



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*"But, who do you say that I am?"
(Matthew 16:15)*



*"Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?"
(Mateo 16,15)*

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

(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, August 22, 2026

4:00 PM † Isabel Arias

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Juan Vicente Gonzalez Casares

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 AM † Genevieve Carpenter

10:00 AM † Mary Lou Leslie

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Guadalupe Juarez Obregon

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Williams Mujica

Monday, August 24, 2026

9:00 AM † John Leon

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, August 27, 2026

9:00 AM † Pablo Manuel Gonzalez

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:00 AM † Art & Marie Brockman

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00 PM † Efrain Nieves

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Guillermo Beltre

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 AM † Chester Joseph Garland

10:00 AM Janice Jacob Health Recovery

12:00 PM (Sp.) Francisco y Placida Chavez Wed. Anniv.

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Audio E. Valbuena C. & Miguel Vaquer



Ministerio San José se reunirá los miércoles del mes de
Agosto en el hogar de:

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 15 & 16, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$20,129
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,596
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$143
Miscellaneous: \$1,857
Total Collected: \$25,725
Give Central (August 1-15): \$5,186.85



OCA 2026 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$209,695
Pledged to Date: \$151,912
Cash received to Date: \$134,190
Still needed in Pledges: \$57,783

**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**
- 2) Password: **Listen1311**
- 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



Did you know that the St. Vincent de Paul
St. Ann Conference distributes food every
Monday and Wednesday beginning at
10:15 AM? Some of our neighbors arrive as
early as 5:00 AM and wait for hours in the
summer heat.

The need in our community is great, and **your generous
donations of food and financial support make it possible
for us to serve those in need.** In July alone, we assisted **922
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May God bless you for your generosity and compassion!



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escanee el código QR.**

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."



Today's Gospel brings us to one of the most important moments in the life of the apostles. Jesus asks His disciples a simple but profound question:

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They give Him various answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Then Jesus makes the question personal:

"But who do you say that I am?"

This is not simply a question for Peter and the apostles. It is a question for every one of us.

Who is Jesus for me?

It is possible to know many things about Jesus without truly knowing Him. We can come to Mass, know the prayers, listen to the Gospel, and even call ourselves Christians. But sooner or later, Jesus asks each of us personally: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter responds:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Peter's answer is more than a theological statement. It is an act of faith. He recognizes that Jesus is not merely a great teacher, prophet, or miracle worker. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior.

And Jesus tells Peter that this knowledge did not come simply from human reasoning:

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

Faith is ultimately a gift from God. We can study, listen, question, and search, but it is God who gives us the perfect wisdom and knowledge that make us capable of recognizing him as Our Lord and Messiah.

Happy Sunday!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS LOCATED IN THE **TRANSFIGURATION BUILDING**
PHONE NUMBER **(863) 422-4370** (When prompted by message, **Press #2.**)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARENTS:

If your child attended a combined Holy Communion/Confirmation
Sacramental Prep class this past academic year (2025-2026) on:

THURSDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM and has not already received the Sacrament of Confirmation,
your child is required to return to class on:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM and has not already received the Sacrament of Confirmation,
your child is required to return to class on:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.



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



ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All students who attended a Religious Education Program Class (Not OCIA) on Tuesday or Thursday evening
this past academic year (2025-2026) and has not already received the Sacrament of Confirmation,
ARE REQUIRED to attend the Two-Part annual Confirmation Retreat on:

FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 (Primary Retreat Day) / Arrival Time: 5:00 PM at the church
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 (for the Sacrament of Reconciliation) / Arrival Time: (To Be Announced)
(Times and dates are subject to change.)

ST. MONICA: A MODEL OF PERSEVERANCE



The circumstances of **St. Monica's** life could have made her a bitter wife, a resentful daughter-in-law, or a desperate mother. Instead, she chose patience, faith, and prayer.

As a Christian, Monica was married to **Patricius**, a pagan man with a violent temper and a troubled lifestyle. She also endured a difficult mother-in-law. Through her prayers and example, both her husband and mother-in-law eventually converted to Christianity. Patricius was baptized shortly before his death.

Her greatest concern, however, was her son **Augustine**, who had abandoned the faith and was living far from God. Monica prayed and fasted for him for many years, following him even when he tried to distance himself from her. She eventually followed him to Milan, where Augustine came under the influence of **St. Ambrose**, who also became Monica's spiritual director. At Easter in 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine.

Soon afterward, Monica became seriously ill. Knowing that her mission was fulfilled, she expressed peace knowing that her son had returned to the faith. She died shortly afterward, leaving behind a powerful example of perseverance.

