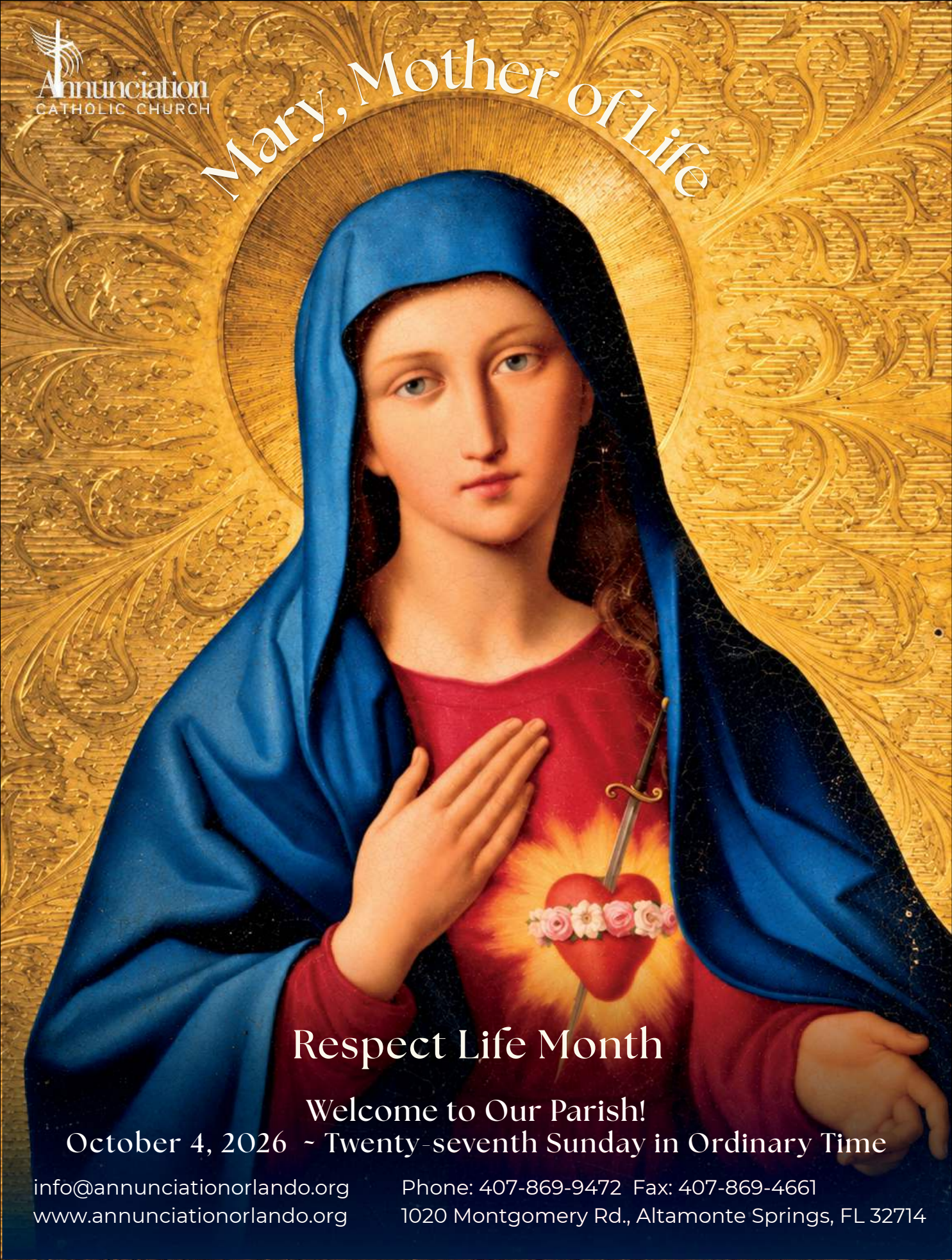


# Mary, Mother of Life



## Respect Life Month

Welcome to Our Parish!

October 4, 2026 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Are you new to the Parish?

