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

Congratulations Confirmandi!



¡Felicitaciones Confirmandi!

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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, September 14, 2024

4:00 PM Birthday of Yereni Urbina
 6:00 PM † Inez Gonzales

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM † Katheryn Nocito
 10:00 AM Birthday of Dora Curcio
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Teresa Hernandez
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Intentions of Williamson Family

Monday, September 16, 2024

9:00 AM † Bruce Epps

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

9:00 AM Birthday of Gary Martinez

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, September 19, 2024

9:00 AM † Anthony Lutostanski

Friday, September 20, 2024

9:00 AM † John & Jennifer Hoffer

Saturday, September 21, 2024

4:00 PM Birthday of Joanne Mink
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Eleuterio Aponte

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 AM † James Adler
 10:00 AM † Placido Castaneda
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rosa Maria Calderon
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Sergio Vargas Diaz

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September 7-8, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$14,746.50
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$438
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$165
 Faith Direct August 15-31: \$5,403.69
 Miscellaneous: \$1,760



OCA 2024 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72
 Pledged to Date: \$173,683.41
 Cash received to Date: \$119,347.60
 Still needed in Pledges: \$19,433.32

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 reposition will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**



Grupo devoción a San Jose se reunirá el mes de Agosto en el hogar de la familia de:

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OUR SEMINARIAN, LUCCIANO

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Our Seminarian, Lucciano Lopez, has already started classes this semester at St John Vianney College Seminary. He is very happy and continues to pray for his St. Ann Family.

We would like to highlight that Lucciano is the only seminarian representing the Diocese of Orlando for the current year. Please keep him in your prayers.

CROSS — A SIGN OF LIBERATION



When I was in the seminary, my professor of spiritual life started our first class by asking, “Are you ready to be a priest?” All of us answered YES! Then he continued asking, “Are you ready to take up the Cross of your sufferings?” Not many answered “yes” this time. He asked another question, “Are you ready to be a martyr and to be crucified with Christ?” The classroom was completely silent.

In our Catholic faith, suffering is a chance to relate our human condition to the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross. If not, it becomes only a moment or experience of despair that yields no fruits and does not help in our process of sanctification. Suffering is a trial, but it is through that trial that faith, hope, and love thrive. Through that suffering, an individual can find their own identity in Christ.

I found this interesting reflection about how the Cross is transformed into a song of victory and fruitful experience that helps us see our lives differently.

The concept of the Cross which was:

- A sign of condemnation and curse has become a sign of salvation (Deut. 21:23).
- An image signifying suffering now signifies Hope, Faith, and Love (Jn. 12:32).
- A symbol of rejection has become an icon of Acceptance.
- A representation of the death sentence now stands for life.

That is why, no matter how you place the Cross, it must have an existential representation of positivity:

- When placed flat on the ground, it becomes a bridge against the abyss of life’s challenges.
- When placed on the wall, it becomes a ladder to climb to PROMINENCE and ETERNITY.
- When viewed with the binoculars of Mathematics, it becomes a plus sign (+) used in addition.
- When placed in a traversed position, it becomes a sign (x) indicating *MULTIPLICATION* (restoration) of lost fortunes for Christ’s sake (Matt. 16:25; Job 42:10).

Let’s take our own Cross and follow the Lord waiting for us on Calvary. Then, we will participate with him in his Glory.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to all the St. Ann Church Confirmandi, our young students and adults, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 4:00 PM Mass. All participated in an extensive program of instruction that led them to this day. Bishop John Noonan, Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, presided.

We thank Bishop Noonan for his guidance, which was welcomed and appreciated, as always. We offer a heartfelt thank you to our local shepherd and Pastor, Fr. Alfonso Cely, for his guidance, support, and constant prayer. He certainly helped “calm the waters” whenever the path to this day seemed dark and dreary.

