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December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

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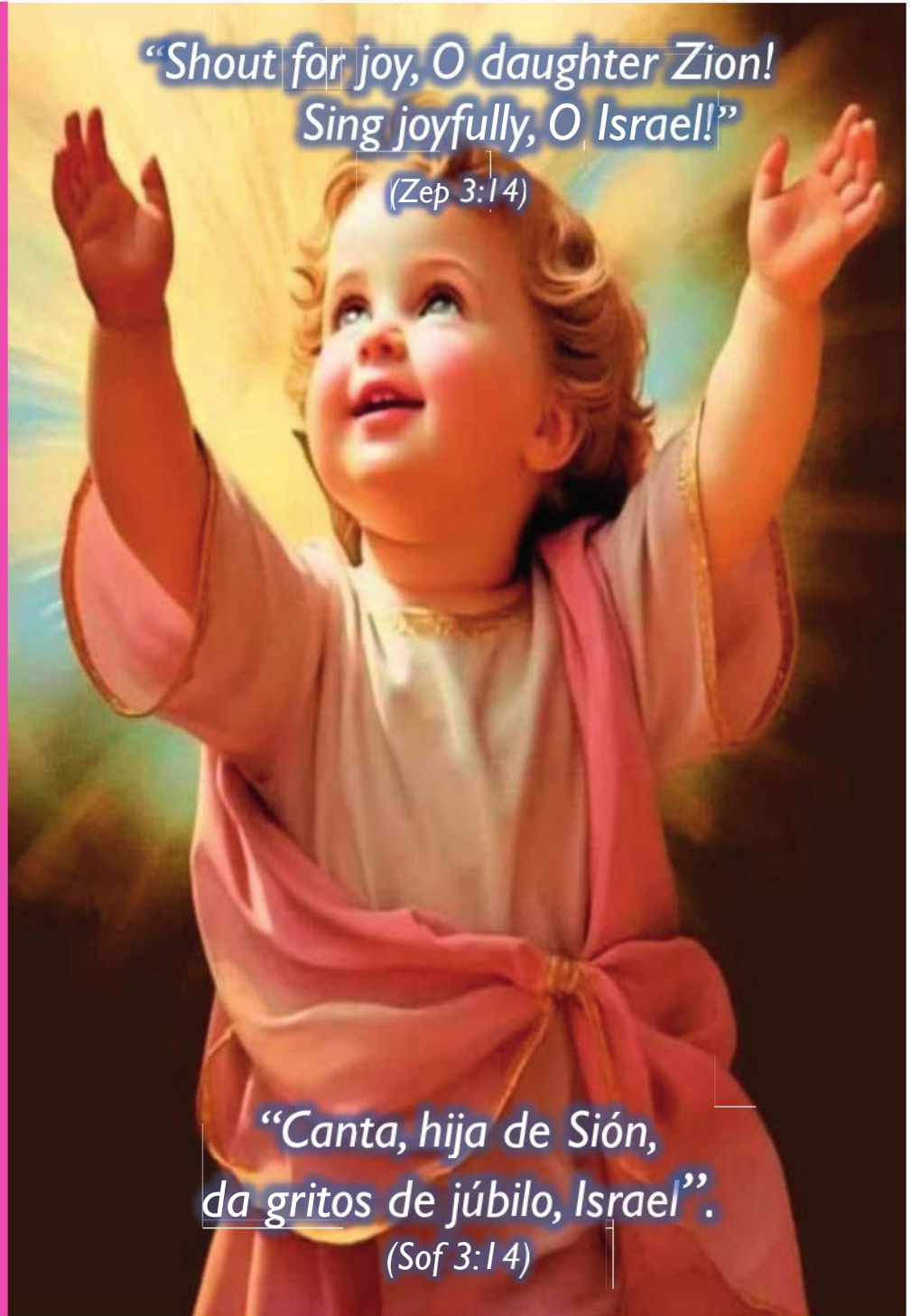
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¡Gracias por acompañarnos!



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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, December 14, 2024

4:00 PM † Gumita Perilla de Cely

6:00 PM † Flora Vasquez

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:00 AM † Jimmy Asuncion

10:00 AM † Felix Gallardo

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Carmen del Orbe de Jacquez

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Intentions of Maria Vanegas

Monday, December 16, 2024

9:00 AM † America Mosquera

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00 AM † Gumita Perilla de Cely

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, December 19, 2024

9:00 AM † America Mosquera

Friday, December 20, 2024

9:00 AM † Art & Marie Brockman

Saturday, December 21, 2024

4:00 PM † Bob Visnius

6:00 PM Anniversary of Julieta & Camilo Daza

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:00 AM † Maresela Rodriguez

10:00 AM † Pasquale Piteo

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Rosa Maria Calderon

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Bertha Manyari de Mercado

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 7 & 8, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$14,519.50

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0

50/50: Winner has been notified - \$189

Faith Direct November 15-30: \$5,219.34

Miscellaneous: \$11,376



OCA 2024 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72

Pledged to Date: \$181,931.61

Cash received to Date: \$168,184.09

Still needed in Pledges: \$11,415.11

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.**

FAITH DIRECT

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit faith.direct/FL1031 or through our website www.stannahc.com to enroll for regular Offertory and our Buildings & Grounds fund securely on-line. Also, "text to give" is available at **(863) 400-1077**. You can text to enroll and text any dollar amount.



