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Welcome to Our Parish! December 22, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 25, 2024 The Nativity of the Lord

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00am Lenny Thorne† 5:00pm Michael Bach†

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00am	Deceased members of the
	Neblock/Roy/Manning families†
10:00am	People of Our Parish
	Pedro Fajardo†
12:00pm	Deceased members of the
	Nixon/Guinane families†
5:30pm	Dr. Bernardino and Natividad Cruz†

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 am	Deceased members of
	Neblock/Roy/Manning families
12:15pm	Kevin Frater†

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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7:00am	Tim Dorsey†	
12:15pm	Thomas Guina	ne Jr.†
CHRIST	IAS EVE	
4:00pm	Paul Eslich†	4:00pm Amelia Feinberg†
7:00pm	Donald Hugh A	Ashby†
9:00pm	Gary Burkey†	
12:00am	William James Timmer†	
	Pete & Berta H	alpern†

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am People of the Parish† Deceased members of the Parish† 12:00 pm Alicira Nossa de Garcia†

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am Blair Smith† 12:15pm Joseph and Mary Deegan†

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00am	Violet Mary Bergeron†
12:15pm	Laura Marini†

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00am Jane Ann Horton Brown† 5:00pm Guillermo Sanchez†

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00am	Douglas Llanos†
10:00am	People of Our Parish
	Mrs. Lucille Marquez†
12:00pm	Margaret Yohman†
5:30pm	Paul Eslich†

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

◆ December 22, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Daily Masses Monday - Friday: 7am & 12:15pm / Saturday: 8am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP on our home page. Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. (no rsvp needed)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday from 8am (after the 7am Mass) until 7pm in the Chapel of the Angels. Adoration closes for the 12:15pm Mass.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Please Note Christmas and New Year's Adoration Schedule:

Eucharistic Adoration will close starting at 12noon on 12/20 to 12/26. Adoration resumes 12/27 after the 12:15pm Mass. Adoration closes at 5pm on 12/31 and re-opens on 1/2/2025.

OFFERTORY AND ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for continuing to support our Parish Community! To contribute online, visit www.annunciationorlando.org/online-giving.



If you are visiting and would like to contribute please use the blue and white envelopes or click on the QR code to donate online. Thank you!

Our Parish Calendars are delayed due to a shipping issue. They will be available mid-January. Thank you for your patience.

Baptisms - Welcome!

Avery J. Levy Ariella Skye Levy

Weddings - Congratulations!

Patrick Wheeler and Sarah Sullivan

Praying for our Recently Deceased

†John Phillips Cushing†Sr. Irene Doherty†Joyce Baker†Oliver Cross†Carol Cannon

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve *Regular 7am and 12:15pm Daily Mass* Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm (livestreamed) 4pm overflow Mass in the St. Gabriel Life Center, 7pm, 9pm & 12midnight

Wednesday December 25 - Christmas Masses at 10am and 12noon

Join us 30 minutes before each Mass for a Songs of Christmas Prelude.

Please note: No Spanish Mass on December 24th or 31st.



Sunday, December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

Tuesday, December 31 - Mary the Mother of God Vigil - 5:30pm -Eucharistic Adoration in the Church -7pm to Midnight

Wednesday, January 1 - Mary the Mother of God - 10am and 12noon Mass (no 7am Mass, no Adoration) Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Office and Bookstore Christmas and New Years Schedule

The Parish office will be closed on December 24th and 25th and on January 1, 2025. The Book & Gift Store will be closed on Tuesday December 24 and will reopen January 2nd.

How can we pray for you? Everyday life can be challenging and we want to pray for your intentions. We will pray for each specific intention that you submit. Submit your intentions at:

