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“What if I wish
to give this last
one the same
as you?”
(Matthew 20:14)

40
DAYS
FOR
LIFE

*A delicious
way to start
your Sunday*
September to March

“Toma lo
tuyo y vete. Yo
quiero dar a este
último lo mismo
que a ti”.
(Mateo 20,14)

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



Mass Schedule

Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Monday-Friday	9:00 PM - Eng.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday	4:00 PM - Eng. 6:00 PM - Sp.
Sunday	8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 PM - 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, September 19, 2026

4:00 PM † Inez Johnson
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Pedro & Alejandrina Veloz

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Guadalupe
10:00 AM † Jorge Petrovich
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Placido Castañeda
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Genoveva & Salvador Sandoval

Monday, September 21, 2026

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Christian David Ruano

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00 AM † Terry Perrone

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, September 24, 2026

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

Friday, September 25, 2026

9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00 PM † Gerturdis Silva La Concha
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Marlon A. Mendoza

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:00 AM † Ruel Sarino
10:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society (25th Anniv.)
12:00 PM (Sp.) St. Vincent de Paul Society (25th Anniv.)
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Audio E. Valbuena C. & Julio A. Prieto

Parish Sacrificial Giving

September 12 & 13, 2026

Regular Offertory: \$16,021.50
OCA Collection: \$2,123
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$149
Miscellaneous: \$5,076
Total Collected: \$23,369.50
Give Central (September 1-15): \$7,452.53

OCA 2026 Update

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.
Goal: \$209,695
Pledged: \$156,759
Cash received: \$140,374
Still needed: \$52,936

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



Fridays 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



Scan to Set Up
Your Profile

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



This month, the St. Ann Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates 25 years of service in our parish community!

Our members will speak briefly at all Masses on September 26 & 27 and will be available in the narthex to share more about our mission. Parishioners are also invited to join us in the Social Hall on Sunday after the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses for light refreshments.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our mission!



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May God bless you for your generosity and compassion!

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GOD'S WAYS

Today's Gospel presents one of Jesus' most challenging parables. A landowner hires workers at different times of day, yet at the end of the day he pays them all the same wage. Those who worked from morning until evening grow upset: "We worked all day. How can those who worked only one hour receive the same?"

From a human perspective, their complaint seems reasonable. But Jesus teaches us something deeper: God's generosity is not grounded in human fairness or our sense of equality, but in His boundless mercy and love.

Sometimes we become like the workers hired first. We look at others and think, "I have prayed longer. I have sacrificed more. I have served the Church for years. Why should that person receive the same blessing?"

But God does not love us based on a calculation. His grace is a gift meant to inspire gratitude and humility, reminding us that we cannot earn God's love by comparing ourselves with others.

The first reading reminds us: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." God sees what we cannot see and knows the heart of every person.

Someone may have received a blessing that we think we deserve more. Instead of feeling jealous, Jesus invites us to rejoice sincerely in God's mercy and to celebrate others' blessings. The real question is not, "Why did they get so much?" The real question is, "Am I grateful for what God has given me?"

And there is another beautiful message in today's Gospel: it is never too late to respond to God's invitation. Whether we come early in life or near its end, God's arms are always open, filling us with hope and trust in His mercy.

Let us therefore stop comparing ourselves with others. Let us trust in God's generosity, be grateful for His blessings, and rejoice whenever His mercy touches another person's life.

Happy Sunday!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

LOS CAMINOS DE DIOS

El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta una de las parábolas más desafiantes de Jesús. Un propietario contrata trabajadores a distintas horas del día, pero al final de la jornada les paga a todos el mismo salario.

Aquellos que trabajaron desde la mañana hasta el atardecer se molestan: «Hemos trabajado todo el día. ¿Cómo es posible que quienes trabajaron solo una hora reciban lo mismo?». Desde una perspectiva humana, su queja parece razonable. Pero Jesús nos enseña algo más profundo: la generosidad de Dios no se basa en la justicia humana ni en nuestro sentido de igualdad, sino en su infinita misericordia y amor.

A veces nos comportamos como los primeros trabajadores contratados. Miramos a los demás y pensamos: «He rezado durante más tiempo. Me he sacrificado más. He servido a la Iglesia durante años. ¿Por qué esa persona debería recibir la misma bendición?».

Pero Dios no nos ama basándose en cálculos. Su gracia es un don destinado a inspirar gratitud y humildad, recordándonos que no podemos ganar el amor de Dios comparándonos con los demás.

La primera lectura nos recuerda: «Mis pensamientos no son los vuestros, ni vuestros caminos son mis caminos —dice el Señor—. Dios ve lo que nosotros no podemos ver y conoce el corazón de cada persona.

Puede que alguien haya recibido una bendición que creemos merecer más nosotros. En lugar de sentir envidia, Jesús nos invita a alegrarnos sinceramente por la misericordia de Dios y a celebrar las bendiciones de los demás. La verdadera pregunta no es: «¿Por qué recibieron tanto?». La verdadera pregunta es: «¿Estoy agradecido por lo que Dios me ha dado?».

