



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

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



*“This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.”
(Psalm 118)*

*“Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya”
(Salmo 117)*

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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 19, 2025

8:00 PM † Rosa Maria Calderon

Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:30 AM † Jesus & Gumita Cely

8:00 AM † Hipolito Arredondo

10:00 AM † Pat Essing

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Tatiana Quintero (Inside)

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Alicia Acosta (Outside)

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Isaura Salazar

Monday, April 21, 2025

9:00 AM † Rossita & Fleuris Joseph Dorelen

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 AM † Birthday of Serge Jr. Celestin

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:00 PM † Intentions Pouchon & Edouard Meline

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 PM † Deceased Members Vincent de Paul

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 PM † Eduardo De Pena

6:00 PM † Gian Carlo Medina

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM † Intentions Family Merisme Nodo

10:00 AM † Vance Ottati

12:00 PM † Eusebia Hernandez

6:00 PM (Sp.) Birthday of Liliana Vargas

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 12 & 13, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$17,655
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,959
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$223
Faith Direct March 16-30: \$5,481.37
Miscellaneous: \$2,362



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10
Pledged to Date: \$105,736.17
Cash received to Date: \$40,821.16
Still needed in Pledges: \$86,000.93

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 Marzo en el hogar de la familia de:

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



EASTER SUNDAY PRAYERS OF JOY

Lord God, all creation sings its joyful praise today. Your Son has defeated the evil one. His death brought us life. His resurrection gives us hope. As we gladly proclaim the joy of Easter, may we be reminded of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. In the face of trials, may we be sustained and strengthened by the hope of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HE IS RISEN!



Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

With this proclamation, Christians worldwide joyfully declare the reason for our jubilation today: the Resurrection of Christ is our resurrection, and his triumph over death is our triumph. People ask why, in the Catholic Church, we don't keep the Sabbath (Saturday) if it was prescribed in the law of Moses: "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you" (Dt. 5:12) and "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy" (Ex 20-8). However, for us who have accepted Christ as our Messiah, Sunday is the first day of the week that marks His glorious resurrection as His victory over death.

Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the profound newness of life that it brings. Today, a new epoch has completely begun. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, has now been glorified.

The short story is that Christ has risen, fulfilling his promise: "I will rise on the third day." The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus is Lord! Today, we celebrate the unequivocal triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and peace over chaos. We celebrate hope, patience, and the fulfillment of God's Promise to his people. We also celebrate the exceptionality of our religion: our Lord's resurrection. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead.

Like Paul, today our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: "We bless God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth...by raising Jesus Christ from the dead." This is because Christ's death was our death, and his resurrection is ours, too. Therefore, his joy, glory, and triumph are equally ours.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"...Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has been raised. Remember what He said to you while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and rise on the third day."

**HE HAS CERTAINLY RISEN!
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR HAS RISEN TODAY!**

HAPPY EASTER!

A REMINDER!

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

TUESDAY EVENING STUDENTS: For parents of students attending class on Tuesday evening, a very important Confirmation Information meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 PM** in your child's classroom and will be led by your child's Catechist. Your child **will have class from 6:00-7:00 PM on this day only. No matter if you are the one who picks up your child or not, you must be present for the meeting.**

THURSDAY EVENING STUDENTS: For parents of students attending class on Thursday evening, a very important Confirmation Information meeting will be on **Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 PM** in your child's classroom and will be led by your child's Catechist. Your child **will have class from 6:00-7:00 PM on this day only. No matter if you are the one who picks up your child or not, or even if your child drives themselves to and from class, you must be present for the meeting.**



SPECIAL THANKS!

We give a special thanks to those ministers who assisted with all of our ceremonies during Holy Week & Easter 2025!

Ed Phillipp, Master of Ceremonies; Ed Leo, Head Minister Acolytes; Tammy Higgins, Environment Ministry; Acolytes; Musicians; Choirs; Sacristans; Ministers; Ushers; & Lectors



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

For the commemoration of the Divine Mercy Sunday, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet before every Mass next weekend, April 26-27.

Join us as we contemplate the mystery of the Divine Mercy, and pray with us to our Lord that his never-ending mercy be poured over us, our parish, and those who still do not know of the Lord so one day they can come to experience his presence and his Love.

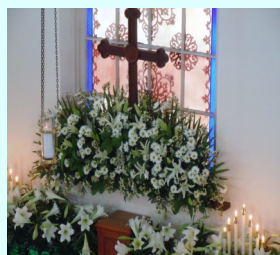


EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who generously contributed to the flower arrangements for Holy Week.

We also appreciate the hard work and effort of those who helped create the beautiful arrangements.

God bless you for your dedication and commitment.



SPECIAL THANKS!

EASTER EGG HUNT



We appreciate everyone who contributed to our Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all the volunteers for dedicating their time to fill the eggs and manage the logistics that made this event possible.

God bless you!

