



Annunciation hearts are burning
to know, love and serve God
by loving and serving others.

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a
king who gave a wedding feast for his son.”

Matthew 22:2



Welcome to Our Parish!
October 11, 2026 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

SAT, OCT 10

8:00am Walter J. Eliason†

5:00pm George and Lillian Austin†

SUN, OCT 11

8:00am Marie and Paul Fratto†

10:00am People of Our Parish

Stacey Kost Belchert†

12:00pm Dr. Bernardino and Natividad Cruz†

5:30pm Zellie Mae Thomas†

MON, OCT 12

7:00 am James Daly†

12:15pm Frieda Mueller†

TUE, OCT 13

7:00am Jure Vucemilovic†

12:15pm Stephen Mitchell†

7:00pm Nelson Delgado†

WED, OCT 14

7:00am Desmond D'Souza†

12:15pm Charlie Kirk†

THU, OCT 15

7:00am Salud Conalest†

12:15pm John C. Reilly†

FRI, OCT 16

7:00am Michael Staggs II†

12:15pm Rosemarie Lucyk†

SAT, OCT 17

8:00am Andrew Bruce Paxton†

5:00pm Isagani Sabino†

SUN, OCT 18

8:00am Pat Scala†

10:00am People of Our Parish

Judy Buffalo†

12:00pm Michael and Rita Giammarco†

5:30pm Kathleen Uliano†

Readings for Next Weekend

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms: Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✦ October 11, 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



Flowers for the Altar

In loving memory of Ronald D. Bledsoe Sr.

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In loving memory of Deborah Henderson

### Baptisms - Welcome!

Hugh James Slater IV

### Recently Deceased

†Naguib Anawati

†Roger Bradley

†Richard Cefalo

†James Bennett

†James Phillips

†James Doran

†Jerry Rodger Jordan

†Bishop Emeritus Frank Dewane

## Respect Life Month



**FLORIDA CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**  
*The nonpartisan public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Florida*

### Florida Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Death Penalty

#### CONDENSED SUMMARY

Florida's bishops call for renewed reflection on the death penalty after record executions in 2025 and legislation expanding its use.

#### THE CORE MESSAGE

Every person has God-given dignity, including those convicted of serious crimes. The bishops recognize the profound suffering of victims and their families. Because life imprisonment without parole can protect society, executions are no longer morally justified.

#### WHAT JESUS TEACHES

Jesus taught mercy, forgiveness and the possibility of repentance. He rejected violence and called for reconciliation rather than retaliation. His teachings invite Christians to move beyond "an eye for an eye" toward mercy and respect for life.

#### CHURCH TEACHING

Moral truths do not change, but the Church's understanding of their application can deepen as appreciation for human dignity grows and new means of protecting society become available.

Pope St. John Paul II taught that executions should occur only when absolutely necessary to protect society, circumstances he considered extremely rare or practically nonexistent. Popes Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV reaffirmed opposition. Pope Francis revised the Catechism to call the death penalty "inadmissible" because it violates human dignity. The Church seeks its worldwide abolition.

#### JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS

Victims and their families deserve compassion, support and justice. Opposition to executions does not mean releasing offenders. Florida's alternative is life imprisonment without parole, a severe punishment that protects the public without taking another life.

#### PRACTICAL CONCERNS

Decades of research have not demonstrated that capital punishment deters murder. Death penalty cases cost more than life imprisonment because of trial, appeals and incarceration expenses. Wrongful convictions also occur; Florida leads the nation in death row exonerations.

#### THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

The bishops urge Catholics and all people of good will to end capital punishment in Florida. They call for respect for every human life, from unborn children to convicted offenders, and for hearts transformed by Christ's love.

#### READ THE FULL PASTORAL LETTERS



ENGLISH



SPANISH

## Reflection on the Gospel

The central theme of the parable from the Gospel can be found in the opening line: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come.

The first invited guests "refused to come." This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God's justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way? Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements.

When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come" - even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

*Source: mycatholic.life*

# Annunciation Music Ministry

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

Share your musical talents with your faith community!



**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

### 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



Please join us for our

## October MEETING



THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 15



9:30 AM



SAINT GABRIEL  
LIFE CENTER

FEATURED SPEAKER

*Dr. Katie Good*

### NAVIGATING DIFFICULT TOPICS

*Knowing What, When & How to Talk to Our Preteens*



**NO MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5**  
Due to Fall Festival preparations

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## The Kids Bulletin



### God's Invitation

Jesus told a story about a king who planned a big feast for his son. The king asked many people to come. He wanted them to share his joy!