We would also like to thank our Catechists and Classroom Assistants for their dedication and desire to prepare the 2024 Confirmation class for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We were blessed to have had them as part of our Catechetical Team: Robert Colletti, Susan Burdick, Jhon Daza, Tammy Higgins (also our Retreat Master), Paul Hoffer, Elsa Lara, Enoe Cecilia Maldonado, Israel Polo, Nilda Mercado, Teresa Palmer, Donna Patty, Regina Patty, Irma Solis, Lourdes Vazquez-Velez, Denisse Kilgore, and Melissa Altamirano.

Sunday, September 15, 2024, is Catechetical Sunday. All Catechists will be commissioned at the 10:00 AM Mass by Fr. Alfonso.

Faith Formation begins this week for all our registered students:

- **Tuesday classes begin September 17 at 6:00 PM.**
- **Thursday classes begin September 19 at 6:00 PM.**
- **All three Saturday sessions begin on Saturday, September 21.**

If you have not heard from your child’s Catechist, please call the Religious Education Office for specific class information.



Did You Know?



The church was originally named Mission of the Transfiguration. In 1975, after the creation of the Diocese of Orlando and at the request of the pastor and parishioners, Bishop Thomas J. Grady changed the name of the church to St. Ann in honor of the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1978, when Fr. Carlos Aizpun was appointed pastor, planning began for a new and larger church. The church was dedicated by Bishop Grady on November 18, 1984.

THANK YOU, BISHOP NOONAN!



We are pleased to have had the presence of Bishop John Noonan at Confirmation on Saturday, September 14.

The Bishop confirmed 131 young men & women at the 4:00 PM Mass.

We thank Bishop Noonan for joining us in our special celebration! Please keep him in your prayers!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role of everyone, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

St. Ann Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2024, at the 10:00 AM Mass.

The theme is:

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?" (Matthew 25:37)

Those chosen by the parish community to serve as Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned by Fr. Alfonso for their ministry.

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

St. Ann Church will begin an eleven-week Bible study, "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come," on Monday, September 16, 5:30-7:00 PM. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Tammy Higgins at (863) 514-4366.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

SYMBOLS OF THE NEW ALTAR

Thanks to a generous donation by a St. Ann Parish family who wishes to remain anonymous, we have been able to renovate the altar's appearance. We want to thank them for their generosity and ask everyone to pray for them. May God bless them and multiply their generosity!

Within the pieces, there are some symbols that reflect the history of the Catholic Church.



Symbolism on the Altar of Sacrifice

The Chi-Rho is the first two letters of the word "Christ" in Greek.

Constantine, ruler of the Eastern Roman Empire in 312 AD, received a vision of this symbol and a voice from heaven saying, "In this sign you shall conquer." That night he ordered the Chi-Rho, the monogram of Christ, to be engraved on all his army's shields. He was victorious over Maxentius, who ruled Western Rome and was trying to conquer the entire Roman Empire. His mother Helena requested that Christianity be the official religion of Rome.

The Alpha and Omega (on both altars) symbolize the beginning (Alpha) and the end (Omega). These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

Symbolism on the Altar of Repose

The Sacrificial Lamb represents Christ. The Lamb carries a cross with a flag symbolizing His victory over sin and His resurrection. The Blood of the Lamb is pouring out into the cup. The Lamb is standing on a book which represents the scroll with the seven seals from the Book of Revelation. The seals are considered eras of time:

This seal refers to the white horse depicting the conquering power of Christ.

This seal refers to the red horse describing the bloody wars.

This seal refers to the black horse representing famine.

This seal refers to the white horse depicting the conquering power of Christ.

This seal refers to the pale green horse representing death and decay.

This seal refers to the souls of the slaughtered faithful crying out.

This seal represents earthquake, dark sun, and red moon.

This seal refers to the silence in heaven before the return of Christ.



Symbolism on the Ambo is the four writers of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Matthew is pictured as a man with wings because his Gospel focused on the humanity of Christ.

Mark is pictured as a lion with wings because his Gospel focused on the majesty of Christ and his royal dignity.