Reflection: We live in a world that seeks immediate answers and results, even in our prayer life. St. Monica reminds us that some answers require **time, patience, and perseverance**. Her many years of prayer and faithful example helped lead her husband, mother-in-law, and especially her son Augustine back to God. Her life teaches us to **never stop praying and to trust in God, even when we do not see immediate results**.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT / EXPOSICIÓN DEL MANTO DE TURÍN

When:

Exhibit will be open
through September
every day from
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where:

Basilica of the National
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of the Universe



Cuando:

La exposición estará
abierta todos los días
hasta el mes de
Septiembre, de
10:00 AM a 4:00 PM

Donde:

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Shrine of Mary, Queen
of the Universe

For more information visit / Para más información visite:

Shroud of Turin Exhibit – Diocese of Orlando, Florida

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED!



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Thursday, August 27, 2026

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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OCAIA UPDATES

Full Rite OCAIA/RICA (English & Spanish)

Sacraments celebrated: To receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027

Enrollment Deadline: Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Classes: Instructors will reach out to participants on the Week of August 16 to confirm enrollment and classroom location.

Bring to enroll: Copy of Birth Certificate if unbaptized, Proof of Baptism, Registration Fee: \$75

Starts: New season of classes begins August 23, 2026.

Participants under 16 will be registered for a 2-year instruction cycle.

Questions? Call Tammy Higgins at (863) 514-4366 or e-mail: thiggins6968@gmail.com

COACHING SERVICES AVAILABLE



St. Ann Catholic Church is pleased to offer **coaching services on Wednesdays** with **Carlos Fernandez**. He has a background in **Clinical Psychology**, including coursework in Clinical Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Contemporary Behavior Therapy, and Ethical Issues in the 21st Century.

Carlos is fluent in **English** and understands **Spanish**, while continuing to improve his spoken Spanish.

Appointments are required. To schedule a session, please contact the **Parish Office**.

We are grateful to Carlos for generously volunteering his time and talents to serve our parish community.

These services are offered at no cost.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION



If you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or have any other changes to your information, please update your registration by visiting the Parish Office or completing a new registration card and placing it in the collection basket.

If you requested **offering envelopes** but have not received them, please stop by the desk in the **narthex** to check if yours were returned.

To receive offering envelopes, please make sure you are **registered with the parish** by completing a registration form.

TÚ ERES EL CRISTO, EL HIJO DEL DIOS VIVO



El Evangelio de hoy nos lleva a uno de los momentos más importantes en la vida de los apóstoles. Jesús hace a sus discípulos una pregunta sencilla pero profunda: «¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?» Ellos le dan diversas respuestas: Juan el Bautista, Elías, Jeremías o alguno de los profetas.

Entonces, Jesús hace personal la pregunta:

«Pero ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?»

Esta no es simplemente una pregunta para Pedro y los apóstoles. Es una pregunta para cada uno de nosotros.

¿Quién es Jesús para mí?

Es posible saber muchas cosas sobre Jesús sin conocerlo verdaderamente. Podemos asistir a Misa, conocer las oraciones, escuchar el Evangelio e incluso llamarnos cristianos. Pero tarde o temprano, Jesús nos pregunta a cada uno personalmente: «¿Quién dices que soy yo?»

Pedro responde:

«Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo».

La respuesta de Pedro es más que una afirmación teológica. Es un acto de fe. Él reconoce que Jesús no es simplemente un gran maestro, profeta o hacedor de milagros. Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el Salvador.

Y Jesús le dice a Pedro que este conocimiento no provino simplemente del razonamiento humano:

«Bienaventurado eres, Simón, hijo de Jonás. Porque esto no te lo ha revelado la carne ni la sangre, sino mi Padre que está en los cielos».

La fe es, en última instancia, un don de Dios. Podemos estudiar, escuchar, cuestionar y buscar, pero es Dios quien nos da la sabiduría y el conocimiento perfectos que nos hacen capaces de reconocerlo como nuestro Señor y Mesías.

¡Feliz domingo!

