



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We Are Ambassadors for Christ*



March 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

## PASTOR

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
fr.alfonso@stannhc.org

## RETIRED PRIESTS

Fr. Fracilus Petit-Homme  
Fr. Richard Tuttle

## DEACONS

Deacon Richard Demers  
Deacon Frank Morano  
Deacon Steven Ramos  
Deacon Jairo Rosario

## PASTORAL TEAM

Ivellise (Lily) Muñiz  
*Office Manager*  
imuniz@stannhc.org

Jhon C. Daza  
*Parish Bookkeeper*  
jdaza@stannhc.org

Dora Curcio  
*Administrative Assistant*  
dcurcio@stannhc.org

Rita Morano  
*Religious Education Coordinator*  
rmorano@stannhc.org

Kristopher Schave  
*Music Director*  
kschave@stannhc.org

Ed Phillipp  
*Master of Ceremonies*  
Masterofceremoniesstannhc@gmail.com

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



*"I will put my spirit in  
you that you may live."  
(Ezekiel 37:14)*

*"Pondré en ustedes mi  
Espíritu y vivirán".  
(Ezequiel 37, 14)*

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

1311 Robinson Drive • Haines City, FL 33844

Phone: (863) 422-4370 • Fax: (863) 421-2522 • www.stannhc.com

## 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.  
**Friday** 6:00 PM - Sp.

**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:

**Fridays 4:00-5:30 PM and Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, or by appointment.**

**Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370. Thank you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

4:00 PM † Marion & Anne Schaefer  
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Carmen Muniz

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:00 AM For the members of our Parish  
10:00 AM † Jason Beardslee  
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Deceased members of Romero-Tan Family  
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Luz Maria Campos Hernandez

### Monday, March 27, 2023

9:00 AM † Natanael Pena

### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

9:00 AM † Charlene Marie Cruz

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

9:00 AM † Giovanna DiMarzio

### Friday, March 31, 2023

9:00 AM For the members of our Parish  
6:00 PM (Sp.) Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 PM † Mauricio Chaves  
6:00 PM (Sp.) Intentions Gomez Family

### Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM † Fr. Ray Zeugner  
10:00 AM † Heidi Ann Barnes  
12:00 PM (Sp.) Intentions Gomez Family (Outside Mass)  
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Leodan Hernandez (Inside Mass)  
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Anselmo Landeros

## FOLLOW US



**YouTube Channel:**  
**St. Ann Catholic Church Haines City**



**Like us on Facebook**  
**St Ann Catholic Church Haines City**



**Instagram**

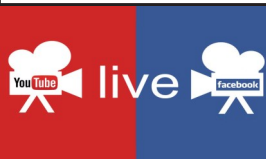
**Follow us on Instagram:**  
**Stannahainescity**

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### March 18 & 19, 2023

Regular Offertory: \$15,056  
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,093  
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$58  
Faith Direct March 1-14: \$5,138.43  
Miscellaneous: \$1,035

*Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal as we continue to work to reach our assessment.*



**Tune in to our Live Stream Masses every Sunday**

**English - 10:00 AM**  
**Spanish - 12:00 PM**

## FAITH DIRECT

If you haven't already, please consider enrolling. You may visit [faith.direct/FL1031](https://faith.direct/FL1031) or through our website [www.stannhc.com](http://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!

## OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

Even though the Our Catholic Appeal commitment weekend was a few weeks ago, we want to remind all parishioners that the office will accept all those envelopes that have not been sent or future pledges that can help contribute to our parish goal.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

*"We are called to return our blessings to God, and your generosity impacts lives. Your gift to Our Catholic Appeal supports every parish, school, and ministry in the Diocese of Orlando. It helps to feed the hungry, prevent homelessness, gives medical care to the sick, provides Catholic-formation experiences for children and adults, and supports seminarians and retired priests!"*



## DO YOU BELIEVE IT?



The Gospel on this Fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to contemplate the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, moved by compassion and love, as in other miracles. His heart was moved and filled the hearts of his followers with hope. By raising Lazarus from death, Christ proved that he is really the resurrection and life.

