



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Lord, come and save us.”

(Psalm 146)

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



“Ven, Señor, a salvarnos”.

(Salmo 145)

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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, December 13, 2025

4:00 PM † Zaida Iglesias

6:00 PM † Flora Vasquez

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 AM For all members of St. Ann Parish

10:00 AM † Luis Manuel Rivera

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Esther Villasanta

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernández Chávez

Monday, December 15, 2025

9:00 AM † Art & Marie Brockman

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

9:00 AM † Gumita Perilla de Cely

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, December 18, 2025

9:00 AM † Suzanne Shearer

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:00 AM † Lucille Boudreau

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00 PM Luis Fernando Rivera & Family

6:00 PM † Emelia & Elias Anchundia

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 AM † Berrel Family

10:00 AM † Keith Chevrier

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rosa Maria Calderon de Serrano

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Elida Arevalo & Beatriz Granado

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 6 & 7, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$18,048

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1,455

50/50: Winner has been notified - \$136

Faith Direct November 15-30: \$6,139.45

Miscellaneous: \$999



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10

Pledged to Date: \$174,722.50

Cash received to Date: \$151,046.19

Still needed in Pledges: \$17,014.60

**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.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



To receive offertory envelopes, you must be a registered member of St. Ann Church. You may register by filling out a registration card at the desk in the Narthex. You can then drop it in the offertory basket or take it to the church office. Please be patient as you wait for your envelopes to arrive in the mail. They are sent out every 1-2 months, depending on the time of year.

OUR LEGACY CONTINUES



Parish Construction Project - Week 17 Update

Our parish construction progress is moving forward steadily!

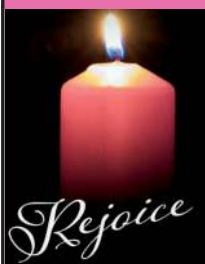
In the Fr. Anderson Building, the metal decking has been completely installed, and work on the wood underlayment is on-going. We can also see that some windows have already been installed.

The application of stucco and the installation of acoustic ceiling tiles are currently in progress. The HVAC system will be operational in the coming weeks for the office building.

We are grateful for your prayers, patience, and generosity as we continue this important work for our parish community.

*"Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain."
(Psalm 127:1)*





Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday, which means “Rejoice!” The rose-colored candle we light today is a visual sign of the joy that is building within us as Christmas draws near.

The readings today are from the prophet Isaiah, the beautiful words of Mary's Magnificat, and the strong encouragement of St. Paul—all point to one core message: Our salvation is at hand, so let us rejoice!

- Isaiah cries out with joy because he is “anointed... to bring good news to the oppressed.” God's good work is happening now!
- St. Paul gives us a simple, yet profound, three-part formula for Christian life: “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks.”
- In the Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that the source of our joy is *not* him, but the One he announces. He is “a voice crying out in the desert,” preparing the way.

We, like John the Baptist, are called to be witnesses to the Light, pointing others to Jesus. Our joy shouldn't just be an internal feeling; it should be a witness—a light we carry into the world.

During this final stretch of Advent, let us live out St. Paul's challenge: Let the certainty of Christ's coming fill us with such deep joy that it overflows in our prayer, our gratitude, and our every action. When we put our hope and joy in God, we become the good news for the people around us.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

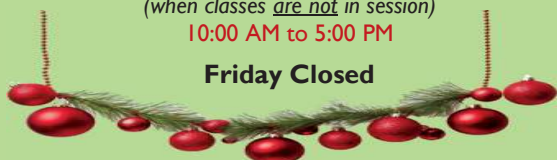
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE UPDATE

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday
(when classes are in session)
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Thursday
(when classes are not in session)
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday Closed



2026-2027 REGISTRATION
BEGINS DURING THE WEEK OF
APRIL 12, 2026

(Note: change in start date)

KINDERGARTEN THRU 12th GRADE
Sacramental & Non-Sacramental Prep classes

SPECIFIC INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED
STARTING THE WEEKEND OF
JANUARY 17-18, 2026

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



We invite you to help us create a beautiful altar in preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world.

We are currently accepting donations of any amount to support the purchase of Christmas flowers.

Please pick up a flower fund envelope from the narthex, insert your donation, and place it in the offertory basket.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



PENANCE SERVICE



Thursday, December 18

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in the Church from:

**10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
&
5:00-8:00 PM**

In case you can't attend a penance service at St. Ann's, here are other options:

PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR DEANERY:

Holy Spirit: December 9 - 7:00 PM
644 S. 9th St., Lake Wales, FL 33853

Corpus Christi: December 10, 11, & 12 - 7:00-8:00 PM
1050 Celebration Ave., Celebration, FL 34747-4867

St. Joseph Church: December 16 - 7:00 PM
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St. Rose of Lima: December 18 - 7:00 PM
3880 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34746

JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth.