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the group John XXIII for their countless hours of hard work and dedication to the altar of reposition.

We truly appreciate all the hard work and commitment—outstanding work!



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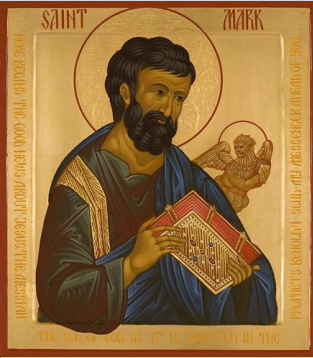
We want to highlight the invaluable work of the Religious Education team, Mrs. Tammy Higgins, and the Catechists. Your hard work and dedication have been instrumental in the growth of our community, especially in guiding the catechumens who received the sacraments and were admitted to the Catholic Church this past Paschal Vigil.



Your commitment to educating our new Catholics and the good people of St. Ann is truly appreciated and has a profound impact on our community.

May God continue to bless you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK: MARK EVANGELIST



Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When St. Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but Mark returned alone to Jerusalem for some reason. From Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, it is evident that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently, a friend of Mark—calling him "my son"—Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, the others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like another Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not among the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four-winged creatures to the evangelists.

Reflection: Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do: proclaim the Good News that is the source of salvation to all people. In particular, Mark's way was by writing. Others may proclaim the Good News by music, drama, poetry, or teaching children around a family table.

MARY MAGDALENE, THE FIRST WITNESS



Mary Magdalene is broken and in pain; Jesus has ended up tortured and crucified, and she finds no consolation. She needs to get closer to the grave where they have put him. She needs to grieve. She needs the closeness of the dead body of Jesus. Mary loves Jesus dearly and doesn't want to leave him; she doesn't shut herself up at home. She puts herself in a situation where she will not be seized by the fear of the executors of her friend and her Lord Jesus. Mary approaches at dawn and finds that the place of death is empty.

Peter and his companion run to the tomb when Mary Magdalene tells them that the body of Jesus is not where they have put it. Something strange is happening around the tomb of Jesus. There is confusion; everything is in order, but he is not in the place of the dead. It seems that it has not been another misdeed of the tomb robbers; the canvases are folded, and there is no damage.

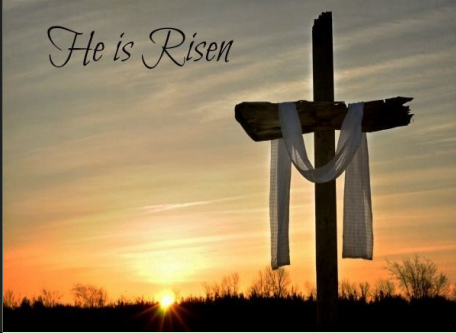
Peter enters, and before the emptiness, he does not react. Instead, his companion, who arrived first, enters and believes. Peter is still dazed and blocked by his abandonment and denial. He needs time. His companion, the favorite disciple of Jesus, the one who most understood Jesus from the heart, begins to open up to the Life of the Risen One. Each follower of Jesus will go through the process of passing from death to life. The Living One does not impose himself; he does not overwhelm; he does not show himself in pageantry and splendor. He will lead his own so that each one makes his "way to Emmaus" in his own way and manner. St. Ignatius will tell us that he shows himself to us "sweetly, lightly, and gently."

For the beloved disciple, it is enough to see the emptiness of the tomb to perceive that death has not had the last word on Jesus, that the "body" of Jesus is now the fullness of life together with the Father who has raised Him from the dead, who is now next to the God of Life. Peter will need a little more time, but he will need the Lord to return to him with a word of encouragement and strength.

Only the empty tomb alone does not lead to recognizing the Living One, "they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him." On the one hand, they are disconcerted because it seems that the body of Jesus, the bodies of his creatures, is not doomed to become manure, that the emptiness of the tomb disturbs them. From this confusion, they begin to understand that "death does not rule" and are getting ready for the Encounter.

¡HA RESUCITADO!

He is Risen



¡Cristo el Señor ha resucitado hoy! ¡Aleluya!

Con esta proclamación, los cristianos de todo el mundo declaramos con alegría el motivo de nuestro júbilo de hoy: la Resurrección de Cristo es nuestra resurrección, y su triunfo sobre la muerte es nuestro triunfo. La gente se pregunta por qué, en la Iglesia Católica, no guardamos el sábado si así lo prescribió la ley de Moisés: «Guarda el día de reposo para santificarlo, como el Señor tu Dios te lo ordenó» (Dt 5,12) y «Acuérdate del día de reposo para santificarlo» (Éx 20-8). Sin embargo, para quienes hemos aceptado a Cristo como nuestro Mesías, el domingo es el primer día de la semana que conmemora su gloriosa resurrección como su victoria sobre la muerte.

Hoy es el domingo más grande del calendario cristiano por la profunda novedad de vida que trae consigo. Hoy ha comenzado una nueva época. Esto se debe a que el Jesús histórico, quien sufrió, fue crucificado, murió y fue sepultado, ahora ha sido glorificado.

