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December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

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



“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”
(Psalm 24)

“Ya llega el Señor, el rey de la gloria”.
(Salmo 23)

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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 20, 2025

4:00 PM Luis Fernando Rivera y Familia

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

Monday, December 22, 2025

9:00 AM ☩ Jennifer Hoffer

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

9:00 AM ☩ Warnke Family

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

9:00 AM ☩ Memorial Mass Association

4:00 PM Fr. Richard Tuttle speedy recovery

7:00 PM (Sp.) ☩

10:00 PM ☩ Phillip Cuffe

Thursday, December 25, 2025

8:00 AM ☩ Phillip Cuffe

10:00 AM ☩ Charlie Gayle

12:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ Kennedy Sanchez

Friday, December 26, 2025

9:00 AM ☩ Eduardo De Peña

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:00 PM ☩ Genevieve Carpenter

6:00 PM ☩ Marlon A. Mendoza Mejia

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM ☩ Digneris Cirilo Vega

10:00 AM ☩ James Read

12:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ Hector Jimenez

6:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ Manuel y Noel Pichardo

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 8 & 12, 2025

Immaculate Conception 9:00 AM: \$1,675

Immaculate Conception 7:00 PM: \$1,491

Guadalupe 6:00 AM Mass: \$1,401

Guadalupe 9:00 AM Mass: \$411

Guadalupe 5:00 PM Mass: \$2,157

OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72

Pledged to Date: \$181,931.61

Cash received to Date: \$168,184.09

Still needed in Pledges: \$11,415.11

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.**

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



Heavenly Father, we recognize that everything we have comes from you and know we can do nothing without you. Look with favor on the faith of your people of St. Ann, who have received the work and love from our ancestors as an inheritance; in it, we recognize the work of your hands.

Now, Lord, as people of God here in St. Ann Parish, with your help, we would like to continue the work that was started 54 years ago by generous and faithful people. Many of them are already in your presence, and we pray for them.

Like the talents in the parable that were placed in the hands of the servants, we want to be good stewards who diligently multiply the gifts we have received to leave a legacy to new generations.

Through Jesus Christ, our God and Lord. Amen.



On this 4th Sunday of Advent, the Advent wreath is almost fully lit. This final Sunday shifts our focus from simply waiting to a deep contemplation of the moment Christ will arrive.

Today's Gospel reading (Matthew 1:18-24) introduces us to Joseph, a quiet and righteous man whose life is unexpectedly disrupted. His fiancée, Mary, is pregnant, and he knows he is not the father of the child. As a just man, Joseph plans to divorce her quietly, aiming to do what is right while also showing compassion.

But then, God intervenes. An angel appears to him in a dream and reveals the truth: this child was conceived through the Holy Spirit. The angel gives him two important instructions:

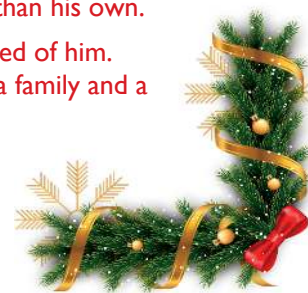
1. Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.
2. Name the child Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins, fulfilling the prophecy: "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

What does Joseph do next? He wakes up and follows the command of the angel of the Lord. There is no argument, no second-guessing, and no delay. Joseph serves as our model for this final week of Advent. His story teaches us two powerful lessons:

- Trust: Joseph had to set aside his own plans, reputation, and understanding of how things should be. He needed to trust that the voice in his dream was God's and that God's plan was greater than his own.
- Obedience: Joseph didn't just agree; he took action. He immediately did what God asked of him. This act of prompt, quiet obedience paved the way for the Savior to be welcomed into a family and a home.

Do not be afraid. The message is clear: the one who is coming is Emmanuel, God is with us. Let us trust in that promise and, like Joseph, open our lives to receive Him fully.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor



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!



BLESSING OF THE MANGER



God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation, you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

Advent Candle Lighting Calendar:
December 20 & 21 Altar Servers

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

In 2024, our parish collected **\$2,625**, which was sent to Bethlehem to provide Christmas gifts for **220 children** who otherwise would not have received any presents.

Because of ongoing war and social hardships in the Middle East, tourism. Bethlehem's primary source of income has come to a halt. As a result, many families are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. This year, without assistance, many children in Bethlehem will once again face Christmas without gifts in the very place where our Savior was born.

Recognizing the many commitments during the holiday season, our parish has prayerfully decided to extend support to Bethlehem during this ongoing economic crisis by collecting funds as we are able.

A **special collection** will be taken up during the **Aguinaldo Masses (5:00 AM)** and **Novena Masses (9:00 AM)**. All donations will be sent directly to help ensure that these children can experience the joy of a Merry Christmas.



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of
Christmas Day & New Year's Day,
the Parish Offices will be closed:

December 24, 2025 - January 2, 2026

The holidays and days off are
designated by Bishop Noonan for the
Chancery & Parish Staff.

JESSE TREE REFLECTION: DECEMBER 21

Day 23

On Day 23 of our journey through Biblical, we move out of Biblical sequence to encounter the Shepherds and their sheep. This might seem strange, but it is not. We must remember the birth of our Lord has already happened. He has already walked among us, and He has already suffered for our sins and has risen again. This requires the message of the Shepherds to be told before we encounter the new baby king on Day 25 of our Journey through Biblical History.

