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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 p.m. - Bilingual

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - English

9:30 a.m. - English

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month after 8:00 a.m. Mass

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - January 12, 2025

Of the hundreds of Jews who had flocked to hear John the Baptist's message, and who were present when Christ insisted on going through John's baptismal rite and who had probably heard the words from heaven proclaiming him to be the expected Messiah, only two left the Baptist and followed him. One of these was Andrew and the other was most probably John the Evangelist. Later in that day Andrew told Peter, his brother, that he had found the Messiah and Peter joined him, too.

What was wrong with the hundreds of others? We are told they were all agog about the Messiah and were wondering in their hearts if John was not he. Yet when the real Messiah was pointed out to them they did nothing about it. John had told them the Messiah would baptize them, not with water as he did, but with the Holy Spirit of God, and with fire. As Jews they must have understood that this meant he would make of them a holy people, a spiritual people, a people close to God and cleansed from all earth attachments.

Was it this that held them back? Were their hearts so centered on the things of earth, the things of this life, that they had no time for the things spiritual? Were they so anxious for a king, a messiah, who would set them free from the hated pagan Romans and give them once more a powerful earthly kingdom, that talk of the kingdom of God and of a spiritual life made no impression on them? Their dealings with Christ during his public mission amongst them, their disbelief, their opposition, their persecution, which led eventually to the death on the cross answer these questions for us. The vast majority of the Jews of that day did not want a spiritual Messiah or kingdom. They were interested in a heaven of the future, they wanted their heaven, their happiness, and prosperity here on earth.

Before we pass any judgment on such folly let us have a look into our own hearts today. We are Christians, we are followers of Christ, we know he was God, we believe his word. We are convinced that getting to heaven is more important than getting all the treasures and pleasures this earth has to offer. But do we always live up to these convictions, are we true Christians the seven days of the week? In our work, in our speech, in our dealings with others, in our family life are we truly following Christ and his teaching?

Is my way of life, my daily conduct, such that it would cause a non-Christian to say: "That man has something noble and sensible about him, that man is concerned with the things that really matter; that man has an inward peace and sense of security which I have not got, a sense of peace and security which comes not from the things of this world. I must find out what it is and get it for myself?"

In all sincerity I cannot see any non-Christian speaking thus of me today, but helped by God's grace, it could and may be truly said of me in the days to come. God grant that this may be so.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. January 11 - 4:00 pm

- Mary Jo Palmer (ROS)
- Imelda Vasquez - BDay

Sun. January 12 - 8:00 am

- Mary Jo Palmer, Ernie Armejo, Rita & Frank Zavala (ROS) - 9:30 am
- Mary Jo Palmer and Doris O'Duane (ROS)
- Martha Telles - Health

Wed. January 15 - 8:00 am

- Mary Jo Palmer (ROS)

Thurs. January 16 - 8:00 am

- Mary Jo Palmer (ROS)

Fri. January 17 - 8:00 am



Santo Niño celebration..... Sunday, January 19 at 9:30 am

Through the intercession of **Santo Niño** let us pray that God will bless our Filipino Community, our Parish Family and all of us in this New Year 2025

After Mass our celebration will continue.....
in the Parish Hall. **All are invited.**

Religious Education - St. Ann Catholic Church



Our Religious Education Classes are on

Sunday from 8:15 am till 9:25 am
followed by Mass at 9:30 am.

Ministries in Our Church



Lectors Those who proclaim God's word during our liturgical celebration.



Eucharistic Ministers Those who distribute Holy Communion during liturgical celebration.



Altar Servers Those who assist Priest during our liturgical celebration.



Choir Those who lead us in singing during our liturgical celebration.



Guadalupanas Those who in a special way turn to Mary for her intercession.



Men's Ministry Gather as a group to improve our spirituality.

Sacraments Please call office to arrange.....



Baptism Through this sacrament we become children of God.



Marriage Through this sacrament those who marry invite God into their life.



Anointing of the Sick Through this sacrament God forgives our sins and comforts us in our sickness.

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Quinceañera (not a sacrament) Important celebration when one thanks God for blessings.

Helping those in need:



Martha's Pantry St. Ann provides lunches for those in need: Wednesday & Thursday morning @ 8 am - 8:30 am. At **Hanley Hall**.



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