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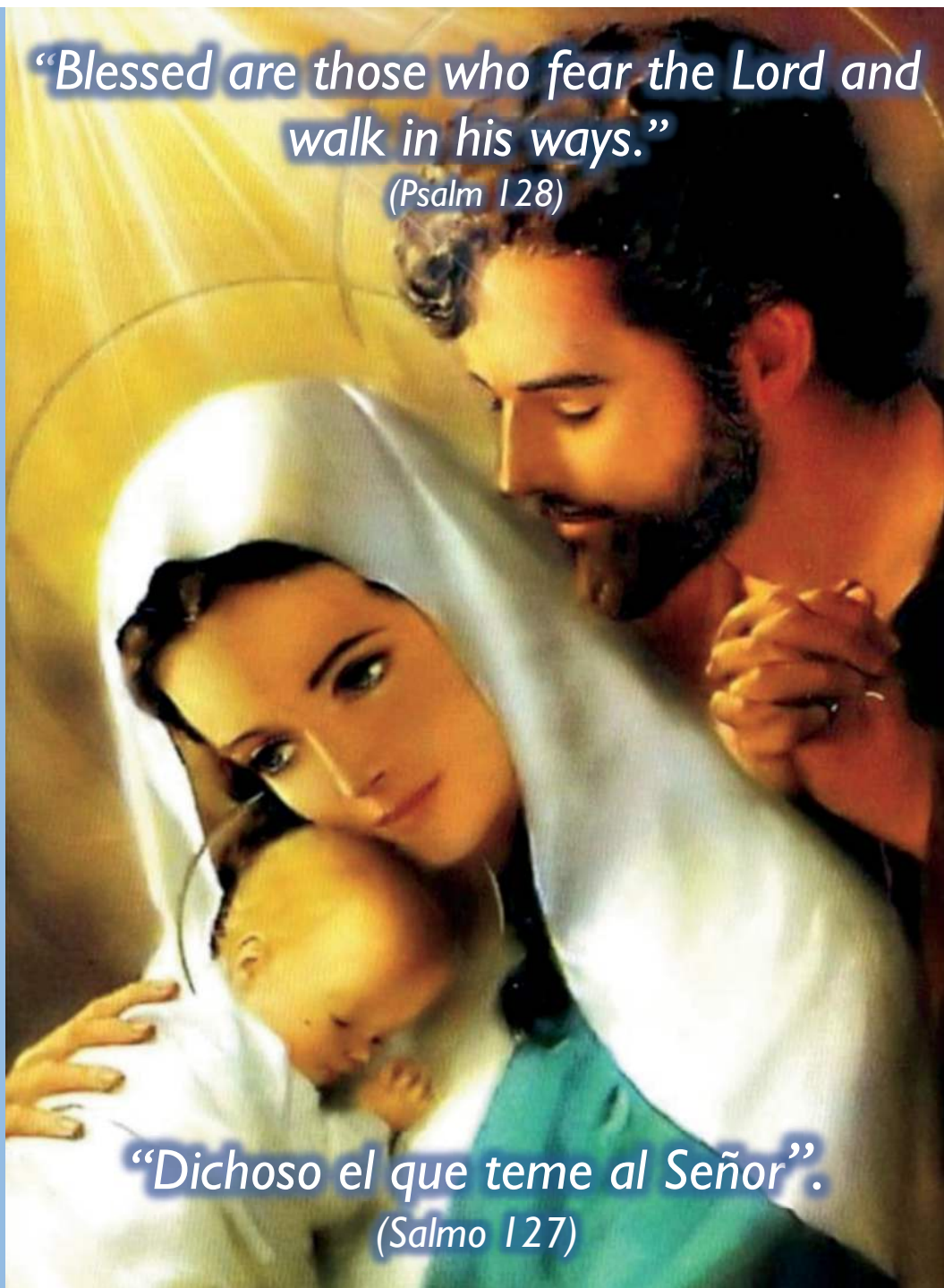
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Thank you for joining us today!  
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

