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Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Ann's Catholic Church are a multicultural community rooted in Christian faith and committed to living the Gospel. We dedicate ourselves to grow in God's love by sharing our faith and talents in the service of all God's people,

Mindful of our baptismal call to holiness we pledge to grow in unity with Jesus and one another and with all God's creation through Eucharistic celebration, Scripture study, religious education and outreach to all our brothers and sisters in need

Challenged by the religious, economic, social and political issues of our day and attentive to the signs of the times. we commit ourselves to discern our response to the call of the Gospel.

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Masses:
Daily: 6:30 am & 8:00 am (Spanish)
Saturday: 9:00 am & 4:30 pm
Sundays: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

In Portuguese:
Every Saturday Evening at 6:00 pm

In Spanish:
Wednesday Evening at 7:00 pm
Every Saturday Evening at 7:30 pm
Sunday Morning: 7:30 am, 10:30 am in the school and 12:30 pm in the Church

In Italian:
Second Sunday Monthly at 1:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3:30 pm and by appointment

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 20:
6:30 Stephen Reilly
8:00

Tuesday, December 21:
6:30 For the people of St. Ann's
8:00

Wednesday, December 22:
6:30 Joseph P. DiCioccio
8:00
7:00 *SPANISH*

Thursday, December 23:
6:30 Dalzell & Johnson Families
8:00

Friday, December 24:
6:30
8:00
4:30 John Shook, Anthony & Jean Perillo
7:30 *SPANISH (Church)*
10:00 Joseph D. Conti, Antonietta Mucciacciaro
Clara and Nery Negreros

Saturday, December 25:
8:30 Rosaria, Antonietta, Rosanna, Giovanni Giordano, Afonso Monteiro
10:30 Pasquale, Maria, Antonietta Mucciacciaro Maria D'Uva
10:30 *SPANISH (School Gym)*
12:30 *SPANISH (Church)*
4:30 *BILINGUAL*—VIGIL MASS
6:00 *PORTUGUESE*

Sunday, December 26:
7:30 *SPANISH (School Gym)*
8:30 Maria and Armando Polzella, Lucy Tomasulo
10:30 Michael Cusano, Arnold DiMartino, Jose Guillermo Barberan
10:30 *SPANISH (School Gym)*
12:30 *SPANISH (Church)*

2022 Mass Book is open!

Christmas Schedule

Monday, December 20th
Reconciliation Monday priest available in the rectory.

Wednesday, December 22nd
Spanish confessions beginning after 7:00 p.m. mass in the Church.

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve
Daily Mass - 6:30 a.m. (English) , 8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
Family Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass - 7:30 p.m. (Church/School)
Midnight Mass - 10:00 p.m. English (Church)

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day
English - 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Spanish - 10:30 a.m. (School), 12:30 p.m. (Church)
Bilingual (Vigil Mass) - 4:30 p.m.
Portuguese - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 31st
Daily Mass - 6:30 a.m. (English) , 8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
English - 4:30 p.m.
Spanish - 7:30 p.m. (Church)

Saturday, January 1st
English - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish - 10:30 a.m. (School), 12:30 p.m. (Church)
Portuguese - 6:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours

Friday, December 24th - Office will close at 12:30 p.m.
Monday, December 27th - Office will be CLOSED.
Friday, December 31st—Office will be close at 12:30 p.m.
Monday, January 3rd—Office will be CLOSED

St. Ann's Peas & Karrots

Will be closed the week of December 24th –31st

OPEN - Monday, January 3rd

The Altar Bread and Wine in Memory of:
Conte, Mastracchio, and D'Uva Family

The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of:
Pasquale, Maria, Antonietta Mucciacciaro, Maria D'Uva

HOMILY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

1. "*Blessed is she who believed*" (Lk 1:45). The first beatitude mentioned in the Gospels is reserved for the Virgin Mary. She is proclaimed blessed because of her attitude of total trust in God and full acceptance of his will, shown by the 'yes' spoken at the time of the Annunciation. By proclaiming herself "the handmaid of the Lord" (Gospel acclamation; cf. Lk 1:38), Mary expresses the faith of Israel. She is the fulfilment of the long wait for salvation which, starting in the garden of Eden, passes through the Patriarchs and the history of Israel, to reach that "city of Galilee named Nazareth" (Lk 1:26). Because of Abraham's faith, the great work of salvation begins to be revealed; because of Mary's faith, the new times of the Redemption are inaugurated.

