



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!”*

*(Psalm 146:6)*



*“Dichosos los pobres de espíritu,  
porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos”.*

*(Salmo 145,7)*

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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, January 31, 2026

4:00 PM † Juan Vergara (5th Anniversary)

6:00 PM (Sp.) Sonia Rivera Birthday

### Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:00 AM † Daniel McLoughlin

10:00 AM † Nelson Soto & Altigracia Soto

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Angel Cintron

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Acción de gracias a la Virgen Maria

### Monday, February 2, 2026

9:00 AM † Jonathan Rado

### Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:00 AM Pro Populo (For the People of St. Ann)

### Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

### Thursday, February 5, 2026

9:00 AM Craig Holbrook Birthday

### Friday, February 6, 2026

9:00 AM † Lucia Rios

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernandez Chavez

### Saturday, February 7, 2026

4:00 PM † Margaret Tranter

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Oscar & Xiomara Peñalver

### Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions of Maria Urka

10:00 AM † A. Josefina Gomez

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Juan Perez

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Fidel Pinzon

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## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### January 24-25, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$23,777.50  
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1,602  
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$138  
Faith Direct January 1-15: \$8,918.26  
Miscellaneous: \$4,160



### OCA 2025 Update:

**Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.**

Goal: \$191,737.10  
Pledged to Date: \$180,744.17  
Cash received to Date: \$160,415.16  
Still needed in Pledges: \$10,992.93

**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.**

## 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.

## LISTENING ASSISTANT APPLICATION



The "ListenWIFI App" is now available at our church to support those with hearing difficulties. Simply scan the barcode, download the app, and follow the on-screen instructions.

Connect to WiFi:  
ST Ann Hearing Assist  
Password: Listen1311

## OUR LEGACY CONTINUES

### Parish Construction Project: Week 24 Update

We continue to make progress on the parish construction project!

In the old Parish Office, the punch list walkthrough was held on January 19. Furniture has arrived and placed.



In the Fr. Anderson Building, interior wall insulation and drywall installation have been completed, while exterior stucco work remains in progress.



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

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

## THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHRIST



In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus begins his “Sermon on the Mount” not with a set of commands, but with a series of blessings. He looks at those whom the world considers “losers”—the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, and the persecuted—and calls them blessed, reminding us that God’s presence is especially near to the humble, inspiring hope and reassurance in our faith journey.

This isn’t Jesus praising misery; he is announcing that God is especially present to those who know their need for Him. The “poor in spirit” are those who don’t have their hands full of their own ego, leaving them empty enough to be filled by God’s grace.

The Beatitudes are often called the “autobiography of Christ.” Before we can *do* what Jesus did, we must *be* who Jesus was.

- To be meek isn’t to be weak; it is “strength under control.”
- To be a peacemaker isn’t just to avoid conflict, but to actively build right relationships.
- To hunger and thirst for righteousness is to crave God’s justice as desperately as a starving man craves bread.

The first reading from Zephaniah reminds us to “seek humility,” and St. Paul reinforces this in the second reading by pointing out that God chose “the foolish of the world to shame the wise.”

The Christian life is a paradox. We find ourselves by losing ourselves. We receive by giving. We are comforted when we are brave enough to mourn for the brokenness of the world, inspiring resilience and hope as we navigate these spiritual truths.

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

FOR SPECIFIC REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION:

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IN THE NARTHEX**

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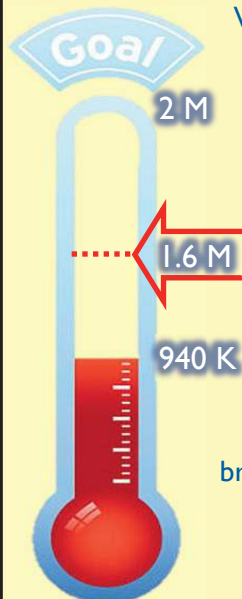
**COME TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
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HOURS**

Monday & Wednesday: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Friday: Office Closed



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

### “MAKING THE OLD LEGACY NEW”



We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to our “Making the Old Legacy New” Capital Campaign. Here is an **update**:

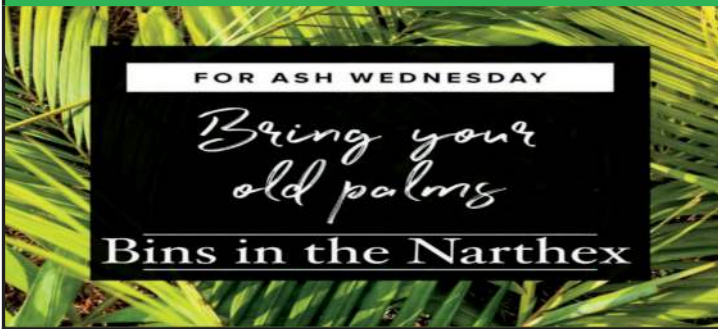
At this moment, we have received \$940,000 from our \$1,600,000 in promises.

