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July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"Let them grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:30



*"Dejen que ambos crezcan juntos
hasta la cosecha".*

Mateo 13:30

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(Closed for Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

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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, July 18, 2026

4:00 PM ✠ Hortensia Fonseca

6:00 PM (Sp.) ✠ In thanksgiving to the Virgen

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 AM ✠ Concepción Navarro

10:00 AM ✠ Ruth (Kathy) Zahm

12:00 PM (Sp.) Keishla Castro Birthday Intention

6:00 PM (Sp.) ✠ Hernando Arenas (5th Anniversary)

Monday, July 20, 2026

9:00 AM Fr. Richard Tuttle Health Intention

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

9:00 AM ✠ Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, July 23, 2026

9:00 AM ✠ Minerva Avellaneda (2nd Anniversary)

Friday, July 24, 2026

9:00 AM Fr. Richard Tuttle Health Intention

Saturday, July 25, 2026

4:00 PM ✠ John Viggiano

6:00 PM (Sp.) ✠ Oscar González & Hubert González

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 AM ✠ Ramón Torres Alvares

10:00 AM ✠ Charlie Gayle

12:00 PM (Sp.) ✠ Fernando Naventa Ramirez

6:00 PM (Sp.) ✠ Williams Mujica



Ministerio San José se reunirá los miércoles del mes de
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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 4 & 5, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$13,763
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1,096
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$137
Give Central (July 1-15): \$5,002.20
Miscellaneous: \$1,430



OCA 2026 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$209,695
Pledged to Date: \$150,482
Cash received to Date: \$129,320
Still needed in Pledges: \$59,213

**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.**

ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

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LISTENING ASSISTANT APPLICATION

The **ListenWIFI** app is now available to
assist those with hearing difficulties during
Mass.



- 1) Connect to WiFi: **ST Ann Hearing Assist**
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- 3) Scan the QR code to download the ListenWIFI app.
- 4) Follow the on-screen instructions to connect.

We hope this resource will help improve your Mass experience!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our food distributions continue on
Mondays and Wednesdays from
10:15 AM to 12:00 PM. SVdP can
provide some financial assistance to
those in need in our area.

Nuestras distribuciones de alimentos
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LET'S TALK ABOUT SEEDS AND SOIL



The Parable of the Sower and the Seed—found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke—is one of the most famous stories Jesus told. The story seems beautifully simple on the surface. A farmer throws seed, and it lands on four different types of ground.

But this parable is not really about farming; it reflects the state of our hearts.

A key insight from the parable is clear: the seed (the message, truth, or wisdom) remains the same in every scenario. The farmer throws it generously. He does not withhold it from the “bad” spots.

What changes is always the soil—which represents our openness, readiness, and internal environment. Sometimes we forget this. This distinction reminds us that truth cannot change us if our hearts are closed off or distracted.

The four soils illustrate the different seasons and states of our lives:

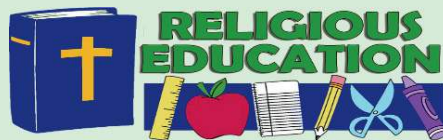
- **The Hard Path (The Closed Heart):** The seed lands on ground that has been packed down by foot traffic. It cannot penetrate the surface, so the birds eat it. This reflects a heart hardened by cynicism, hurt, or stubbornness. Truth hits the surface and bounces right off.
- **The Rocky Ground (The Shallow Heart):** The seed sprouts quickly because the soil is shallow, but it has no root system. When the sun beats down, it withers. This is the enthusiasm of a “good idea” that fades the moment things get difficult. It represents a lack of resilience or a lack of deep commitment.
- **The Thorny Ground (The Crowded Heart):** The seed grows, but it is choked out by weeds and thorns. Jesus explicitly defines these thorns as “the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth.” This might be the most relatable soil today—our hearts aren’t necessarily bad, just incredibly overcrowded with anxiety, busyness, and endless distractions.
- **The Good Soil (The Receptive Heart):** The seed takes root, grows deep, and produces a massive harvest. This is a heart that listens, processes, retains, and acts.

It is important to remember: soil can be nourished. It can become productive—a hard path plowed, rocks cleared, thorns weeded. So, the main takeaway of this parable is not to judge failure. Instead, focus on actively cultivating our inner lives so we can receive truth and grow from it.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,
ALONG WITH ALL OTHER PARISH OFFICES,
IS LOCATED IN THE **TRANSFIGURATION BUILDING**



*** 2026-2027 REGISTRATION UPDATE ***

Due to the overwhelming response from parents registering their children for our Religious Education Program, registration is now closed for all classes, including both sacramental and non-sacramental preparation.

We are grateful for your support of St. Ann Catholic Church's Religious Education Program and look forward to serving all of our registered families this year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NUMBER
(863) 422-4370

(When prompted by message, **Press #2.**)

SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:00-1:00 PM

FRIDAY:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS CLOSED

Do you want to grow closer to Jesus? Do you feel called to a deeper life of prayer and imitate Our Lady? Are you interested in following Jesus more closely in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites invites you to consider life as a Secular Carmelite—a beautiful way of life open to lay Catholics, married or single!

