



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension

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



*“God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.”
(Psalm 47)*

*“Entre voces de júbilo, Dios
asciende a su trono. Aleluya.”
(Salmo 46)*

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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, May 31, 2025

4:00 PM † Gladys Chester

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Miguel Berrios Rosado

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00 AM † Charlotte Chester

10:00 AM † Jorge Orozco

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Constantino Zamora

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco & Carlos Alberto Munoz

Monday, June 2, 2025

9:00 AM † Makail Roberson

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:00 AM † Vivian Schemper

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9:00 AM Birthday of Chantal Sejour

Friday, June 6, 2025

9:00 AM † Parryl Rose

6:00 PM † Felix Padilla Rosado

Saturday, June 7, 2025

4:00 PM † Isabel Arias

6:00 PM † Santiago Lopez

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:00 AM Anniversary of John & Ruth Formella

10:00 AM † Jose Antonio Lema

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Hilnolio Moreno

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Miguel Berrios Rosado

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

May 24 & 25, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$12,138.50

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0

50/50: Winner has been notified - \$152

Faith Direct May 1-15: \$6,616.94

Miscellaneous: \$1,180



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10

Pledged to Date: \$133,748.17

Cash received to Date: \$72,192.42

Still needed in Pledges: \$57,999.93

**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!**

JOIN US ON PILGRIMAGE TO ROME!



Assisi - Florence - San Giovanni Rotondo - Rome

Celebrate the Jubilee Year in the Heart of the Church!

Join us this August on a sacred pilgrimage to Italy during the **Jubilee Year 2025**. Walk through the **Holy Doors in Rome**, receive the **Jubilee Indulgence**, and deepen your faith in the land of saints and miracles.

Pilgrimage highlights include:

- ◆ Assisi – in the footsteps of **St. Francis** and **St. Clare**
- ◆ Florence – city of beauty and rich Catholic heritage
- ◆ San Giovanni Rotondo – shrine of **Padre Pio**
- ◆ Rome – including visits to the **four major basilicas** and participation in **Jubilee Year events**

Experience the grace of the **Jubilee**, proclaimed by **Pope Francis**, meet the **New Pope Leo XIV** and journey alongside fellow pilgrims in prayer, reflection, and discovery.

Spaces are limited – reserve yours soon!

For more information or to sign up, contact:
Demarre Tours (407) 520-7083 or andre@demarre.com.br

YOU ARE NOT ORPHANS



“I will not leave you orphans” (John 14:18). This is Jesus’ Farewell and the Promise of the Holy Spirit.

In the days leading up to His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus talks to His apostles with a foreshadowing of farewell. But this is not an ordinary departure. His words are not marked by abandonment but by deep tenderness and a promise that strengthens the heart: “I am going to the Father...but I will not leave you alone.” Jesus knows His disciples are confused, afraid, and unsettled. They have walked with Him, listened to Him, and shared their lives with Him—and now, what will become of them when He is no longer visibly present?

Yet the Master leaves no room for despair. At the moment of His departure, His most significant concern is not for Himself but for them—His community, His newborn Church. So He leaves them with a powerful promise:

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you always” (John 14:16).

The Holy Spirit is the comfort for the believing heart, the living presence of God who accompanies, strengthens, and guides. He does not come as a substitute but as fulfillment. He is the very Spirit of Jesus, who turns fear into courage, sorrow into mission, and waiting into active hope.

In the Ascension, Jesus does not move farther away—He rises to be closer to all, in every place and at all times. And from Heaven, He continues to send us the Spirit, who unites us as Church, gives us words to proclaim, strength to serve, and fire to love.

Today, as we contemplate the scene of the Ascension, let us also reflect on our path: we too are sent—not alone, not abandoned, but filled with the Spirit who makes all things new.