Y hay otro mensaje hermoso en el Evangelio de hoy: nunca es demasiado tarde para responder a la invitación de Dios. Ya sea que lleguemos temprano en la vida o cerca de su final, los brazos de Dios están siempre abiertos, llenándonos de esperanza y confianza en su misericordia.

Por tanto, dejemos de compararnos con los demás. Confíemos en la generosidad de Dios, agradezcamos sus bendiciones y alegrémonos siempre que su misericordia toque la vida de otra persona.

¡Feliz domingo!

Padre Alfonso Cely
Párroco



OCIA Updates



OCIA/RICA Seasons have begun
2026-2027 Journey of Faith

RICA (Spanish Language)

- Every Sunday at 10AM
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 2

OCIA (English)

- Every Sunday at 10:00AM
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 4 or Via ZOOM
- Meeting ID: 810 1401 6061
- Passcode: stann

OCIA (English)

- Every Monday at 7:30PM
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 5 or Via ZOOM
- Meeting ID: 825 2529 6633
- Passcode: OCIA2026

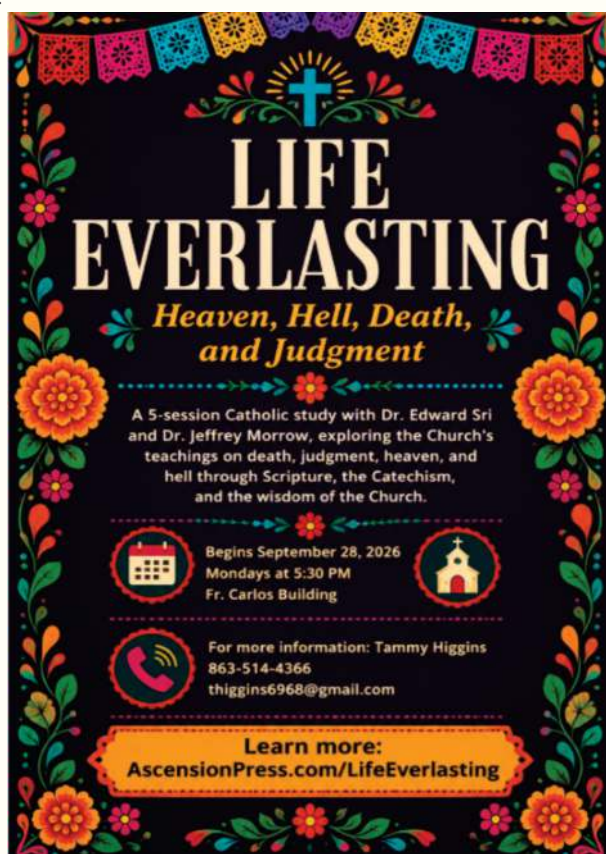
OCIA Junior (1-5 grade)

- Yr2: Every Sunday at 10:00 AM
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 8
- Yr 1: Every Monday at 6:00PM
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 8

OCIA Youth (6-11grade)

- Yr2: Every Sunday at Noon
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 4
- Yr 1: Every Sunday at Noon
- Fr. Carlos Bldg
- Room 7

Bible Study - Life Everlasting



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Fr. Carlos Building

For more information: Tammy Higgins
863-514-4366
thiggins6968@gmail.com

Learn more:
AscensionPress.com/LifeEverlasting

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!

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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.



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Religious Education

A HUMBLE THANK YOU!

We first and foremost give thanks and praise to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

This weekend, at St. Ann Catholic Church, (Saturday, September 19, 4:00 PM Mass) John Noonan, Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando confirmed 106 youth and 11 adults

We thank Bishop Noonan for conferring the sacrament of confirmation on our Confirmandi, with each becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic because of it!

We thank Bishop Noonan for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on our Confirmandi, with each becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic because of it! We congratulate our own Deacon Jairo for his appointment as one of the Masters of Ceremony for Bishop Noonan. His guidance and prayers before and during the Confirmation Mass were invaluable!

We thank Fr. Alfonso Cely, Fr. José Luis Ortega, Fr. Richard Trout, and Deacon Steve, and Deacon Jairo for their guidance, support, and prayers!

We thank our Confirmandi, youth and adults, for having said yes and for the encouragement you have given us as to the future of the Roman Catholic Church! The future looks bright!

We thank the parents of our young Confirmandi for having said yes to having your children become fully initiated in the Catholic Church!

We thank the sponsors for saying yes to presenting the confirmandi to Bishop Noonan!

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Claudia Schnell, whose invaluable administrative assistance we cannot thank enough. Tammy Higgins, Sean Tipton, and Jamie Lamanac for their willingness to say yes to becoming our 2026 Youth Confirmation Retreat masters. Thank you to Bob Higgins for his invaluable assistance at rehearsal and during the Confirmation Mass. Kris Schave and the Confirmation Mass choir. Lily Muniz, parish manager, parish staff, the Columbiettes, the Knights of Columbus, and others who have provided their valuable assistance. The parishioners of our parish for their prayers. Brian Muniz and his wife, Debbie Barrera, Sebastian Ortega, the Confirmation catechists, classroom assistants, and all the non-Confirmation catechists who answered our call and our need for additional assistance.