As Secular Carmelites, we embrace spiritual disciplines for the good of the Church. These include praying the Liturgy of the Hours and practicing mental or contemplative prayer daily. We also gather as a community once a month to be strengthened, encouraged, and to receive ongoing formation in the ways of Carmel.

Contact:

Cecilia at ocds.lakeland@gmail.com or Teresa at (407) 288-7732 to learn more about Mary, Queen of Carmel OCDS Community in Lakeland!

IS CARMEL CALLING YOU?



¿TE ESTÁ LLAMANDO EL CARMELO?

¿Desea acercarse más a Jesús? ¿Siente el llamado a una vida de oración más profunda y a imitar a Nuestra Señora? ¿Le interesa seguir a Jesús más de cerca bajo el espíritu de Santa Teresa de Ávila y San Juan de la Cruz? La Orden Seglar de los Carmelitas Descalzos le invita a considerar la vida como Carmelita Seglar: ¡un hermoso estilo de vida abierto a los católicos laicos, casados o solteros!

Como Carmelitas Seglares, abrazamos disciplinas espirituales por el bien de la Iglesia. Estas incluyen el rezo de la Liturgia de las Horas y la práctica diaria de la oración mental o contemplativa. También nos reunimos en comunidad una vez al mes para fortalecernos, animarnos mutuamente y recibir formación continua en la espiritualidad del Carmelo.

Contacte:

Cecilia en ocds.lakeland@gmail.com o a Teresa al (407) 288-7732 para obtener más información sobre la comunidad OCDS “María, Reina del Carmelo” en Lakeland!

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL / NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO

We sincerely thank all who have generously contributed and supported our Bishop and diocese through the *Our Catholic Appeal* campaign.

Here is an update:

To date, we have received **\$129,320** toward the **\$150,482** pledged. We still need **\$59,213** in additional pledges to reach our goal.

We encourage everyone to continue supporting this important campaign. Your commitment helps us bring the Gospel to those most in need and allows our diocese to carry forward its mission.

God bless you! Thank you for your generosity and commitment!

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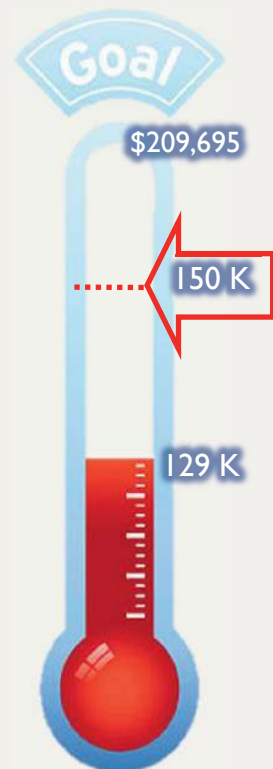
Agradecemos sinceramente a todos aquellos que han contribuido y apoyado generosamente a nuestro Obispo y a nuestra diócesis a través de la campaña “Nuestro Llamado Católico”.

A continuación, presentamos una actualización:

Hasta la fecha, hemos recibido **\$129,320** de los **\$150,482** prometidos. Aún necesitamos **\$59,213** en promesas adicionales para alcanzar nuestra meta.

Animamos a todos a continuar apoyando esta importante campaña. Su compromiso nos ayuda a llevar el Evangelio a los más necesitados y permite a nuestra diócesis seguir adelante con su misión.

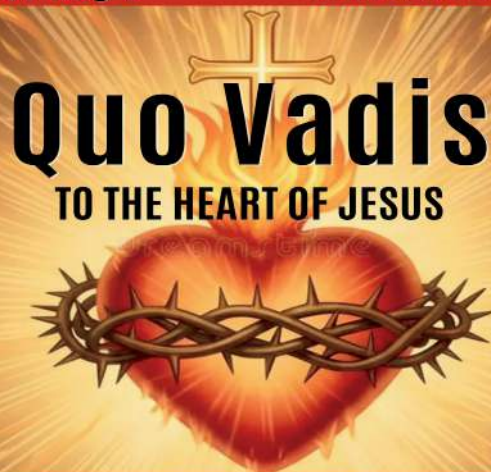
¡Que Dios le bendiga! ¡Gracias por su generosidad y compromiso!



Our Catholic Appeal

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NOVENA TO ST. ANN CONTINUES THRU JULY 25



Glorious St. Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you, with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I kneel at your feet and humbly beg you to take my special need under your special protection...

(Mention your petition here.)

Vouchsafe to recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me to one day meet God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the Angels and Saints, praise Him through all eternity. O most powerful St. Ann, do not let me lose my soul, but obtain for me the grace of winning my way to heaven, forever and ever. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

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ST. ANN HOUSE TRADITION - JULY 26



One of the traditions is to ask St. Ann for a home.