We want to stress the importance of the promises for the campaign’s success.

We are deeply grateful for your past contributions. Your generosity has brought us this far, and we are confident we will reach our goal with your continued support.

**God bless you!**

## BRING OLD PALMS



## ST. ANN PARISH SAFETY



For your safety, and in accordance with Diocesan safety guidelines, beginning **this weekend (January 31-February 1)**, all side entrances will be locked **five minutes before Mass begins**. The front doors will be open.

All exits will remain open for anyone who wishes to leave during Mass.

## COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE



### *Bake Sale!*

**February 14 & 15**  
(after each Mass)

Please support the Columbiettes and satisfy your sweet tooth before the Lenten Season begins!

## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

### Prayer of the Blessing of the Throats:

*“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other disease, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Join us

**Blessing of the Throats**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**  
**9:00 AM Mass - English**

The annual Blessing of Throats is a traditional sign of fighting against sickness in the life of the Christian.



## CANDLEMAS: BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, forty days after Christmas. In the 1962 calendar, the feast is called the “Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary” and is commonly referred to as Candlemas.

Join us

**Monday, February 2, 2026**  
**9:00 AM Mass**

Bring your candles to be blessed.  
We will have candles for sale in the Narthex.

### **Candlemas Prayer**

*O almighty, everlasting God,  
who didst command the purest oil to be  
prepared by Thy servant Moses to keep lamps continually  
before Thee; graciously pour forth the grace of Thy  
blessing + upon these candles;  
they may so afford external light, that by Thy gift the light of  
Thy Spirit may not fail interiorly in our minds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ...in the unity of the same Holy  
Spirit...Amen.*

## TAX SEASON IS APPROACHING

**END-OF-YEAR  
DONOR TAX  
LETTERS ARE  
NOW AVAILABLE.**



*Please stop by the Parish Office to obtain yours.*

*Thank you!*

## NEW PARISHIONERS!

### **Welcome to St. Ann Church!**

**We invite you to register with our parish by filling out a registration card available in the Narthex in the church or by visiting the Church Office.**



### Would you like to become a Eucharist Minister?

If you are interested, the first requirement is to call (863) 422-4370 to schedule an appointment with one of our priests.

In the coming weeks, we will be announcing the steps to follow for the registration process.

We encourage you to prepare yourself and become part of this beautiful ministry in service to our community.



### ¿Te gustaría ser Ministro de la Eucaristía?

Si estás interesado(a), el primer requisito es llamar para agendar una cita previa con uno de nuestros sacerdotes.

En las próximas semanas estaremos anunciando los pasos a seguir para el proceso de inscripción.

Te animamos a prepararte y a ser parte de este hermoso ministerio al servicio de nuestra comunidad.

#### PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



### February 16

*Join us!*

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, the Burning of the Palms Ceremony will take place during the

**9:00 AM English Mass**



**Este 16 de Febrero**

*Únete a nosotros!*

En preparación al Miércoles de Ceniza, tendremos la Ceremonia de quema de Palmas durante la

**Misa de 9:00 AM (Inglés)**

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



### February 18

7:00 AM - Mass (Sp.)

9:00 AM - Mass (Eng.)

12:15 PM - Liturgy of the Word (Eng.)

5:30 PM - Mass (Eng.)

7:00 PM - Mass (Sp.)



**18 de Febrero**

7:00 AM - Misa (Español)

9:00 AM - Misa (Inglés)

12:15 PM - Liturgia de la Palabra (Inglés)

5:30 PM - Misa (Inglés)

7:00 PM - Misa (Español)

## LA AUTOBIOGRAFÍA DE CRISTO



En el Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús comienza su “Sermón de la Montaña” no con una serie de mandamientos, sino con una serie de bienaventuranzas. Mira a aquellos a quienes el mundo considera “perdedores”: los pobres de espíritu, los que lloran, los mansos y los perseguidos, y los llama bienaventurados, recordándonos que la presencia de Dios está especialmente cerca de los humildes, inspirando esperanza y consuelo en nuestro camino de fe.

Esto no significa que Jesús alabe la miseria; está anunciando que Dios está especialmente presente para aquellos que reconocen su necesidad de Él. Los “pobres de espíritu” son aquellos que no están llenos de su propio ego, lo que les permite estar lo suficientemente vacíos para ser llenados por la gracia de Dios.

