



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



March 30, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

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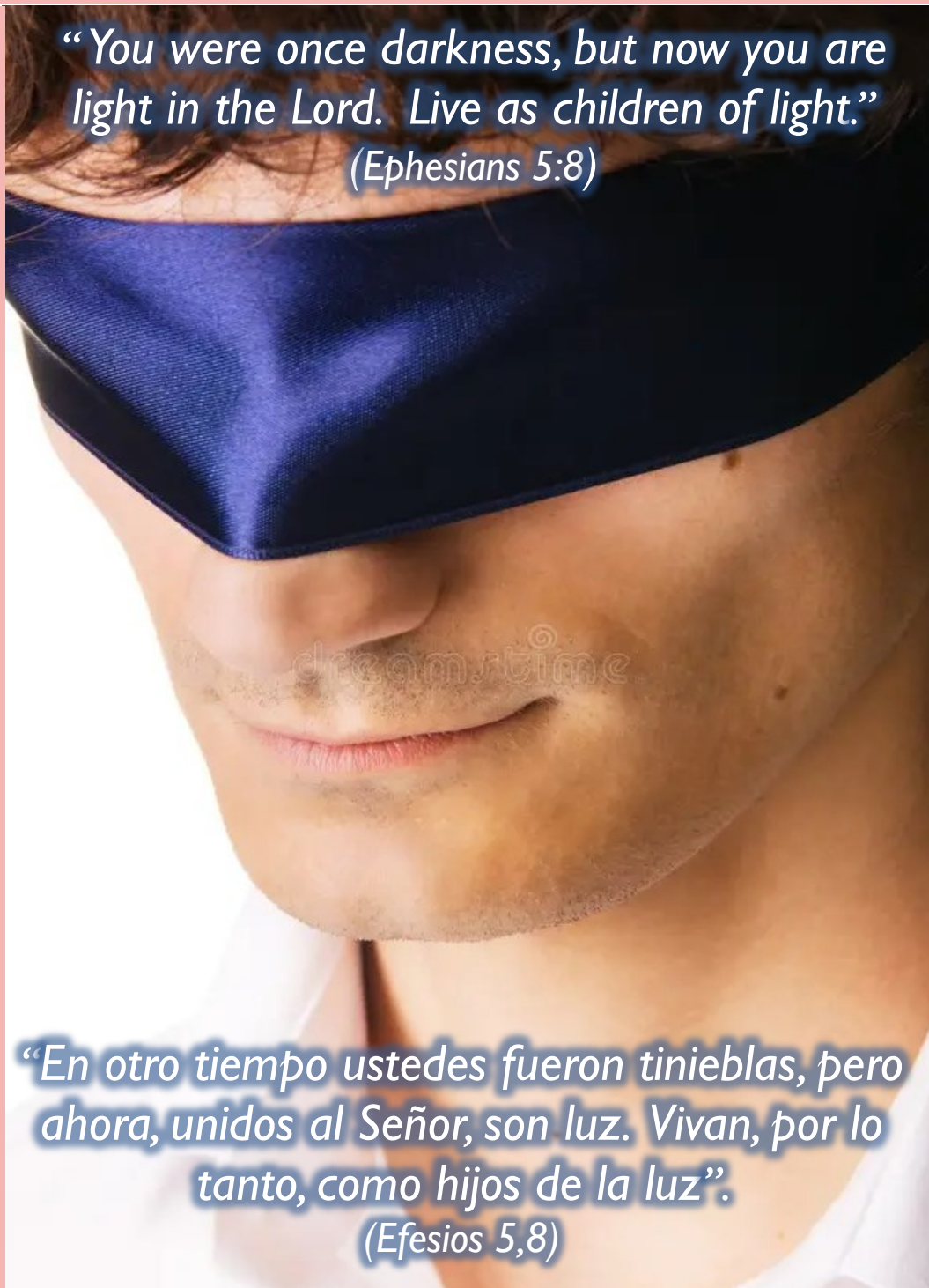
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Thank you for joining us today!
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

**“You were once darkness, but now you are
light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”**
(Ephesians 5:8)



**“En otro tiempo ustedes fueron tinieblas, pero
ahora, unidos al Señor, son luz. Vivan, por lo
tanto, como hijos de la luz”.**
(Efesios 5,8)

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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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, March 29, 2025

4:00 PM † Maria Guadalupe Meza Ramos

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Alicia Castro Gamez

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 AM † George Adyns

10:00 AM † Jason Beardslee

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Pierino DiMarzio

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Mariela Alvarez de Mendieta

Monday, March 31, 2025

9:00 AM † Ernest Roubos

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

9:00 AM † Pura Olivio

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:00 AM † Kesnel Tibert

Friday, April 4, 2025

9:00 AM † Linda May

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

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 22 & 23, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$16,741.63
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$185.50
Faith Direct March 1-15: \$5,913.96
Miscellaneous: \$1,235



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10
Pledged to Date: \$82,349.63
Cash received to Date: \$29,907.96
Still needed in Pledges: \$109,387.47

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**

SCRUTINIES WEEK #2

SCRUTINIES

The three scrutinies are rituals for the elect that "are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good." (RCIA 141)
They are normally celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for the Elect and, hopefully, for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though they are meant for the RCIA Elect, the Scrutinies can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continuous conversion.