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Deacon Frank Morano, Spiritual and Administrative Advisor



Educación Religiosa

¡UN AGRADECIMIENTO HUMILDE!

Ante todo, damos gracias y alabanza al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo! Este fin de semana, en la Iglesia Católica de St. Ann (durante la Misa del sábado 19 de septiembre a las 4:00 P.M.), John Noonan, Obispo de la Diócesis de Orlando, administró el sacramento de la Confirmación a 106 jóvenes y 11 adultos.

Agradecemos al Obispo Noonan por conferir este sacramento a nuestros confirmandos, quienes gracias a ello han quedado plenamente iniciados en la fe católica romana. Felicitamos a nuestro diácono Jairo por su nombramiento como uno de los maestros de ceremonias del Obispo Noonan. ¡Su guía y sus oraciones, tanto antes como durante la Misa de Confirmación, fueron invaluableles!

Agradecemos al P. Alfonso Cely, al P. José Luis Ortecano, al P. Richard Trout, al diácono Steve y al diácono Jairo por su guía, apoyo y oraciones.

Agradecemos a nuestros confirmandos —jóvenes y adultos— por haber dicho que sí y por el ánimo que nos han transmitido respecto al futuro de la Iglesia Católica Romana. ¡El futuro se presenta prometedor!

Agradecemos a los padres de nuestros jóvenes confirmandos por haber aceptado que sus hijos recibieran la iniciación plena en la Iglesia Católica.

Agradecemos a los padrinos por aceptar presentara

los confirmandos ante el Obispo Noonan. También queremos reconocer y agradecer

a Claudia Schnell, cuya inestimable ayuda administrativa no podemos dejar de valorar lo suficiente; a Tammy Higgins, Sean Tipton y Jamie Lamanac por su disposición a asumir el papel de coordinadores del retiro de confirmación juvenil para el año 2026; y a Bob Higgins por su valiosa colaboración durante el ensayo y la Misa de Confirmación. Gracias a Kris Schave y al coro de la Misa de Confirmación; a Lily Muniz (administradora parroquial) y al personal de la parroquia; a las Columbiettes, a los Caballeros de Colón y a todos aquellos que brindaron su valiosa ayuda. Gracias a los feligreses por sus oraciones; a Brian Muniz y a su esposa, Debbie Barrera; a Sebastian Ortega; a los catequistas de confirmación y a los asistentes de aula; así como a todos los catequistas que, aun no siendo del programa de confirmación, respondieron a nuestra llamada y a la necesidad de ayuda adicional.



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Actualizaciones de OCIA

OCIA/RICA

Las sesiones han comenzado

2026-2027 Camino de Fe

RICA (Español)

- Todos los domingos a las 10:00 AM
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 2

OCIA (Inglés)

- Todos los domingos a las 10:00 AM
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 4 o vía ZOOM
- ID de reunión: 810 1401 6061
- Contraseña: stann

OCIA Junior (1.º-5.º grado)

- Año 2: Todos los domingos a las 10:00 AM
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 8
- Año 1: Todos los lunes a las 6:00 PM
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 8

OCIA Jóvenes (6.º-11.º grado)

- Año 2: Todos los domingos al mediodía
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 4
- Año 1: Todos los domingos al mediodía
- Edificio Padre Carlos
- Sala 7

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Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica de St. Ann

Actualice su Información



Si se ha mudado recientemente, ha cambiado su número de teléfono o ha habido algún otro cambio en su información, por favor actualice su registro visitando la oficina parroquial o completando una nueva tarjeta de registro y depositándola en el cestillo de la colecta.

Si solicitó sobres para las ofrendas pero no los ha recibido, por favor pase por la mesa situada en el vestíbulo (nártex) para verificar si los suyos fueron devueltos.

Para recibir sobres de ofrendas, asegúrese de estar registrado en la parroquia completando el formulario de registro.



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- **Horas de la vigilia:** 7 am – 7 pm lunes - sábado
- **Contacto local:** Maryanne 863-602-9509 OR Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com
- **Aprende más y únete a nosotros:**

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FOR LIFE

September 23 - November 1



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Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Lakealand Womens Health Center, 4444 S. Florida Ave., Lakeland, FL
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday
- **Local contact:** Maryanne 863-602-9509 or Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com

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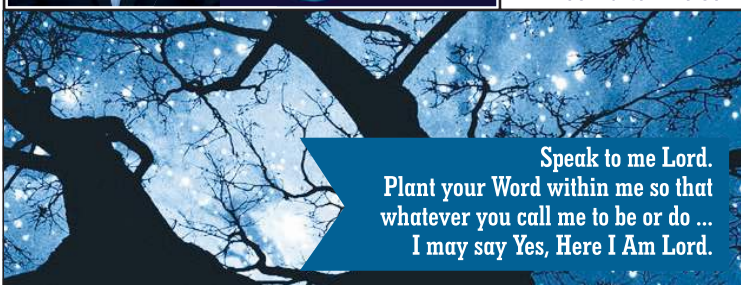
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