



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



April 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

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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 26, 2025

4:00 PM † Eduardo De Pena

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Gian Carlo Medina

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM † Intentions Family Merisme Nodo

10:00 AM † Vance Ottati

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Eusebia Hernandez

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

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:00 AM † Michelle Mendoza

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Patrick Udotai

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, May 1, 2025

9:00 AM †

Friday, May 2, 2025

9:00 AM † Eliodora y Aurora Feliciano

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Josefina Valles

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 PM † Efrain Nieves

6:00 PM † Jose Rafael Alicia Rodriguez

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 AM † Betty Gibbons

10:00 AM †

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rasmely Alvarado & Balmiro Carmona

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Constantino Zamora

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 19 & 20, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$31,665.50
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$4,692
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$253
Faith Direct March 16-30: \$5,481.37
Miscellaneous: \$5,094



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



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

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

BIBLE STUDY

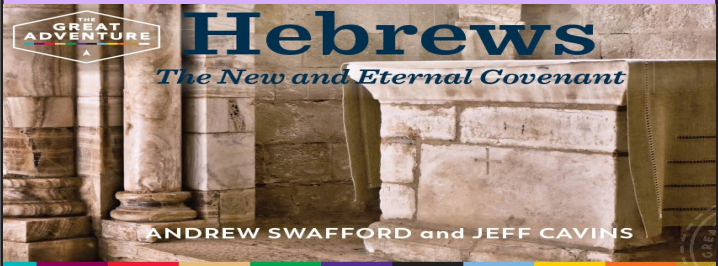
MONDAYS (beginning May 12)
5:30PM in the Fr. Carlos Bldg

Embark on a guided tour of the “Holy of Holies” of biblical theology in Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant, an eight-part Bible study presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins!

In this study, Catholics can see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant.

Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father’s heart in a deeper way than ever before.

For information, contact: Tammy Higgins @ 863-514-4366 or thiggins6968@gmail.com.



GIVEN BY GOD



Today's Gospel reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins, saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the story of doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed Divine mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

God has an invitation that we are called to accept, understanding that we are in need of His mercy and love. When we recognize that we are sinners, we are entirely conscious of our human state, but we know that in Jesus, we have a second chance to start again a new life. One of the most simple places in our Catholic churches is the confessional. I love to call it the corner of mercy, where one of the biggest miracles happens when we present our lives to the Lord with all our miseries, and He answers with love and forgiveness. What a miracle! It is an extraordinary event for our spiritual lives, a remarkable exchange between our miseries and the mercy of God that will dwell in our hearts once we have received the absolution.

What a magnificent and unique gift we receive during the octave of Easter—the celebration of Divine Mercy, during which the Church offers a plenary indulgence, the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. In other words, it's a "straight ticket to Heaven" if we pass away in this perfect state of sanctifying grace. Heaven would be our immediate destination, and the joy of knowing that we will see God face to face is indescribable. "Divine" means "given by God" or "like God." "Mercy" means "The refraining from harming or punishing offenders." So, in simple terms, Divine Mercy is "God refraining from harming or punishing offenders." How did this feast come to be established in the Catholic Church? In the Jubilee Year 2000, St. Pope John Paul II established this new feast, a clear indication that he had fulfilled the will of Christ. He must have done so because he believed that our Church needed to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy that the Lord wants to pour out on each one of us.

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.**



MASS IN HONOR OF POPE FRANCIS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR POPE FRANCIS

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Join us in a heartfelt Celebration of Life for the Pope! We warmly invite our community to come together and honor the remarkable legacy and spirit of an extraordinary leader. Let's celebrate his life and the profound impact he has had on us all!



HOLY WEEK PICTURES



We invite our parishioners to visit the link below to view all the images from Holy Week.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Randy & Jacqueline Hale for their dedicated service to the

wonderful community of St. Ann Parish. These images will serve as cherished memories for all of us.

God bless you!

<https://www.photoknight.net/St-Ann/Holy-Week-25>

CROWNING OF MARY



Every May, the Columbiettes nationwide open their May business meeting with prayers and a crowning of their patroness, Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

On Sunday, May 11, the Columbiettes will share this tradition with the Parish as they sponsor Mary's crowning at the 10:00 AM Mass.



Thank you to the Fr. Philip de Carriere Columbiettes!

6-WEEK DAYTIME BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP



Beginning Thursday, May 15

Thursdays - 9:45 AM (following the 9:00 AM Mass) for 1.5 to 2-hour sessions.

Fr. Carlos Bldg., Room 5

BASED ON:

The Word Among Us—Keys to the Bible: "Healing Stories of Jesus"

GOAL:

To provide an environment in which we can worship & pray together while strengthening our relationship with other Christians.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS!

20 youth committed their lives to Christ and through the waters of baptism.



Became children of God and full of the grace of God.



They were joined by 28 who completed their Catholic journey of faith by receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion.





O God,
From whom the just receive an unfailing reward,
Grant that your servant Francis, our Pope,
Whom you made vicar of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
May rejoice forever in the vision of your glory,
For he was a faithful steward here on earth
of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.



POPE
FRANCIS
1936 - 2025

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: ANOTHER NAME FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



For many centuries, the Second Sunday of Easter was named **Low Sunday**, in contrast to the **High Sunday of Easter**.

Additionally, the newly baptized would wear their baptismal gowns during the eight days of the Easter Octave. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Second Sunday of Easter “was consequently known as **Dominica in Albis** (*deponendis*), the **Sunday of the (laying aside of the) white garments**.”

