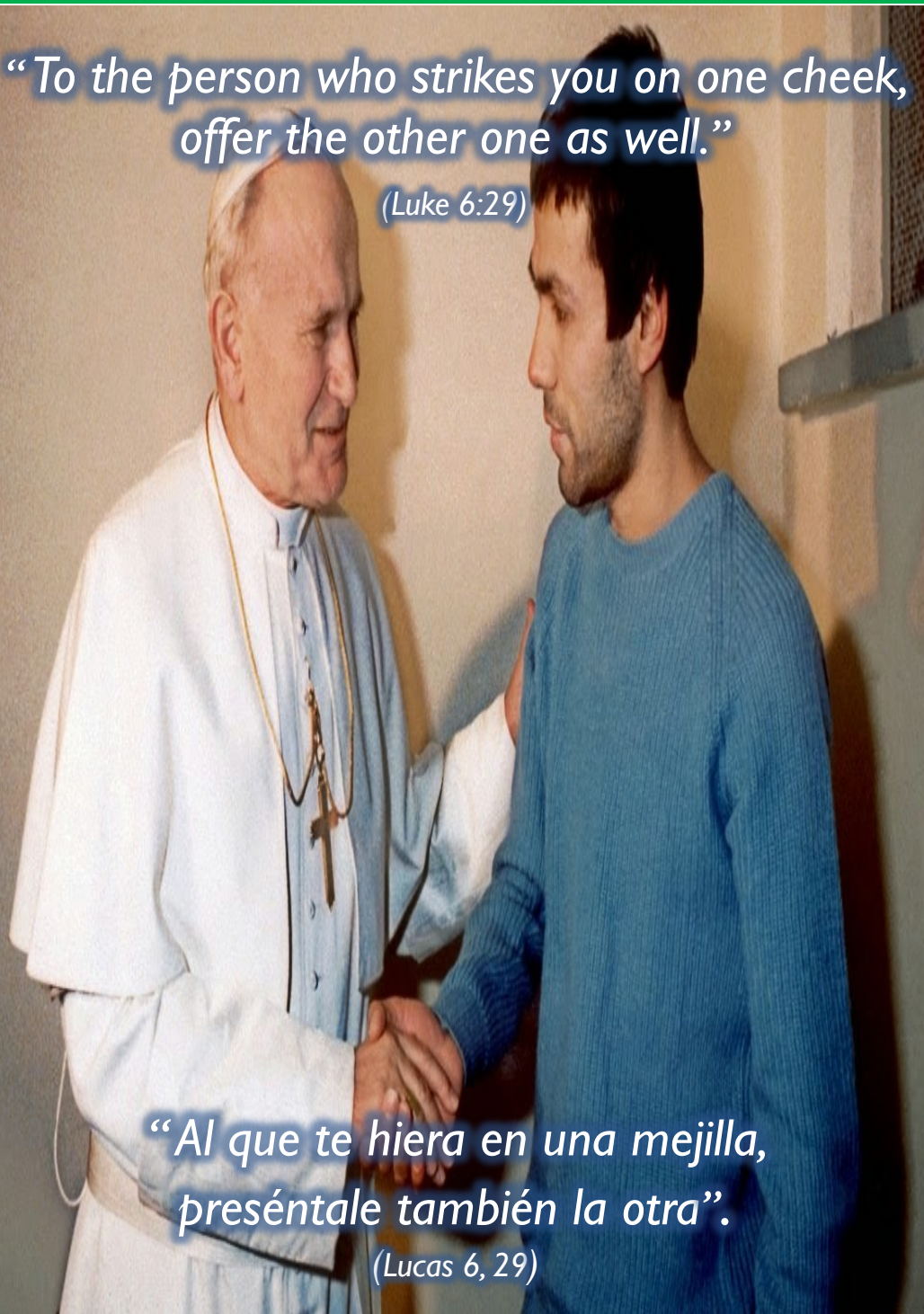
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Thank you for joining us today!  
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

*“To the person who strikes you on one cheek,  
offer the other one as well.”*

*(Luke 6:29)*



*“Al que te hiera en una mejilla,  
preséntale también la otra”.*

*(Lucas 6, 29)*

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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, February 22, 2025**

