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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to St. Ann's! 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

Lynn Vallentin — jamantval@hotmail.com

Legion of Mary — phone/text Julia 289-489-9487

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Jim Galvin — jgalvinkoc26@gmail.com

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Tuesday, December 16th

7:00 p.m. † Josh Macri
† Peter Doucet
† Dave Brandon

Wednesday, December 17th

8:00 a.m. † Judy Summers
† Peter Doucet
† Larry Lobsinger

Thursday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet
Intentions of Zenobius Kim & Genovefa Park
† Michele Ciardullo

Friday, December 19th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Agnes Choi & Paul Hong
† Olga & Salim Gedeon
Intentions of Francisco Um

Saturday, December 20th

5:00 p.m. † Stan & Maria Felice
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo
† Peter Terrana
† Alfonso & Ida DiBattista
† Angelo & Serafina DiMuzio

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of December 14, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Tuesday	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.
Thursday	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Friday	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Saturday	Rev. David Weise

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.



From the desk of:

FR. P. EDWARD LUC

Gaudete Sunday: Joy in the Midst of Waiting

The third Sunday of Advent has a special name: *Gaudete*, “Rejoice.” On this day, the liturgy already invites us to rejoice amid our waiting. This special character is also reflected in the liturgical color: the priest may wear pink vestments, a sign of anticipated joy. Pink does not abolish the sobriety of Advent, but it illuminates it with a new light ~ that of the Lord's closeness.

In the first reading, Isaiah announces a renewed world: the eyes of the blind will be opened, the lame will leap, the desert will blossom. It is the vision of a creation transformed by the presence of God. This promise nourishes our hope, especially in our inner deserts. God is never absent: his passage gives life, lifts up and restores.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist, from his prison, sends word to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come?” The question expresses both ardent expectation and human frailty. Jesus responds with signs: the sick are healed, the poor hear the Good News. As if to say: God is already at work among you. We are invited to recognize these discreet but real signs of God's presence in our daily lives.

Saint James, for his part, calls for patience: “Look at the farmer: he waits for the precious fruit of the earth.” Advent is a time to learn to hope, to remain confident, to let grace mature within us.

Thus, this Sunday of joy reminds us that our waiting is not in vain. Christ is coming, and he is already here. His signs are sometimes modest, but they transform the world. It is up to us to be joyful witnesses.

May this week of Advent be for each of us, a journey of trust, patience, and inner joy, in the hope of the Lord who is coming.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are now available! Pick up your copy for 2023-2024 at the back of the church, Parish Centre entrance. Cost is \$5.00.



ADVENT CONFESIONS

- **Every Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- **Special Evening of Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, December 17th, starting at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until all are heard.
Guest confessors will be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts during Advent as we await and celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Children's Christmas Pageant 4:30 p.m.
Children's Christmas Mass 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 p.m.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Mass 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Mass 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Friday, December 26th 8:00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 27th 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 28th 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday, December 30th 7:00 p.m.

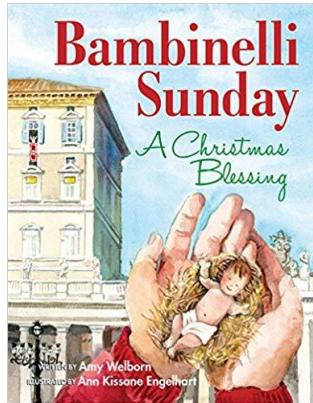
SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli

Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Saturday, December 13th or Sunday, December 14th. Baby Jesus figurines will be blessed **after** Mass, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

ST. ANN'S CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is that time of year to start planning for our annual *Christmas Pageant which will take place prior to the 5 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve*. We are hoping to have a large turnout this year for this lovely presentation of the Christmas Story. Children, grades SK (please no younger) to Grade 6 are invited to participate. We will gather for 1 hour after the 11a.m. Sunday mass on November 30th, December 7, 14, 21st and then, at 3p.m. on December 24th to prepare for our presentation. To express your interest please email David at dgdayler@gmail.com

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

This coming weekend, please pick up your 2026 Offering Envelopes in the Parish Centre after mass. **To ensure accuracy for tax and accounting purposes, please do not use old envelopes of any kind as your number may have changed. Please only use new 2026 envelopes in the New Year.**

St. Ann, Pray For Us!