

WELCOME TO

# Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

## *Mass Schedule*

English Mass.....10:00 AM

Clergy

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Marcus R. Tinajero. PH.D – (210) 825 - 0160

Cleric: 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.

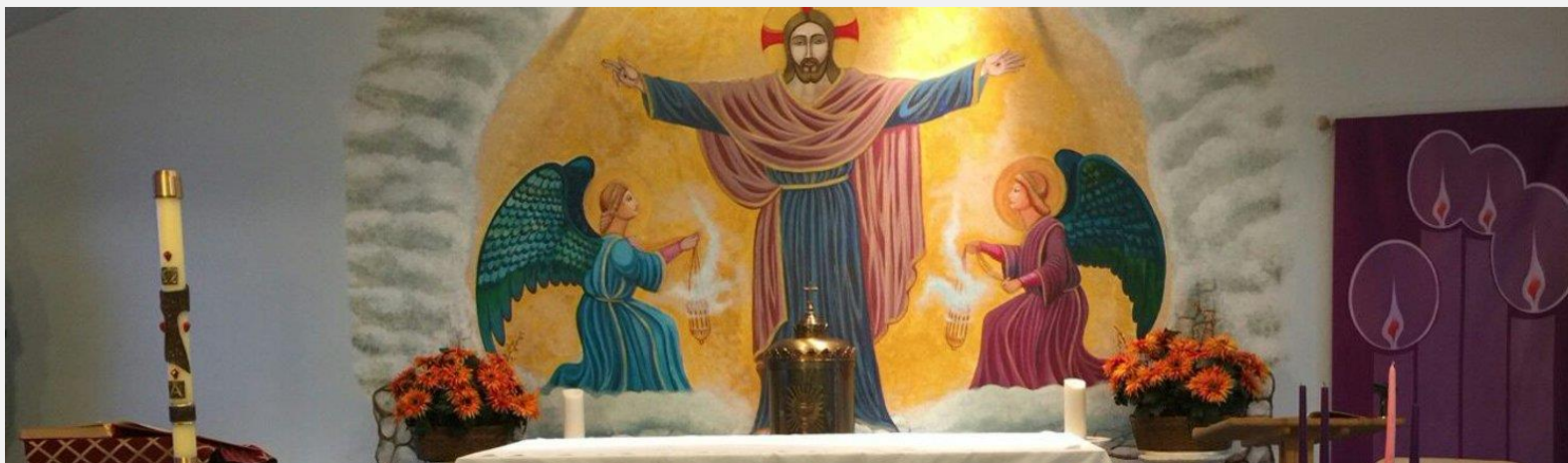
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## **Announcements & Events**

### **Readings for Mass:**

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28b-36

### **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.

### **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.

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### **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.

### **Seminarian Robert Grizzell will become a Cleric on March 21, 2025**

- 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. Mr. Grizzell will receive Tonsure and Minor Orders: Acolyte, Blessor, Lector, and Porter on March 21, 2025, at St. Martin and St. Rose PNCC.

### **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

### *A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent*

*Jesus, how good it is to be here with you. Let me never lose sight of your glory, no matter how much darkness may press on me. Let me live in your presence forever.*

Source: [The Transfiguration of the Lord | The Word Among Us](#)

### **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

### **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.

### **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 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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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*

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”(Luke 9:35). We often try to imagine what heaven is like. We sometimes picture heaven as a lush place with greenery, fruits, trees, and plants of various colors, smells, and textures. Some cinematic productions show heaven as the absolute epiphany of material desires. For example, in the cartoon “The Simpsons,” separations between religions and denominations of the Christian faith are depicted, and each “heaven” is perfect for that belief and has all the materialistic components each person could ever want. If that is what heaven truly is, it sounds more like hell. In the gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John, and he transfigures in their presence. He reveals God's mighty power and permits them to experience a bit of heaven. The disciples are left afraid, but they are not fearful in fear but are struck by unexplainable ecstasy that can only come from God's limitless wonder and majesty. God, The Father, even speaks to the disciples by telling them to listen to his son. (Luke 9:35) So where does this leave us? How can they experience a little bit of heaven like the disciples did on the mountaintop? We experience heaven every time we come to mass and actively participate. When we sing the hymns, respond with our prayers, receive the Eucharist, and overall, pray. Christ is revealed in all aspects of the Mass. He is revealed in the scriptures, the Eucharist, The Priest, and the congregation. We cannot yet handle the type of revelation shown at the transfiguration before Peter, James, and John. Still, through our observance and active participation in the Mass, we can see the transfigured Christ in all aspects of the Mass. We need to have faith and want to see it, or we can be naive like Peter, who only saw the abnormality of the ordinary and wanted to make tents for the three figures (Luke 9:33) and not the revelation of the divine. Some questions to reflect on this week:

- How do I see Christ in the Mass
  - Do I actively participate in the Mass by singing, responding, or greeting my other parishioners?

## **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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