As we know, God does nothing without a purpose. The angel appearing to the poor and marginalized Shepherds was not done in error. The placement of the visit in Luke 2 was not a mistake, as Luke was writing to an already established church.

"Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

What does this tell us? It tells us that the Great News of Joy that the birth of a Savior into this world was for the salvation of all people! The poorest in our world, the most hidden people who are marginalized almost into oblivion, hold a special place in the heart of our Lord, and we are not to forget this! If we want a seat at the Heavenly banquet, we must not forget the poor!

LET US PRAY: Heavenly Father, please open our hearts and minds, which will not only help us to imitate Your desire to help the marginalized and the poor, but also help us to imitate the shepherds in giving praise and glory to You in all that we do. 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.

Invitation

Mary and Joseph of Nazareth
invite you and your family to a birthday party for their **SON, JESUS.**



St. Ann Catholic Church

Date: December 24 & 25

**Place: Grandma's house
(St. Ann Parish)**

Do not miss it!

We appreciate all the effort you will make for the spiritual preparation of the party in honor of our **BELOVED SON.**

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 in 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."**



En este cuarto domingo de Adviento, la corona de Adviento está casi completamente encendida. Este último domingo nos lleva de la simple espera a una profunda contemplación del momento de la llegada de Cristo.

El Evangelio de hoy (Mateo 1:18-24) nos presenta a José, un hombre tranquilo y justo cuya vida se ve inesperadamente trastocada. Su prometida, María, está embarazada, y él sabe que no es el padre del niño. Como hombre justo, José planea divorciarse de ella discretamente, con el objetivo de hacer lo correcto y al mismotiempo mostrar compasión.

Pero entonces, Dios interviene. Un ángel se le aparece en sueños y le revela la verdad: este niño fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. El ángel le da dos instrucciones importantes:

1. No tengas miedo de tomar a María por esposa.
2. Ponle nombre al niño Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados, cumpliendo la profecía: «Le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel, que significa 'Dios con nosotros'».

¿Qué hace José después? Se despierta y sigue la orden del ángel del Señor. Sin discusión, sin dudas, sin demora. José nos sirve de modelo para esta última semana de Adviento. Su historia nos enseña dos lecciones poderosas:

- **Confianza:** José tuvo que dejar de lado sus propios planes, reputación y comprensión de cómo deberían ser las cosas. Necesitaba confiar en que la voz de su sueño era la de Dios y que el plan de Dios era mayor que el suyo.
- **Obediencia:** José no solo aceptó, sino que actuó. Hizo de inmediato lo que Dios le pidió. Este acto de obediencia pronta y silenciosa allanó el camino para que el Salvador fuera recibido en una familia y un hogar.

No tengan miedo. El mensaje es claro: el que viene es Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Confiemos en esa promesa y, como José, abramos nuestras vidas para recibirlo plenamente.

P. Alfonso Cely
Pastor



EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE UPDATE

LUNES, MARTES, Y MIÉRCOLES

10:00 AM a 3:00 PM

JUEVES

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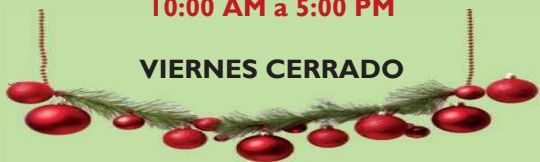
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JUEVES

(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!



BENDICION DEL PESEBRE

Dios de todas las naciones y pueblos, desde el principio mismo de la creación, has manifestado tu amor: cuando nuestra necesidad de un Salvador era grande, enviaste a tu Hijo para que naciera de la Virgen María. Él trae a nuestras vidas alegría y paz, justicia, misericordia y amor.



Señor, bendice a todos los que miran este pesebre; que nos recuerde el humilde nacimiento de Jesús y eleve nuestro pensamiento hacia él, que es Dios-con-nosotros y Salvador de todos, y que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

GRACIAS ESPECIALES



Queremos agradecer a todos los colaboradores y voluntarios junto con P. José Luis en la decoración y armado de los pesebres por dentro y por fuera del templo.

También agradecemos a Jesús Trejo, José Gudiño y Ángel Ruiz por instalar toda la iluminación exterior de nuestro campus.

Gracias a su compromiso y dedicación nos hemos sentido animados por el hermoso espíritu navideño en nuestra parroquia. ¡Sus esfuerzos realmente han marcado la diferencia!

¡Que Dios bendiga los frutos de su trabajo y de sus familias, y que continúen inspirándonos con su servicio desinteresado!

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

4to Domingo de Adviento Diciembre 7, 2025

Calendario de encendido de las velas de Adviento:

Diciembre 20 & 21

Servidores del Altar

OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

En conmemoración del día de Navidad y el día de Año Nuevo, las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas desde:



24 de Diciembre de 2025 al 2 de Enero de 2026

Estos días festivos y días libres han sido designados por el obispo Noonan para la cancillería y el personal de la parroquia.

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 acompañándonos 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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