



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We Are Ambassadors for Christ*



February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Just so, your light must shine before others.”**

**(Mt. 5:16)**

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

**“Que de igual manera brille la luz de ustedes  
ante los hombres”.**

**(Mt. 5,16)**

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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, 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

### Monday, February 9, 2026

9:00 AM †

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

### Thursday, February 12, 2026

9:00 AM † Ramona Peña Reyes

### Friday, February 13, 2026

9:00 AM † Raymonde Jean

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 PM †

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Artemio Guzman Dominguez

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions of Miles Evans

10:00 AM † Roger Wilcox

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Marco Antonio Celleri (1st Anniv.)

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Maria Magdalena Rivera

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## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### January 31 & February 1, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$23,482  
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,560  
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$119  
Faith Direct January 16-31: \$4,127  
Miscellaneous: \$3,135



### OCA 2025 Update:

**Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.**

Goal: \$191,737.10  
Pledged to Date: \$180,844.17  
Cash received to Date: \$160,515.16  
Still needed in Pledges: \$10,892.93

**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 25 Update

We continue to make progress on the parish construction project!

After the punch list walkthrough, the old Parish Office building is substantially complete!



In the Fr. Anderson Building, exterior stucco has been completed and is curing. Work on the front of the building sidewalk, electrical work, and drywall preparation for painting is 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 POWER OF SALT & THE DUTY OF LIGHT

Today's readings, specifically Matthew 5:13-16, transition us from the "Mount of Beatitudes" into the practical realities of our daily lives. Jesus refers to us not as the "Philosophers of the World" or the "Critics of the World," but as Salt and Light.



### 1. The Power of Salt

In the ancient world, salt served not only as a seasoning but also as a preservative. Before refrigeration, salt was essential in preventing meat from rotting.

- *The Mission:* As Christians, we are called to be the moral preservers in a world that sometimes feels like it's decaying.
- *The Warning:* Salt is only valuable if it remains distinct from the food it seasons. If we blend in so much with the world that our values become indistinguishable from those of others, we have lost our "flavor."

### 2. The Duty of Light

Light does not exist to showcase itself; it exists to illuminate the things around it.

- *Visibility:* One does not place a lamp under a bushel basket, as this defeats its purpose. A concealed faith is inherently contradictory.
- *Direction:* Our "good deeds" are like rays of that light. The goal isn't to make people say, "Look how holy we are," but rather to inspire them to look up and say, "Look how great God is."

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

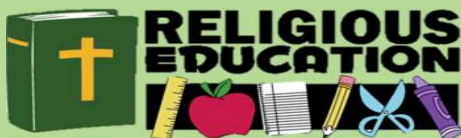
**FOR SPECIFIC REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION:**

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IN THE NARTHEX**

**OR**

**COME TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS  
HOURS**

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



## "MAKING THE OLD LEGACY NEW"



We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to our "Making the Old Legacy New" Capital Campaign.

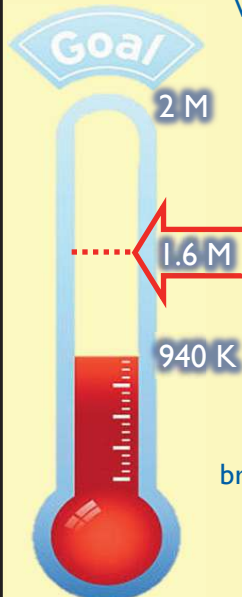
Here is an **update:**

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!**



### A FRIENDLY REMINDER



To all our dear parishioners,  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*  
We kindly remind you that when making donations by check, please use the date

**2026** and make the check payable to **St. Ann Catholic Church** to avoid the bank returning it.

***May God bless you and thank you for your support!***

### ST. ANN PARISH SAFETY



For your safety, and in accordance with Diocesan safety guidelines, 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!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes all our neighbors a very happy and blessed 2026.

For those who visit our Monday/Wednesday food distributions, please note the following schedule updates:

- We will be **OPEN** on **Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16**, from **10:15 AM to 12:00 PM**.
- We will be **CLOSED** on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**.

If Wednesday, February 18, is your usual distribution day, you are welcome to come on **Monday, February 16** instead.

***Thank you, and God bless!***

### OCA: OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL



## Our Catholic Appeal

*"Blessed are they who **seek Him** with all their heart."*

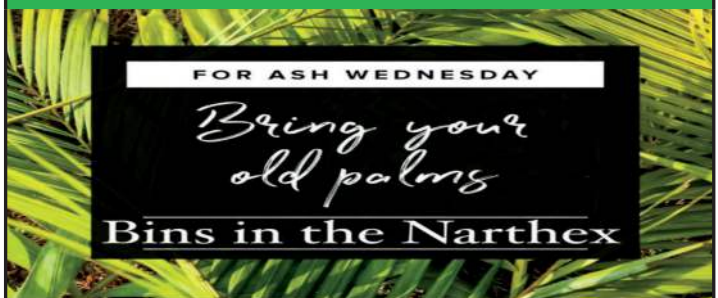
At St. Ann Parish, it has always been a tradition to give joy and support our Bishop and diocese through Our Catholic Appeal with the best disposition.

