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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

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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

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
 8:00 PM (Bl.) **Easter Vigil**
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
 6:30 AM ☩ Felipe Luis Alfonzo Vargas (Outside)
 8:00 AM ☩ Anna Muffi
 10:00 AM ☩ Yasmin Gallarza Morgon
 12:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ Marlon A. Mendoza (Inside)
 12:00 PM (Sp.) Samir Castro Birthday (Outside)
 6:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ José Luis Gonzalez Cruz
Monday, April 6, 2026
 9:00 AM Pro Populo (For the people of St. Ann)
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
 9:00 AM Esmeralda Martinez's Birthday
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
 9:00 AM ☩ Memorial Mass Association
Thursday, April 9, 2026
 9:00 AM ☩ Aura Karlovich
Friday, April 10, 2026
 9:00 AM ☩ Kathy Posey
Saturday, April 11, 2026
 4:00 PM ☩ Judy Jones
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Intention of Ana Ruby Termal
Sunday, April 12, 2026
 8:00 AM ☩ Gerald Moritzen
 10:00 AM ☩ Armin Mohammed
 12:00 PM (Sp.) ☩ Juan Duran
 6:00 PM (Sp.) For the Souls in Purgatory



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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 28 & 29, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$25,089
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1,941
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$152
 Give Central Updates coming soon
 Miscellaneous: \$1,219



OCA 2026 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$209,695
 Pledged to Date: \$85,246
 Cash received to Date: \$61,922
 Still needed in Pledges: \$147,773

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.**

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ST Ann Hearing Assist
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OUR LEGACY CONTINUES

Parish Construction Project: Week 33 Update

We are pleased to provide more positive updates regarding our construction project.

At the Old Office Building, the ADA parking space has been completed. However, the adjacent driveway was damaged during construction and is currently being repaired.

At the Fr. Anderson Building, HVAC installation has been completed. Acoustic ceiling tile installation and storefront adjustments are currently in progress.

*"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
 (2 Cor. 9:6)*



THE STONE WAS MOVED

The story of Easter doesn't begin with a celebration; it begins in the dark. On that first morning, the disciples weren't waiting for a miracle; they were hiding in grief. When the women went to the tomb, they weren't looking for a Savior; they were looking for a body.

But Easter is the day God redefined "the end."

1. From Stones to Open Doors

We all have "stones" in our lives—obstacles or burdens that seem immovable. These can be heavy emotions, persistent regrets, or deep losses that feel permanent. The empty tomb tells us that no matter how impossible our burdens may feel, God can move even the heaviest stone. What we often perceive as a dead end, God transforms into an open doorway.

2. From Fear to Hope

The first words spoken by the angels were, "Do not be afraid." The world often gives us every reason to be anxious. Easter is a radical protest against despair. It is the promise that love is stronger than hate. Life is louder than death.

3. A Living Presence

Easter isn't just a historical event to remember. It's a reality to live with. The Resurrection means that Christ isn't a figure trapped in a book. He is a presence walking beside us in our daily lives—in our joys, struggles, and quietest moments.

Whatever "tomb" you feel fixed in today, know that the light of the Resurrection can reach it. The shadows are disappearing. The stone is gone. The invitation is clear: Take that step—move forward and embrace the light.

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

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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THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR:

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OR

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Friday: Office Closed

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NUMBER
(863) 438-2700**

SPECIAL THANKS!



We want to highlight the invaluable work of the Religious Education team, Mrs. Tammy Higgins, and the Catechists. Your hard work and dedication have been instrumental in the growth of our community, especially in guiding the catechumens who received the sacraments and were admitted to the Catholic Church this past Paschal Vigil.

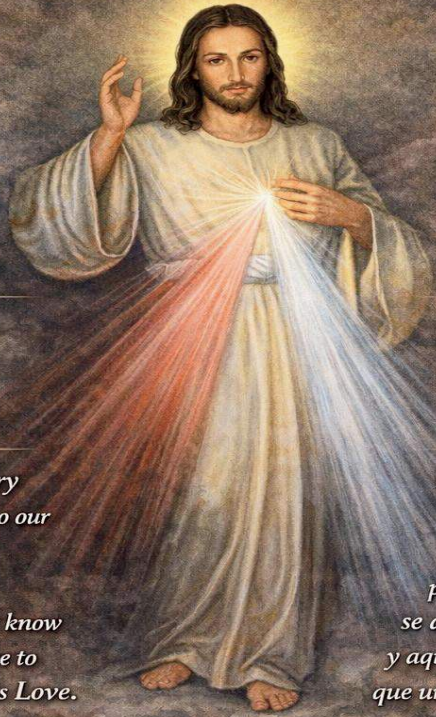
Your commitment to educating our new Catholics and the good people of St. Ann is truly appreciated and has a profound impact on our community.