God wants to share His joy with us, too. He loves us and calls us to be close to Him. One special way we can do this is at Mass.

At Mass, we hear God's Word. We pray and sing. Jesus is with us! We can tell Him what is in our hearts and thank Him for His love.

The next time you go to Mass, think of it as God's call to come close. You can pray, "Jesus, I am here. Help me listen and grow in Your love."

# YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**LIFE TEEN**  
**LIFE NIGHT**  
SUNDAY, OCT. 11TH  
6:45-8:15 PM

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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  
 Catholic Church. Children must be ages 3–6 and **fully potty trained**.

**Limited to 10 children in each class**

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[annunciationorlando.org/  
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# Catechesis *Corner*

## Adoration: Being with Jesus

When we love someone, we make time to be  
 with them. Eucharistic adoration is an invitation  
 to spend time with Jesus.

What does adoration mean? It is the worship we  
 offer to God alone, recognizing His greatness and  
 our need for Him. The Catechism describes it as  
 an attitude of humility and reverence before our  
 Creator (CCC 2628).

In Eucharistic adoration, we worship Jesus, truly  
 present in the Blessed Sacrament—Body, Blood,  
 Soul, and Divinity. We can adore Him when the  
 Eucharist is exposed in a monstrance, the sacred  
 vessel that holds the consecrated Host, or when  
 He remains in the tabernacle (CCC 1374, 1378–  
 1379).

We do not need perfect words or a long list of  
 prayers. We can thank Jesus, bring Him our  
 worries, read a passage of Scripture, or simply rest  
 quietly in His presence. When our minds wander,  
 we can gently turn our attention back to Him.

**This week:** Make a little time to visit Jesus in the  
 Blessed Sacrament or our Adoration Chapel.  
 Begin with a simple prayer: “Jesus, I am here.  
 Help me to open my heart to You.”

## Sunday Scramble

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

**Last Sunday's answer:**  
 What did Jesus do to the  
 worried farmer to put his  
 mind at ease:  
 “PEAS” BE WITH YOU

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

**REVROFE**

First Reading • Isaiah 25:6–10a

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**SURETSPA**

Psalms • Psalm 23

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**BEMLUH**

Second Reading • Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

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**DITNEVI**

Gospel • Matthew 22:1–14

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**With His table overflowing and His doors open wide,  
 God's invitation is full...**

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Scripture clue – Matthew 22:4  
 God invites you to His table. Make room to say yes.



# 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)

## Photos from Blessing of the Animals



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

## 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**

The book is not required. No RSVP necessary.  
All are welcome to attend.

# Fall MOVIE NIGHT

★ FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FUN

Saturday, October 24th at 7pm  
in the grassy area behind the Church.



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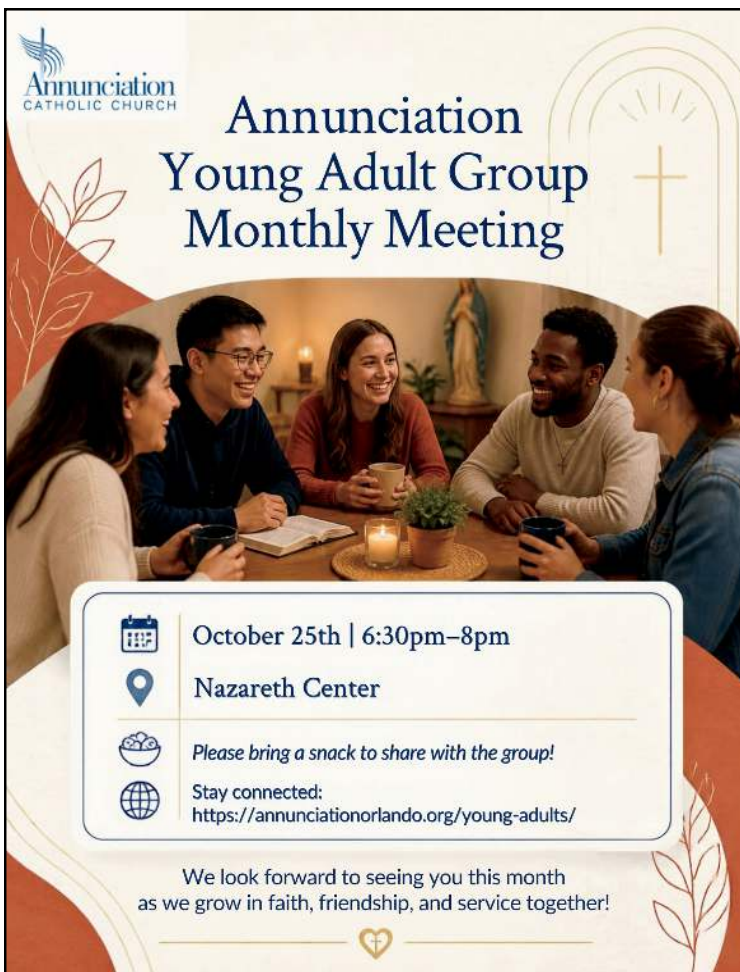
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## The *Living Rosary*