Families that are in the process of buying a home or need a home can make a **small "toy house."**

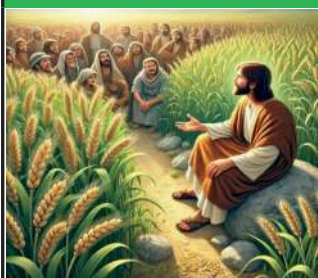
In honor of their petition, the toy house can be placed on a small altar, which we will have for the **Feast of St. Ann on July 26.**

OCIA UPDATES

Full Rite OCIA/RICA (English & Spanish)

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| Who: | Age 7+ (all initiation sacraments) or age 17+ and baptized (First Holy Communion & Confirmation) |
| Enrollment: | Sun., June 14, 2026, 1:00-5:00 PM (Fr. Carlos Bldg.) |
| Classes: | Times, days, & language vary based on enrollment |
| Bring to enroll: | Birth certificate and (if applicable) baptism certificate, plus \$75 fee |
| Sponsor form: | Due before the first class |
| Starts: | Early September |
| Sacraments celebrated: | Easter Season 2027 (adults) / 2028 (first-time students under 16) |
| Questions? | Call Tammy Higgins at (863) 514-4366 or e-mail: thiggins6968@gmail.com |

HABLEMOS DE SEMILLAS Y SUELO



La parábola del sembrador —que aparece en los evangelios de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas— es una de las historias más famosas que contó Jesús. A primera vista, la historia parece maravillosamente sencilla: un agricultor esparce semillas y estas caen en cuatro tipos de terreno diferentes.

Sin embargo, esta parábola no trata realmente sobre la agricultura; refleja el estado de nuestros corazones.

Una enseñanza clave de la parábola es evidente: la semilla (el mensaje, la verdad o la sabiduría) sigue siendo la misma en todos los casos. El agricultor la esparce generosamente; no la retiene ni siquiera en los lugares «malos».

Lo que cambia siempre es el suelo, el cual representa nuestra apertura, disposición y entorno interior. A veces olvidamos esto. Tal distinción nos recuerda que la verdad no puede transformarnos si nuestros corazones están cerrados o distraídos.

Los cuatro tipos de suelo ilustran las diferentes etapas y estados de nuestra vida:

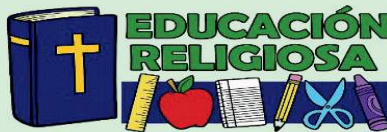
- **El Camino Duro (El Corazón Cerrado):** La semilla cae en un terreno compactado por el paso de la gente. No logra penetrar la superficie, por lo que las aves se la comen. Esto refleja un corazón endurecido por el cinismo, el dolor o la obstinación. La verdad choca contra la superficie y rebota sin más.
- **El Terreno Pedregoso (El Corazón Superficial):** La semilla brota rápidamente porque la capa de tierra es fina, pero carece de raíces. Cuando el sol aprieta, se marchita. Es el entusiasmo por una «buena idea» que se desvanece en cuanto surgen dificultades. Representa la falta de resiliencia o de un compromiso profundo.
- **El Terreno Con Espinos (El Corazón Saturado):** La semilla crece, pero termina ahogada por la maleza y los espinos. Jesús define explícitamente estos espinos como «las preocupaciones de esta vida y el engaño de las riquezas». Quizás este sea el tipo de suelo con el que más nos identificamos hoy en día: nuestros corazones no son necesariamente malos, simplemente están saturados de ansiedad, ajetreo y distracciones constantes.
- **La Buena Tierra (El Corazón Receptivo):** La semilla echa raíces, crece en profundidad y produce una cosecha abundante. Se trata de un corazón que escucha, procesa, retiene y actúa.

Es importante recordar que la tierra puede nutrirse. Puede volverse productiva: un camino duro puede ararse, las piedras pueden retirarse y los espinos pueden eliminarse. Por tanto, la lección principal de esta parábola no es juzgar el fracaso. En cambio, centrémonos en cultivar activamente nuestra vida interior para poder recibir la verdad y crecer gracias a ella.

P. Alfonso Cely
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*** ACTUALIZACIÓN DE INSCRIPCIÓN 2026-2027 ***

Debido a la abrumadora respuesta de los padres al inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa, **las inscripciones ya están cerradas para todas las clases**, tanto para la preparación sacramental como para la no sacramental.

Agradecemos enormemente su gran apoyo al Programa de Educación Religiosa de la St. Ann Church y esperamos atender a todas las familias inscritas este año.

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(Cuando el mensaje se lo indique, **Presione #2**)

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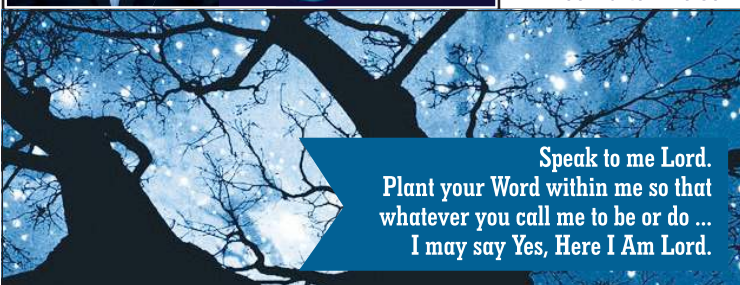
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