I would like to share with you why miracles are possible in the lives of the faithful who have placed their confidence in the hands of the Lord. Like two thousand years ago, Jesus continues performing miracles in our lives and makes his strong presence among us if we ask him to come in moments of doubt, anguish, or difficult circumstances that we don't know what to do.

The miracle is an expression of the love that Jesus has for us. It is very clear that the raising of Lazarus for Jesus was an open invitation from Martha, the sister of Lazarus, to come in a difficult moment. The message went directly to the heart of Jesus: "The man you love is ill." Jesus stopped what he was doing and did not hesitate to visit this family in Bethany that welcomed him many times and a family that had an important position in his heart. On many occasions, people with Jesus, feasting and celebrating their joy, were his joy; also, their sorrow became his sorrow. So, "Jesus wept" when he realized his beloved friend had passed. But for him, death is not the end; life is coming back to everyone who believes in him. Faith is very important in the working of any miracle for us. Christ asked Mary and Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life...Do you believe in this...?" So, to resurrect Lazarus, the love of Christ and the faith of his sisters brought down the power of the Holy Spirit. Without faith, even through the love of God, Jesus can't perform miracles. We must acknowledge him as the anointed one who came to give us life in abundance.

If we recognize him as our savior, he will recognize us, calling us by our own names, as he called "Lazarus" outside the tomb. When we hear his voice, we must be attentive and obedient and realize that he has the power to change from death to life, from darkness to light, and from sin to forgiveness.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next registration phase will start on Tuesday, April 18, and go to Friday, May 12.

The office will be open to registrations for the following:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays - 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 29, & Saturday, May 6 - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

If these times are impossible, please call the Office of Religious Education at (863) 438-2700 on those days listed above to make an appointment.

Documents of Baptism and/or Communion already received are necessary for registration.

The school of Religious Education will be **in recess** during Holy Week and Easter on the following dates:

Sunday Hybrid class – off on April 2 and April 9

Tuesday classes – off on April 4

Thursday classes – off on April 6

Saturday classes - off on April 1 and April 8

Saturday, April 29 - 12:30 PM in the Social Hall

There will be a Parents Meeting for everyone receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in September 2023.

Have a blessed week!

Rita Morano, CRE



## EASTER FLOWER FUND

During Easter, we decorate our altars with a multitude of flowers as a reflection of the beauty of the liturgical season.

St. Ann's welcomes donations to the Flowers Fund for the altars for this special occasion.



Flower donation envelopes are in the Narthex.

Place your donation in the envelope, then place the envelope in the collection basket.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like to place an order by phone.**

## COLUMBIETTE CANDLE SALE



*Columbiettes Candle Sale*

*Saturday and Sunday of Palm Sunday weekend  
April 1-2 before and after all Masses*

## CHILDREN EASTER EGG HUNT

We are asking for bags of candy, baskets, and plastic egg donations for our:

**"Easter Egg Hunt"**  
Sunday, April 9

There will be a box in the Narthex where you can drop off your donations.

Thank you in advance for participating!

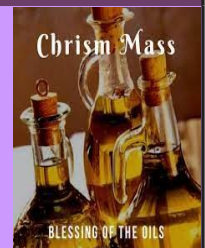
## CHRISM MASS

Join us at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe  
8300 Apopka Vineland Ave.  
Orlando

Monday, April 3, at 11:00 AM or via live stream on the diocesan Facebook page.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Noonan will consecrate the holy oils for Catechumens, used in Sacraments, and to anoint the Sick.

The Chrism Mass is also an opportunity for all priests to renew their priestly vows.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent

Rest of the Holy Sacrament

4:45 PM

5:00 PM - English  
6:00 PM - Spanish

The Way of the Cross, or the Stations of the Cross, is a Christian devotion that commemorates the events of Good Friday, from Jesus being condemned to death to the moment He is laid in the tomb.