May this promise sustain us every day: Jesus has ascended to the Father, but the Spirit has come to stay.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The photographs taken at the First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday, May 17, can be found on the following website:

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

****You may download these photos as many times as you wish. There is no charge for the photos or for downloading the photos.**

However, if you would like a traditional and formal package of these photos, there is a charge for such photo packages. Contact Randy Hale at rhale@photonight.net for more information. All past photos (Holy Communion & Confirmation) taken since 2022 may be found in the photo archives maintained by Randy. If you cannot locate them, please contact Randy at the above e-mail address, and he will gladly assist you.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR CONTINUES!

Spaces are available in our:

1. Kindergarten and Grade 1 *Intro to the Catholic Faith* program (Non-Sacramental Prep)
2. Sacrament of Holy Communion Only Preparation program, Grades 2-6
3. Sacrament of Confirmation Only Preparation program, Grades 7-12
4. Dual Sacraments of Holy Communion/Confirmation program, Grades 7-12
(Any student in Grades 7-12 needing the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be enrolled in this program.)
5. Continuing Faith Formation program for students who have already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are entering Grades 3-6



First Communion Photos QR

DO YOU THINK GOD IS CALLING YOU TO TEACH THE FAITH?

If you have the desire to teach the faith, why not stop by the Faith Formation office in the Fr. Carlos Building for information?

You will be happy you did!

SPECIAL THANKS!

A Grateful Acknowledgment!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to an anonymous donor for a generous gift of **\$19,000** toward the purchase of new **lighting for our church**.

This remarkable donation also includes **TVs and a screen** that are still on the way and will further enhance our worship space and community gatherings.

We are deeply grateful for this act of generosity, which not only brightens our church but also our hearts. May God bless them abundantly for their kindness and support!



FR. ALFONSO ON VACATION

Our Pastor, Fr. Alfonso Cely, will be on vacation throughout June, spending time with his family in his home country of Colombia.

Let's wish him a relaxing vacation and safe travels as he takes this opportunity to rest and spend time with his family.

Meanwhile, visiting priests and Fr. Jose Luis will cover the Masses for Fr. Alfonso, ensuring the continuity of our church activities. We also have the deacons available to help with our community's needs.

Fr. Alfonso, safe travels, and have a wonderful vacation!

Your absence will be felt in our church community. We will miss you, but we look forward to your return!

God bless you!



IMPORTANT NOTICE CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Please be advised that **Confessions will not be held on Saturday, June 7.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and encourage everyone to take this opportunity for personal prayer and reflection.

Confessions will resume the following Saturday, June 14, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the church. As always, all are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience God's mercy and peace.

Thank you for your understanding and continued participation in the sacramental life of our parish.



CATECHISTS WANTED



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Have you ever considered bringing God's message to the younger generations?

Did you know that being a catechist is a call from God?

Why not consider embracing this Gift?

Becoming a catechist is an opportunity to deepen your own relationship with Jesus, live out his baptismal calling, and experience conversion.

For more information, call Rita Morano, our Religious Education Coordinator, at (863) 422-4370.

MINISTERS TO THE SICK

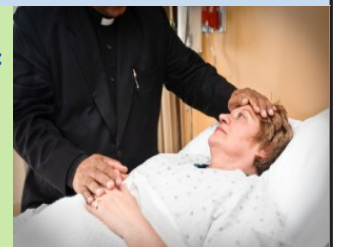
Ministers to the Sick and Homebound Formation Session: English & Spanish, June 14

Join the Office of Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese of Orlando for a Diocesan Ministry to the Sick and Homebound Training Workshop on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 861 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs.

Kindly bring your own packed lunch. Light refreshments might be provided by the hosting parish, but not a lunch.

For more information, please contact us at pastoralmin@orlandodiocese.org or (407) 246-4882 if you have any questions.

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ministry-to-the-sick-homebound-training-bilingual-registration-l348524145019?aff=oddtcreator>



MAKING THE OLD LEGACY NEW!



With great joy and gratitude to God, we are excited to announce that the long-awaited **renovation of our parish offices and choir rehearsal rooms will begin on July 7!** This project represents a significant step forward in our mission to serve you—our beloved parish family—with greater warmth, efficiency, and hospitality.