We are consistently achieving 100% percent of our prior assessments. We will begin the 2026 campaign, trusting the Lord that we can continue bringing the Gospel to those who are most in need. Our Parish goal for this year is \$209,695.

As Catholics, our calling is to bring charity into our hearts, which is just one way our diocese makes us all part of that mission.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### BRING OLD PALMS



### 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 an (EMHC) Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?**

If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Contact the Parish Office:** Call (863) 422-4370 to schedule an appointment with one of our priests.
- 2. Register for the Formation Workshop:** Visit <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/office/emhc-formation/> and follow the instructions to register for the workshop.
- 3. Attend the Workshop:** Please note: Registering for the workshop guarantees admission **only**. It does not guarantee a mandate from the Bishop to serve in this ministry.



**¿Te gustaría ser Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión?**

Si sientes el llamado a servir en este ministerio, siga los pasos a continuación:

- 1. Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial:** Llame al (863) 422-4370 para programar una cita con uno de nuestros sacerdotes.
- 2. Inscríbese en el Taller de Formación:** Visite <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/office/emhc-formation/> y siga las instrucciones para inscribirse en el taller.
- 3. Asista al Taller:** Tenga en cuenta: La inscripción al taller solo garantiza la admisión. No garantiza el nombramiento del Obispo para servir en este ministerio.

**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)

Las lecturas de hoy, específicamente Mateo 5:13-16, nos llevan del “Monte de las Bienaventuranzas” a las realidades prácticas de nuestra vida diaria. Jesús no nos llama “filósofos del mundo” ni “críticos del mundo”, sino sal y luz.



1. El poder de la sal

En el mundo antiguo, la sal servía no solo como condimento, sino también como conservante. Antes de la refrigeración, la sal era esencial para evitar que la carne se pudriera.

- *La misión:* Como cristianos, estamos llamados a ser los conservadores morales en un mundo que a veces parece estar en decadencia.
- *La advertencia:* La sal solo es valiosa si se mantiene distinta del alimento que sazona. Si nos mimetizamos tanto con el mundo que nuestros valores se vuelven indistinguibles de los de los demás, hemos perdido nuestro “sabor”.

2. El deber de la luz

La luz no existe para exhibirse a sí misma; existe para iluminar lo que la rodea.

- *Visibilidad:* Nadie pone una lámpara debajo de un cesto, ya que esto anula su propósito. Una fe oculta es inherentemente contradictoria.
- *Dirección:* Nuestras “buenas obras” son como los rayos de esa luz. El objetivo no es que la gente diga: “Miren qué santos somos”, sino inspirarlos a mirar hacia arriba y decir: “Miren qué grande es Dios”.

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  
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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”.

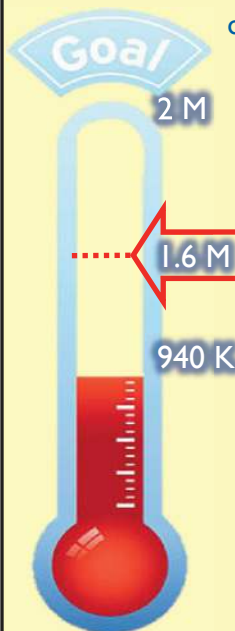
Aquí les presentamos una **actualización:**

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!



## AVISO IMPORTANTE



A todos nuestros queridos parroquianos, ¡gracias por su constante generosidad! Les recordamos amablemente que, al hacer donaciones por cheque, por favor utilicen la fecha **2026** y

emitan el cheque a nombre de **St. Ann Catholic Church**, para evitar que el banco los devuelva.

*¡Que Dios les bendiga y gracias por su apoyo!*

## SEGURIDAD EN ST. ANN



Por su seguridad, y conforme a las directrices de seguridad diocesanas, 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.*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society les desea a todos nuestros vecinos un feliz y bendecido año 2026.

Para quienes visitan nuestras distribuciones de alimentos de lunes y miércoles, tengan en cuenta las siguientes actualizaciones de horario:

- Estaremos **ABIERTOS** para **Presidents' Day**, **lunes 16 de febrero**, de **10:15 AM a 12:00 PM**.
- Estaremos **CERRADOS** el **Miércoles de Ceniza**, **18 de febrero**.

Si el miércoles 18 de febrero es tu día habitual de distribución, puedes venir el **lunes 16 de febrero** en su lugar.

*¡Gracias, y que Dios te bendiga!*



## NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO



# Our Catholic Appeal

*“Bienaventurados los que **lo buscan** con todo el corazón”.*

En la Parroquia de St. Ann, siempre ha sido tradición brindar alegría y apoyar a nuestro Obispo y a la diócesis a través de la Campaña Católica Diocesana con la mejor disposición.

Constantemente alcanzamos el 100% de nuestras metas. Comenzaremos la campaña de 2026, confiando en el Señor en que podremos seguir llevando el Evangelio a quienes más lo necesitan. Nuestra meta parroquial para este año es de \$209,695.

Como católicos, nuestro llamado es a cultivar la caridad en nuestros corazones, y esta es solo una de las maneras en que nuestra diócesis nos hace partícipes de esa misión.

**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**

## 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 St. Ann!**

**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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