In today's Gospel passage we listened to the account of the Mother of God's visit to her elderly relative, Elizabeth. The first meeting between John the Baptist and Jesus takes place through their mothers' greeting. St Luke tells us that Mary "went with haste" (cf. Lk 1:39) to Elizabeth. This anxiety to visit her cousin indicates her wish to be of assistance to her during her pregnancy, but above all her desire to rejoice with her that the time of salvation had arrived. In the presence of Mary and the incarnate Word, John leapt for joy and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 1:41).

2. We find reflected in Mary's visitation the hopes and expectations of the humble, God-fearing people who were awaiting the fulfilment of the prophetic promises. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah announces the coming of a new king, after God's heart. A king who will not try to display greatness and power, but who will rise from humble origins like David and, like him, will be wise and faithful to the Lord. "*But you, Bethlehem ... who are little ... from you shall come forth ... one who is to be ruler*" (5:2). This promised king will care for his people with the strength of God himself and will bring peace and security to the ends of the earth (cf. Mi 5:4). All these ancient promises will be fulfilled in the Child of Bethlehem.

3. Dear brothers and sisters of St Bartholomew the Apostle Parish, I am pleased to celebrate the Eucharist with you on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, as we now approach Christmas. I greet you all affectionately. I greet the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, the Auxiliary Bishop of this area, your parish priest, Fr Alfonso Carlos Urréchua Líbano, and his closest co-workers. I particularly mention the members of the Institute of Identes Missionaries, to whom this parish belongs.

4. Beloved parishioners, may everything your community does always be inspired by this Gospel message! I am well aware of how committed you are to spreading the Gospel in your district, and I know of the challenges and difficulties you encounter. These are spiritual challenges, but social and economic challenges are present as well. I am thinking especially of the scourge of drugs which, unfortunately, ensnares many young people of this neighborhood, as in other parts of the city. I am thinking of the lack of centers offering healthy recreation and opportunities for cultural growth to adolescents and adults. I am thinking of the situations of isolation, sometimes even physical, in which many people here live.

This mission is yours, dear families: the Church calls you to mobilize yourselves to transmit the faith and especially to live it deeply yourselves. It is your task, first of all, to build a new solidarity that will facilitate the prevention and recovery of those who unfortunately fall into the grip of drug dependency. I would like to assure the families affected by this sad phenomenon that the Church is close to them and invites them not to submit passively, but to react with courage and determination, relying on divine help and the active support of their brothers and sisters, to combat this scourge of our time, which continues to ruin the bodies and minds of so many young people. However, convinced that medical and social interventions are not enough, the Church asks for an increasingly convinced witness to human and Christian values in society and for authentic solidarity to individuals, especially if they are weak and lonely.

As Christmas approaches, may today's celebration inspire in everyone the enthusiasm to love life, to defend it and to promote it by every legitimate means. This is the best way to celebrate Christmas, by sharing with every person of goodwill the joy of salvation that the incarnate Word brought to the world.

I hope also that the Christmas season and the beginning of the new year will renew a strong missionary fervor in each individual. May this community and the whole Diocese see a rebirth of the zeal experienced by the ancient Christian community of Rome described in the Acts of the Apostles (cf. Acts 28:15, 30).

5. "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God" (Heb 10:7). In presenting the mystery of the Incarnation, the Letter to the Hebrews describes the attitude of the divine Word as he enters the world: "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me" (10:5). The true and perfect sacrifice, offered by Jesus to the Father, is that of full adherence to the plan of salvation. The total obedience to the Father that marks Jesus' earthly life from the very first instant will be definitively fulfilled in the mystery of Easter. Thus the paschal dimension is already present at Christmas. This is the beginning of Jesus' Redemption, which will be totally fulfilled by his Death and Resurrection.

May Mary, model of faith for all believers, help us prepare worthily to welcome the Lord who comes. Together with St Elizabeth we acknowledge the great things that the Lord accomplished in her. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Lk 1:42). May Jesus, the blessed fruit of the Virgin Mary's womb, bless your families, the young people, the elderly, the sick and those who are alone. May he, who became a child to save mankind, bring everyone light, hope and joy. Amen!

