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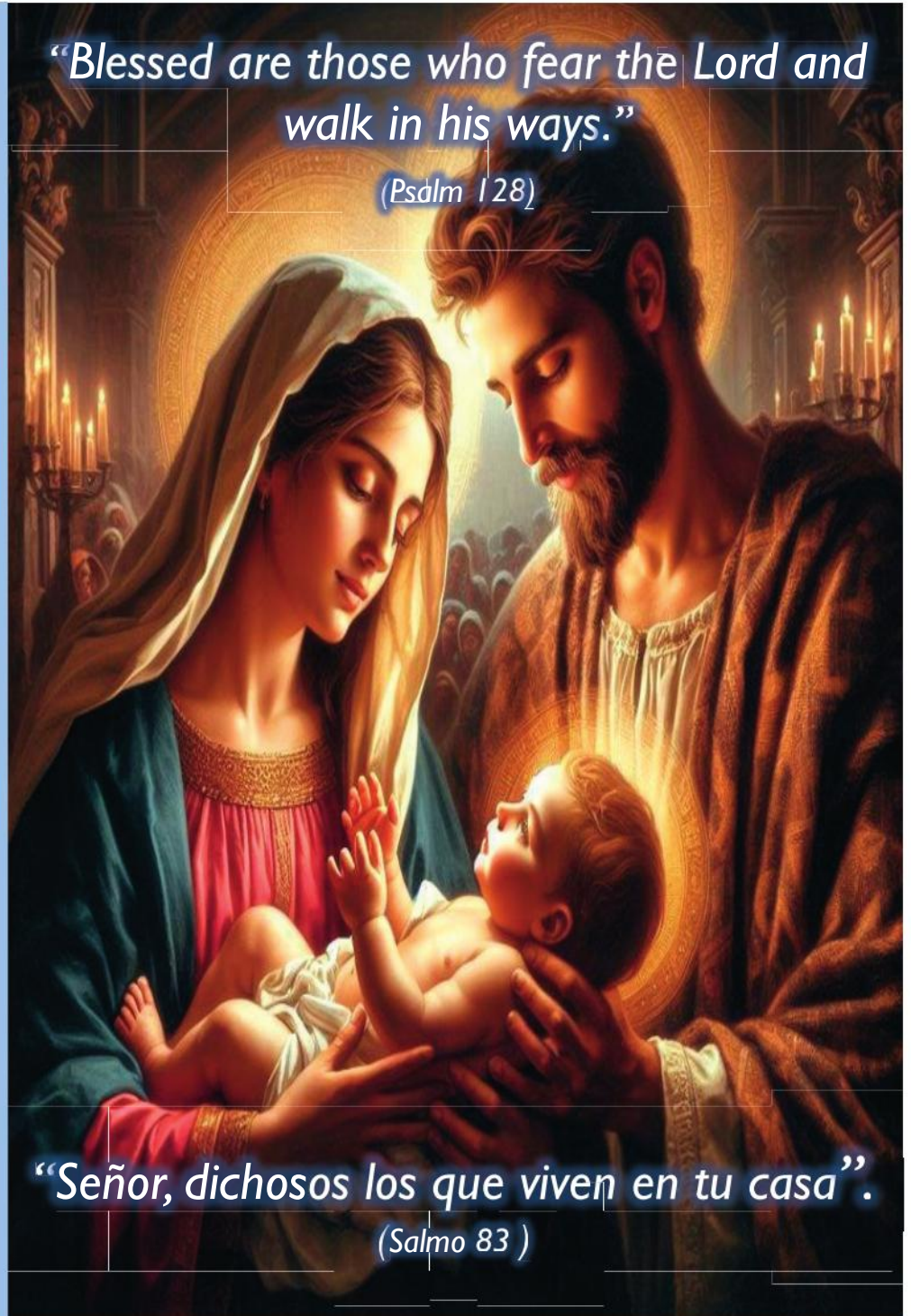
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Thank you for joining us today!
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

**“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and
walk in his ways.”**

(Psalm 128)



“Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa”.