We pray for your continued good health and safety in this time of change, and always know you are in our prayers. God Bless You!

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS

We will have a Novena dedicated to the Divine Child Jesus from December 16-23 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

This Novena to "el Niño Jesus" (the Child Jesus) is an old Colombian tradition dating from the 1700's. It is known as the "Novena de Aguinaldos." The Novena is more than a simple prayer; it is a family affair. What a wonderful way to get together with family and friends and enjoy the true meaning of "La Navidad!"



"Divine Child Jesus, we believe in You; We adore You, and we love You; have mercy on us, sinners."

CELEBRATING THE GRACE OF GOD



The Catholic Church has structured the liturgical calendar thoughtfully, guiding us toward reflection and special preparation for significant spiritual events. For instance, Lent prepares us for Easter, and Advent prepares us for Christmas. Ordinary Time is equally important, allowing us to live in the joy these seasons bring. God offers us different kinds of grace in each season of the liturgical year.

How can we receive the grace that God offers us this Advent? One way is to spend more time in prayer with God. Approach this time intentionally, seeking to understand His will for our lives. As you look forward to spending time with a loved one, let us eagerly anticipate our daily prayer time with God during Advent. Rather than simply going through the motions, can we celebrate Advent with our hearts? Let me suggest using the Scripture readings from daily Mass for prayer and meditation.

Another valuable way to experience God's grace this Advent is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we examine our consciences, we can see where we can better model our lives after Jesus. By seeking mercy in this sacrament, we can prepare our hearts to be a manger that welcomes Jesus. As we approach the end of the month, discussions about New Year's resolutions will begin. However, now is the time to resolve to live like Jesus, whose birth we are about to celebrate.

In our parish, you will have the opportunity to receive God's grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming Tuesday, December 17. The times offered are:

- After the 9:00 AM Mass until 1:00 PM
- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Take advantage of this journey of mercy to experience the freedom that Jesus Christ has for us.

Happy Advent!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS RECESS, THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES BEGINNING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024. CLASSES WILL RESUME AS SHOWN BELOW:

1. CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN UPDATE:

THE ONCE-A-MONTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025, AND NOT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025.



Thursday classes will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2025.
Saturday classes will resume on Saturday, January 11, 2025.
Tuesday classes will resume on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

2. IMPORTANT NOTICE - CALENDAR CHANGES:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, IS NOW A DAY OF CLASSES!
THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.**

3. REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION ACADEMIC YEAR:

WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH BULLETIN STARTING WITH THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29 & 30, 2025.

OUR LEGACY CONTINUES

We want to remind all those who wish to participate in the remodeling of the Fr. Anderson Building with the "Make Our Legacy New" campaign of the following important instructions:

1. If you received a pledge envelope, it is important to remember that the immediate objective is to collect personal information such as: Name, Address, and Phone Number.
2. With this information given, you will be counted as one of the donors the campaign requires for the next three years. It is vitally important that this information is on the envelope.
3. It is also important to remember that while pledge payment collection will begin on January 1, 2025, we need the envelope with your information as soon as possible.
4. We have learned that many people wish to make a single payment for the total three-year commitment of \$3,120. This option reduces handling and paperwork costs.
5. A website has been set up for those who want to pledge electronically: www.cfocf.org/stannlegacy
6. We have designated two acrylic boxes to insert the pledge envelopes in the Narthex. The photos of Fr. Alfonso and Fr. Jose Luis can identify the boxes.
7. We invite you to continue being generous when putting money in the box containing the model, designed for those who cannot commit to a three-year commitment. Can you identify the figures of the Deacons and Priests?



JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Join us as we follow the journey to Bethlehem while we place the ornaments on our Jesse tree every day after the 9:00 AM Mass.



