



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We Are Ambassadors for Christ*



May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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

*“I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.”  
(Psalm 30)*



*“Te alabaré, Señor eternamente. Aleluya”.  
(Salmo 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, May 3, 2025**

4:00 PM † Efrain Nieves  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Rafael Alicia Rodriguez

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

8:00 AM † Betty Gibbons  
 10:00 AM † Porfiris Porfiriadis  
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rusmely Alvarado & Balmiro Carmona  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Constantino Zamora

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

9:00 AM † Francisco Hernandez Chavez

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

9:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

9:00 AM †

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

9:00 AM †

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

4:00 PM † Eliodora & Aurora Feliciano  
 6:00 PM † Hilnolio Moreno

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

8:00 AM † Karen Hill  
 10:00 AM † Maria Celinda Moreno  
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Gloria Vasquez  
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Blanca Del Valle Guzman

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**April 26 & 27, 2025**

Regular Offertory: \$15,171.50  
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0  
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$181  
 Faith Direct March 16-30: \$5,266.44  
 Miscellaneous: \$2,280



**OCA 2025 Update:**

*Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.*

Goal: \$191,737.10  
 Pledged to Date: \$114,836.17  
 Cash received to Date: \$52,796.09  
 Still needed in Pledges: \$76,900.93

*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. Juliana Cardenas**  
**300 Gina Ln.**  
**Davenport, FL 33837**

**FAITH DIRECT**

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit [faith.direct/FL1031](http://faith.direct/FL1031) or through our website [www.stannahc.com](http://www.stannahc.com) to enroll for regular Offertory and our Buildings & Grounds fund securely on-line. Also, "text to give" is available at **(863) 400-1077**. You can text to enroll and text any dollar amount.

We pray for your continued good health and safety in this time of change, and always know you are in our prayers. God Bless You!



**PRAYER TO ST. JOHN OF ÁVILA**  
*St. John, God used you to transform Southern Spain during a most difficult time in the history of the Church. You prayed and devoted yourself to God's mission, and much good fruit was borne as a result. Please pray for me, that I will see those around me as my mission field and will work tirelessly to set a holy example and guide them by the words you inspire me to share. St. John of Ávila, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*



## TIME TO SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD



In the Acts of the Apostles, we have the account of how the followers lived after Jesus' death and what happened once he rose from the dead. Their experiences included apparitions, a conversation between the resurrected Jesus and his disciples, and miracles performed in his name. Every day was a new beginning and a new understanding for all of them. They spoke about him often, all he did, and how he was alive.

But the Gospels also recount how they had difficulties believing at first and were reluctant to believe even when they encountered Him.

It was not easy for them to confirm that the man they saw dead on the cross and placed in the sepulcher was the same one talking to them or asking for food, proving that he was not a ghost. Among the physical pieces of evidence that He had risen in body and soul is that his body was never found, he shared many moments with his disciples after his Resurrection, and he walked and talked to them like he used to do before his death. Even today, people spread falsehoods about the faith. For example, I have heard the incorrect explanation that the Resurrection was a

mental phenomenon. It is just too difficult for some to believe that a person really died, was dead for a couple of days, and then rose to life again by some powerful force. Other stories include that there was mass hysteria or that the sarcophagus containing Jesus' bones had been found. These stories are a big mistake! How stubborn we are not to understand the scriptures, as the Lord said to the disciples going on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:25). How the doubts lord over us sometimes, like Thomas the Apostle, to confirm that what we have heard about Jesus' Resurrection is, indeed, the way to take part with him in everlasting life.

Jesus shows up in our lives in the most unexpected times and places. Sometimes when we feel completely caught in a sin, we can sense His presence, inviting us to walk with Him. At first, He does not even ask us to repent. He just invites us to walk with Him and to know Him. Sometimes when we cannot see any way out of a situation, we feel His presence. He does not fix our difficult situations, but He walks with us and gives us the strength to keep looking for a way to solve our problems.

Let's continue with this grand celebration of Easter, knowing that He is Risen!