The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David.



We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season to God's faithfulness across 4,000 years of history.

Join us as we follow the journey to Bethlehem while we place the ornaments on our Jesse Tree!

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM Mass
Saturday: 4:00 PM Mass
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025**

Advent Candle Lighting Calendar:

**December 13 & 14 Ushers
December 20 & 21 Altar Servers**

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER



**A Prayer for
the Third Sunday of
ADVENT**

Jesus, you will come among us once again to give us your very life. May your life's gift inspire us to make our lives a gift to you, over and over again. Amen.

JESSE TREE REFLECTION: DECEMBER 14

DAY 16

Today is Day Sixteen of our journey through Biblical History, and we meet the Prophet Isaiah. As we read in Isaiah 6:5-8, it tells us of his purification, which allowed him to be sent forth by God to bring God's words to the people. While we hear the Prophet telling us of his own repentance and purification, he also tells us it is time not only to offer obedience to God, but also to seek repentance from God, who is all love and mercy.

Isaiah's passion inspires us. However, as with the people then, many today find themselves in a sinful state. Yes, they hear God's call, but their hearts remain callous and closed. But all is not lost. There is still hope for repentance. In Isaiah 6:13, it tells us that "the holy seed" of God's faithfulness remains. This refers to the faithful remnant, a small core of God's people, and ultimately to Jesus Christ, the perfect, holy seed. Throughout the Book of Isaiah, we hear the message that there is hope for the people to turn and be healed. God desires repentance and offers healing, always showing His mercy to people throughout human history, then, now, and into the future.

Ultimately, in Isaiah 11:1, we read, "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." This is a powerful image referencing the Davidic line (Jesse was David's father), which seemed cut down but would produce a new shoot—the Messiah, bringing new life and hope.

In essence, it's a message of future restoration and Messianic hope, emphasizing God's enduring faithfulness and ultimately leading to new, holy lives through Christ.

LET US PRAY: *Heavenly Father, Purify our lips and our hearts. Make us like Isaiah. We are ready to love and to serve You, bringing your message of love and repentance to all whom we encounter. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever, Amen.*

We would like to highlight the work of the Guadalupe committee, headed by Mrs. Elsa Lara, and of all ministries that planned and executed the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2025.

We congratulate them for their excellent work and, even more, thank them for sharing this special day, this devotion, and this expression of faith with all of us, which has become part of the identity of St. Ann Parish.

May God bless their generous lives!

Queremos destacar la labor del comité de Guadalupe, encabezado por la Sra. Elsa Lara, y de todos los ministerios que planificaron y ejecutaron la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en 2025.

Los felicitamos por su excelente labor y, aún más, les agradecemos por compartir con todos nosotros este día tan especial, esta devoción y esta expresión de fe, que se ha convertido en parte de la identidad de la Parroquia de Santa Ana.

Que Dios bendiga sus vidas generosas!



NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS - NOVENA DE AGUINALDOS

DECEMBER 15-23

5:00 AM MASS - Spanish

9:00 AM MASS - English

The Novena to “The Child Jesus,” also known as the “Novena de Aguinaldos” is an old Latin American tradition dating from the 1700’s. The Novena is more than a simple prayer; it is a family affair. What a wonderful way to get together with family and friends and enjoy the true meaning of “La Navidad!”

After 5:00 AM Spanish Mass

We will have a fraternal gathering led by the countries represented on the corresponding day of the novena.

(The list was published as an insert on last weekend’s bulletin.)

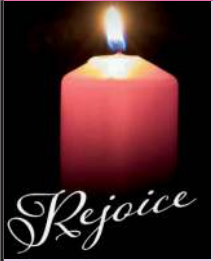
Después de cada Misa de 5:00 AM

Tendremos un compartir fraternal a cargo de los países del día correspondiente de la novena

(La lista fue publicada en un folleto insertado en el boletín.) de la semana pasada).



“Divine Child Jesus, we believe in You;
We adore You, and we love You; have mercy on us, sinners.”



Hoy es el tercer domingo de Adviento, tradicionalmente llamado Domingo *Gaudete*, que significa “¡Alégrense!”. La vela rosa que encendemos hoy es una señal visual de la alegría que crece en nosotros con la llegada de la Navidad.

Las lecturas de hoy—del profeta Isaías, las hermosas palabras del Magníficat de María y el fuerte aliento de San Pablo—apuntan a un mensaje central: ¡Nuestra salvación está cerca, así que alegrémonos!