In 2000, St. John Paul II canonized the Polish religious mystic Faustina Kowalska and, during his homily, **officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.”**

John Paul II did this to endorse Faustina’s private revelations and put more emphasis on Divine Mercy in the 21st century. He explained during his homily, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: ‘My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,’ Jesus will ask

Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit, who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love’s ‘second name’ (cf. Dives in misericordia, n. 7) understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness? Today, my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time...Jesus told Sr. Faustina: ‘*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy*’ (Diary, p. 132).”

The Polish pope then went on to proclaim, **“It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’”**

Jesus requested that this Second Sunday of Easter be named “Divine Mercy Sunday” in a vision to St. Faustina that she wrote down in her *Diary*.

*On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy** (Diary 699). Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it (Diary 742).*

DADO POR DIOS



El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda cómo Jesús instituyó el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, sacramento de la Divina Misericordia. El Señor Resucitado dio a sus apóstoles el poder de perdonar los pecados, diciendo: «A quienes perdonéis los pecados, les quedan perdonados; y a quienes se los retengáis, les quedan retenidos» (Jn 20,19-23). Al presentar la historia de la famosa profesión de fe de Tomás, el incrédulo: «Señor mío y Dios mío» (Jn 20,28), el Evangelio ilustra cómo Jesús mostró su divina misericordia al apóstol incrédulo y enfatiza la importancia de la fe.

Dios nos invita a aceptar, entendiendo que necesitamos su misericordia y amor. Cuando reconocemos que somos pecadores, somos plenamente conscientes de nuestra condición humana, pero sabemos que en Jesús tenemos una segunda oportunidad para comenzar una nueva vida. Uno de los lugares más sencillos de nuestras iglesias católicas es el confesionario. Me encanta llamarlo el rincón de la misericordia, donde ocurre uno de los mayores milagros cuando presentamos nuestras vidas al Señor con todas nuestras miserias, y Él responde con amor y perdón. ¡Qué milagro! Es un acontecimiento extraordinario para nuestra vida espiritual, un intercambio extraordinario entre nuestras miserias y la misericordia de Dios que morará en nuestros corazones una vez que hayamos recibido la absolución.

Qué don tan magnífico y único recibimos durante la octava de Pascua: la celebración de la Divina Misericordia, durante la cual la Iglesia ofrece una indulgencia plenaria, el perdón completo de todos los pecados y castigos. En otras palabras, es un “pasaje directo al Cielo” si fallecemos en este perfecto estado de gracia santificante. El Cielo será nuestro destino inmediato, y la alegría de saber que veremos a Dios cara a cara es indescriptible. “Divino” significa “dado por Dios” o “como Dios”. “Misericordia” significa “abstenerse de dañar o castigar a los ofensores”. Así que, en términos sencillos, la Divina Misericordia es “Dios absteniéndose de dañar o castigar a los ofensores”. ¿Cómo se estableció esta fiesta en la Iglesia Católica? En el Jubileo del Año 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo II instituyó esta nueva fiesta, una clara indicación de que había cumplido la voluntad de Cristo. Debí hacerlo porque creía que nuestra Iglesia necesitaba recalcar el inmenso don de la Divina Misericordia que el Señor quiere derramar sobre cada uno de nosotros.

¡Felices Pascuas!

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

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.**



FOTOS DE SEMANA SANTA

Invitamos a nuestros feligreses a visitar el enlace a continuación para ver todas las imágenes de Semana Santa.

Queremos agradecer Randy y Jacqueline Hale por su servicio a la buena gente de Parroquia de Santa Ana.

Estas imágenes servirán como recuerdos maravillosos para nuestra comunidad.

¡Que dios los bendiga!

<https://www.photoknight.net/St-Ann/Holy-Week-25>



CORONACION DE MARIA



Cada mes de mayo, las Columbiettes de todo el país abren su reunión de negocios de mayo con oraciones y la coronación de su patrona, María, la Madre de Jesús.

El fin de semana de Mayo 11, las Columbiettes compartirán esta tradición con la Parroquia al patrocinar nuestra coronación de María en la Misa de las 10:00 AM.

Gracias a P. Philip de Carriere ¡Columbiettes!



MISA EN HONOR A EL PAPA FRANCISCO

CELEBRACIÓN POR LA VIDA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Miércoles, Abril 30, 2025 - 9:00 AM

¡Únase a nosotros en una sentida Celebración de la Vida por el Papa! Invitamos calurosamente a nuestra comunidad a unirse y honrar el notable legado y espíritu de un líder extraordinario. ¡Celebremos su vida y el profundo impacto que ha tenido en todos nosotros!



PRIMERA COMUNION

Durante el último año, 193 niños se han estado preparando para recibir su Primera Confesión y Primera Comunión. Estos niños han dedicado todo su esfuerzo a aprender nuestra fe católica y a recibir la Presencia Real de Dios en la Eucaristía con reverencia.

Acompañenos el 17 de mayo de 2025 a las 10:00 AM para celebrar su Primera Comunión.

¡Mantengamos a estos niños presentes en nuestras oraciones, ya que son el futuro de nuestra parroquia!



BIENVENIDOS NUESTROS NUEVOS CATÓLICOS

20 jóvenes entregaron sus vidas a Cristo a través de las aguas del bautismo



A ellos se unieron 28 personas que completaron su camino de fe católica al recibir la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.



Se convirtieron en hijos de Dios y llenos de su gracia.