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**A REQUEST TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** Do you have any dresses and/or boy suits, jackets, and/or pants that might be suitable for someone about to receive their First Holy Communion? We always seek clothing donations for families to use when their child receives their First Holy Communion. Please bring these items to the Religious Education Office during regular office hours.

**A REGISTRATION REMINDER:** Registration for the 2025-2026 Academic Year continues. Classes at all grade levels, Sacrament Preparation, and our Continuing Faith Formation program remain available. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

### **FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE IN AUGUST:**

While your child will not receive First Holy Communion until they enter Second Grade, Faith Formation in Kindergarten and the First Grade provides the perfect foundational start of a young person's Faith Formation as they begin the formal instructional part of their Faith Journey. We encourage you to pray for your child's participation in our Kindergarten and First Grade Faith Formation program.

**A REMINDER:** Our students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time will receive it on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Please continue to pray for these young Catholics as they prepare for this very important day in their lives.

**IF YOU ARE A PARENT OF A CHILD PREPARING TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Do not hesitate to come by the office or call if you are the parent of a child preparing to receive the Sacrament and need clarification on any information you received at the parent meeting, or you no longer have the information.



## FIRST COMMUNION

During the last year, 193 children have been preparing to receive their First Confession and First Communion. These children have put all their efforts into learning our Catholic Faith and reverently receiving the Real Presence of God in the Eucharist.

Join us on May 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM as we celebrate their First Communion.

Let us keep these children in our prayers, as they are the future of our Parish!



## 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!



## CONCLAVE STARTS MAY 7

*Let us pray for the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect Pope Francis' successor.*

**Father Most Holy,**

Our God and King,

Protect Your Church in this time of transition.

Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.

Grant them Wisdom and Courage,

Hope and Charity,

and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.

Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—

You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen as the next successor to St. Peter.

Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals.

Open their hearts to Your inspirations.

Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience, the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of St. Peter.

May he be a man of deepest compassion,  
a man of profound faith and hope,  
a man whose charity shines forth,

permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ.

You are God Most High,

the God of the living and the dead,

the Great I AM,

the Alpha and the Omega,

Eternal Being and Source of all that is.

**May Your holy will be done, now and forever. Amen.**



## 6-WEEK DAYTIME BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations



**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.

## NEW & CURRENT PARISHIONERS

**WELCOME**  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

Welcome to the area and our parish!

We're so glad to have you here and hope you feel right at home. We would love to get to know you better, so please consider registering with us.

If you're a new or current parishioner and would like to receive monthly donation envelopes, just remember that registration is necessary to do so. You can easily find registration cards in the Narthex.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK: JOHN OF AVILA



Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcalá, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Córdoba and Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

**Reflection:** St. John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians could contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example, thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith halfheartedly and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. St. John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.

### OCIA REGISTRATION



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OCIA SUMMER CONFIRMATION & FALL FULL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

#### Requirements for Summer Confirmation (English only)

- 1) 18 Years or Older
- 2) Proof of **both** Baptism & 1st Holy Communion
- 3) Have a Sponsor or Godparent

#### Requirements for Full Sacrament Programs (Spanish & English)

- 1) Age Requirements
  - A) 7+ years old and never baptized
  - B) 17+ years old and seeking both 1st Communion & Confirmation
- 2) Proof of Baptism (if in Category B above)

Registration will be May 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Fr. Carlos Bldg., Room 8. For information, contact Tammy Higgins at (863) 514-4366 or [thiggins6968@gmail.com](mailto:thiggins6968@gmail.com).