- Isaías clama de alegría porque ha sido “ungido... para anunciar la buena nueva a los oprimidos”. ¡La buena obra de Dios está sucediendo ahora!
- San Pablo nos da una fórmula simple, pero profunda, de tres partes para la vida cristiana: “Estén siempre alegres. Oren sin cesar. En toda circunstancia, den gracias”.
- Juan el Bautista, en el Evangelio, nos recuerda que la fuente de nuestra alegría no es él, sino Aquel a quien anuncia. Él es “una voz que clama en el desierto”, preparando el camino.

Nosotros, como Juan el Bautista, estamos llamados a ser testigos de la Luz, guiando a otros hacia Jesús. Nuestra alegría no debe ser solo un sentimiento interior; debe ser un testimonio, una luz que llevamos al mundo.

Durante este último tramo del Adviento, vivamos el reto de San Pablo: Que la certeza de la venida de Cristo nos llene de una alegría tan profunda que desborde nuestra oración, nuestra gratitud y cada una de nuestras acciones. Cuando ponemos nuestra esperanza y alegría en Dios, nos convertimos en la buena noticia para quienes nos rodean.

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EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE UPDATE

LUNES, MARTES, Y MIÉRCOLES

10:00 AM a 3:00 PM

JUEVES

(cuando hay clases)

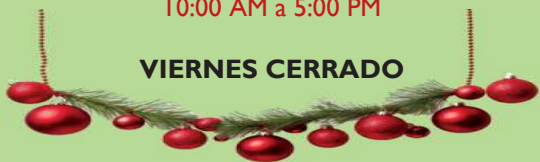
10:00 AM a 7:00 PM

JUEVES

(cuando no hay clases)

10:00 AM a 5:00 PM

VIERNES CERRADO



INSCRIPCIÓN 2026-2027 COMIENZA DURANTE LA SEMANA DEL 12 DE ABRIL DE 2026

(Se ha modificado la fecha de inicio)

DE KÍNDER A 12.º GRADO

Clases de preparación sacramental y no sacramental

SE PUBLICARÁ INFORMACIÓN ESPECÍFICA A PARTIR DEL FIN DE SEMANA DEL 17/18 DE ENERO DE 2026

DONACIONES DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD



Te invitamos a ayudarnos a hacer que el altar sea verdaderamente glorioso para la venida de Jesús al mundo.

Ahora estamos aceptando donaciones de cualquier monto para ayudar con las flores de Navidad.

Simplemente toma un sobre del fondo de flores en el nártex, inserta tu donación y colócalo en la canasta de la ofrenda.

¡Gracias de antemano por tu generosidad!



SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN



Jueves 18 de Diciembre

El Sacramento de Reconciliación se llevara a cabo desde:

**10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
&
5:00-8:00 PM**

En caso de no poder asistir a continuación otras opciones en nuestro dicasterio:

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TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**3er Domingo de Adviento
Diciembre 7, 2025**

Calendario de encendido de las velas de Adviento:

Diciembre 13 & 14 Ujieres
Diciembre 20 & 21 Servidores del Altar

ORACIÓN TERCERA SEMANA DE ADVIENTO

En las tinieblas se encendió una luz,
en el desierto clamó una voz.
Se anuncia la buena noticia: el Señor va a llegar.
Preparad sus caminos, porque ya se acerca.
Adornad vuestra alma
como una novia se engalana el día de su boda.
Ya llega el mensajero.
Juan Bautista no es la luz,
sino el que nos anuncia la luz.
Cuando encendemos estas tres velas
cada uno de nosotros quiere ser
antorcha tuya para que brilles,
llama para que calientes.
¡Ven, Señor, a salvarnos,
envuélvenos en tu luz, caliéntanos en tu amor!
Amén

POSADAS

Las Posadas son una querida tradición navideña en México que se remonta al siglo XVI. Fueron introducidas por misioneros españoles con el propósito de enseñar y recordar el viaje de María y José a Belén en busca de un lugar donde hospedarse antes del nacimiento de Jesús.

Durante nueve noches, familias y comunidades recrean este peregrinar mediante procesiones, oraciones y cantos tradicionales. Cada noche representa uno de los nueve meses del embarazo de María. Las casas se convierten simbólicamente en "posadas" que abren sus puertas para acoger a los peregrinos, celebrando con oración, música y convivencia.

Hoy en día, las Posadas siguen siendo una hermosa expresión de fe, hospitalidad y preparación para la llegada de Cristo en Navidad.

Prepara la posada de tu Corazón acompañandonos en esta hermosa tradición desde el **15 al 23 de Diciembre.**

(Busca el folleto insertado en el boletín con la lista de los hogares a visitar.)



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