The renovation will include much-needed updates to our office spaces, improved accessibility, and a more welcoming environment for all who visit. These improvements will reflect our ever-growing and vibrant community's spirit and commitment to growth and service.

As with any construction project, we kindly ask for your **patience and understanding** during this time. You may notice:

- **Construction equipment** on site throughout the project
- **Noise and activity** during weekday hours
- **Reduced availability of parking** near the office area

Despite these temporary inconveniences, we invite you to embrace this season of transformation with joy and hope! These changes are a testament to our shared faith and vision for the future.

If you have any questions or need assistance during this time, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our team will remain available and committed to serving you, even during the renovation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting new chapter in our parish life!
May God continue to bless our efforts and guide us every step of the way!

SAINT OF THE WEEK: BONIFACE



Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up his election as abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

The necessity of this orthodoxy and fidelity is borne out by the conditions Boniface encountered on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions, as they were often uneducated, lax, and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances, their very ordinations were questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human perspective, without a letter of safe conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler and grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he faced significant problems due to lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy, and a lack of papal control.

During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

To restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer, which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A significant number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent, where he introduced the Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate of education.

Reflection: Boniface exemplifies the Christian principle: to follow Christ is to follow the way of the cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith.

NO SON HUÉRFANOS



“No los dejaré huérfanos” (Juan 14:18). Esta es la despedida de Jesús y la promesa del Espíritu Santo.

En los días previos a su ascensión al cielo, Jesús habla a sus apóstoles con un presagio de despedida. Pero esta no es una partida cualquiera. Sus palabras no están marcadas por el abandono, sino por una profunda ternura y una promesa que fortalece el corazón: “Voy al Padre... pero no los dejaré solos”. Jesús sabe que sus discípulos están confundidos, asustados e inquietos. Han caminado con él, lo han escuchado y han compartido sus vidas con él; y ahora, ¿qué será de ellos cuando ya no esté visiblemente presente?

Sin embargo, el Maestro no deja lugar a la desesperación. En el momento de su partida, su mayor preocupación no es por sí mismo, sino por ellos: su comunidad, su Iglesia naciente. Así que les deja una poderosa promesa:

“Yo rogaré al Padre, y él les dará otro Consolador, para que esté siempre con ustedes” (Juan 14:16).

El Espíritu Santo es el consuelo del corazón creyente, la presencia viva de Dios que acompaña, fortalece y guía. No viene como sustituto, sino como plenitud. Es el mismo Espíritu de Jesús, que transforma el miedo en valentía, la tristeza en misión y la espera en esperanza activa.

En la Ascensión, Jesús no se aleja; asciende para estar más cerca de todos, en todo lugar y en todo momento. Y desde el Cielo, continúa enviándonos el Espíritu, que nos une como Iglesia, nos da palabras para proclamar, fuerza para servir y fuego para amar.

Hoy, al contemplar la escena de la Ascensión, reflexionemos también sobre nuestro camino: también nosotros somos enviados, no solos ni abandonados, sino llenos del Espíritu que renueva todas las cosas.

Que esta promesa nos sostenga cada día: Jesús ascendió al Padre, pero el Espíritu vino para quedarse.

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las fotografías tomadas en la Misa de Primera Comunión del sábado 17 de mayo se pueden encontrar en el siguiente sitio web:

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

****Puede descargar estas fotos tantas veces como desee. No hay costo por las fotos ni por descargarlas.**

Sin embargo, si desea un paquete tradicional y formal de estas fotos, este tiene costo. Para más información, contacte a Randy Hale en rhale@photonight.net. Todas las fotos anteriores (Comunión y Confirmación) tomadas desde 2022 se pueden encontrar en el archivo fotográfico de Randy. Si no los encuentra, comuníquese con Randy a la dirección de correo electrónico indicada anteriormente. Con gusto le ayudará.