If you would like to keep or add a name on the list, you must contact the Rectory at 941-2556. PRAY FOR

Katie Aikman, Juan Alvarez, Robin Baker, Bernie Barreiro, Bruce Benedict, Bromback Family, Joanne Brown, Fr. Ed Byrne, John Canino, Sr. Kelly Carpenter, Carmela Conte, Christine Costello, Chris Creamer, Joseph DiCioccio, Gary John DiPillo, Marilyn Dube, Lucille Edwards, Catherine Fegan, Frank Fodero, Ann Gaynor, Kenneth Gerlick, Jimmy Gernert, Diane Greenwald, Fabian Guzman, Michael Helwig, Barbara Ann Juliano, Ronald Kalil, Mary Ann Kelly, Andy & Tillie Kozden, Peter Lee, Bill Link, Eva Manditch, Beverly Martinez, Maria Martins, Mary Ann McGuiness, Bert McKesey, Eugenia Messner, Justin Muñoz, Barbara Nardone, Fr. Fred Nickle, Tracey Obenauer, Sabine Plachta, Jean Polak, Ida & George Policello, Stephen Policello, Roselia Rivera, Frank Salciccia, Carmen Sitler, Arthur Sullivan, Linda Tensil, Giovanni Toribio, Renate Valentine, Connie White, Thomas Williams, David Wilson, Lawrence Witt, Brian Zhinin.

Homilía de San Juan Pablo II, papa

1. ¡Bienaventurada tú, que has creído! » (*Lc* 1, 45). La primera bienaventuranza que se menciona en los evangelios está reservada a la Virgen María. Es proclamada bienaventurada por su actitud de total entrega a Dios y de plena adhesión a su voluntad, que se manifiesta con el «sí» pronunciado en el momento de la Anunciación. Al proclamarse «la esclava del Señor» (*Aleluya*; cf. *Lc* 1, 38), María expresa la fe de Israel. En ella termina el largo camino de la espera de la salvación que, partiendo del jardín del Edén, pasa a través de los patriarcas y la historia de Israel, para llegar a la «ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret» (*Lc* 1, 26). Gracias a la fe de Abraham, comienza a manifestarse la gran obra de la salvación; gracias a la fe de María, se inauguran los tiempos nuevos de la Redención.

En el pasaje evangélico de hoy hemos escuchado la narración de la visita de la Madre de Dios a su anciana prima Isabel. A través del saludo de las respectivas madres, se realiza el primer encuentro entre Juan Bautista y Jesús. San Lucas recuerda que María «fue aprisa» (cf. *Lc* 1, 39) a casa de Isabel. Esta prisa por ir a casa de su prima indica su voluntad de ayudarle durante el embarazo; pero, sobre todo, su deseo de compartir con ella la alegría por la llegada de los tiempos de la salvación. En presencia de María y del Verbo encarnado, Juan salta de alegría e Isabel se llena del Espíritu Santo (cf. *Lc* 1, 41).

2. En la Visitación de María encontramos reflejadas las esperanzas y las expectativas de la gente humilde y temerosa de Dios, que esperaba la realización de las promesas proféticas. La primera lectura, tomada del libro del profetas Miqueas, anuncia la venida de un nuevo rey según el corazón de Dios. Se trata de un rey que no buscará manifestaciones de grandeza y de poder, sino que surgirá de orígenes humildes, como David, y, como él, será sabio y fiel al Señor. «Y tú, Belén, (…) pequeña, (…) de ti saldrá el jefe» (*Mi* 5, 1). Este rey prometido protegerá a su pueblo con la fuerza misma de Dios y llevará paz y seguridad hasta los confines de la tierra (cf. *Mi* 5, 3). En el Niño de Belén se cumplirán todas estas promesas antiguas.

3. Amadísimos hermanos y hermanas … el evangelio de hoy nos presenta el episodio «misionero» de la visita de María a Isabel. Acogiendo la voluntad divina, María ofreció su colaboración activa para que Dios pudiera hacerse hombre en su seno materno. Llevó en su interior al Verbo divino, yendo a casa de su anciana prima que, a su vez, esperaba el nacimiento del Bautista. En este gesto de solidaridad humana, María testimonió la auténtica caridad que crece en nosotros cuando Cristo está presente.