4:00 PM † Isaura Salazar

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Giaconda & Adriana Cabrera

### **Sunday, February 23, 2025**

8:00 AM † Badong & Palencia Families

10:00 AM † Frank Cavaleri

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Intentions Alexander & Israel Pineda

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Laura Isabel Velez

### **Monday, February 24, 2025**

9:00 AM †

### **Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

9:00 AM †

### **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

### **Thursday, February 27, 2025**

9:00 AM †

### **Friday, February 28, 2025**

9:00 AM † John & Luz Garzon Cardona

### **Saturday, March 1, 2025**

4:00 PM † Pasquale Piteo

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernandez

### **Sunday, March 2, 2025**

8:00 AM † James Adler

10:00 AM † Jim Read

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Gilbert Fernando Contreras

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Thanksgiving Alessa Moronta

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**There will be no food distribution on Wednesday, March 5, in observance of Ash Wednesday.**

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### **February 15 & 16, 2025**

Regular Offertory: \$16,237

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$4,547

50/50: Winner has been notified - \$187

Faith Direct February 16-31: \$6,516.48

Miscellaneous: \$11,253



### **OCA 2025 Update:**

**Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.**

Goal: \$191,737

Pledged to Date: \$19,400

Cash received to Date: \$7,685

Still needed in Pledges: \$172,337

**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!**

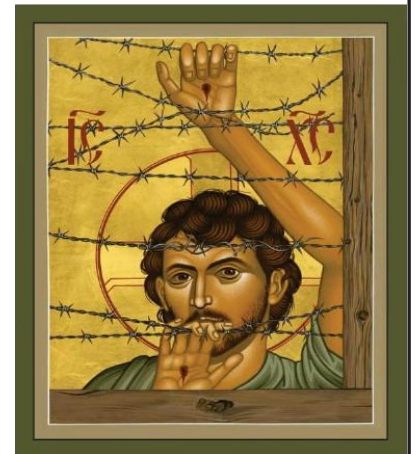
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YOUTH MINISTRY



We would like to congratulate the 37 young men and women who had the courage to step forward and make part of our first youth retreat named "Die, Rise and Go." We are grateful for our youth and happy to be part of your physical and spiritual growth.

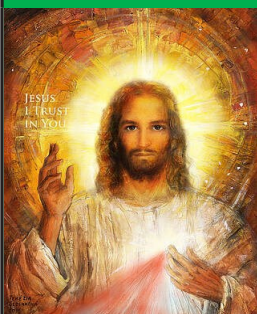
We would also like to thank the St. Ann Youth Team of counselors who made this retreat possible.

Julio Beard  
Meilyn Alfonzo  
Brian Muniz  
Deborah Barriera  
Terry Bennett  
Scott Bennett  
Karileen Mangual  
Victor Flores  
Lily Muniz  
Joseph Castro  
Fr. Dowglas Guevara  
Fr. Carlos Urbina  
Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Fr. Jose Luis Ortegano  
Deacon Steven Ramos





## DIVINE JUSTICE



In the Gospel on this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us the critical and essential virtues that we need to guide our lives all the time as believers and followers of Him. A new commandment is placed above all the canons and regulations that were taught in the Old Covenant. Now, He is talking about the importance of giving whole meaning to genuine and authentic love. We know that His teaching requires a lot of courage and sacrifice, but it is the merit by which we consider ourselves Christians.

David had the death warrant of his enemies in his hands, yet he refused to pronounce it. Instead, he left it for God to pronounce in his own way and appropriately. He heeded God's word: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do not take revenge. Vengeance is mine" (Rom 12:17-19; Deut 32:35).

We must learn to leave all problems with our neighbors or enemies in the hands of the Lord—the just Judge. Therefore, we must not take every opportunity for revenge against our offenders. Forgiveness heals all wounds and wipes all scars away.

Let us remember that we cannot help God in his judgment. He knows what to do, how to do it, and the best time to do it. Therefore, we must let God be God: "The Lord is merciful and kind."

So, how do we reconcile our constant quest for justice with the virtues of mercy and compassion? Is there any common ground between them? This is especially true in our world, where we constantly speak of mercy and advocate for the strictest sense of justice. There is maximum punishment (even the death penalty) for our offenders.

