

WELCOME TO

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

February 16, 2025

Sixth 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.

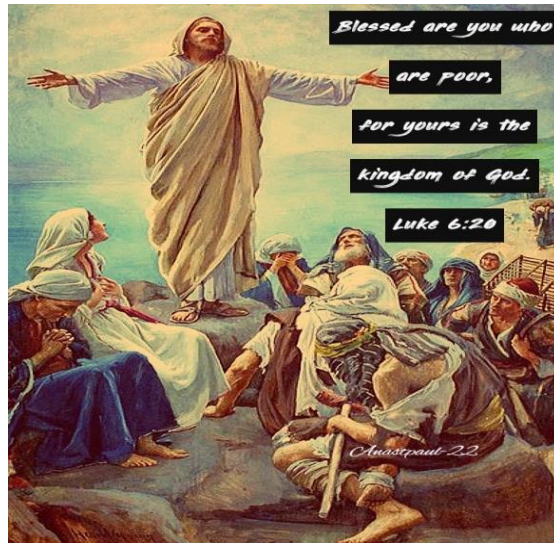
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Announcements & Events

Readings for Mass:

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

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.

“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
- **Director of Fundraising:** Mrs. Pat Vasquez- (210) 915- 9012
- **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 in reflection to Luke 6:17, 20-26

Heavenly Father, as we read Jesus' words in Luke 6:17, 20-26, we ask for the grace to embrace the 'blessedness' of being poor in spirit, hungry for righteousness, and weeping for what is right, even when it means facing rejection or hardship in this world. Help us to find true joy in serving others, sharing with those in need, and being persecuted for our faith, knowing that our reward is great in heaven. May we not be attached to worldly wealth or comfort, but seek your kingdom first and foremost. Guide us to live a life of compassion, humility, and love, mirroring the upside-down values of your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen."

Prayer Intentions for the Week

- Please keep these people in your prayers this week:
 - Letty
 - Hugo
 - Fr. Andrew
 - Fred
 - Leticia
 - Chavo
 - Aurora

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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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

Imagine trying to do the best you can at your work, family life, or school, and though challenging, you feel content with your work; but then comes someone else who does similar activities and with similar situations of life, and they make it look so easy. We feel disheartened, a failure; we question whether we were working hard in the first place or whether the things we have been doing are worth the energy. In the Gospel today, Jesus makes a note of these things, for he says: “Blessed are you who are poor..., Blessed are you who are now hungry..., Blessed are you who are now weeping..., Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”(Luke 6:20-22) In other words, “Blessed are you who are struggling at this moment and who feel helpless.” Why does Jesus praise those who are suffering and persecuted now? He connects our present suffering with his [future] suffering on the cross and enthusiastically says, “Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.” (Luke 6:23) He also warns those who do the opposite, “But woe to you who are rich...Woe to you who are filled now...Woe to you who laugh now...Woe to you when all speak well of you” (Luke 6:24-26). Seeing the light when persecuted or suffering in our present circumstances may be difficult. Still, in our trust in Jesus, we have hope that through these struggles, we will receive graces imaginable in the life to come and peace when we connect our present struggles and sufferings to our Lord. Some questions to reflect on this week:

- How am I connecting my present sufferings, hurts, wounds, and crosses to Jesus
 - Do I trust in his words that we will be rewarded through our sufferings?
- How do I help others in their sufferings
 - Am I a cross to others, or do I contribute to their suffering?

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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