Padre Alfonso Cely
Párroco

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

LA OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA SE ENCUENTRA UBICADA EN EL **TRANSFIGURATION BUILDING**
NÚMERO DE TELEFONO **(863) 422-4370** (Cuando el mensaje se lo indique, **Presione #2**)

AVISO IMPORTANTE PARA LOS PADRES:

Si su hijo(a) asistió a una clase combinada de preparación sacramental para la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación durante el pasado año académico (2025-2026) los:

JUEVES POR LA TARDE A LAS 6:00 PM y aún no ha recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación, deberá regresar a clase el: **JUEVES 13 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 A LAS 6:00 PM.**

MARTES POR LA TARDE A LAS 6:00 PM y aún no ha recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación, deberá regresar a clase el: **MARTES 18 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 A LAS 6:00 PM.**



HORARIO DE VERANO (SUJETO A CAMBIOS)

DE LUNES A JUEVES: 10:00 AM A 4:00 PM

CERRADO POR ALMUERZO: 12:00-1:00 PM

VIERNES: LA OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA **PERMANECE CERRADA**



ASISTENCIA AL RETIRO ANUAL DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Todos los estudiantes que asistieron a clases del Programa de Educación Religiosa (**que no sea el OCIA**) los martes o jueves por la tarde durante el pasado año académico (2025-2026) y que aún no han recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

DEBEN ASISTIR al retiro anual de Confirmación, que consta de dos partes y está programado para:

VIERNES, 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2026 (Día principal del retiro) / Hora de Llegada: 5:00 PM en la iglesia
SÁBADO, 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2026 (Para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación) / Hora de Llegada: Por anunciar
(Las fechas y horarios están sujetos a cambios)



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\$50 matrimonios



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te abandona,
te está
llamando
nuevamente a

Renovar tus
colores.

28 de agosto de 2026

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

29 de agosto de 2026

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Requisito: Todos
los asistentes a
este evento deben
de participar los
dos días 28 y 29
de agosto

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ACTUALIZACIONES DE OCIA

Rito Completo OCIA/RICA (Inglés y Español)

Sacramentos se celebrarán: Durante la Vigilia Pascual el 27 de marzo de 2027.

Fecha Limite de Inscripción: Domingo 9 de agosto de 2026.

Clases: Los instructores se comunicarán con los participantes durante la semana del 16 de agosto para confirmar la inscripción y el lugar de las clases.

Documentos de inscripción/pago: Copia del certificado de nacimiento (si no está bautizado), comprobante de bautismo y una cuota de inscripción de \$75.

Comienzo: El nuevo ciclo de clases comienza el 23 de agosto de 2026.

Los participantes menores de 16 años serán inscritos en un ciclo de formación de dos años.

¿Preguntas? Llamar a Tammy Higgins en (863) 514-4366
o e-mail: thiggins6968@gmail.com

¡APOYEMOS A LA COFRADIA DEL ROSARIO!



La Cofradía del Rosario estará vendiendo comida deliciosa el:

Domingo 6 de Septiembre, después de las misas de las **12:00 PM y de las 6:00 PM.**

¡Venga a disfrutar de una comida deliciosa mientras apoya al Grupo de la Cofradía del Rosario y a su ministerio!

¡Agradecemos mucho su apoyo!

¡REGRESÓ LA ESCUELITA DOMINICAL!

¡La Escuelita Dominical ya está de regreso!



Desde el **domingo 16 de agosto**, nuestra Escuelita Dominical se reúne nuevamente durante la **Misa de 12:00 PM.**

Invitamos a todos los niños de nuestra parroquia a acompañarnos para aprender, crecer en la fe y acercarse más a Jesús.

¡Los esperamos!

LAS OFICINAS ESTARÁN CERRADAS



¡MINISTERIOS ESTÁN DE REGRESO!



Después del receso de verano, **todos nuestros grupos y ministerios** que se reúnen **aquí en nuestra iglesia** han retomado sus reuniones, de lunes a jueves, de **7:00 PM a 9:00 PM** en el **Salón Social.**



Te invitamos a formar parte de alguno de nuestros ministerios como una oportunidad para **crecer espiritualmente, profundizar en nuestra fe y fortalecer la comunidad de nuestra parroquia.**



Lunes: Juan XXIII



Martes: Grupo de Jóvenes



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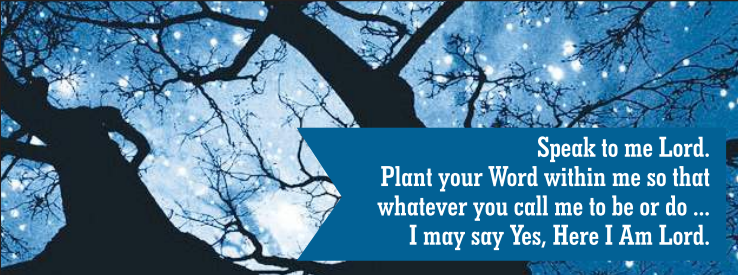
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