4. Amadísimos parroquianos… ¡que toda la acción de vuestra comunidad se inspire siempre en este mensaje evangélico! El que participa activamente en la vida parroquial no puede menos de sentir la llamada bautismal a hacerse prójimo de quien está necesitado y sufre. Llevad a cada uno el anuncio típico de la Navidad: ¡No tengáis miedo, Cristo ha nacido por vosotros! Difundid este anuncio por doquier en este tiempo… Id a donde la gente vive y estad dispuestos a ayudarle, en la medida de vuestras posibilidades, a salir de toda forma de aislamiento. A todos y a cada uno anunciad y testimoniad a Cristo y la alegría del Evangelio.

Esta misión es para vosotras, queridas familias: la Iglesia os llama a movilizaros para transmitir la fe y, sobre todo, a vivirla intensamente vosotras mismas… La Iglesia, convencida de que no bastan las intervenciones de tipo social o médico, invita a un testimonio cada vez más convincente de los valores humanos y cristianos en la sociedad y a una auténtica solidaridad con las personas, especialmente si son débiles y están solas.

¡Ojalá que la celebración de hoy, en la perspectiva de la Navidad, suscite en cada persona el entusiasmo por amar la vida, defenderla y promoverla con todos los medios legítimos! Este es el mejor modo de celebrar la Navidad, compartiendo con todas las personas de buena voluntad la alegría de la salvación, que el Verbo encarnado trajo al mundo.

Deseo, además, que el tiempo navideño y el comienzo del nuevo año renueven en cada uno un fuerte impulso misionero. Que renazca en esta comunidad, como en toda la diócesis, el fervor original de la antigua comunidad cristiana de Roma descrito en los *Hechos de los Apóstoles* (cf. *Hch* 28, 15.30).

5. «Aquí estoy, oh Dios, para hacer tu voluntad» (*Hb* 10, 7). Al presentar el misterio de la Encarnación, la *carta a los Hebreos* describe las disposiciones con las que el Verbo divino entra en el mundo: «Tú no quieres sacrificios ni ofrendas; pero me has preparado un cuerpo» (*Hb* 10, 5). El verdadero y perfecto sacrificio, ofrecido por Jesús al Padre, es el de su plena adhesión al plan salvífico. Su obediencia total al Padre, que ya desde el primer instante caracteriza la historia terrena de Jesús, encontrará su cumplimiento definitivo en el misterio de la Pascua. Por eso, ya en la Navidad se halla presente la perspectiva pascual. Este es el comienzo de la redención de Jesús, que se cumplirá totalmente con su muerte y resurrección.

María, modelo de fe para todos los creyentes, nos ayude a prepararnos a acoger dignamente al Señor que viene. Con Isabel reconozcamos las maravillas que el Señor hizo en ella. «¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre!» (*Lc* 1, 42). Jesús, fruto bendito del seno de la Virgen María, bendiga a vuestras familias, a los jóvenes, a los ancianos, a los enfermos y a las personas solas. Él, que se hizo niño para salvar a la humanidad, traiga a todos luz, esperanza y alegría. Amén.

Horario de Navidad

Lunes 20 de diciembre
Sacerdote del lunes de reconciliación disponible en la rectoría.

Miércoles 22 de diciembre
Confesiones en español comenzando después de las 7:00 p.m.
misa en la Iglesia.

Viernes 24 de diciembre - Nochebuena
Misa diaria - 6:30 a.m. (inglés), 8:00 a.m. (español)
Misa familiar - 4:30 p.m.
Misa en español - 7:30 p.m. (Iglesia / Escuela)
Misa de medianoche - 10:00 p.m. Inglés (Iglesia)

Sábado 25 de diciembre - Navidad
Inglés - 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Español - 10:30 a.m. (Escuela), 12:30 p.m. (Iglesia)
Bilingüe (Misa de vigilia) - 4:30 p.m.
Portugués - 6:00 p.m.

Viernes 31 de diciembre
Misa diaria - 6:30 a.m. (inglés), 8:00 a.m. (español)
Inglés - 4:30 p.m.
Español - 7:30 p.m. (Iglesia)

Sábado 1 de enero
Inglés - 8:30 a.m. y 10:30 a.m.
Español - 10:30 a.m. (Escuela), 12:30 p.m. (Iglesia)
Portugués - 6:00 p.m.

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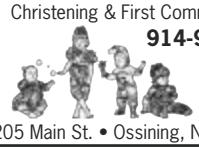

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