We pray in Mass with one of the prefaces on the second weekday, saying this prayer: "In justice God condemned us, in mercy he redeemed us." We have sinned because we are imperfect, and Divine Justice shows us that some action was wrong. But if we look for forgiveness in God, He always gives us pardon and redemption through his mercy.

Happy Sunday!

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION BEGINS TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Registration will be ongoing until all classes have reached capacity.

Tuesday & Thursday:	10:00 AM-2:00 PM After 2:00 PM, registration is by appointment only. Appointments are limited.
Saturday:	2:15-3:30 PM (This is a change.) Saturday registration will only take place when classes are in session.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS

Birth Certificate & Baptismal Certificate

If a child is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation only:

Proof of a child having already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion **must** also be provided.

### PROGRAM FEES

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY DISCOUNT** begins with two or more children. If the children are not siblings, or if legal guardianship cannot be verified, discount will not be applied.

Continuing Faith Formation:	\$50 for each child	
Preparing for:	1 or no Sacrament: \$100	2 Sacraments: \$150
2nd child preparing for:	1 or no Sacrament: \$ 85	2 Sacraments: \$120
3rd child preparing for:	1 or no Sacrament: \$ 75	2 Sacraments: \$110
4th & above preparing for:	Price of book(s) to be used (varies by class placement)	

ARE YOU READY FOR  
**REGISTRATION?**

**Accepted Payment Methods: Cash (exact amount); Check; or Debit/Credit Card**  
May be satisfied by using any combination of three acceptable forms of payment.

**PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

**March 4, 2025**

We invite you to join us for the Eucharistic Celebration at 9:00 AM. Immediately following, we will have the Burning of the Palms at the outside fire pit.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**



**MARCH 5**

- 7:00 AM - Mass (Sp.)**
- 9:00 AM - Mass (Eng.)**
- 11:00 AM - Ashes Only
- 12:30 PM - Liturgy of the Word (Eng.)
- 3:00 PM - Ashes Only
- 5:30 PM - Mass (Eng.)**
- 7:00 PM - Mass (Sp.)**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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Every Friday in Lent

**Repose of the Holy Sacrament**

4:45 PM

5:15 PM - English  
6:15 PM - Spanish



The Way of the Cross, or the Stations of the Cross, is a Christian devotion that commemorates the events of Good Friday, from Jesus being condemned to death to the moment He is laid in the tomb.

**FREE LENTEN SOUP**

Come share with us a simple meal

**Lenten Soup & Bread**

Wednesday, February 14, @ 1-2 pm  
in the Parish Hall

All those attending the 12:30 Ash Wednesday Word Service are invited to a Lenten lunch offering of soup, bread and water.

**There will be no charge**



Hosted by  
Fr. Philip de Carriere Columbiettes



**ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER DANCE**



**St Joseph Feast Day  
Celebration  
Dinner Dance**



**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Tickets \$25 per person**



**St Ann Catholic Church Social Hall**

**Open to the public**

See any Knights of Columbus or Columbiettes member or St. Ann Office for tickets

**K OF C FISH FRY**



**Every Friday Mar 7 to Apr 11**

Serving Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

*Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw,  
Hushpuppies, Ice Tea.*

**Desserts included.**

**Adults — \$15 Children Under 6 years — \$7**

**St Ann Catholic Church Social Hall**



## OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

Although the Commitment Weekend for Our Catholic Appeal Year 2025 was just this past weekend, the campaign has just started, and we would like to encourage all parishioners to participate in this year's parish pledge. We want to thank all those who have already made their commitment and those who plan to in the future. We would like to thank Dr. Daniel Renuart, Brian Muniz, and Débora Barrera for their presentations last weekend.

**We would like to emphasize the generous offer made by an anonymous donor who wishes to double their annual contribution of \$12,500 to \$25,000, if and only if, we as a community can raise 50% of the goal in pledges by March 1. If we fall short on this challenge, he offers an alternative: to raise 75% of the pledges by April 27. Dr. Renuart mentioned last weekend in his presentation, "Let's make this parishioner pay!"**

If you need help completing your pledge form, call or come to the Parish Office, and we will be happy to assist you. If you need or don't already have an envelope, you may get one at the Parish Office.

