

WELCOME TO

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

February 2, 2025

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas

Mass Schedule

English Mass.....10:00 AM

Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Senior Mark Raya – (310) 505-1047

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Marcus R. Tinajero. PH.D – (210) 825 - 0160

Seminarian: Mr. Robert Grizzell – (559) 718 - 3427

About Our Church

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church is a parish of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church, established in 1897 by Bishop Francis Hodur for Polish nationals and became known as the Polish National Catholic Church. We invite all Catholics to receive communion who are sacramentally prepared and ready to receive.

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Announcements & Events

Readings for Mass:

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord- Mass on February 2, 2025 @ 11 AM at St. Martin and St. Rose Parish

This is a reminder that on February 2, 2025, Mass will be held at St. Martin and St. Rose Parish at 11 AM Bilingual for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord/ Candlemas. Please bring candles you want to be blessed to the mass, and Father will bless them. We will also have the blessing of the throats in honor of the feast of St. Blaise following the liturgy. The address for the St. Martin and St. Rose Parish is 1007 W Theo Ave San Antonio, TX 78225.

Celebration of Confirmation Mass- Friday, March 21, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

- Please join us in welcoming the visit of our Bishop John Mack, who will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates. The Mass will be held at St. Martin and St. Rose Polish National Catholic Church- 1007 W. Theo Ave, San Antonio, TX, 78225. Hope to see you all there. Christ the King Missionary Outreach will also be present, with candidates to be presented and will be registered under St. Martin and St. Rose Polish National Catholic Church Parish.

Second Collection

-This is a reminder that we will have a second collection every Sunday to help offset the insurance cost and other parish expenses. Thank you for your contribution and donations to help support our parish.

2025 Parish Membership dues are due by the end of the month (January)

- The 2025 fiscal parish dues are due by the end of the month of January. Please get in touch with Ms. Roxann Obledo to pay your parish membership dues. The dues are **\$100.00 per family**. Forms for parish membership can be obtained from Ms. Roxann Obledo as well. If you need to contact Ms. Roxann Obledo, please request information from Deacon Marcus or Fr. Mark, who will assist you.

“The Happening” Retreat @ St. Martin and St. Rose Church- April 25, 2025- April 27, 2025.

Calling all young people in Grades 9- 12. This is a retreat for you. St. Martin and St. Rose Polish National Catholic Church will host a spiritual field weekend to learn more about the sacraments and explore your faith. Please consider registering. For more information about the retreat or if you would like to register your youth for the retreat, please get in touch with Deacon Marcus at (210) 825 – 0160.

Ordination of Deacon Rev. Mr. Marcus R. Tinajero to the Priesthood- Saturday, March 08, 2025 @ 1:00 PM at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Buffalo, NY.

- Save the date. Our Bishop John Mack has accepted our beloved Deacon Marcus to the order of the presbyterate. Deacon Marcus will be ordained at our Cathedral in Buffalo, NY. Please keep Deacon Marcus and his family in your prayers as he receives his priestly duties to serve the people of God.

La Loteria Fundraiser- February 22, 2025 @ 2:00 PM at Annunciation Parish

- Please join us for our first fundraiser of 2025 for Annunciation Parish. We will have food and drinks for sale. Annunciation Parish is at 1501 Tampico St., San Antonio, TX 78207. For more information, please get in touch with our Director of Fundraising, Mrs. Pat Vasquez, at (210) 915-9012.

Mr. Robert Grizzell has officially started his studies towards Ordination

- Mr. Robert Grizzell has begun his studies in the formation towards ordination. Mr. Grizzell’s wife and family are very supportive of his formation and enthusiastic for the future, as we are for him here at St. Martin and St. Rose. Please keep Mr. Grizzell and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through the formation program.

Deacon Sean Dodd’s Ordination

- Please keep Deacon Rev. Mr. Sean Dodd in your thoughts and prayers. Deacon Sean will be ordained to the order of the presbyterate in the coming months. Deacon Sean is the seminarian we sent to the seminary in Scranton, PA. Please keep Rev. Mr. Sean Dodd and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Recurring Announcements

Liturgical Ministers

We are always looking for parishioners to volunteer to help with liturgical functions for the liturgy. These include **Altar Servers, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, and Sacristans**. If you are interested in any of these functions, please notify Fr. Mark before or after the weekend liturgy or call or text our number @ (310) 505-1047

Church Cleaning

Please help us clean our sanctuary by putting trash in the trash bin. If you would like to help clean the church, please notify Fr. Mark @ (310) 505-1047 to arrange a day and time you would like to assist in keeping our church clean.