### BIBLE STUDY

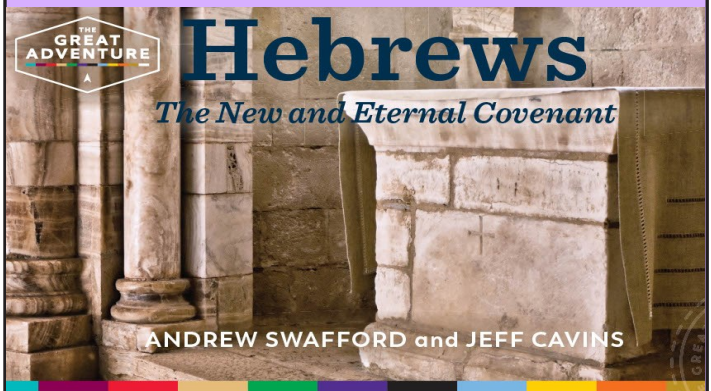
**MONDAYS (beginning May 12)  
5:30PM in the Fr. Carlos Bldg**

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 at: (863) 514-4366 or [thiggins6968@gmail.com](mailto:thiggins6968@gmail.com).



## TIEMPO DE VER LA BONDAD DEL SEÑOR



En los Hechos de los Apóstoles tenemos el relato de cómo vivieron los seguidores después de la muerte de Jesús y lo que sucedió una vez que resucitó de entre los muertos. Sus experiencias incluyeron apariciones, una conversación entre Jesús resucitado y sus discípulos y milagros realizados en su nombre. Cada día era un nuevo comienzo y un nuevo entendimiento para todos ellos. A menudo hablaban de él, de todo lo que hacía y de cómo estaba vivo.

Pero los Evangelios también relatan cómo tuvieron dificultades para creer al principio y se mostraron reacios a creer incluso cuando lo encontraron.

No fue fácil para ellos confirmar que el hombre que vieron muerto en la cruz y colocado en el sepulcro era el mismo que les hablaba o les pedía comida, demostrando que no era un fantasma. Entre las evidencias físicas de que había resucitado en cuerpo y alma está que su cuerpo nunca fue encontrado, compartió muchos momentos con sus discípulos después de su Resurrección, y caminó y habló con ellos como lo hacía antes de su muerte. Incluso hoy en día, la gente difunde falsedades sobre la fe. Por ejemplo, he oído la explicación incorrecta de que la Resurrección fue un fenómeno mental. Es demasiado difícil para algunos creer que una persona realmente murió, estuvo muerta por un par de días y luego resucitó por alguna fuerza poderosa. Otras historias incluyen que hubo histeria colectiva o que se encontró el sarcófago que contenía los huesos de Jesús. ¡Estas historias son un gran error! Qué obstinados somos para no entender las Escrituras, como dijo el Señor a los discípulos que iban camino de Emaús (Lc 24, 25). Cómo las dudas se apoderan a veces de nosotros, como el Apóstol Tomás, para confirmar que lo que hemos oído sobre la Resurrección de Jesús es, en efecto, el camino para participar con él en la vida eterna.

Jesús aparece en nuestras vidas en los momentos y lugares más inesperados. A veces, cuando nos sentimos completamente atrapados en un pecado, podemos sentir Su presencia, invitándonos a caminar con Él. Al principio, ni siquiera nos pide que nos arrepintamos. Simplemente nos invita a caminar con Él ya conocerlo. A veces, cuando no podemos ver ninguna salida a una situación, sentimos Su presencia. Él no arregla nuestras situaciones difíciles, pero camina con nosotros y nos da la fuerza para seguir buscando la manera de resolver nuestros problemas.

¡Continuemos con esta gran celebración de la Pascua, sabiendo que Él ha Resucitado!

Padre Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

**UNA PETICIÓN A TODOS LOS FELIGRESES:** ¿Tiene algún vestido y/o trajes de niño, chaquetas y/o pantalones que puedan ser adecuados para alguien que está a punto de recibir su Primera Comunión? Siempre buscamos donaciones de ropa para que las familias la usen cuando sus hijos reciban su Primera Comunión. Por favor, traiga estos artículos a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa durante el horario habitual de oficina.

**UN RECORDATORIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN:** La inscripción para el año académico 2025-2026 continúa. Las clases en todos los niveles de grado, la Preparación Sacramental y nuestro programa de Formación Continua en la Fe siguen disponibles. Por favor llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa para más información.