www.annunciationorlando.org/ prayer-intentions



REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEART

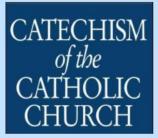
by Fr. Ivan

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." The Lord God is the source and summit of our faith, the highlight of our day, the way to everlasting salvation. He is God, Creator of Heaven and Earth and all they contain. God is the essence of our breath, the blood that rushes through our veins, the spiritual food we consume, the remedy and medicine for all our sores, aches and pains. God created and made the heavens and the earth in his perfection, in his goodness, in his holiness, in his innocence and in his beautiful truth. He is the Maker who so wonderfully created and made all the stars and galaxies, the mountains, oceans and seas. The Maker of everything that lives, grows, swims, walks, jumps, eats and breathes. God who loved is love and continues to love in and through his wonderful special creation. He made them, human, male and female, his beloved children, wonderfully made in his likeness and in his own image to share forever, perpetually in his goodness and in the gracious goodness of his grace. God makes all things beautiful, holy and good once again. He makes all things new: restoring, renewing, recreating and sanctifying once again. unfortunately uncreate, undo, shatter, break, destroy and unmake what God has so graciously built, made, created, united and called into existence and being. It is a sad thing to admit but the truth is that left to our own way and wills, we can make an ugly mess of God's beautiful creation. We at times try to touch up what God created as if to make it better. We attempt to cover up God's creation and believe we can make it better looking or perhaps greater or more perfect in some way. Thankfully God's grace erases our mistakes and makes all things new again. We need God to make us good again, but not by force or against our will, but rather with the weakness and within the weakness of our imperfect decisions and wrongful willful intentions, by surrendering our will and returning once again to God. It is humbling to acknowledge that left to our own designs, we unfortunately cannot reach God or return to our true homeland in heaven. Our weakness turns to things that cause grief rather than God's gaze that lifts us. If you feel you cannot return to God on your own or repent in anyway then it is time to say, "Lord, make me turn to you."

GROW IN YOUR FAITH



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Catechism Corner

If repentance arises from love of charity for God, it is called "perfect" contrition; if it is founded on other motives, it is called "imperfect."

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called animi cruciatus (affliction of spirit) and compunctio cordis (repentance of heart).



Mission Monday - December 23rd at 7pm Our Final Mission Monday for Advent will be on Monday, December 23rd with a reflection from Fr. Ivan. Join us as the Liturgy of the Hours are prayed and sung.

Save Your Marriage

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped thousands of others. Our next program begins January 31st – Feb 2nd 2025 in Winter Park. For more information call 352-274-4614. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. Please see our website at www.Retrouvaille.org.



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GRACE Ministry Grief Recovery - A Comforting Encounter

St. Gabriel Life Center 6:00-7:30 pm Our next meeting with Fr. Ivan is on Wednesday, January 29th. Please RSVP to Ann Stanko, 407-497-1618, call or text.



Join us on January 20th at 6:30pm as we continue our New Beginnings meetings with Fr. Ivan. RSVP to Jody North for location at jnorth@annunciationorlando.org



St. Peter Canisius - December 21st

St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597) is sometimes called "the second apostle of Germany." He is a very important person in the Catholic Counter Reformation which followed the sixteenth century Council of Trent, several sessions of which he had attended.

Born in Nijmegen in the Netherlands, he entered the Society of Jesus after studying at Cologne and Louvain. He was ordained a priest in 1546 and was first given a teaching assignment. As he was noted for his preaching, Duke William of Bavaria asked that he be sent to Germany to revive Catholicism. A popular and eloquent preacher, he zealously defended the Faith, authored a simple catechism, taught and established colleges and seminaries. His influence was widespread and lasting.

Prior to his assignment to Germany, St. Peter Canisius tells of a spiritual experience. After acknowledging his acceptance of that mission, he continued:

"At length, it was as if you opened to me the heart in your most sacred body; I seemed to see it directly before my eyes. You told me to drink from this fountain, inviting me, that is, to draw the waters of salvation from your wellsprings, my Savior. I was most eager that streams of faith, hope and love should flow into me from that source. I was thirsting for poverty, chastity, obedience.I asked to be clothed, to be wholly cleaned by you, to be made resplendent by you."

"So, after daring to approach your most loving heart and to plunge my thirst in it, I received a promise from you of a garment made of three parts: "these were to cover my soul in its nakedness, and to belong especially to my religious profession. They were peace, love and perseverance. Protected by this garment of salvation. I was confident that I would lack nothing, but all would succeed and give you glory." (Cf. 2nd Reading, Liturgy of the Hours).

St. Peter Canisius was canonized in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church. The Antiphon in the Benedictus (Morning Prayer) reads: "Those who are learned will be as radiant as the sky in all its beauty; those who instruct the people in goodness will shine like the stars for all eternity."