En resumen, Cristo resucitó, cumpliendo su promesa: «Resucitaré al tercer día». La batalla ha terminado. No hay controversia porque Jesús es el Señor. Hoy celebramos el triunfo inequívoco del bien sobre el mal, de la luz sobre las tinieblas y de la paz sobre el caos. Celebramos la esperanza, la paciencia y el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios a su pueblo. También celebramos la excepcionalidad de nuestra religión: la resurrección de nuestro Señor. A través de ella, Jesús afirma que es el Señor de los vivos y de los muertos.

Al igual que Pablo, hoy nuestro canto debe ser de agradecimiento a Dios: «Bendecimos a Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que en su gran misericordia nos ha dado un nuevo nacimiento... resucitando a Jesucristo de entre los muertos». Esto se debe a que la muerte de Cristo fue nuestra muerte, y su resurrección también lo es. Por lo tanto, su alegría, gloria y triunfo son igualmente nuestros.

¡Felices Pascuas!

P. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

¿Por qué buscáis al Viviente entre los muertos? Él no está aquí, pero ha resucitado. Acordaos de lo que os dijo cuando aún estaba en Galilea: que era necesario que el Hijo del Hombre fuera entregado a los pecadores, que fuera crucificado y que resucitara al tercer día".

**¡CIERTAMENTE HA RESUCITADO!
¡NUESTRO SEÑOR Y SALVADOR HA RESUCITADO HOY!**

¡FELICES PASCUAS!

¡UN RECORDATORIO!

ENCUENTRO PARA LOS PADRES DE LOS ESTUDIANTES DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

ESTUDIANTES DEL MARTES POR LA NOCHE: Para los padres de los estudiantes que asisten a clase el martes por la noche, una reunión muy importante de Información de Confirmación será el **martes 29 de abril a las 7:00 PM** en el salón de clases de su hijo y será dirigida por el catequista de su hijo. Su hijo **tendrá clase de 6:00-7:00 PM solo en este día. No importa si usted es quien recoge a su hijo o no, debe estar presente en la reunión.**

ESTUDIANTES DEL JUEVES POR LA NOCHE: Para los padres de los estudiantes que asisten a clase el jueves por la noche, una reunión muy importante de Información de Confirmación será el **jueves 1 de mayo a las 7:00 PM** en el salón de clases de su hijo y será dirigida por el catequista de su hijo. Su hijo **tendrá clase de 6:00-7:00 PM solo en este día. No importa si usted es el que recoge a su hijo o no, o incluso si su hijo conduce solo hacia y desde la clase, debe estar presente en la reunión.**



!GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Queremos agradecerle al ministerio de limpieza por la preparación de los edificios parroquiales antes, durante y después de la semana santa.

Su testimonio de amor y servicio se lleva en sus actos incondicionales que le ofrecen a la comunidad de St. Ann.

Dios los bendiga!



!GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Queremos reconocer el trabajo sobresaliente de nuestro grupo carismatico "Mensajeros del Señor".

Al encargarse de todo el trabajo logístico para las celebraciones de semana santa en el altar exterior Domingo de Ramos y Domingo de Pascua.

Gracias por su servicio a la familia de St. Ann.



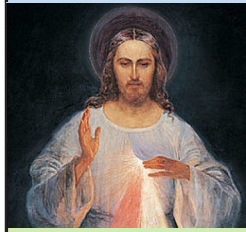
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Queremos agradecer a todos los ministerios que hicieron parte de las celebraciones de semana santa y Pascua del año 2025.

Jesus Trejo, Angel Ruiz, Oscar Arroyo, Mike Flores, Acolitos; Músicos; Sacristanes; Ministros; Ujieres; y Lectores



DOMINGO DE LA MISERICORDIA



Para la conmemoración del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, recitaremos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia antes de cada Misa.

IMPORTANTE

La Misa de 6:00 PM del Domingo Abril 20 se celebrará en el altar exterior.

Tenga en cuenta que puede ser necesario que traiga un asiento, ya que los asientos dispuestos pueden no ser suficientes.

Tendremos animación desde las 2:30 PM, a las 3:00 PM meditaremos juntos la coronilla de la misericordia seguida de animación, oración, alabanza y finalizaremos con la Santa Eucaristía a la 6pm

Extendemos una calurosa invitación a toda la feligresía para que se una a esta iniciativa y participen de este evento inspirado en la devoción a la Divina Misericordia.

GELA EN CONCIERTO



Jubileo 2025

Peregrinos de Esperanza



Renovación Carismática Católica "Mensajeros del Señor" Los invitan al

CONCIERTO — TESTIMONIA

Miércoles 23 de Abril 2025
En la Parroquia de St. Ann
1311 Robinson Dr.
Haines City, FL

6:00-9:00 PM

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