**PARA PADRES CON HIJOS QUE INGRESAN AL JARDÍN DE INFANTES O PRIMER GRADO EN AGOSTO:** Si bien su hijo no recibirá la Primera Comunión hasta que ingrese al Segundo Grado, la Formación en la Fe en el Jardín de Infantes y el Primer Grado proporciona el comienzo fundamental perfecto de la Formación en la Fe de un joven al comenzar la parte de instrucción formal de su Viaje de Fe. Le animamos a orar por la participación de su hijo en nuestro programa de Formación en la Fe para Kindergarten y Primer Grado.

**UN RECORDATORIO:** Nuestros estudiantes que se preparan para recibir el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión por primera vez lo recibirán el sábado 17 de mayo de 2025. Por favor, continúen orando por estos jóvenes católicos mientras se preparan para este día tan importante en sus vidas.

**SI USTED ES PADRE DE UN NIÑO QUE SE ESTÁ PREPARANDO PARA RECIBIR SU PRIMERA COMUNIÓN:** No dude en pasar por la oficina o llamar si es el padre de un niño que se está preparando para recibir el Sacramento y necesita aclaraciones sobre cualquier información que haya recibido en la reunión de padres, o si ya no tiene la información.



## EL CONCLAVE COMIENZA EL 7 DE MAYO

*Oremos por el Colegio Cardenalicio, quienes asumen su sagrada tarea de elegir al sucesor del Papa Francisco.*

**Padre Santísimo,**  
Dios y Rey Nuestro,  
protege a tu Iglesia en este tiempo de transición.  
Guía a los Cardenales en su sagrada tarea.  
Concédeles sabiduría y valentía,  
esperanza y caridad,  
y la fe que necesitan para discernir tu Santa Voluntad.

Creador de todo lo que fue, es y ha de venir,  
solo Tú conoces el corazón de quien has elegido  
como sucesor de San Pedro.

Revela tu voluntad al Colegio Cardenalicio.  
Abre sus corazones a tus inspiraciones.  
Abre nuestros corazones para recibir, con fe y obediencia,  
a quien elevarás a la Cátedra de San Pedro.

Que sea un hombre de profunda compasión,  
un hombre de profunda fe y esperanza,  
un hombre cuya caridad brille,  
impregnando la oscuridad de este mundo con la luz de Cristo.

Tú eres Dios Altísimo,  
el Dios de vivos y muertos,  
el Gran YO SOY,  
el Alfa y la Omega,

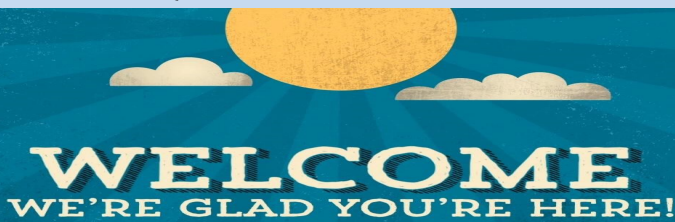
Ser eterno y Fuente de todo lo que existe.

**Que se haga tu santa voluntad ahora y por siempre.**

**Amén.**



## PARROQUIANOS NUEVOS Y ACTUALES



¡Bienvenidos a la zona y a nuestra parroquia!

Estamos muy contentos de tenerte aquí y esperamos que te sientas como en casa. Nos encantaría conocerte mejor, así que considera registrarte con nosotros.

Si usted es un feligrés nuevo o actual y le gustaría recibir sobres de donación mensuales, recuerde que es necesario registrarse para hacerlo. Puedes encontrar fácilmente las tarjetas de registro en el Nártex.

## 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!



## 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.

Acompáñenos 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!



## MAYO MES DE MARIA

El mes de mayo celebramos la conmemoración de la Santísima Virgen María.

Es por eso que para meditar más en el misterio que nos ofrece nuestra madre, ofrecemos alrededor de nuestro campo la exposición de las diferentes advocaciones marianas en el mundo.

Invitamos a nuestra congregación a caminar por nuestro campo y conocer un poco más de las diferentes advocaciones marianas.