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)



**Annunciation  
Young Adult Group  
Monthly Meeting**

-  **October 25th | 6:30pm–8pm**
-  **Nazareth Center**
-  **Please bring a snack to share with the group!**
-  **Stay connected:**  
<https://annunciationorlando.org/young-adults/>

We look forward to seeing you this month  
as we grow in faith, friendship, and service together!



The Saint Vincent DePaul truck will be here on Thursday, October 16, from 10 am until 1 pm. The truck will be located in the North parking lot, by the St. Gabriel Life Center. We will be collecting new and used clothing, small appliances and small furniture. **We will not be collecting food items at this time.**

## Pillars of Faith

by Fr. Stephen Baumann

**St. Bruno, Priest – October 6th**

Born in Cologne, Germany in 1030 St. Bruno became a priest, and later professor of theology at Rheims. He was head of the school and chancellor of the diocese. He supported Pope Gregory VII in his efforts to reform the clergy, and experienced personal harassment and difficulties because of it. He had for a long time desired a life of solitude and seized the opportunity to retire from public life. He also persuaded some friends to join him in a rather bleak desert area near Grenoble, Spain, the area of Chartreuse. There, they built an oratory and some small hermitages, and this foundation became the Order of Carthusians.

Their ideal was a life of solitary prayer, with some communal prayer daily, and an occasional meal together on feast days. Later, Bruno was called to Rome by Pope Urban II, a former pupil, to give him counsel in governing the Church. Bruno was able to turn down honors and an archbishop position, and prevailed upon the pope to allow him to return to his solitude. There he continued to guide his monks, to pray and to study.

To the monks, he wrote: "Rejoice, my dearest brothers, because you are so blessed and because of the bountiful hand of God's grace upon you. Rejoice because you have escaped the various dangers and shipwrecks of our stormy world. Rejoice because you have reached the quiet and safe anchorage of a secret harbor...."

St. Bruno believed that moments and times of prayerful solitude are spiritually helpful. They can help us remain faithful as we struggle amid daily problems and changes. They strengthen us to face the challenges around us in the Church and in modern society.



## 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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Fall Festival SAVE THE DATES

November 6-7, 2026

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**Now accepting Auction Items.**

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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)

# Undivided Hearts: at the Heart

Orlando Diocese  
Women's Vocational Discernment Retreat

"In every age there have been men and women who, obedient to the Father's call and to the prompting of the Spirit, have chosen this special way of following Christ, in order to devote themselves to him with an *'undivided heart'* (cf. 1 Cor. 7:34)."

-Vita Consecrata, I

REGISTER  
HERE!



October 31, 2026

9AM - 8PM

(sign-up deadline: October 27)

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questions...? please contact

Sr. Gianna Grace, SCTJM

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## HELP SAVE LIVES IN ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

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**Local contact: Marian**

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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

Monday to Friday: 10:30am – 5pm.  
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?

Now may be the time... and this may be the place! For more information on the journey of Christian Initiation (OCIA), please contact one of our priests or deacons, or call the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

### 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. Learn more: [www.annunciationorlando.org/reconciliation](http://www.annunciationorlando.org/reconciliation)

### Anointing of the Sick & Hospital Visitation

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

"...I have called you by name." — Isaiah 43:1  
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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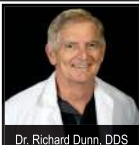
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