## FISH FRY KOFC



**Every Friday Feb 24 to Mar 31**

Serving Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

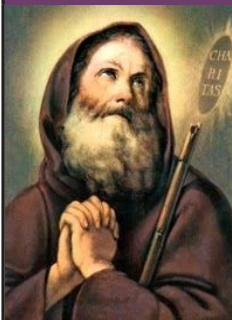
*Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw,  
Hushpuppies, Ice Tea.*

**Desserts available at extra cost.**

**Adults — \$10 Children Under 6 years — \$5**

**St Ann Catholic Church Social Hall**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK: FRANCIS OF PAOLA



Francis of Paola was a man who deeply loved contemplative solitude and wished only to be the “least in the household of God.” Yet, when the Church called him to active service worldwide, he became a miracle worker and influenced the course of nations.

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy’s southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to “Minims” because he wanted them to be known as the least (minimi) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis’s personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast. He felt that heroic mortification was necessary as a means of spiritual growth.

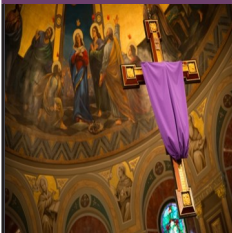
It was Francis’s desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis influenced the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land.

Francis died while at the French court.

**Reflection:** The life of Francis of Paola speaks plainly to an overactive world. He was a contemplative man called to active ministry and must have keenly felt the tension between prayer and service. Yet, in Francis’s life, it was a productive tension, for he clearly utilized the fruits of contemplation in his ministry, which came to involve the workings of nations. He responded so readily and so well to the call of the Church from a solid foundation in prayer and mortification. When he went out to the world, it was not he who worked but Christ working through him—“the least in the household of God.”

## WHY DO CATHOLICS COVER CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES DURING HOLY WEEK?



**Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter:** It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year, Catholics cover everything beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn’t we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

**Veiling of statues and images:** While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish but can also be a fruitful activity for the “domestic church” to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal, we find the instruction, “In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

This is the Church’s current practice, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is minuscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany, there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout Lent.

Families are encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from attending Mass during the week. Otherwise, we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter, which has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it, and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go to great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast using veils?

**Why cover up something beautiful?:** But why go to such lengths to cover up images designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First, we use veils to alert us of the special time we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum, and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Second, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses can focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the church uses veils to create heightened anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don’t want them to be there because they hide some beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, exiled from our true home. Only through our own death is the veil lifted, and we can finally see the beauty of everything in our lives.

## LO CREES?



El Evangelio en este quinto domingo de Cuaresma nos invita a contemplar el poder de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, movidos por la compasión y el amor, como en otros milagros. Su corazón se conmovió y llenó los corazones de sus seguidores de esperanza. Al resucitar a Lázaro de la muerte, Cristo demostró que él es realmente la resurrección y la vida.

Me gustaría compartir con ustedes por qué los milagros son posibles en la vida de los fieles que han puesto su confianza en las manos del Señor. Como hace dos mil años, Jesús sigue haciendo milagros en nuestras vidas y hace su fuerte presencia entre nosotros si le pedimos que venga en momentos de duda, angustia o circunstancias difíciles que no sabemos qué hacer.

El milagro es una expresión del amor que Jesús nos tiene. Está muy claro que la resurrección de Lázaro por Jesús fue una invitación abierta por Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, a venir en un momento difícil. El mensaje fue directo al corazón de Jesús: “El hombre que amas está enfermo”. Jesús dejó lo que estaba haciendo y no dudó en visitar a esta familia de Betania que lo acogió muchas veces y una familia que tenía un puesto importante en su corazón. En muchas ocasiones, la gente con Jesús, festejando y celebrando su alegría, eran su alegría; también, el dolor de ellos se convirtió en su dolor. Entonces, “Jesús lloró” cuando se dio cuenta de que su amado amigo había fallecido. Pero para él, la muerte no es el final; la vida vuelve a todo el que cree en él. La fe es muy importante en la obra de cualquier milagro para nosotros. Cristo le preguntó a María y Marta: “Yo soy la resurrección y la vida... ¿Creen ustedes en esto...?” Entonces, para resucitar a Lázaro, el amor de Cristo y la fe de sus hermanas hicieron descender el poder del Espíritu Santo. Sin fe, incluso a través del amor de Dios, Jesús no puede hacer milagros. Debemos reconocerlo como el ungido que vino a darnos vida en abundancia.