¡Continúa la inscripción para el curso académico 2025-2026!

Hay cupos disponibles en nuestros:

1. Programa de Introducción a la Fe Católica para Kinder y 1.er grado (Preparación no Sacramental).
2. Programa de Preparación para el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión (2.º a 6.º grado)
3. Programa de Preparación para la Confirmación (7.º a 12.º grado).
4. Programa de Doble Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión/Confirmación (7.º a 12.º grado) (Cualquier estudiante de 7.º a 12.º grado que necesite el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión será inscrito en este programa).
5. Programa de Formación Continua en la Fe para estudiantes que ya recibieron el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión y cursan 3.º a 6.º grado.



Fotos de Primera Comunión QR

¿CREES QUE DIOS TE ESTÁ LLAMANDO A ENSEÑAR LA FE?

Si deseas enseñar la fe, ¿por qué no pasas por la oficina de Formación en la Fe en el Edificio Padre Carlos para obtener información? ¡Te alegrarás de haberlo hecho!

¡GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a un donante anónimo por su generosa donación de **\$19,000** para la nueva **iluminación de nuestra iglesia**.

Esta notable donación también **incluye televisores y una pantalla** que aún están en camino y que enriquecerán aún más nuestro espacio de culto y las reuniones comunitarias.

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por este acto de generosidad, que alegra no solo nuestra iglesia, sino también nuestros corazones. ¡Que Dios bendiga abundantemente a este donante por su generosidad y apoyo!



FR. ALFONSO DE VACACIONES

Nuestro Párroco, el P. Alfonso Cely, estará de vacaciones durante todo el mes de junio, pasando tiempo con su familia en su país de origen, Colombia.

Le deseamos unas vacaciones relajantes y un buen viaje mientras aprovecha esta oportunidad para descansar y pasar tiempo con su familia.



Mientras tanto, los sacerdotes visitantes y el P. José Luis cubrirán las Misas por el P. Alfonso, asegurando la continuidad de nuestras actividades eclesiales. También tenemos a los diáconos disponibles para ayudar con las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

P. Alfonso, ¡buen viaje y que tengas unas maravillosas vacaciones!

Su ausencia se sentirá en nuestra comunidad eclesial. Te echaremos de menos, ¡pero esperamos tu regreso!

¡Que Dios te bendiga!

AVISO IMPORTANTE HORARIO DE CONFESIONES

Les informamos que **no habrá confesiones el sábado 7 de junio**.

Disculpen las molestias que esto pueda causar y animamos a todos a aprovechar esta oportunidad para la oración y la reflexión personal.

Las confesiones se reanudarán el sábado 14 de junio, de 2:00 PM a 3:30 PM, en la iglesia. Como siempre, todos están invitados a recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y a experimentar la misericordia y la paz de Dios.

Gracias por su comprensión y su continua participación en la vida sacramental de nuestra parroquia.



CATEQUISTAS REQUERIDOS



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¿Ha pensado alguna vez en llevar el mensaje de Dios a las generaciones más jóvenes?

¿Sabías que ser catequista es un llamado de Dios?

¿Por qué no considerar aceptar este regalo?

Convertirse en catequista es una oportunidad para profundizar su propia relación con Jesús, vivir su llamado bautismal y experimentar la conversión.

Para obtener más información, llame a nuestra Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa, Rita Morano, (863) 422-4370.

PENTECOSTES 2025

Este año la celebración de pentecostes será el 8 de Junio

Vigilia Sábado 7 de Junio Misa 6:00 PM
Seguido con la vigilia hasta las 12:00 AM

Celebración de Pentecostes será el
Domingo 8 de Junio
12:00 PM

Todos están invitados a la celebración especial que tenemos en conmemoración del Nacimiento de nuestra Iglesia.

Todas las celebraciones serán guiadas por el grupo carismático mensajeros de Señor de St. Ann.

Tendremos danzas litúrgicas y música carismática.