May God continue to bless you!

*For the
commemoration of the
Divine Mercy Sunday,*

WE WILL RECITE THE DIVINE
MERCY CHAPLET BEFORE EVERY
MASS NEXT WEEKEND
APRIL 4 & 5

*Join us as we contemplate the mystery
of the Divine Mercy, and pray with us to our
Lord that his never-ending mercy
be poured over us,
our parish, and those who still do not know
of the Lord so one day they can come to
experience his presence and his Love.*



*Para la celebración del
Domingo de la Divina
Misericordia*

RECITAREMOS LA CORONILLA DE LA
DIVINA MISERICORDIA ANTES DE
CADA MISA EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA
4 Y 5 DE ABRIL

*Únase a nosotros mientras contemplamos
el misterio de la Divina Misericordia,
y oremos juntos a nuestro Señor
para que su misericordia interminable
se derrame sobre nosotros, nuestra parroquia
y aquellos que aún no conocen al Señor para
que un día lleguen a experimentar su presencia*

MARY MAGDALENE, THE FIRST WITNESS



Mary Magdalene is broken with grief; Jesus has been tortured and crucified, and she finds no solace. She needs to be near the grave where he lies. She needs to grieve. She longs for the closeness of Jesus' dead body. Mary loves Jesus and won't leave him; she won't shut herself in at home. She refuses to let fear of his executors keep her away. At dawn, Mary finds the place of death empty.

Peter and his companion run to the tomb when Mary Magdalene tells them Jesus' body is missing. Something strange is happening. There is confusion; all is in order, but he is not among the dead. It does not appear to be the work of tomb robbers; the linens are folded, and nothing is damaged.

Peter enters and, faced with the emptiness, does not react. His companion, who arrived first, enters and believes. Peter remains dazed and blocked by memories of abandonment and denial. He needs time. The companion, the disciple who most understood Jesus from the heart, begins to open up to the Life of the Risen One. Each of Jesus' followers must travel the journey from death to life. The Living One does not impose, does not overwhelm, and does not appear in pageantry and splendor. He guides his own so that each makes an individual "way to Emmaus." St. Ignatius teaches that he appears "sweetly, lightly, and gently."

For the beloved disciple, seeing the empty tomb reveals that death has not triumphed; Jesus' body is now full of life with the Father, who raised him and who is next to the God of Life. Peter needs more time and must hear the Lord's encouraging word.

Only the empty tomb alone does not lead to recognizing the Living One: "they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him." On the one hand, they are disconcerted because it seems that the body of Jesus, the bodies of his creatures, is not doomed to become manure, that the emptiness of the tomb disturbs them. From this confusion, they begin to understand that "death does not rule" and prepare for the Encounter.

Thank You

SPECIAL THANKS!



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the John XXIII Group and all those who worked behind the scenes for their countless hours of hard work and dedication in preparing the Altar of Repose. We truly appreciate your commitment and generosity—your work was outstanding!

May God bless you abundantly!

SPECIAL THANKS!

EASTER EGG HUNT



We appreciate everyone who contributed to our Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all the volunteers for dedicating their time to fill the eggs and manage the logistics that made this event possible.

God bless you!

SPECIAL THANKS!



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who generously contributed to the flower arrangements for Holy Week.

We also appreciate the hard work and effort of those who helped create the beautiful arrangements.

God bless you for your dedication and commitment!

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SPECIAL THANKS!

We give a special thanks to those ministers who assisted with all of our ceremonies during Holy Week & Easter 2026!

Ed Phillipp, Master of Ceremonies; Ed Leo, Head Minister Acolytes; Acolytes; Musicians; Choirs; Sacristans; Ministers; Ushers; & Lectors
God Bless you!