Rosary

Please join us in praying the rosary 30 minutes before the liturgy. The rosary assists us in calling upon the intercession of our Blessed Mother, reminds us of the prayerful environment of the church, and prepares us to celebrate the sacred mysteries. The mysteries of the Rosary are as follows:

- Sundays of Advent and Christmas JOYFUL
- Sundays of Lent SORROWFUL
- Other Sundays GLORIOUS

Our 2025 Parish Committee Members

- **Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Sr. Mark Raya- (310) 505-1047
- **Chairman:** Mr. Christopher Canales- (210) 378-0119
- **Vice-Chairwoman/Recording Secretary:** Ms. Aurora Rivas Hernandez- (210) 548-0138
- **Financial Secretary:** Ms. Rachel Canales- (210) 378- 0119
- **Treasurer:** Ms. Roxann Obledo- (210) 685- 6667
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- **Director of Building Maintenance:** Mr. Pedro Class- (210) 275- 1159
- **Director of Faith Formation and School of Christian Living:** Rev. Fr. Sr. Mark Raya- (310) 505-1047

Prayer for the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord:

My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

- <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/february-2-presentation-of-the-lord-feast/>

Readings for the Liturgy



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2. **Navigate to the "Download" section:** Find the "Download" option within the app's menu.
3. **Select the date:** Choose the date you want to download the texts.
4. **Choose your language:** Select the language you want the text displayed.
5. **Initiate download:** Click the "Download" button to download the liturgical texts for the selected day.
6. *** The Readings are located by tapping on the “Pray” tab, then tap the “Readings” tab for the readings for the mass.***



Reflection

Today, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. On this occasion, Simeon proclaims God's praise and thanksgiving for the coming of the Messiah. In his canticle, Simeon proclaims the greatness of the Lord and confirms that he is ready for salvation since he has seen the coming of the Lord. Jesus is presented as prescribed to the Jewish customs, and as he is presented at the temple, the gospel tells that Jesus continued “to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom; and that the favor of God was upon him” (Luke 2:40) with love and nurturing from his parents: Mary and Joseph. Something to reflect on from this feast day is the humility of Jesus throughout all the festivities and experiences he went through as a child. Imagine: The king of the universe, who created all things on earth and beyond, who even knew your name before you were conceived, came to earth as a humble child. He had to learn to walk, talk, eat, and drink. He had to learn the Torah and the Jewish scriptures. He had to go to school and learn manners. As it says in Philippians: “...Though he was in the form of God, [Jesus] did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself...”(Philippians 2:6-8) As Jesus grew throughout his upbringing, he remained God but never boasted his divinity. He humbled himself to be human and live amongst his creation. As we celebrate this feast this week, let us reflect on some questions to help in our reflection:

- How do I look at children?
 - Are they gifts from the Lord, even when they are energetic and wild?
- Have I given all I have to offer for my children or the children in my family?
 - Are there things I still want them to learn or hope we can learn together?
- Do I pray for my children (grandchildren)?

About The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC)

- The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) adopted a “Joint Declaration on Unity” with the Roman Catholic Church through which both bodies agreed to a limited communion arrangement.
 - We are in Dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church
 - The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) permits **divorced people** to participate fully in the Mass and to receive the Eucharist. The church does not recognize civil divorce and requires an annulment before parishioners can remarry.
 - The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) is governed by its Constitution and Laws. The legislative authority of the Church is vested in the General Synod, the Special Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the Parish Meeting. In financial and administrative matters, the Parishioners possess administrative authority. Representatives elected at the Annual Parish Meeting and confirmed by the Diocesan Bishop exercise their constitutional authority.
 - The hierarchy is as follows:
 - Prime Bishop: Rt. Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
Diocesan Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese:
Rt. Rev. John E. Mack
 - Diocese website: <https://buffalopittsburghdiocese.org/>
 - The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) is not under the authority of the Pope (Bishop) of Rome.
 - The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) observes the seven sacraments, and they are as follows:
 - 1. Baptism and Confirmation
 - 2. The Word of God
 - 3. Penance
 - 4. Eucharist
 - 5. Holy Unction (Anointing for Health)
 - 6. Holy Orders
 - 7. Matrimony
 - All Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) sacraments are valid and licit.
 - The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) clergy are permitted to marry.
 - If you are interested in registering for sacraments or want to learn more about the Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC), please get in touch with our line at (210) 825 – 0160 or email us at fathermarcus@smsrpnc.com. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.smsrpnc.com/>
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