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## Mass Intentions

### SAT, OCT 3

8:00am Jim and Alice Behant†

5:00pm Charleen Nash†

### SUN, OCT 4

8:00am Ralph and Margie Klipfelt†

10:00am People of Our Parish  
Ed Kroll†

12:00pm Millie Hammond†

5:30pm Allen and Rose Morgenthaler†

### MON, OCT 5

7:00 am Austin Howard†

12:15pm Jason Foglia†

### TUE, OCT 6

7:00am Caleb Kukuk†

12:15pm Larry Mallett†

7:00pm Adriano Falcones†

### WED, OCT 7

7:00am Peter Zalewski†

12:15pm John and Ann Walsh†

### THU, OCT 8

7:00am Val Abaloz†

12:15pm Mark Calabrese†

### FRI, OCT 9

7:00am Bob Bernard†

12:15pm Carlos Fernandez- Maldonado†

### SAT, OCT 10

8:00am Walter J. Elias†

5:00pm George and Lillian Austint†

### SUN, OCT 11

8:00am Marie and Paul Fratto†

10:00am People of Our Parish  
Stacey Kost Belcher†

12:00pm Dr. Bernardino and Natividad Cruz†

5:30pm Zellie Mae Thomas†

## Readings for Next Weekend

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10a

**Psalm:** Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✦ October 4, 2026

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

### Daily Masses

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

Tuesday: 7pm (Spanish)

### RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP on our website.

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. (no rsvp needed)

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

*For mental health ministry.*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

### Are you interested in registering at our Parish?

You can complete the registration form on our website or visit our Parish Office. Click on the QR code for a direct link to the form.



### Offertory and Online Giving.

Thank you for continuing to support our Parish.

Visit our online giving portal.

Click on the QR Code: or visit

[www.annunciationorlando.org/online-giving](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/online-giving)



### Baptisms - Welcome!

Savannah Irene Angelotti

## Recently Deceased

†Joseph House

†Cynthia Etienne

†Richard Hall

†Evelyn Marie Woxberg

†Nora Di Lorenzo

†Lynne Rahtes

†M. Lee Upcraft

†Lillie Quintanilla

†Michele Fleming

†Robert Coy

†Angie Brock

†Clarence Frazier

†Dan Gribbin

†Carol Binkley

†Stu O'Hara

†Gladys Rivera

†Vincent Radice

†Edeline Prepetit

†Chris Pfeiffer

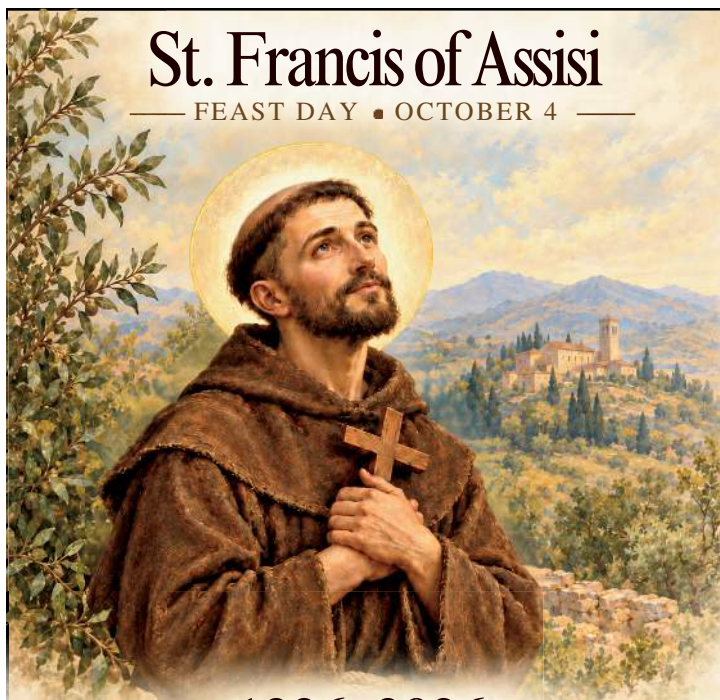
†Caroline Morgan

†Edna Flick

†Deborah Taylor

# St. Francis of Assisi

— FEAST DAY ■ OCTOBER 4 —



## 1226–2026

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of His Death

Eight centuries later, St. Francis still invites us to follow Jesus with joyful simplicity, to care for those in need, and to praise God through the beauty of creation.