**“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways.”**

*(Psalm 128)*



**“Dichoso el que teme al Señor”.**

*(Salmo 127)*

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**MASS SCHEDULE**



*Parishioners are invited to come  
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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 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  
**Monday, December 29, 2025**  
9:00 AM † Aida Nazario  
**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**  
9:00 AM † Beatriz Mejia y Andres Gonzalez  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association  
5:30 PM †  
7:00 PM (Sp.) †  
**Thursday, January 1, 2025**  
9:00 AM †  
11:00 AM (Sp.) † Maria Elsa Peralta Melo  
**Friday, January 2, 2025**  
9:00 AM †  
6:00 PM † Francisco David Hernandez Chavez  
**Saturday, January 3, 2025**  
4:00 PM †  
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Isidro Trejo & Santiago Trejo Sanchez  
**Sunday, January 4, 2025**  
8:00 AM † Paul & Carolyn Katich  
10:00 AM † Jesusa Montelongo  
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Carlos Reyes & Carlota Garcia  
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernandez Chavez

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE &  
UNDERSTANDING**

Due to the Christmas season and the printing company's holiday schedule, we needed to prepare several weeks' worth of bulletins in advance. We sincerely apologize for not publishing the upcoming weekly updates on our Sacrificial Giving.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this holiday season, and we will resume sharing the updates promptly once the holidays are over.

Blessings,

*The Parish Office*



**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 reposi-  
tion will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in**

**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.*

THE BOND OF PERFECTION



My brothers and sisters in Christ, today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is tempting to think of them as a perfect, untouchable ideal—a family with no struggles. But the Gospel today reminds us that they faced very human challenges. They knew the anxiety of searching for a lost child, the confusion of not fully understanding God’s plan, and the simple reality of returning home to Nazareth to live a quiet, ordinary life.

The holiness of their family wasn’t in their lack of problems, but in how they responded to them.

- They were rooted in Faith: They sought to live by God’s will, even when it was confusing.
- Love and Trust held them together: Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus; Mary pondered things in her heart; Jesus was obedient to them.
- They found Forgiveness and Resolution: When Jesus was found in the Temple, Mary expressed her anxiety, and Jesus chose to return home with them and submit to their care.

This is the model for us. Our families—in all their forms, with all their imperfections, stresses, and joys—are meant to be a school of love and holiness.

St. Paul gives us a blueprint in his letter: “Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... and over all these, put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

Our call today is not to be a perfect family, but to be a holy family—a place where we try, fail, forgive, and start again, clothed in the virtues of Christ. Let us take the time this week to choose patience over anger, understanding over judgment, and love above all else. For it is in these daily, ordinary acts that we make our homes a little bit more like Nazareth.

Be a faithful, happy Family to God!

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



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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

SPECIAL THANKS!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed toward the purchase of Christmas flowers for the decoration of our church altar.

Your generosity helps us create a beautiful and prayerful space for our community during this blessed season.

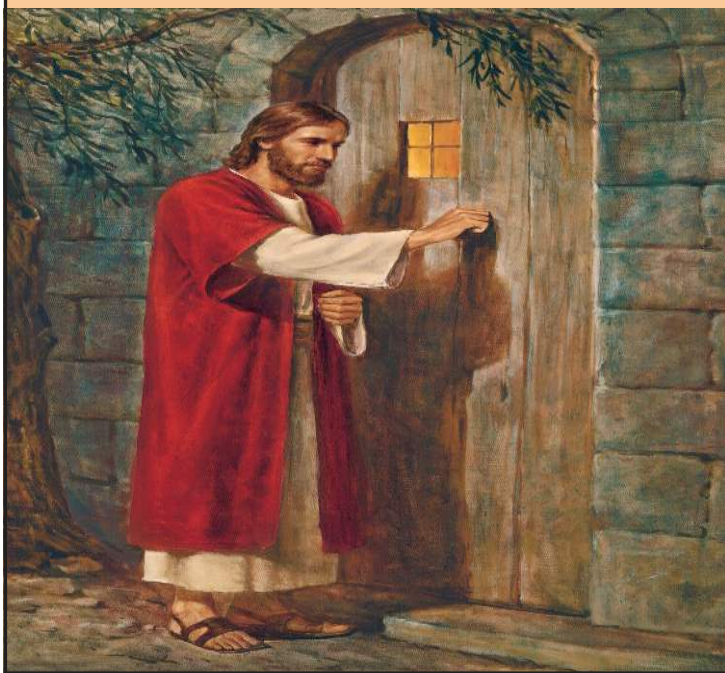
Thank you for your kindness and generous support!



**HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

O heavenly Father, Almighty God,  
we humbly beseech Thee to bless and sanctify this house and all  
who dwell therein and everything else in it, and do Thou vouchsafe  
to fill it with all good things; grant to them, O Lord, the abundance  
of heavenly blessings and from the richness of the earth every  
substance necessary for life, and finally  
direct their desires to the fruits of Thy mercy.

At our entrance, therefore, deign to bless and sanctify this house as  
Thou didst deign to bless the house of  
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob;  
and may the angels of Thy light, dwelling  
within the walk of this house, protect it and those who dwell  
therein. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**SPECIAL THANKS!**



We want to take this opportunity to offer our sincere  
thanks to all ministries, volunteers, and their families  
who assisted with all the Christmas & New Year  
celebrations.

Thank you for contributing to a grand celebration!

God bless you!

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**



In observance of New Year's Day,  
Parish Offices will be closed from:

*December 29, 2025 to January 2, 2026*

These holidays and days off have been  
designated by Bishop Noonan for the  
Chancery and Parish Staff.

**SPECIAL THANKS!**

We thank Rita Morano,  
Deacon Frank Morano,  
& Jesus Trejo for setting  
up and organizing the  
Jesse Tree for our daily  
Masses.



We enjoyed our journey through biblical  
history!

Dear Mary, my holy  
mother, I love you so  
much and I give you  
my heart. Help me to  
love God. Help me to  
love my neighbor as a  
child of God. Help me  
to love myself as a  
child of God. Amen



We are deeply grateful to all our volunteers and church ministries—especially our wonderful choir—for their dedication and joyful service. It was a blessing to share this beautiful tradition with our entire community, both Hispanic and English-speaking. We also give heartfelt thanks for the delicious breakfasts shared by each country after every 5:00 AM Spanish Mass.

***YOUR GENEROSITY MADE THIS CELEBRATION TRULY SPECIAL!***

Agradecemos profundamente a todos nuestros voluntarios y ministerios de la iglesia, especialmente a nuestro maravilloso coro, por su dedicación y alegre servicio. Fue una bendición compartir esta hermosa tradición con toda nuestra comunidad, tanto hispana como angloparlante. También agradecemos profundamente los deliciosos desayunos que compartimos cada país después de cada misa.

***SU GENEROSIDAD HIZO QUE ESTA CELEBRACIÓN FUERA REALMENTE ESPECIAL!***

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD “THEOTOKOS”



Mary’s divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God’s invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: “Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary’s role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God’s redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that “God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law” (Galatians 4:4). Paul’s further statement that “God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out ‘Abba, Father!’” helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary’s motherhood of Jesus is a crucial element in God’s creative plan. God’s “first” thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was “first” in God’s mind, Mary was “second” insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title “Mother of God” dates back to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form Theotokos (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the Holy Virgin Theotokos. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: “Praised be the Theotokos!” The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church calls Mary “Mother of God” 12 times.

**Reflection:** Other themes come together at today’s celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary’s divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God’s children.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The Solemnity will be celebrated on Thursday, January 1, 2025.

9:00 AM Mass - English

11:00 AM Mass - Spanish

## EL VÍNCULO DE LA PERFECCIÓN



Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, hoy honramos a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José.

Es tentador pensar en ellos como un ideal perfecto e intocable: una familia sin dificultades. Pero el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que enfrentaron desafíos muy humanos. Conocieron la ansiedad de buscar a un hijo perdido, la confusión de no comprender plenamente el plan de Dios y la simple realidad de regresar a su hogar en Nazaret para vivir una vida tranquila y normal.

La santidad de su familia no residía en la ausencia de problemas, sino en cómo respondían a ellos.

- Estaban arraigados en la fe: Buscaban vivir según la voluntad de Dios, incluso cuando era confusa.
- El amor y la confianza los mantenían unidos: José cuidaba de María y Jesús; María meditaba en su corazón; Jesús les obedecía.
- Encontraron perdón y resolución: Cuando Jesús fue encontrado en el Templo, María expresó su ansiedad, y Jesús decidió regresar a casa con ellos y someterse a su cuidado.