PHYSICAL BLINDNESS VS SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



The Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Lent tells the story of the healing of a blind man, inviting us to reflect on the themes of sight and light.

His disciples ask Jesus whether the man's blindness resulted from his sin or his parents' sin. Jesus doesn't answer that question but says God's power would manifest through the man's disability. Then Jesus healed the man even though it was the Sabbath when no work was allowed. The Sabbath was dedicated exclusively to prayer and rest.

The Pharisees struggle to believe the miracle and question both the man and his parents to verify his blindness. When the man challenges their judgment of the good that Jesus did, he is expelled from the synagogue.

Once the blind man was healed and had returned to his regular life, he met Jesus again. Jesus made a personal revelation to him when he introduced Himself as the "Son of Man." This is a Messianic expression that He is more than a regular healer; He is the one who gives salvation. In this moment, the man demonstrates his faith by worshipping Jesus.

Jesus highlights the irony of this event, stating that those who were blind can now see while those who think they see remain blind. Thus, the man grows in his understanding of Jesus and what it means to be His disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) continue to lack insight.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**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.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Make this
LENT
a New Experience of
Grace & Forgiveness

Every Monday during Lent
5:30 PM - Fr. Carlos Bldg. (in English),
we will meditate and share based on the Sunday
readings found at
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings>.

All are welcome,
both Catholics & non-Catholics.

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!

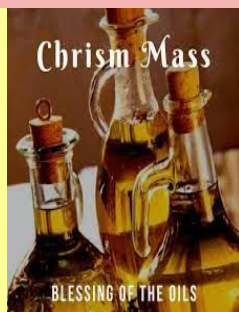
CHRISM MASS

Join us at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe
8300 Apopka Vineland Ave.
Orlando

Monday, April 14 at 11:00 AM
or via live stream on the diocesan Facebook page.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Noonan will consecrate the holy oils for Catechumens, used in Sacraments, and to anoint the Sick.

The Chrism Mass is also an opportunity for all priests to renew their priestly vows.



MEMORIAL MASS ASSOCIATION

Having a Mass celebrated for a deceased friend or relative has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith but also emphasizes someone else's feelings or to remember someone who has parted ways with the encounter with the creator.

Enrolling someone for the Memorial Mass Association is a way to pray for them. Once enrolled, that loved one will be offered in Mass every Wednesday for a year.

To enroll your loved one, please visit the Church Office. The enrollment fee is used to help with parish costs.



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.

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Winter Haven)
March 31 - 7:00 PM

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
April 9 - 10:00 AM-7:00 PM (Reconciliation)

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



SAINT OF THE WEEK: VINCENT FERRER



The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is.

Despite parental opposition, he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna—who would figure tragically in his life.

Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination.

The Western schism divided Christianity first between two, then three popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid, though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope. In Cardinal de Luna's service, Vincent persuaded Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do. He remained stubborn despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all the cardinals.

Vincent became disillusioned and very ill but finally took up the work of simply “going through the world preaching Christ,” though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries, and Lombardy, stressing the need for repentance and the fear of coming judgment. He became known as the “Angel of the Judgment.”

In 1408 and 1415, Vincent tried unsuccessfully to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.

Reflection: The split in the Church at the time of Vincent Ferrer should have been fatal—36 long years of having two “heads.” We cannot imagine what condition the Church today would be in if, for that length of time, half the world had followed a succession of popes in Rome and half an equally “official” number of popes in Rio de Janeiro. It is an ongoing miracle that the Church has not long since been shipwrecked on the rocks of pride and ignorance, greed and ambition. Contrary to Lowell's words, “Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne,” we believe that “truth is mighty, and it shall prevail”—but it sometimes takes a long time.

TO VEIL OR NOT TO VEIL?



Before the 1970 revision of the Roman Missal (Sacramentary), crosses and images were covered with veils during Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, starting from the end of the Mass on Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent. Crosses remained covered until the adoration of the cross at the Good Friday liturgy, and images were uncovered at the beginning of the Gloria at the Easter Vigil.

After 1970, the practice was left up to the decision of each episcopal conference. (The bishops of each country make up that country's episcopal conference. In the United States, our episcopal conference is called the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops or USCCB.) The rubric in the 1970 missal says that the practice “may be observed if the episcopal conference decides.”