Let us remember that as one family, **Great is our Lord!**



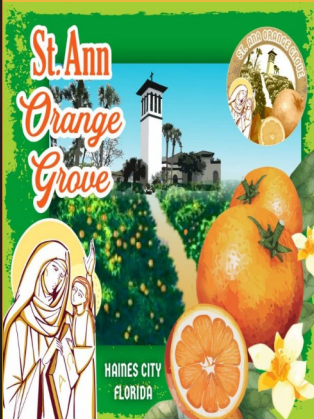
Aunque el fin de semana de compromiso para nuestra Campaña Católica 2025 fue apenas el fin de semana pasado, la campaña apenas acaba de comenzar, nos gustaría alentar a todos los feligreses a participar en el compromiso parroquial de este año. Queremos agradecer a todos los que ya han asumido su compromiso y a los que planean hacerlo en el futuro. También queremos agradecer a Dr. Daniel Renuart, Brian Muniz, and Débora Barrera por sus presentaciones el pasado fin de semana.

**Nos gustaría destacar la generosa oferta hecha por un donante anónimo que desea duplicar su contribución anual de \$12,500 a \$25,000, si y solo si, como comunidad, logramos recaudar el 50% de la meta en promesas antes del 1 de marzo. En el caso de que como comunidad no logremos cumplir con este desafío, él ofrece una alternativa: recaudar el 75% de las promesas antes del 27 de abril. Tal como mencionó el Dr. Renuart el fin de semana pasado en su presentación: ¡Hagamos que este feligrés pague!**

Si necesita orientación para completar su formulario de compromiso, puede llamar o venir a la Oficina Parroquial y estaremos encantados de ayudarlo. Si necesita o no tiene un sobre, puede conseguirlo en la Oficina Parroquial.

Recordemos que como una sola familia, **¡Grande es nuestro Señor!**

### ST. ANN ORANGE FEAST



**Sunday, March 8**  
(after Masses)

Come join us for some freshly squeezed orange juice from St. Ann's Orange Grove, coffee, and donuts.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase your spring plants at **reasonable prices.**

### SILVER ROSE

**Knights of Columbus**  
*Silver Rose Pilgrimage*

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**  
at 9:00 AM

**A Mass at St Ann Catholic Church**



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life.





**PREPARACIÓN DE MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

4 DE MARZO 2025

Únase a nosotros para la celebración Eucarística a las 9:00 AM.

Inmediatamente después, quemaremos las palmas en la fogata al aire libre.



**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**

Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma

Reposición del Santísimo Sacramento  
4:45 PM

Estaciones de la Cruz  
5:15 PM (Ing.)  
6:15 PM (Esp.)

El Camino de la Cruz, o Las Estaciones de la Cruz, es una devoción cristiana que conmemora los eventos del Viernes Santo, desde que Jesús es condenado a muerte hasta el momento en que es puesto en la tumba.



**CENA BAILE SAN JOSÉ**



**Fiesta de San José**  
**Celebración**  
**Cena Baile**



**Sábado, 22 de marzo de 2025**

**Boletos \$25 por persona**



Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Ana

**Abierto al público**

Ver Caballeros de Colón o Columbiettes miembro o la oficina de St. Ann para boletos

**MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**



**MARZO 5**

- 7:00 AM - Misa (Esp.)
- 9:00 AM - Misa (Ing.)
- 11:00 AM - Solo Ceniza
- 12:30 PM - Liturgia de la Palabra (Ing.)
- 3:00 PM - Solo Ceniza
- 5:30 PM - Misa (Ing.)
- 7:00 PM - Misa (Esp.)

**SOPA GRATUITA CUARESMAL**

Venga comparta con nosotros

Sopa Caliente y Pan en Miercoles de Ceniza

Miercoles, Marzo 5, desde la 1:00 PM a 2:00 PM

En el Salón Social

Todos aquellos que atiendan a la liturgia de la Palabra a las 12:30 PM este miércoles de ceniza están invitados a nuestro almuerzo de cuaresma, tendremos sopa, pan y agua

Libre de cargo



Auspiciado por Fr. Philip de Carriere Columbiettes



**K OF C PESCADO FRITO**

Caballeros de Colón



Todos los Viernes del 7 de marzo al 11 de abril

Horario de Servicio: 4:00 pm a 6:30 pm

*Pescado frito, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo, hushpuppies, té helado.*

**Postres incluidos.**

**Adultos — \$15 Niños Menores de 6 Años — \$7**

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