May his example inspire us to bring Christ's peace to our homes, our parish, and our world.

*St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.*

**Photos from the Annunciation Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe.** Annunciation was in our prayers as we celebrated Mass at many beautiful shrines and chapels. 🙏



St. Peter's Church, Vienna, Austria



Chapel and tomb of St. Faustina, Kraków, Poland

## Reflection on the Gospel

*Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." Matthew 21:42–43*

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The vineyard, drawn from Isaiah 5:1–7, represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who has lovingly cultivated His people since Abraham. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize His providential care, protection, and provision for their spiritual growth.

The tenants are Israel's religious leaders, entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants are the prophets, God's faithful messengers who were repeatedly rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father.

The parable ends with the son's murder, yet from this tragedy comes a new beginning: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43). Though Jesus addressed the religious leaders of His time, His words challenge and invite us today.

God entrusts His vineyard, the Church, to our care. Today, we can recognize His loving provision in the Sacraments, the Church's teaching authority, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. He continues to cultivate His vineyard, expecting fruit through lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. We are called to receive this trust gratefully and labor diligently, remembering the price paid by the Son for our redemption.

Sometimes we speak of "the Church" as a distant institution, thinking immediately of the Vatican, the pope, or our bishop. These shepherds have essential roles, but the Church encompasses all the people of God.

The vineyard's fruit is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. Clergy, religious, and laity alike share responsibility for this harvest. Each of us has a place in the vineyard and a part in its care. Under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, we are called to work together and offer the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth.

*Source: mycatholic.life*

# Annunciation Music Ministry

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

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### REHEARSALS ON MONDAYS

Starting September 14, 2026

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Grades 6-8

5:00-5:45pm

St. Gabriel Life Center Choir Room

#### HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Grades 9-12

6:00-6:45pm

St. Gabriel Life Center Choir Room

### REGISTER AT

[www.annunciationorlando.org/childrens-choir](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/childrens-choir)

Questions? Contact Mark McCabe at  
mmccabe@annunciationorlando.org



### ANNUNCIATION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Photos from our last Life Night!

Thank you Fr. Zach for the visit!



View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)

## The Kids Bulletin

### Grow Good Fruit



A garden needs care to grow good fruit. God cares for us like a gardener cares for each plant. He gives us His love and helps us grow. He wants our lives to bear good fruit, too.

God's Church is more than a building. It is His people. You are part of His Church! You do not have to wait until you are grown to have a part.

At Mass, you can sing, pray, and listen to God's Word. Then you can ask, "Jesus, what do You want me to do today?" Think about what you heard. Let it guide the choices you make.

When we listen to Jesus and live His words, our faith grows. This is the good fruit God wants us to bear.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

#### HIGH SCHOOL



#### LIFE NIGHT

SUNDAY, OCT. 11TH

6:45-8:15 PM

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL



#### EDGE NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCT. 16TH

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 Photo of our ACA honor students at the Blue Mass  
 in the Cathedral honoring our first responders.



## We Are Called by *Name* CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### Registration Now Open

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based  
 program for children ages 3–6 in a carefully curated  
 classroom known as the “Atrium.”

**Choose a weekly class**  
**Tuesdays or Thursdays**  
**9:30–11:00 am**

Tuesday classes begin October 13.  
 Thursday classes begin October 15.

### Participation Requirements

Families must be **registered parishioners** at Annunciation  
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**Limited to 10 children in each class**

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
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# Catechesis *Corner*

## Dignity: Our Worth Comes from God

What makes a person valuable? We often  
 measure worth by accomplishments, abilities, or  
 what someone can contribute. Our Catholic faith  
 points to something deeper.