Since 1970, the practice of veiling crosses and statues has not been allowed in the United States since the USCCB had not voted on the issue.

With the revision of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), the USCCB 2001 approved adaptations specific to the United States. One of these adaptations included a rubric that said: “In the Dioceses of the United States of America, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.” The adaptation was later recognized by the Vatican.

This rubric, however, does not appear in the newly revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal because the Bishops determined that it was more appropriate as a rubric for the new Roman Missal included in the sections specific to the Fifth Week of Lent.

Note that the practice is not mandated by the United States Bishops but simply allowed. It is not an obligatory practice, and parishes that choose not to veil crosses or statues during Passiontide are certainly following liturgical law.

Also, note that it is never allowed to veil crosses or statues throughout the entire season of Lent. (Nor is it allowed to empty the font of holy water during the season of Lent.) Crosses and statues may only be veiled during Passiontide—from the end of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent to Good Friday (for the one main cross to be venerated) and the beginning of Easter Vigil for images.

The Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts provided by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship in 1988 states that after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, “It is fitting that any crosses in the church be covered with a red or purple veil unless they have already been veiled on the Saturday before the Fifth Sunday of Lent” (57).

CEGUERA FÍSICA VS CEGUERA ESPIRITUAL



El Evangelio de este Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma narra la curación de un ciego, invitándonos a reflexionar sobre la visión y la luz.

Sus discípulos le preguntan a Jesús si la ceguera del hombre se debía a su pecado o al de sus padres. Jesús no responde, pero afirma que el poder de Dios se manifestaría a través de la discapacidad del hombre. Entonces, Jesús lo sanó a pesar de ser sábado, día en que no se permitía trabajar. El sábado estaba dedicado exclusivamente a la oración y al descanso.

Los fariseos se resistían a creer el milagro e interrogaban tanto al hombre como a sus padres para verificar su ceguera. Cuando el hombre quien es ahora sano, cuestiona el juicio de los fariseos sobre el bien que Jesús había hecho, lo expulsan de la sinagoga.

Una vez que el ciego fue sanado y regresó a su vida normal, se encontró con Jesús. Jesús le hizo una revelación personal al presentarse como el "Hijo del Hombre". Esta es una expresión mesiánica de que Él es más que un simple sanador; Él es quien da la salvación. En ese momento, el hombre demuestra su fe adorando a Jesús.

Jesús resalta la ironía de este suceso, afirmando que quienes eran ciegos ahora pueden ver, mientras que quienes creen ver siguen ciegos. Así, el hombre crece en su comprensión de Jesús y de lo que significa ser su discípulo, mientras que los fariseos (quienes deberían ver) siguen sin comprenderlo.

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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.**

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 Nàrtex donde podràs dejar tus donaciones.

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

ASOCIACION DE MISAS MEMORIALES

Celebrar una misa por un amigo o familiar fallecido tiene una larga historia en la Iglesia Católica. Solicitar una Misa no es solo un signo de la propia fe, sino que también enfatiza los sentimientos de otra persona o para recordar a alguien que se ha separado de nosotros hacia el encuentro con el creador.

Inscribir a alguien en la Asociación de Misas Conmemorativas es una forma de orar por esa persona. Una vez inscrito, ese ser querido será ofrecido en Misa todos los miércoles durante un año.

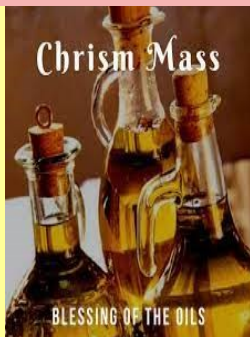
Para inscribir a su ser querido, visite la Oficina de la Iglesia. La cuota de inscripción se utiliza para ayudar con los costos de la parroquia.



MISA CRISMAL

Acompáñanos en la celebración de la Misa Crismal en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de María Reina del Universo
8300 Apopka Vineland Ave.
Orlando

Lunes 14 de ABRIL a las 11:00 AM
o a través de una transmisión en vivo en la página diocesana de Facebook.



Durante la Misa Crismal, el Obispo Noonan consagrará los santos óleos para los catecúmenos, utilizados en los sacramentos, y ungir a los enfermos.

La Misa Crismal es también una oportunidad para que todos los sacerdotes renueven sus votos sacerdotales.

GRUPOS CUARESMALES

TODOS LOS LUNES DE CUARESMA

A LAS 5:30 PM en inglés
en el Edificio Padre Carlos.

Meditaremos y compartiremos basándonos en las lecturas dominicales que se encuentran en <https://bible.usccb.org/readings>.

Todos son bienvenidos
Católicos y no católicos

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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.

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Marzo 31 - 7:00 PM

Resurrection Catholic Church (Lakeland)
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