

WELCOME TO

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

February 23, 2025

Seventh 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

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: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Rosary and Funeral Services for Frederico “Fred” Hernandez- Friday, February 28, 2025, and Saturday, March 1, 2025.

- There will be a Rosary and Funeral Service for Fred Hernandez. The visitation will be held at **Castillo Funeral Home**, located at **520 N General McMullen Dr. San Antonio, TX 78228** from **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. The **rosary** will be held at the same location at **6:00 PM**. The **Funeral Service/Mass** will be at **10:00 AM** at **St. Martin & St Rose Polish National Catholic Church** at **1007 W Theo Ave San Antonio, TX 78225**. Please keep Fred and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Grant eternal rest, O Lord, and May Perpetual Light shine upon him. May Fred and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

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 (February)

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

Prayer in reflection to Luke 6:27-38

Heavenly Father, thank You that by faith in Christ I have a new nature. I pray that I may live and grow more like the Lord Jesus in the choices I make. Father I know that I can never love those that hate and despise me in my own strength... but I pray that in Your grace You would help me to make the right choices - so that my will is align to Your perfect will - so that Your love flows through me to others.. to Your praise and glory in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Luke/6/27#>

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

Liturgy

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.



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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

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” It is the simplest of lessons we learn when we are children. Thus, somewhere along our life journey, we forget this fundamental lesson and succumb to our greediness and selfishness, making ourselves the most important person rather than our neighbor. This is why Jesus says, “You will be children of the Most High,” for as Jesus teaches in Luke 18:17, “Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” The path to peace and holiness is found in the childlike nature of forgiveness, charity, and humility. An example is my personal story: I had a spiritual authoritative figure I looked up to for support, compassion, and guidance. Things were going well for a while until all was revealed, and what came out of the encounter for the longevity of my experience with this individual was a betrayal of my trust and damage to my spirit. It created wounds that are still in the process of being healed today. This lesson applies not just to the laity but also to relations between clergy and parishioners. If we are not careful, we can affect the work of the spirit in the church's life by affecting vocations, sacraments, and the quality of spiritual life in our neighbors due to envy, jealousy, miscommunication/misinterpretation, or even spite. The conclusion to my story is yet to be written, but healing has begun. A Chinese proverb states, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Though my journey is not over, it started by forgiving my enemy and those whom I have animosity towards. It is a journey and not an easy one, but it doesn't have to be traveled alone or without charity. As Jesus says, “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). Let us accompany one another on our journeys and ask the Lord to help us to forgive our enemies and those who persecute us. A couple of questions to reflect on this week:

- How do I pray for my enemies and those who have persecuted or wounded me?
- Have I been an enemy to my neighbor or caused them to stumble on their spiritual journey?

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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