Este es nuestro modelo. Nuestras familias, en todas sus formas, con todas sus imperfecciones, tensiones y alegrías, están destinadas a ser una escuela de amor y santidad.

San Pablo nos da un modelo en su carta: «Revestíos, como escogidos de Dios, santos y amados, de entrañable compasión, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia... y sobre todo, de amor, que es el vínculo de la perfección».

Nuestro llamado hoy no es a ser una familia perfecta, sino a ser una familia santa: un lugar donde nos esforzamos, fallamos, perdonamos y comenzamos de nuevo, revestidos de las virtudes de Cristo. Dedicemos esta semana un tiempo a elegir la paciencia sobre la ira, la comprensión sobre el juicio y el amor por encima de todo. Porque es en estos actos cotidianos y cotidianos que hacemos que nuestros hogares sean un poco más como Nazaret.

¡Sean una familia fiel y feliz a Dios

P. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

### EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE UPDATE

**LUNES, MARTES, MIÉRCOLES**

10:00 AM a 3:00 PM

**JUEVES**

(cuando hay clases)

10:00 AM a 6:00 PM

**JUEVES**

(cuando no hay clases)

10:00 AM a 5:00 PM

**VIERNES CERRADO**



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**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 PUBLICARA INFORMACIÓN ESPECÍFICA A  
PARTIR DEL FIN DE SEMANA DEL  
17/18 DE ENERO DE 2026**

### ¡UN AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL!

Agradecemos sinceramente a todos los que contribuyeron con la compra de flores navideñas para la decoración del altar de nuestra iglesia.

Su generosidad nos ayudó a crear un espacio hermoso y de oración para nuestra comunidad durante esta época tan especial.

¡Gracias por su generosidad y apoyo!



## BENDICIÓN DEL HOGAR PARA EL AÑO NUEVO

Oh Padre celestial, Dios Todopoderoso,  
te suplicamos humildemente que bendigas y  
santifiques esta casa, a todos los que la  
habitan y todo lo que hay en ella.

Tu que nos prometes todo bien; concédenos,  
oh Señor, la abundancia de las bendiciones celestiales,  
para que en el uso de las cosas terrenas encontremos lo necesario  
para la vida, y dirige nuestros deseos para alcanzar los frutos de Tu  
misericordia.

Dígnate bendecir y santificar esta casa como condescendiste  
bendecir la casa de Abraham,  
de Isaac y de Jacob; y que los ángeles,  
morando dentro de ella, protejan a los  
que la habitan. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.  
Amén.



## OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

Sorry, we're  
**CLOSED**

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

*29 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.

## ¡UN AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL!

Agradecemos a Rita  
Morano, al diácono Frank  
Morano y a Jesús Trejo por  
preparar y organizar el  
Árbol de Jesé para nuestras  
misas diarias.



¡Disfrutamos mucho de nuestro recorrido  
por la historia bíblica!

## ¡UN AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL!

➤ **¡Gracias 😊  
por tu apoyo!**

*Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para expresar  
nuestro sincero agradecimiento a todos los  
ministerios, voluntarios y sus familias que colaboraron  
con las celebraciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo.*

*¡Gracias por contribuir a una gran celebración!*

*¡Que Dios los bendiga!*



## Oración a Santa María

*Santa María, Madre de Dios, consérvame un  
corazón de niño, puro y cristalino como una  
fuente. Dame un corazón sencillo que no  
saboree las tristezas; un corazón grande para  
entregarse, tierno en la compasión; un corazón  
fiel y generoso que no olvide ningún bien ni  
guarde rencor por ningún mal. Fórmame un  
corazón manso y humilde, amante sin pedir  
retorno, gozoso al desaparecer en otro corazón  
ante tu divino Hijo; un corazón grande e indomable  
que con ninguna ingratitud se cierre, que con ninguna  
indiferencia se canse; un corazón atormentado  
por la gloria de Jesucristo, herido de su amor,  
con herida que sólo se cure en el cielo.*

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