Luke is pictured as an ox with wings because his Gospel focused on the sacrificial character of Christ and the ox has traditionally been depicted as a sacrificial animal.

John is pictured as a rising eagle with wings because of his visions in the book of Revelation—messages brought down from heaven.



Symbolism on the Baptismal Font

In early Christianity, the scallop shell was also a symbol of baptism, representing the act of cleansing and purification of the soul. In addition, the shell symbolizes a new beginning, like that of the pilgrim who sets out on a new journey towards spiritual growth and renewal. It represents both the journey and the destination the physical act of walking to a holy site and the spiritual destination of transformation and growth.

The sea shell is often pictured with three streams of water which represents the Holy Trinity.



LA CRUZ, SIGNO DE LIBERACIÓN



Cuando estaba en el seminario, mi profesor de vida espiritual empezó nuestra primera clase preguntándonos: “¿Estás listo para ser sacerdote?”. Todos respondimos que ¡SÍ! Luego continuó preguntando: “¿Estás listo para tomar la cruz de tus sufrimientos?”. No muchos respondieron que sí esta vez. Hizo otra pregunta: “¿Estás listo para ser mártir y ser crucificado con Cristo?”. El aula estaba en completo silencio.

En nuestra fe católica, el sufrimiento es una oportunidad para relacionar nuestra condición humana con los sufrimientos de Jesús en la cruz. Si no, se convierte en un momento o experiencia de desesperación que no da frutos y no ayuda en nuestro proceso de santificación. El sufrimiento es una prueba, pero es a través de esa prueba que la fe, la esperanza y el amor prosperan. A través de ese sufrimiento, una persona puede encontrar su propia identidad en Cristo.

Encontré esta reflexión interesante sobre cómo la cruz se transforma en un canto de victoria y una experiencia fructífera que nos ayuda a ver nuestras vidas de manera diferente. El concepto de la Cruz que era:

- Un signo de condenación y maldición se ha convertido en un signo de salvación (Deut. 21:23).
- Una imagen que significa sufrimiento ahora significa Esperanza, Fe y Amor (Jn 12:32).
- Un símbolo de rechazo se ha convertido en un icono de Aceptación.
- Una representación de la sentencia de muerte ahora representa la vida.

Por eso, no importa cómo se coloque la Cruz, debe tener una representación existencial de positividad:

- Cuando se coloca plana en el suelo, se convierte en un puente contra el abismo de los desafíos de la vida.
- Cuando se coloca en la pared, se convierte en una escalera para subir a la PROMINENCIA y la ETERNIDAD.
- Cuando se ve con los binoculares de las Matemáticas, se convierte en un signo más (+) que se usa para sumar.
- Al colocarla en posición atravesada, se convierte en un signo (x) que indica *MULTIPLICACIÓN* (restauración) de las fortunas perdidas por amor a Cristo (Mt. 16:25; Job 42:10).

Tomemos nuestra propia Cruz y sigamos al Señor que nos espera en el Calvario. Entonces, participaremos con Él en su Gloria.

P. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OFICINA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Felicitaciones a todos los Confirmados de Santa Ana, tanto nuestros jóvenes estudiantes como adultos que recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación en la Misa de las 4 pm. Todos participaron en un extenso programa de instrucción que los llevó hasta este día. El Obispo John Noonan, Obispo de la Diócesis de Orlando, fue el presidente.

Agradecemos al Reverendísimo John Noonan, Obispo de la Diócesis de Orlando. Su guía, como siempre, fue bienvenida y apreciada. Ofrecemos un sincero agradecimiento a nuestro pastor local, el P. Alfonso Cely, por su guía, apoyo y oración constante. Ciertamente ayudó a "calmar las aguas" cada vez que el camino hacia este día parecía oscuro y lúgubre.

