

WELCOME TO

# Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *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

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## *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 that are sacramentally prepared and ready to receive.

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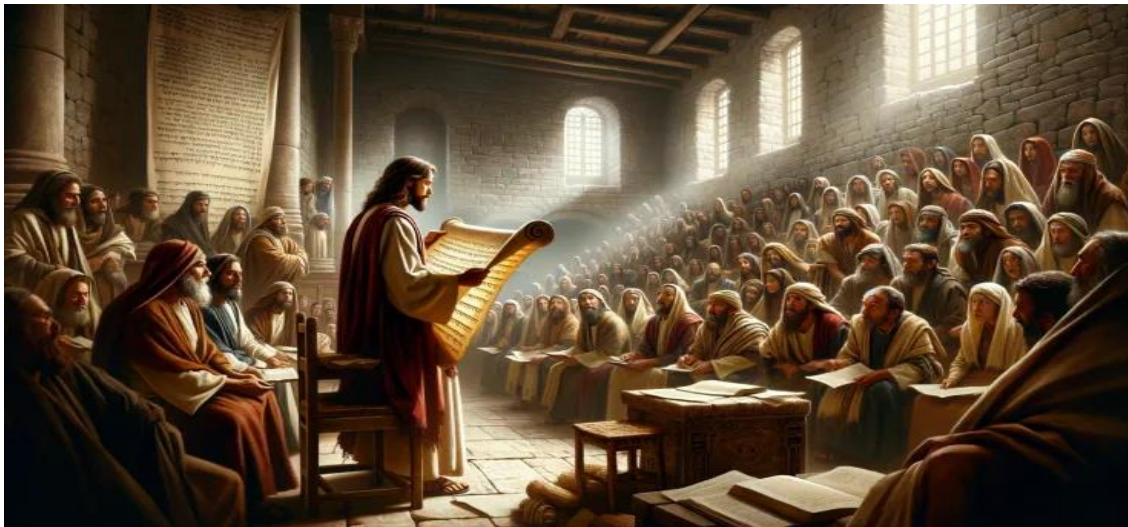
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## *Announcements & Events*

### **Readings for Mass:**

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**ABVM (Annunciation of the Blessed Virgen Mary) Parish Committee Meeting- Saturday, January 25, 2025, @12:00 PM**

- Please join us for our first parish meeting of the year. Lunch will be provided.

**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.

### **New Parish Committee Members**

- Please welcome our new parish committee for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgen Mary Polish National Catholic Church. A list of committee members and contact information will be posted on a separate page.

### **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 contact 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.

**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.

**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
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- **Director of Faith Formation and School of Christian Living:** Rev. Fr. Sr. Mark Raya- (310) 505-1047

## Readings for the Liturgy



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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*

In the Gospel today, we encounter Jesus proclaiming the words of the prophet Isaiah. Words that Jesus expresses are fulfilled in the presence of the assembly. The assembly has the Messiah (The Anointed One) in their midst, yet they are perplexed. How can Jesus- a man with flesh and blood- be the Messiah, the one who is to redeem Israel? Jesus does this by being the Christ, and shows this in his public ministry, but what about the assembly, didn't they have Yahweh among them already? Yes, and the message of the Gospel connects with the writings from St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul acknowledges God in the assembly by connecting them to the body of Christ. As he writes, "Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27) In reflecting upon these readings for this week.

Let us take these questions into prayer:

- How have I recognized Jesus (The Christ)'s presence in the community?
- Do I consider myself a member of the body of Christ?
  - Do I exalt myself over others?
- How do I build up the body of Christ in my community?

These are some questions to reflect on this week, but remember, we are all members of the body of Christ, and one part is not exalted over another. We recognize Jesus in all aspects of the liturgy: the scriptures, the Eucharist, the priest and servers, and especially in **The People**.

Let us continue to build up the body of Christ by recognizing Jesus is always present, especially, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name [Jesus], there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

## **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](mailto:fathermarcus@smsrpnc.com). For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.smsrpnc.com/>
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