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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our Parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

Memorial Donations: Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

Prayer Network — 905-648-3341

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Knights of Columbus

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St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

Parish Schools

St. Ann's	905.523.2340
St. Joachim's	905.523.2341
Holy Name of Mary	905.523.2342
Immaculate Conception	905.523.2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902.523.2331

The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

Tuesday, August 26th

7:00 p.m. † Vyvyan Reilly
† Natalie D'Sena
† Mario & Fernanda Gizarelli
† Susan Orodí

Wednesday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
† Diarmuid Horgan

Thursday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. † Claude Girouard
† Vyvyan Reilly

Friday, August 29th

8:00 a.m. † Graziano Muccignat
† Monica Kannan
† Olga & Saleem Gedeon

Saturday, August 30th

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Christine Thurston
† Vittorio Santucci
† Manuel Luis Arruda
† Lenora DiSaverio

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of August 24, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Robert Wong, S.J.
Tuesday	Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.
Wednesday	Ursuline Sisters, o.s.u.
Thursday	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.
Friday	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
Saturday	Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

During this month of August when we celebrate many Feast days honoring Mary, I thought that it would be an appropriate time to reflect upon Mary as a model for us as Pilgrims of Hope. In this Jubilee Year we are all called to become pilgrims of hope for our world and by turning to Mary as our guide we can see how, with her help, we might become what we are called to be.

Mary as the Archetype of Hope

At the heart of Mary's life is a deep, abiding hope rooted in her trust in God's plan. From the moment the angel Gabriel announced to her that she would conceive the Son of God, Mary's response was one of radical acceptance. She said, "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*" (Luke 1:38). This simple yet profound surrender to God's will set the stage for her entire life, a life that was filled with both joy and sorrow. Mary's hope was not passive; it was active and dynamic, rooted in the expectation that God's promises would be fulfilled, even when the road ahead seemed unclear.

This quality of hope is central to the pilgrimage experience. Pilgrims, like Mary, set out on a journey not fully knowing what lies ahead. Their path is often filled with uncertainties, challenges, and moments of doubt. Yet, the pilgrimage is also a space where hope is nurtured, where the pilgrim's faith is tested and strengthened. In this context, Mary's example serves as a guiding light. Her journey of faith, from the annunciation to the foot of the cross, teaches pilgrims that hope is not a mere wish or desire for a future outcome, but an active trust in God's presence and love amidst the struggles of life.

Mary's Maternal Role in Pilgrimage

Mary's role as the Mother of the Church and as a mother to all believers further enriches her role as a model for pilgrims of hope. Just as she nurtured Jesus in her womb, cared for him as a child, and stood by him as he ministered to the world, so too does she nurture the faithful on their spiritual journeys. Pilgrims often seek Mary's intercession, asking her to pray for them, guide them, and provide comfort along the way. Her maternal care serves as a reminder that the journey is

not taken alone; Mary accompanies the faithful, offering her guidance and protection.

In many Marian shrines around the world, pilgrims come with petitions, hopes, and desires, seeking solace and peace. These pilgrims are often facing personal crises—loss, illness, or uncertainty about the future. Mary's compassion and ability to empathize with human suffering make her the perfect intercessor. She knows what it means to experience profound joy, as seen in the birth of her son, and also what it means to suffer deeply, as seen at the foot of the cross. Her ability to relate to both ends of the human experience allows her to walk alongside pilgrims in their own journeys of hope.

Hope in the Midst of Suffering: Mary at the Cross

The most poignant image of Mary as a model of hope comes from her presence at the crucifixion of her son, Jesus. Watching her beloved son suffer and die on the cross was the ultimate test of faith and hope. Despite the overwhelming pain, Mary did not give in to despair. Instead, she continued to trust in God's ultimate plan of salvation, even though she could not yet see how it would unfold. Her ability to remain hopeful in the face of such tragedy is a profound lesson for pilgrims who often face their own moments of suffering and confusion.

The crucifixion demonstrates that hope is not the absence of suffering, but the ability to trust in God's presence and love even when the path is dark. Pilgrims, like Mary, are invited to find hope in the midst of their trials, knowing that God is with them, even when it feels as though all is lost. Mary's example teaches pilgrims that suffering is a part of the human experience, but it is not the end of the story. Just as the resurrection followed the crucifixion, so too does hope follow suffering, leading to transformation and new life.

Pilgrimage as a Journey of Hope

The pilgrimage itself is an outward sign of the inward journey of hope. Pilgrims travel to holy sites, like the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico or the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, seeking a deeper encounter with God through the intercession of Mary. These journeys are not just physical, but deeply spiritual. They symbolize the journey of life, marked

by moments of doubt, despair, and joy. Mary's presence along this journey serves as a reminder that hope is not a destination but a continuous process of growth, trust, and transformation.

Pilgrimage is a journey of hope because it reminds pilgrims of the ultimate destination—the eternal union with God in heaven. In Mary, the faithful find a model of the pilgrim's journey: one who traverses the complexities of life with faith, hope, and love. Her life embodies the journey toward the promised and, reminding pilgrims that their struggles on earth are not in vain and that God's promises are sure.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a powerful and enduring model of hope for pilgrims. Her unwavering faith, maternal care, and steadfast hope in the face of suffering make her a guide for all who embark on the spiritual journey. As pilgrims, we walk our own paths of faith, we can look to Mary as a model of how to remain hopeful, even when the road ahead is uncertain. Mary's life is a testimony to the fact that hope is not a passive waiting, but an active trust in God's presence, even in the midst of life's most challenging moments. Through Mary, we are reminded that hope is always within reach, leading us ever closer to the heart of God.

— David Dayler —

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

Each Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass we hold a special Children's Liturgy for young people JK to grade 3. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this important ministry. The commitment would be approximately once a month from September through until June. For further information or to volunteer please contact Olivia MacLean at oliviamaclean@gmail.com or contact David in the parish office.

HOLD THE DATE

Sunday September 7th, following the 11 am Mass, we will be celebrating Linda Dayler's ministerial contributions here at St Ann's. Linda retired this summer and we want to take this time to share our best wishes with her as she transitions from her role here at St Ann's. Join us following the 11 a.m. Mass for a reception and time of fellowship with Linda.

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US!