LA PIEDRA FUE REMOVIDA

La historia de la Pascua no comienza con una celebración; comienza en la oscuridad. En aquella primera mañana, los discípulos no esperaban un milagro; se escondían sumidos en el dolor. Cuando las mujeres acudieron al sepulcro, no buscaban un Salvador; buscaban un cuerpo.

Pero la Pascua es el día en que Dios redefinió “el final”.

1. De piedras a puertas abiertas

Todos tenemos “piedras” en nuestras vidas: obstáculos o cargas que parecen inamovibles. Pueden ser emociones pesadas, remordimientos persistentes o pérdidas profundas que se sienten permanentes. El sepulcro vacío nos dice que, por imposibles que parezcan nuestras cargas, Dios puede remover incluso la piedra más pesada. Lo que a menudo percibimos como un callejón sin salida, Dios lo transforma en una puerta abierta.

2. Del miedo a la esperanza

Las primeras palabras pronunciadas por los ángeles fueron: “No tengan miedo”. El mundo a menudo nos da sobradas razones para sentir ansiedad. La Pascua es una protesta radical contra la desesperanza. Es la promesa de que el amor es más fuerte que el odio. La vida resuena con más fuerza que la muerte.

3. Una presencia viva

La Pascua no es solo un acontecimiento histórico para recordar; es una realidad con la cual vivir. La Resurrección significa que Cristo no es una figura atrapada en un libro; es una presencia que camina a nuestro lado en nuestra vida cotidiana: en nuestras alegrías, en nuestras luchas y en nuestros momentos de mayor quietud.

Cualquiera que sea el «sepulcro» en el que hoy te sientas atrapado, ten la certeza de que la luz de la Resurrección puede llegar hasta él. Las sombras se están disipando. La piedra ha sido removida. La invitación es clara: da ese paso, avanza y abraza la luz.

¡Aleluya! ¡Verdaderamente ha resucitado!

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

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2026-2027

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MARTES, 14 DE ABRIL DE 2026

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¡AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL!

Queremos expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a la Sra. María Zúñiga por su generosa donación de la Vela Pascual para nuestra iglesia.

Este hermoso gesto no solo embellece nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas, sino que también es un signo visible de fe y devoción para toda nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Agradecemos profundamente su generosidad y apoyo continuo.

Que el Señor la bendiga abundantemente y le conceda muchas gracias por su bondad.



Gracias

¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!



Nos gustaría expresar nuestra sincera gratitud al Grupo Juan XXIII y a todos aquellos que trabajaron tras bastidores por sus incontables horas de arduo trabajo y dedicación en la preparación del Altar de Reposo. Agradecemos sinceramente su compromiso y generosidad; ¡su labor fue excepcional!

¡Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente!

¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!



Nos gustaría expresar nuestra más sincera gratitud a todos los donantes que contribuyeron generosamente a los arreglos florales de la Semana Santa.

Asimismo, agradecemos el arduo trabajo y el esfuerzo de Adela Guerra, Veronica Cruz, Rosa Salcedo, Fernando Ruiz, Hermelinda Pablo, Grecia Pablo, Angel Ruiz y Jesus Trejo, quienes ayudaron a crear estos hermosos ambientes.

¡Que Dios los bendiga por su dedicación y compromiso!

¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Agradecemos a todos los que contribuyeron a nuestra Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua.

Gracias a todos los voluntarios por dedicar su tiempo a llenar los huevos y a gestionar la logística que hizo posible este evento.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!



¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!



Queremos reconocer el trabajo sobresaliente de Elsa Lara, Domingo Antonio y nuestro grupo carismático "Mensajeros del Señor".

Al encargarse de todo el trabajo logístico para las celebraciones de Semana Santa en el altar exterior Domingo de Ramos y Domingo de Pascua.

Gracias por su servicio a la familia de St. Ann.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!



¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!

Agradecemos de todo corazón a todos los que participaron en la organización y actuación del Viacrucis Viviente este Viernes Santo. Su entrega, talento y dedicación hicieron posible vivir este momento tan especial de fe en nuestra comunidad.

Gracias a cada uno de ustedes por su generosidad y compromiso.

¡Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente!



¡AGRADECIMIENTOS ESPECIALES!

Queremos agradecer a todos los ministerios y voluntarios que hicieron parte de las celebraciones de Semana Santa y Pascua del año 2026.

Jesús Trejo, Angel Ruiz, Oscar Arroyo,
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