(Salmo 83)

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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 28, 2024

4:00 PM † Maryrose Armato
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Nicolas & Consuelo Sandoval

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 AM † Luis Regus
 10:00 AM † Lourdes Manaois
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Hector Jimenez
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Juan Garcia Pantoja

Monday, December 30, 2024

9:00 AM † Luis Regus

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

9:00 AM † Luis Regu
 5:30 PM †
 7:00 PM (Sp.) † Guillermina Solorzano

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association
 11:00 AM (Sp.) † Alberta Hunt

Thursday, January 2, 2025

9:00 AM † Luis Regus

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions of Maria I. Toussaint
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Thanksgiving Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00 PM † Francis Reiter
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Santiago Lopez Chago

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 AM † Paul & Carolyn Katich
 10:00 AM † Nelson Torres Medina
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernandez
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Birthday of Mathias Daza

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 14 & 15, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$17,873
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$4,188.50
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$188
 Faith Direct November 15-30: \$5,219.34
 Miscellaneous: \$5,645



OCA 2024 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72
 Pledged to Date: \$184,131.61
 Cash received to Date: \$170,434.09
 Still needed in Pledges: \$8,898.52

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.**

FAITH DIRECT

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit **faith.direct/FL1031** or through our website **www.stannhc.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!

Dear Mary, my holy mother, I love you so much and I give you my heart. Help me to love God. Help me to love my neighbor as a child of God. Help me to love myself as a child of God. Amen



FAMILY GIFT FROM HEAVEN



Heaven has gifted us with a family that is truly special. Christmas time is when the family is probably very nostalgic. We cherish great memories with our parents, relatives, and friends who are part of the family. When we were children, some memories can be incredibly joyful, and Christmas celebrations were dazzling with magic.

Now, Christmas celebrations may be different. If your parents have passed away, or if someone you love and is very dear to the family has gone home to God, or if some other kind of crisis has affected a family, they may be struggling through difficult times, making difficult decisions, and perhaps feeling fearful of the future.

However, when those days pass and we get old, as I get old, I think back and say, 'Well, it was a very good time!' Still, when you look back, you tell your family it was a very good time, no matter how humble or far away it was.

The manger scene encourages us to imagine an honest and beautiful family that includes Mary, Jesus, and Joseph. Although they encountered obstacles throughout their lives, including the birth of Jesus, heaven gave them strength. They celebrated the first

Christmas with joy and happiness in the humble manger while the whole world was busy and didn't realize that the Son of God was brought into the world during that simple evening. Mary and Joseph, through the messages from the angel, knew that the baby they were holding was the Messiah, the savior of the world.

The foundation of the Nazareth family was love, and they are the model for all families. God is demonstrating to us that this is the way to comprehend the full significance of love.

Nonetheless, if we are searching for genuine love, it will begin with the family.

Happy Sunday!

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 A PREVIOUS 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.



HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O heavenly Father, Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless and sanctify this house and all who dwell therein and everything else in it, and do Thou vouchsafe to fill it with all good things; grant to them, O Lord, the abundance of heavenly blessings and from the richness of the earth every substance necessary for life, and finally direct their desires to the fruits of Thy mercy.

At our entrance, therefore, deign to bless and sanctify this house as Thou didst deign to bless the house of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob; and may the angels of Thy light, dwelling within the walk of this house, protect it and those who dwell therein. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with all the Christmas & New Year celebrations.

- Altar Servers*
- Lectors*
- Choirs*
- Youth Group*
- Volunteers and their families*

Thank you for contributing to a great celebration!

God bless you!



SPECIAL THANKS!

We thank Rita Morano, Deacon Frank Morano, and Jesus Trejo for setting up and organizing the Jesse Tree for our daily Masses.



We enjoyed our journey through biblical history!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In commemoration of Christmas Day & New Year's Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on:



January 1, 2025 & January 6-10, 2025

These holidays and days off are designated by Bishop Noonan for the Chancery & Parish staff.

30 HOURS OF ADORATION

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Starting December 30 at 9:30 AM
Ending December 31 at 4:30 PM



Welcome the new year adoring the Lord!



SPECIAL INVITATION

In *No Greater Love*,
You Will Experience the
Unconditional Love Christ Has for You.

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death but imagine experiencing them for the very first time.

In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we will walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus invites us to walk more closely with him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program starting January 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Fr. Carlos Bldg.

For more information or to register, visit ascensionpress.com or contact Tammy Higgins at (863) 514-4366 or thiggins6968@gmail.com.



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CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

We are incredibly grateful to each of you for your generosity in undertaking such a wonderful project. We can show that the true spirit of Christianity and kindness magnify the soul as a community. A final amount of \$2,625 was sent to Bethlehem.

From the bottom of our hearts,
we wish you a Merry Christmas!