Feast of the Holy Innocents

The feast of the Holy Innocents will be commemorated with a Bilingual Mass on Friday, December 27th (the Vigil of the feast) at 7pm at St. Magdalen Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs.

Please join us at this Eucharistic Celebration to remember the Holy Innocents who died at the hands of Herod, as well as all those children lost through miscarriage, abortion, accident or illness, Following the Mass, our Tree of Remembrance will be decorated to represent the children that have been lost. You may bring an ornament, or one will be provided for you. This event is sponsored by the Parish's Culture of Life Ministry.



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LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS



Thank you to everyone who has made this year's Fall Festival so successful!

We are grateful for the opportunity to share in fellowship, family, fun and food with our community in order to support our local charitable outreach. With your help we were able to raise \$65,000 to live out our mission to love and serve others. These are some of the local charities we will be assisting:

- JMJ Pregnancy Center
- Life Choices Medical Clinic
- Kids House of Seminole, Inc.
- Latisha's House
- Samaritan Village
- Sharing Center
- United Against Poverty
- Ali's Hope
- Pathways to New Hope
- Shepherd's Hope

St. Vincent DePaul Society November Impact Report

There is no doubt that the material support we offer to the neighbor is important. It is important to eat, but it leaves you hungry again. It is important to pay the rent, but the bill comes due again next month. God's love is eternal, and our first responsibility in serving the poor is to do so for love alone, in the hope that through our caring "the poor may catch a glimpse of God's great love for them." "Vincentians visit not merely to drop off groceries or pay a bill, but to form relationships based on trust and friendship. Our visiting, our encouragement, and our prayers serve most importantly to bring true hope. Please consider joining with us on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Gabriel Life Center. Or, email us at: <u>svdp@annunciationorlando.org</u>

SVDP Treasury Report

November Church Contributions: \$10,555.00 Total Income: \$10,555.00 Expenses: Housing assistance \$5256.04 Food Outreach \$444.37 Solidarity Dues \$1164.14 \$1500.00 Prison Ministry Conference Exp \$1431.92 Tutoring Center \$2327.36 In-kind \$438.32



OUR MISSION

Morning Star Catholic School,

Advent Outreach - Morning Star Catholic School

Morning Star Catholic School has a long history that began over 60 years ago with the Sisters of St. Joseph. Their commitment was to provide students with special needs an opportunity to receive an education, allowing them to be the best they can be spiritually, socially, academically, physically, and emotionally. This commitment lives on today. Please prayerfully consider donating to Morning Star Catholic School.

Your donation will allow the school to continue to provide a foundation of Catholic faith while providing our students with the resources to learn and receive necessary services to help them achieve their individual goals.

To make a donation, use the blue special collection envelopes and write Morning Star in the memo or visit www.annunciationorlando.org/advent to make a donation online. Thank you!



ABOUT US

Morning Star Catholic School is truly a remarkable place that has a rich history of serving God's children with special needs.

Believing that every child should have the opportunity to learn, former Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley tasked the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine to pioneer five Morning Star schools - these

became Florida's first schools for children with intellectual disabilities. Under the direction of Sister Elizabeth Marie Stoup, Morning Star Catholic School was officially established in the College Park neighborhood of Orlando in 1960.

Students at Morning Star Catholic School are considered to be intellectually disabled with varying exceptionalities. Intellectual disability is characterized by a significant cognitive impairment combined with limitations in the adaptive skills needed to live, work, and play in the community. Intellectual disabilities can be caused by any condition that impairs development of the brain before birth, during birth, or in childhood years.

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The Universal Church celebrates the Jubilee Year 2025 - the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord.

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and farsighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

Visit www.annunciationorlando.org/hope for more resources and updates on Diocese wide events.

Pope Francis looks ahead to the Jubilee,

praying that it might "strengthen us in the faith," and transform us into "pilgrims of Christian hope"

- In his prayer intention for December, Pope Francis invites us to pray "that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."
- The Pope invites us to be pilgrims of hope in a world that "needs it a lot," and that "through us, let us allow it to reach everyone who is looking for it."
- "Hope," Pope Francis says, "is an anchor an anchor that you cast over with a rope to be moored on the shore. We have to hold onto the rope of hope."