Si lo reconocemos como nuestro salvador, él nos reconocerá, llamándonos por nuestro propio nombre, como llamó a “Lázaro” fuera de la tumba. Cuando escuchamos su voz, debemos estar atentos y obedientes y darnos cuenta de que él tiene el poder de cambiar de la muerte a la vida, de las tinieblas a la luz, y del pecado al perdón.

¡Que tengas una semana bendecida!

Padre Alfonso Cely  
Pastor

## OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

La próxima fase de inscripción comenzará el martes 18 de abril y se extenderá hasta el viernes 12 de mayo.

La oficina estará abierta a inscripciones para las siguientes fechas y horarios:

Martes, jueves y viernes - 10:30 AM a 4:00 PM

Sábado, 29 de abril y sábado, 6 de mayo - 1:00 PM a 3:00 PM

Si estos tiempos son imposibles, llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al (863) 438-2700 en los días mencionados anteriormente para hacer una cita.

Los documentos de Bautismo y/o Comunión ya recibidos son necesarios para el registro.

La escuela de Educación Religiosa estará en **receso** por Semana Santa y Pascua en las siguientes fechas:

Clase híbrida dominical – fuera el 2 de abril y el 9 de abril

Clases de martes – descanso el 4 de abril

Clases de los jueves – libres el 6 de abril

Clases de sábado - libres el 1 de abril y el 8 de abril

Sábado, 29 de abril - 12:30 PM en el Salón Social

Habrará una reunión de padres para todos los que reciban el sacramento de la confirmación en septiembre de 2023.

¡Que tengas una semana bendecida!

Rita Morano, CRE



## FONDO DE FLORES PARA PASCUA

Durante la Pascua, decoramos nuestro altar con multitud de flores como reflejo de la belleza del tiempo litúrgico. St. Ann's agradece donaciones para el fondo de flores para los altares de la iglesia para esta ocasión especial.



Los sobres de donación de flores están en el Nartex. Puede colocar su donación en los sobres y en la canasta de recolección.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea hacer un pedido por teléfono, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

## BUSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA

Estamos requiriendo donaciones de bolsas de dulces, canastas y huevos de plástico para nuestra

"Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua"  
domingo, 9 de abril

Habrà una caja en el Nartex donde puedes dejar tus donaciones.

¡Gracias de antemano por participar!



## PEREGRINACIÓN RIFA JUAN XXIII

Rifa para una peregrinación a los Santuarios Marianos (Francia España y Portugal) desde Junio 21 hasta Julio 8 2023  
¡Viaje para dos!



Valor del tiquete \$20

Tiquetes estarán disponibles en la oficina parroquial o por favor contactar a Jose Gudiño (863) 547-5997.

## PESCADO FRITO

Caballeros de Colón



Todos los Viernes del 24 de Febrero al 31 de Marzo

Horario de Servicio: 4:00 pm a 6:30 pm

*Pescado frito, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo, hushpuppies, té helado.*

*Postres disponibles a un costo adicional.*

**Adultos — \$10 Niños Menores de 6 Años— \$5**

**Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica St Ann**

## ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma

Reposición del Santísimo Sacramento  
4:45 PM

Estaciones de la Cruz  
5:00 PM (Ing.)  
6:00 PM (Esp.)

El Camino de la Cruz, o Las Estaciones de la Cruz, es una devoción cristiana que conmemora los eventos del Viernes Santo, desde que Jesús es condenado a muerte hasta el momento en que es puesto en la tumba.



## MISA CRISMAL

Únase a nosotros en la celebración de la Misa Crismal en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de María Reina del Universo  
8300 Apopka Vineland Ave.  
Orlando

Lunes, 3 de abril, a las 11:00 AM o vía transmisión en vivo en la página diocesana de Facebook.

Durante la Misa Crismal, el Obispo Noonan consagrará los santos óleos para los catecúmenos, utilizados en los sacramentos, y para unguir a los enfermos.

La Misa Crismal es también una oportunidad para que todos los sacerdotes renueven sus votos sacerdotales.

