

WELCOME TO

# Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

March 02, 2025

Eighth 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 who are sacramentally prepared and ready to receive.

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## **Announcements & Events**

### **Readings for Mass:**

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

### **Ash Wednesday-March 05, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**

-This Wednesday begins the season of lent in the Polish National Catholic Church. Remember that this day, along with the Fridays of Lent, are days of fasting and abstinence according to the rules and norms of the Polish National Catholic Church. There are cards in the church's vestibule that explain the rules and norms of fasting, so please feel free to take one. 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.

### **Stations of the Cross- Every Friday during the season of Lent @ 7:00 PM**

- Every Friday during the season of Lent, we will have the stations of the cross at St. Martin and St. Rose Polish National Catholic Church, located at 1007 W. Theo Ave, San Antonio, TX, 78225. Please join us in singing, meditating, and praying the Via Crucis. The sacrament of confession is available and highly recommended. If you want to go to the sacrament of confession, please contact Fr. Mark Raya. We will have another priest with us after the First Sunday of Lent, so there will be multiple opportunities to go to confession either during the stations or whenever the opportunity arises.

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### **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. Señor de los Rayos Polish National Catholic Church will also be present, with candidates to be presented. It 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 (March)**

- 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.

### **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 on May 10th, 2025. 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.

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## *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

## ***Litany of Humility***

*O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, Hear me.*

*From the desire of being esteemed,*

*Deliver me, Jesus. \*After every intention, respond with “Deliver me, Jesus.”\**

*From the desire of being loved...*

*From the desire of being extolled ...*

*From the desire of being honored ...*

*From the desire of being praised ...*

*From the desire of being preferred to others...*

*From the desire of being consulted ...*

*From the desire of being approved ...*

*From the fear of being humiliated ...*

*From the fear of being despised...*

*From the fear of suffering rebukes ...*

*From the fear of being calumniated ...*

*From the fear of being forgotten ...*

*From the fear of being ridiculed ...*

*From the fear of being wronged ...*

*From the fear of being suspected ...*

*That others may be loved more than I,*

*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

*That others may be esteemed more than I ...*

*That, in the opinion of the world,  
others may increase and I may decrease ...*

*That others may be chosen and I set aside ...*

*That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...*

*That others may be preferred to me in everything...*

*That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...*

Source: [Litany of Humility - Ascension](#)

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

### **Prayer Intentions for the Week**

- Please keep these people in your prayers this week:
  - Letty
  - Hugo
  - Fr. Andrew
  - Fr. Andrew's Mother
  - Fred
  - Leticia
  - Chavo
  - Aurora
  - James
  - Vera.L ; Husband of Ms. West
  - Cesar Flores
  - Fr. Gabriel

**If you want a prayer intention for the bulletin, please get in touch with Fr. Mark or Deacon Marcus, and we will have it in the bulletin next week.**

## Readings for the Liturgy



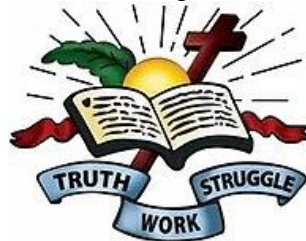
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6. \*\*\* The Readings are located by tapping on the “Pray” tab, then tap the “Readings” tab for the readings for the mass.\*\*\*



## *Reflection*

“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? (Luke 6:41) Wood has some very admirable qualities. Depending on the type of wood, you can build almost anything out of it. Wood can be used to make a house, start a fire, create furniture, or even create tools. Wood can also be used to burn someone at the stake, create hate signs and symbols, or even harm a variety of people as weapons, such as hanging a person on a cross. The item itself is not the problem, but the intention to use it, in this case, wood. In the gospel, Jesus uses the symbolism of wood in the image of splinters and beams. One reason could be that he would know the various casualties of working with wood since he was a carpenter. He would know how to refine and fortify the wood to strengthen it. Jesus would know how to use that wood to create art, and if he made an error in the design, he would know how to fix it. The problem with the judgment of the two brothers is not because they are judging but because both were blind and did not see the woundedness they both experienced with wood in their eyes. If we allow Jesus to remove the wood that blinds us, he can make beautiful creations out of it. It will be painful, especially during the time of Jesus; there was no anesthesia, pain medications, or even proper operation tables. However, we must trust that Jesus knows what he is doing to extract the wood and heal the wound; after all, he is the divine physician. As we progress through the week reflecting on our wounds from the wood that has embedded into our eyes, let us not make the mistake of performing surgery with unqualified and non-compassionate hands but allow the divine physician to properly extract and heal us so that we can see Jesus in our neighbor and bring others with similar wounds to the divine physician. Some questions to reflect on this week are:

- Have I allowed Jesus to operate and heal my wounds
  - Do I assist in bringing the wounded to Jesus, the divine physician?
- Have I made matters worse in trying to help people with their own wooden beams in their eyes, that I have caused more damage in both my wounds and theirs?
  - Am I humbling enough to know when to let go and let God?
- Am I that blind and ignorant to stay with the pain of the wood in my eye rather than suffer from the pain of the wood being taken out of my eye and being healed by the love and mercy of Jesus?



## **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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