(Vatican City, December 3 2024). - "For pilgrims of hope" is the prayer intention chosen by Pope Francis for the month of December. It is a special invitation within the context of the upcoming Jubilee 2025. For this reason, the Pope asks us to "pray that this upcoming Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

The boat and the anchor

In the Statio Orbis during the pandemic in a deserted Saint Peter's Square, Pope Francis used the Gospel metaphor of the boat in the midst of the storm to recall the fragility and disorientation of humanity in the face of great trials. In a certain sense, the Holy Father brings us back to that boat so as to highlight the importance of the anchor in this month's prayer intention. "Hope," he says, accompanying his words with very eloquent gestures, "is an anchor – an anchor that you cast over with a rope to be moored on the shore. We have to hold onto the rope of hope."

In the footsteps of Abraham

"The virtue of hope gives us a lot of strength to walk through life," Pope Francis said on 28 December 2016 during the General Audience dedicated to the figure of Abraham. On the one hand, Abraham was not "afraid to see reality for what it was," and on the other hand, he was capable of "going beyond human reasoning, beyond the world's wisdom and prudence, beyond what was normally considered common sense, to believe in the impossible." Like Abraham, the protagonists of this month's The Pope Video set out on a journey, beginning with their own difficulties: the worries of a woman in front of an empty pantry, the doubts of a student regarding the future. (see this month's video on our website) "Day by day, let us fill our lives with the gift of hope that God gives us, and through us, let us allow it to reach everyone who is looking for it," the Pope says in his message that accompanies his prayer intention. And this is exactly what happens to the protagonists in the video: on their journey, both of them meet some "pilgrims of hope" who welcome and comfort them, inviting them to join them on their symbolic journey toward the Holy Door which will remain open during the entire Jubilee year.

Jubilee 2025, an invitation to walk in hope

Jubilee 2025, whose theme is "Pilgrims of hope", will be a unique moment for celebration and profound reflection. Also called the "Holy Year," it is not only a stop on the journey of faith, but also an invitation to recognize Christ in the everyday.

Diocese of Orlando - Jubilee Year Opening Mass, Dec. 28th - Bishop John Noonan invites all the faithful to join him in the opening liturgy for the Jubilee Year, Spes non confundit ("Hope does not disappoint."), declared by Pope Francis. The Jubilee Year opens as a gift from God. In the Diocese of Orlando our observance will begin with an anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Saturday, December 28th, at 4 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave., Orlando. The Diocesan Jubilee will conclude on the Feast of the Holy Family on December 28, 2025 with the concluding Mass of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. The Jubilee Year will be a time of pilgrimage, and pious visits; a time to practice the works of mercy and penance; to renew our common baptism; to seek to be "Pilgrims of Hope." Bishop Noonan has designated St. James Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage for all to "come and see."

FORMED

Week of December 29, 2024



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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Deacon Pete Pronko	. Permanent Deacon
Deacon Bryan Zornik	Permanent Deacon

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Book & Gift Store Hours

Mon. to Fri.: 10:30am – 5pm Sat.: 4:30-5pm; 6-6:30pm, Sun.: 9am-1:30pm.

Parish Office Hours

Mondays - Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Sundays from 9am to 12noon

In need of assistance?



Please contact our Society of St.Vincent dePaul at 407-215-7669 or by email: svdp@annunciationorlando.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We look forward to welcoming your child into our family at Annunciation Catholic Church! For information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism for Children, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Experience the joy of forgiveness... If it has been a while since you have been to Confession, do not be afraid! The Priest will guide you through this Sacrament of healing. Visit www.annunciationorlando.org/reconciliation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit... For information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth, please contact our Faith Formation for Children and Youth at 407-869-9472. If you are an adult in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact our Adult Faith Formation Office at 407-869-9472.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8 For information regarding the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

VOCATIONS

...I have called you by name. Isaiah 43:1 Do you feel called to Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact our Clergy at 407-869-9472.

Hospital Visitation ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you or a loved one in need of healing? If you or someone in your family is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472. In case of emergency or if you or a family member are in the hospital, please contact the Parish Office to receive a pastoral visit.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Now may be the time... and this may be the place! For more information on the journey of Christian Initiation, please contact Deacon Pete Pronko at 407-869-9472.

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