The Catechism teaches, “The dignity of the  
 human person is rooted in his creation in the  
 image and likeness of God” (CCC 1700). Dignity is  
 the God-given worth of every human person. We  
 do not earn it, and it does not diminish with age,  
 illness, or dependence on others.

During Respect Life Month, we remember that  
 this dignity belongs to every person, from  
 conception to natural death. The child growing in  
 the womb, the person living with a disability, the  
 struggling parent, the elderly neighbor the  
 immigrant, the impoverished, and the  
 imprisoned.

Respecting life begins with recognizing the  
 person before us. We put that belief into practice  
 when we support someone in need, patiently  
 listen to someone who is lonely, or care for  
 someone who cannot repay us.

**This week:** Who in your life needs a reminder  
 that they matter? Offer one simple act of love  
 that honors their God-given dignity.

*Lord, help us see Your image in every person and  
 treat each life as a precious gift. Amen.*

## Sunday Scramble

Visit  
[www.bible.usccb.org](http://www.bible.usccb.org)  
 to read this Sunday's  
 readings.

**Last Sunday's answer:**  
 The son thought again  
 about his father's  
 request. His change of  
 heart led to a better:  
 RE-ACTION

Unscramble each word from today's readings.  
 Then use the circled letters to solve the final clue.

### TWORCHEWAT

First Reading • Isaiah 5:1–7



### RUEP

Second Reading • Philippians 4:6–9



### STABSE

Psalm • Psalm 80



### DRYAVNIE

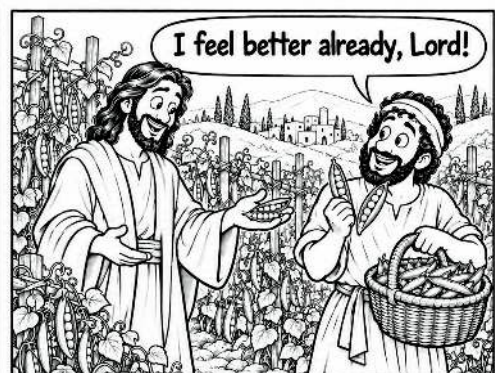
Gospel • Matthew 21:33–43



What did Jesus say to the worried farmer  
 to put his mind at ease?



Scripture clue - Philippians 4:9  
 Bring your worries to God in prayer.



# Seasons of Hope

Bringing Comfort  
through Catholic Grief Support



Our next session is on  
Wednesday, October 14th.

"Seasons of Hope" is a unique grief support program for Catholics that focuses on the spiritual side of grieving the death of a loved one.

The program is led by Dr. Curran and will meet once a month from **6-7:30 pm** in the **St. Gabriel Life Center**. The program invites those who mourn to accompany one another and to meet Christ through scripture, prayer, reflection, and simple activities that offer comfort and help to foster healing and spiritual growth.



**PLEASE REGISTER**  
by contacting Jody North at  
[jnorth@annunciationorlando.org](mailto:jnorth@annunciationorlando.org)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

# Grow in Your Faith

Join Fr. Matthew for a thoughtful exploration of the Christian faith through this classic book.



**Mere Christianity**  
by C.S. Lewis

Deepen your understanding.

Bring your questions.

Grow together in faith.

## Beginning October 19th

Sessions are on Mondays at 10:30am  
or Tuesdays at 5:30pm

**St Gabriel Life Center**

No RSVP necessary.  
All are welcome to attend.

# Build a *habit* of daily prayer

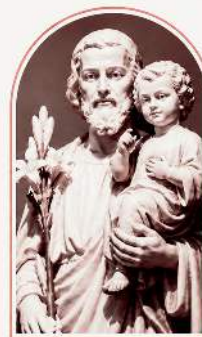


We are continuing our partnership with Hallow. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace, everyday. Users can pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.