Las Bienaventuranzas a menudo se llaman la “autobiografía de Cristo”. Antes de que podamos *hacer* lo que Jesús hizo, *debemos* ser quienes Jesús fue.

- Ser manso no es ser débil; es “fuerza bajo control”.
- Ser pacificador no es solo evitar el conflicto, sino construir activamente relaciones justas.
- Tener hambre y sed de justicia es anhelar la justicia de Dios con la misma desesperación con la que un hombre hambriento anhela el pan.

La primera lectura de Sofonías nos recuerda que debemos “buscar la humildad”, y San Pablo lo refuerza en la segunda lectura al señalar que Dios eligió a “los necios del mundo para avergonzar a los sabios”.

La vida cristiana es una paradoja. Nos encontramos a nosotros mismos al perdernos. Recibimos al dar. Somos consolados cuando somos lo suficientemente valientes como para llorar por la fragilidad del mundo, inspirando resiliencia y esperanza mientras navegamos por estas verdades espirituales.

Padre Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

### EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

2026-2027

#### PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA COMIENZAN LAS INSCRIPCIONES

**MARTES, 14 DE ABRIL DE 2026**

**PARA INFORMACIÓN ESPECÍFICA SOBRE  
LA INSCRIPCIÓN:**

**CONSULTE EL TABLÓN DE ANUNCIOS  
DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA  
EN EL NARTHEX**



**VISITE LA OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN  
RELIGIOSA  
DURANTE EL HORARIO DE ATENCIÓN AL  
PÚBLICO**

**Lunes y Miércoles: 10:00 AM a 3:00 PM**

**Martes y Jueves: 10:00 AM a 5:00 PM**

**Viernes: Oficina cerrada**



### “NUESTRO LEGADO CONTINUA”



Agradecemos sinceramente a todos los que han contribuido a nuestra Campaña “Nuestro Legado Continúa”.

Aquí les presentamos una **actualización:**

Hasta el momento, hemos recibido \$940,000 de los \$1,600,000 prometidos.

Queremos destacar la importancia de las promesas para el éxito de la campaña.

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por sus contribuciones anteriores. Su generosidad nos ha permitido llegar hasta aquí, y confiamos en que alcanzaremos nuestra meta con su continuo apoyo.

**¡Que Dios los bendiga!**



## SEGURIDAD EN ST. ANN



Por su seguridad, y conforme a las directrices de seguridad diocesanas, a partir del **31 de enero**, todas las entradas laterales se cerrarán **cinco minutos antes de que comience la misa.**

Las puertas principales estarán abiertas. Todas las salidas permanecerán abiertas para cualquiera que desee salir durante la misa.

## TRAIGAN SUS PALMAS DE AÑOS ANTERIORES

### Canastas en el Nartex

*Por favor traer las palmas de años anteriores para que sean quemadas y utilizadas el miércoles de ceniza.*

## FIESTA DE SAN BLAS

### Oración de la Bendición de las Gargantas

*“Por intercesión de san Blas, obispo y mártir, que Dios los libre de toda enfermedad de la garganta y de toda otra enfermedad, en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.”*

Únase a nosotros para la bendición de las Gargantas:

**Martes 3 de febrero de 2026,**

La bendición anual de gargantas es un signo tradicional de la lucha contra la enfermedad en la vida del cristiano.

**9:00 AM Misa (Inglés)**



## CANDELARIA : BENDICIÓN DE LAS VELAS

Este **2 de febrero** la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, cuarenta días después de la Navidad. También conocida como la “Purificación de la Santísima Virgen María” o comúnmente como la “Candelaria”.

Este mismo día en la cultura Latinoamericana es también conocido como “La Levantada del niño”.

Tendremos una celebración iniciando con el **Santo rosario** a las **5:30 PM** en

**1319 Robinson Dr, Haines City, FL 33844**  
(Casa de José Gudiño)

(Pueden dejar los carros en el parqueadero de la iglesia)

Seguido tendremos la **bendición de las velas** y una **procesión** desde allí hasta el templo parroquial, donde celebraremos la **Santa Misa.**

Tendremos piñata y un compartir fraterno a las afueras del templo.

**¡Todos están cordialmente invitados!**  
**¡Puedes traer tu Niño Jesús!**

## LA TEMPORADA DE TAXES ESTA CERCA

**REPORTES ANUALES DE CONTRIBUCIONES YA ESTÁN DISPONIBLES.**



**Acérquese a la oficina para recoger el suyo.**

**¡Gracias!**

## NUEVOS PARROQUIANOS

**¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia de Santa Ana!**



**Le invitamos a registrarse en nuestra parroquia completando una tarjeta de registro disponible en el Narthex de la iglesia o visitando la Oficina de la Iglesia.**

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