También nos gustaría agradecer a nuestros Catequistas y Asistentes de Clase por su dedicación y deseo de preparar la clase de Confirmación de 2024 para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Tuvimos la bendición de tenerlos como parte de nuestro Equipo Catequético: Robert Colletti, Susan Burdick, Jhon Daza, Tammy Higgins (también nuestra Maestra de Retiros), Paul Hoffer, Elsa Lara, Enoe Cecilia Maldonado, Israel Polo, Nilda Mercado, Teresa Palmer, Donna Patty, Regina Patty, Irma Solis, y Lourdes Vazquez-Velez, Denisse Kilgore, Melissa Altamirano.

El domingo 15 de septiembre de 2024 es el Domingo Catequético. Todos los catequistas serán comisionados en la Misa de las 10:00 AM por el Padre Alfonso.

La Formación de la Fe comienza esta semana para todos nuestros estudiantes registrados.

- **Las clases de los martes comienzan el 17 de septiembre a las 6:00 PM.**
- **Las clases de los jueves comienzan el 19 de septiembre a las 6:00 PM.**
- **Las tres sesiones de los sábados comienzan el sábado 21 de septiembre.**

Si no ha tenido noticias del catequista de su hijo, llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa para obtener información específica sobre las clases para sus hijos.



¿Sabías que?



La iglesia se llamó originalmente Misión de la Transfiguración. En el año 1975, después de la creación de la Diócesis de Orlando y a pedido del párroco y los feligreses, el Obispo Thomas J. Grady cambió el nombre de la iglesia a Santa Ana en honor a la madre de la Santísima Virgen María, la madre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

En 1978, cuando el Padre Carlos Aizpun fue nombrado párroco, comenzó la planificación para una iglesia nueva y más grande. La iglesia fue inaugurada por el Obispo Grady el 18 de noviembre de 1984.

DOMINGO CATEQUETICO

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



El Domingo Catequético es una oportunidad maravillosa para reflexionar sobre el papel de cada uno, en virtud del Bautismo, en la transmisión de la fe y el testimonio del Evangelio.

Este año, la Iglesia celebra el Domingo Catequético el 15 de septiembre de 2024, en la Misa de las 10:00 AM. El tema es:

"Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento?"
(Mateo 25:37)

Aquellos elegidos por la comunidad parroquial para servir como catequistas serán llamados a ser comisionados por el P. Alfonso para su ministerio.

¡GRACIAS, OBISPO JOHN NOONAN!



Nos complace haber contado con la presencia del Obispo John Noonan en la Confirmación del sábado 14 de septiembre.

El Obispo confirmó a 131 hombres y mujeres jóvenes en la Misa de las 4:00 PM.

¡Agradecemos al Obispo Noonan por unirse a nosotros en nuestra celebración especial!
¡Por favor, manténgalo en sus oraciones!

APOCALIPSIS: EL REINO QUE ESTÁ POR VENIR



Quizás ningún libro de la Biblia fascina más a la gente que el Apocalipsis. Sin embargo, relativamente pocas personas han estudiado el libro, especialmente desde una perspectiva católica. "Apocalipsis: El Reino que está por venir" es un estudio bíblico fascinante que muestra cómo el reino establecido por Cristo en esta Iglesia está íntimamente conectado con el reino de los cielos.

La Iglesia de Santa Ana comenzará un estudio bíblico de once semanas, "Apocalipsis: El Reino que está por venir", el lunes 16 de septiembre, de 5:30 a 7:00 PM. Los participantes se reunirán semanalmente para ver una presentación en video interesante seguida de una animada discusión grupal y compañerismo. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Tammy Higgins al (863) 514-4366.

En esta fascinante mirada a uno de los libros más comentados de las Sagradas Escrituras, Jeff Cavins explora el Apocalipsis para demostrar cómo el reino establecido por Cristo en su Iglesia está íntimamente conectado con el reino de los cielos, especialmente a través de la celebración de la Misa.

Aprenderá lo que presentan todas las misteriosas figuras e imágenes del Apocalipsis, lo que sucederá durante la Segunda Venida de Cristo, lo que ya ha sucedido y lo que está sucediendo ahora en la historia de la salvación.

Importante: Este estudio sera en inglés

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