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## St Joseph Men's Group



**JOIN US** every Friday morning

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All men of the parish are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact  
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**Eucharistic Adoration...**  
**Find Your Peace & Joy in the LORD.**

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## The *Living Rosary*


**Wednesday,  
October 14th  
7:00 PM**  
 Join us for a beautiful  
evening of prayer.

To sign up as a candle holder, visit:  
[www.annunciationorlando.org/rosary](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/rosary)



### Community Food Distribution

In partnership with The Sharing Center and Second Harvest. Friday, October 9th. Distribution is from 10:30am to 12noon (or until the food runs out) on our campus. There will be fresh produce, frozen protein and pantry staples. **Please share with any families in need.** Thank you!

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## Pillars of Faith

by Fr. Stephen Baumann

### The Guardian Angels

What is this feast day all about? The text of the Collect and the prayer after Communion tell us: "God our Father in your loving providence you send your holy angels to watch over us" (Collect). "By the ministry of your angels, lead us into the way of salvation and peace" (Prayer after Communion). This is a day of praise and thanks to God for his providence and goodness.

In Christian and Jewish belief, angels are spirits created by God before human beings to regulate the order of the world and serve as messengers. Their mission for human beings always has something to do with God's plan of salvation. In the Old Testament, the message is often barely distinct from God, and appears in order to guide individuals or the entire chosen people. The personification always maintains the sovereignty of God, yet it is always understood that God is intervening in human affairs. The same is true of the angels' visits in the New Testament, in the dream of St. Joseph, the Annunciation to Mary, the angels who assist Christ after the temptations in the desert, and the angels at the tomb.

The liturgy for this feast honors the angels as persons, pure spirits, messengers of God and it has been a traditional teaching that these spirits are our helpers. "Under their constant care," we are kept "free from danger in this life" and brought to "the joy of eternal life." (Cf. Prayer over the Gifts).

In the sermon that is part of the Office of Readings, St. Bernard tells us: "So, let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors, let us return their love and honor them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honor must go to God, for it is from Him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect."



### Annunciation Habitat for Humanity

We have several build dates coming up in Sanford. It is easy to sign-up and get involved and it is very rewarding to work with the families that we are serving. Habitat provides all tools and training. No prior construction experience is required. For more information visit

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**Contact us at [accauction2026@gmail.com](mailto:accauction2026@gmail.com) to discuss your item. Thank you for your support!**

**Great Grandma's Attic** This area of the Festival, located in the St. Gabriel Life Center, features crystal, silver, china and other unique and gently used items for sale to benefit our Fall Festival charities. **To donate** please call Eve McBride at 772-607-0631 or email [emcbride821@gmail.com](mailto:emcbride821@gmail.com) to discuss your items.

**Jewelry items needed** It's time to clean out your jewelry box and consider donating unwanted jewelry to the Fall Festival. In addition to costume jewelry, we will be happy to take broken gold and silver jewelry, one earring, etc. **For more information** contact Sandy at [sandrabattaglia2@gmail.com](mailto:sandrabattaglia2@gmail.com)

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**Local contact: Marian**

[altamontespringspvleader@gmail.com](mailto:altamontespringspvleader@gmail.com)

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For more information please call our Parish Office at **407-869-9472** or email **info@annunciationorlando.org**

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### Book & Gift Store Hours

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Sunday: 9am-1:30pm.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm. Sundays from 9am to 12noon.

### In need of assistance?



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

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

### Sacrament of Baptism

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

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit...

- Youth: Contact Faith Formation for Children and Youth at 407-869-9472.
- Adults: Contact our Adult Faith Formation Office at 407-869-9472.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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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. Emergencies: In case of emergency or hospital stay, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 to request a pastoral visit.

## VOCATIONS & FAMILY LIFE

### Sacrament of Marriage

"...and the two shall become as one." — Mark 10:8  
Please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date and before finalizing venue plans.

### Vocations

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Do you feel called to the Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact our Clergy at 407-869-9472.

### Annulments

Questions about divorce and re-marriage? For information regarding Annulments, please contact Jody North at 407-215-7639.

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