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER



A Prayer for the Third Sunday of ADVENT

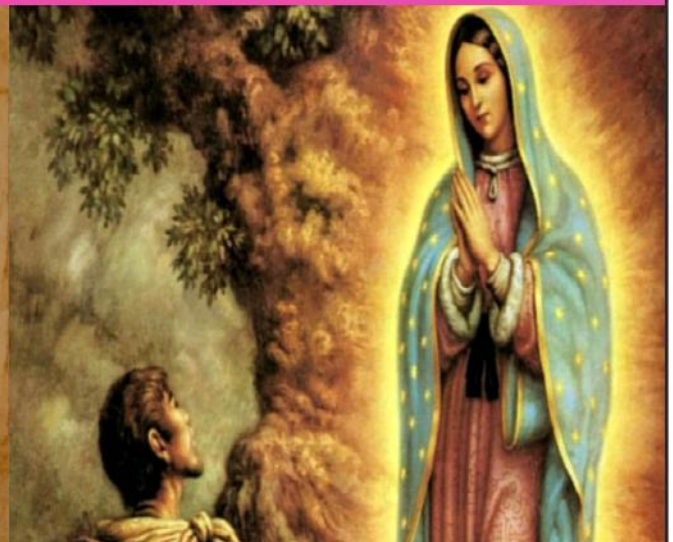
Jesus, you will come among us
once again to give us your very
life. May your life's gift inspire
us to make our lives a gift to
you, over and over again. Amen.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We would like to highlight the work done by the Guadalupe committee headed by Mrs. Elsa Lara and all her collaborators who were in charge of planning and executing the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2024.

We would like to congratulate them for their excellent work and even more thank them for sharing with all of us this special day, this devotion, and this expression of faith that has become part of the identity of St. Ann.

May God bless their generous lives!



YOU ARE INVITED!



YOU'RE INVITED TO

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH TO MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL FOR CHRISTMAS!

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
TIME: 9:30 AM**

Come and bring your friends to help us prepare the church for the arrival of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. All decorations are provided. Just bring your energy and Christmas (Holy) Spirit.

SPECIAL INVITATION



Invitation

Mary and Joseph of Nazareth invite you and your family to a birthday party for their Son, **JESUS**

St. Ann Catholic Church

Date: December 24 & 25

**Place: Grandma's house
(St. Ann Parish)**

Do not miss it!

We appreciate all the effort you will make for the spiritual preparation of the party in honor of our BELOVED SON.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

In 2021, we as a parish collected \$3,600, which was sent to Bethlehem to purchase presents for 220 children there who would otherwise not receive any gifts for Christmas.

Due to the difficulties in the Middle East, including war and social difficulties, there is no tourism and, therefore, no way for people to sustain their daily needs. Tourism is their main source of income in the land where Jesus was born. That means this year, children in Bethlehem will have no presents.

Since we already have multiple commitments this holiday season, we have thought of helping Bethlehem during this economic crisis in which they found themselves living by sending funds that we, as a parish, can collect.

During the Aguinaldo Masses (5:00 AM) and Novena Masses (9:00 AM), we will be holding a special collection. All the money collected will be sent to ensure these unfortunate children have a Merry Christmas.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Advent began on December 1 & will end on December 24.

Tuesday, December 17

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in the Church from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



In case you can't attend a penance service at St. Ann's, here are other options:

PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR DEANERY:

St. Rose of Lima: December 17, 7:00 PM
3880 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34746

St. Matthew: December 18, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
1991 Overlook Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884

CELEBRANDO LA GRACIA DE DIOS



La Iglesia Católica ha estructurado cuidadosamente el calendario litúrgico, guiándonos hacia la reflexión y la preparación especial para eventos espirituales significativos. Por ejemplo, la Cuaresma nos prepara para la Pascua y el Adviento nos prepara para la Navidad. El Tiempo Ordinario es igualmente importante, permitiéndonos vivir en la alegría que traen estas estaciones. Dios nos ofrece diferentes tipos de gracia en cada estación del año litúrgico.

¿Cómo podemos recibir la gracia que Dios nos ofrece este Adviento? Una forma es pasar más tiempo en oración con Dios. Aborde este tiempo intencionalmente, tratando de entender Su voluntad para nuestras vidas. Mientras espera pasar tiempo con un ser querido, esperemos con ansias nuestro tiempo diario de oración con Dios durante el Adviento. En lugar de simplemente hacer las cosas por inercia, ¿podemos celebrar el Adviento con nuestro corazón? Permítame sugerirle que use las lecturas de las Sagradas Escrituras de la Misa diaria para la oración y la meditación.

Otra forma valiosa de experimentar la gracia de Dios este Adviento es a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Al examinar nuestra conciencia, podemos ver dónde podemos modelar mejor nuestra vida según Jesús. Al buscar la misericordia en este sacramento, podemos preparar nuestro corazón para ser un pesebre que acoge a Jesús. Al acercarnos al final del mes, comenzarán las discusiones sobre los propósitos de Año Nuevo. Sin embargo, ahora es el momento de resolver vivir como Jesús, cuyo nacimiento estamos a punto de celebrar.