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD "THEOTOKOS"



Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is a crucial element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" dates back to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form Theotokos (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the Holy Virgin Theotokos. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the Theotokos!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

Reflection: Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Solemnity will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

9:00 AM Mass - English
11:00 AM Mass - Spanish

REGALO FAMILIAR DEL CIELO



El cielo nos ha regalado una familia que es verdaderamente especial. La época navideña es cuando la familia probablemente esté muy nostálgica. Atesoramos grandes recuerdos con nuestros padres, familiares y amigos que son parte de la familia. Cuando éramos niños, algunos recuerdos pueden ser increíblemente alegres, y las celebraciones navideñas estaban llenas de magia.

Ahora, las celebraciones navideñas pueden ser diferentes. Si tus padres han fallecido, o si alguien a quien amas y es muy querido por la familia se ha ido a casa con Dios, o si algún otro tipo de crisis ha afectado a una familia, es posible que estén luchando por momentos difíciles, tomando decisiones difíciles y tal vez sintiendo miedo del futuro.

Sin embargo, cuando esos días pasan, a medida que envejecemos, pienso en el pasado y digo: '¡Bueno, fue un momento muy bueno!' Aun así, cuando miras hacia atrás, le dices a tu familia que *fue* un momento muy bueno, sin importar cuán humilde o lejano fuera.

La escena del pesebre nos anima a imaginar una familia honesta y hermosa que incluye a María, Jesús y José. Aunque encontraron obstáculos a lo largo de sus vidas, incluido el nacimiento de Jesús, el cielo les dio fuerzas. Celebraron la primera Navidad con alegría y felicidad en el humilde pesebre mientras el mundo entero estaba ocupado y no se daba cuenta de que el Hijo de Dios había sido traído al mundo durante esa sencilla noche. María y José, a través de los mensajes del ángel, supieron que el bebé que sostenían era el Mesías, el salvador del mundo.

La fundación de la familia de Nazaret fue el amor, y ellos son el modelo para todas las familias. Dios nos está demostrando que esta es la manera de comprender el significado completo del amor.

Sin embargo, si estamos buscando el amor genuino, comenzará con la familia.

¡Feliz domingo!

P. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OFICINA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

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:

1. CORRECCIÓN DE UNA ACTUALIZACIÓN DE BOLETÍN ANTERIOR:

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.

Las clases de los jueves se reanudarán el jueves 9 de enero de 2025.

Las clases de los sábados se reanudarán el sábado 11 de enero de 2025.

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.



30 HORAS DE ADORACIÓN

Comenzando
diciembre 30 a las 9:30 AM
Terminando diciembre 31
a las 4:30 PM



Recibamos
el nuevo año
adorando al
Señor



ESPECIAL AGRADECIMIENTO

Queremos ofrecer un sincero agradecimiento a Joseph Castro, el coro Luz de Cristo y a todas las personas que hicieron parte de las Misas de Aguinaldo.



Fue un tiempo de meditacion y compartir que nuestra comunidad a disfrutado.

¡Dios los bendiga!

¡GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Queremos aprovechar esta oportunidad para ofrecer nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que asistieron con la celebraciones de Navidad y Año nuevo.

- Servidores del Altar
- Lectores
- Coros
- Grupo de Jovenes
- Voluntarios y sus familias

¡Gracias por contribuir a una gran celebración!

¡Dios los bendiga!



ORACIÓN PARA BENDECIR EL HOGAR

Oh Padre celestial, Dios Todopoderoso, te suplicamos humildemente que bendigas y santifiques esta casa, a todos los que la habitan y todo lo que hay en ella.
Tu que nos prometes todo bien; concédenos, oh Señor, la abundancia de las bendiciones celestiales, para que en el uso de las cosas terrenas encontremos lo necesario para la vida, y dirige nuestros deseos para alcanzar los frutos de Tu misericordia.

Dígnate bendecir y santificar esta casa como condescendiste bendecir la casa de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob; y que los ángeles, morando dentro de ella, protejan a los que la habitan. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.



OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRARÁ

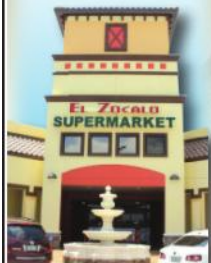
En conmemoración del día de Navidad y el día de Año Nuevo, las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas los días:

1 de enero de 2025
y
del 6 al 10 de enero

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