En nuestra parroquia, tendrás la oportunidad de recibir la gracia de Dios a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación este próximo martes 17 de diciembre. Los horarios ofrecidos son:

- Después de la Misa de las 9:00 AM hasta la 1:00 PM
- De 4:00 PM a 8:00 PM

Aprovecha este camino de misericordia para experimentar la libertad que Jesucristo tiene para nosotros.

¡Feliz Adviento!

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

OFICINA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

1. Debido al receso de Navidad, no habrá clases a partir del martes 24 de diciembre de 2024. Las clases se reanudarán como se muestra a continuación:



a. CORRECCIÓN DE LA ÚLTIMA ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL BOLETÍN:

LAS CLASES DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE QUE SE DAN UNA VEZ AL MES SE REANUDARÁN EL DOMINGO 12 DE ENERO DE 2025, Y NO EL DOMINGO 5 DE ENERO DE 2025.

- b. Las clases de los jueves se reanudarán el jueves 9 de enero de 2025.
- c. Las clases de los sábados se reanudarán el sábado 11 de enero de 2025.
- d. Las clases de los martes se reanudarán el martes 14 de enero de 2025.

2. AVISO IMPORTANTE: CAMBIOS EN EL CALENDARIO:

¡EL SÁBADO 18 DE ENERO AHORA ES UN DÍA DE CLASES! NO HABRÁ CLASES EL SÁBADO 25 DE ENERO.

3. INFORMACIÓN DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO ACADÉMICO DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE 2025-2026:

ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE EN EL BOLETÍN PARROQUIAL A PARTIR DEL FIN DE SEMANA DEL 29/30 DE ENERO DE 2025.



MISA DE AGUINALDOS



Comparte con nosotros la tradicional
Misa de Aguinaldos

Desdel el 15 al 23 de Diciembre
5:00 AM

¡GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Queremos destacar el trabajo realizado por el comité de Guadalupe encabezado por la señora Elsa Lara y todos sus colaboradores quienes se encargaron de planear y ejecutar la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en el año 2024.

Queremos felicitarlos por el excelente trabajo y más aún agradecerles por compartir con todos nosotros este día tan especial, esta devoción y esta expresión de fe que se vuelve parte de la identidad de St. Ann.

Que Dios bendiga sus vidas generosas.

CONFESIONES TIEMPO DE ADVIENTO

**Tiempo de Adviento
Diciembre I hasta
Diciembre 24**

Martes 17 de Diciembre
se llevará a cabo el
sacramento de confesión
desde 9:00 AM a 1:00 PM y 6:00 PM a
8:00 PM.



*En caso de no poder asistir a continuación otras
opciones en nuestro dicasterio:*

St. Rose of Lima: Diciembre 17, 10:00 AM a 7:00 PM
3880 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34746

St. Matthew: Diciembre 18, 10:00 AM a 7:00 PM
1991 Overlook Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884

NUESTRO LEGADO CONTINUA

Queremos recordar a todos aquellos que deseen participar en la remodelación del Edificio P. Anderson con la campaña "Hacer Nuevo Nuestro Legado" las siguientes instrucciones importantes:

1. Si recibió un sobre de compromiso, es importante recordar que el objetivo inmediato es recopilar información personal como: Nombre, dirección y número de teléfono.
2. Con esta información proporcionada, se le contará como uno de los donantes que la campaña requiere durante los próximos tres años. Es de vital importancia que esta información esté en el sobre.
3. También es importante recordar que, si bien el cobro del pago de la promesa comenzará el 1 de enero de 2025, necesitamos el sobre con su información lo antes posible.
4. Hemos aprendido que muchas personas desean hacer un solo pago por el compromiso total de tres años de \$ 3,120. Esta opción reduce los costes de manipulación y papeleo.
5. Se ha creado un sitio web para aquellos que quieran comprometerse electrónicamente: www.cfofc.org/stannlegacy
6. Hemos designado dos cajas acrílicas para insertar los sobres de compromiso en el Nártex. Las fotos del P. Alfonso y del P. José Luis permiten identificar las cajas.
7. Te invitamos a seguir siendo generoso a la hora de poner dinero en la caja que contiene el modelo, pensada para aquellos que no pueden comprometerse con un compromiso de tres años. ¿Puedes identificar las figuras de los diáconos y sacerdotes?



ORACIÓN TERCERA SEMANA DE ADVIENTO

En las tinieblas se encendió una luz,
en el desierto clamó una voz.
Se anuncia la buena noticia: el Señor va a llegar.
Preparad sus caminos, porque ya se acerca.
Adornad vuestra alma
como una novia se engalana el día de su boda.
Ya llega el mensajero.
Juan Bautista no es la luz,
sino el que nos anuncia la luz.
Cuando encendemos estas tres velas
cada uno de nosotros quiere ser
antorcha tuya para que brilles,
llama para que calientes.
¡Ven, Señor, a salvarnos,
envuélvenos en tu luz, caliéntanos en tu amor!
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