

St Anastasia Catholic Church
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24th, 2011

*The kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant searching
for fine pearls*



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Parish established in 1953 in honor of
James Francis Cardinal McIntyre



God is in His holy dwelling; He will give a home to the lonely, He gives power and strength to His people.
 — Psalm 67:6-7, 36

Reflection on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: We are to seek the treasures of God's Kingdom - God's Kingdom and its riches are what we long for as we search for meaning and fulfillment in our lives. As we open our hearts to Jesus and allow God's love to reign in our hearts we come to experience the blessings of peace, joy and fulfillment. Obtaining this *pearl of great price* is worth any effort or sacrifice.
LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Solomon asks God for wisdom, and God is pleased. In the second reading, we are reminded that we are called by God to conform to the image of His Son. In the Gospel, Jesus uses parables to teach His listeners that the Kingdom and its riches are a great and precious treasure.

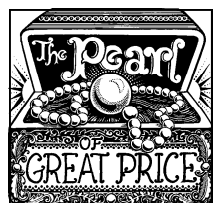
FACT OF LIFE



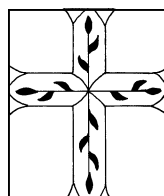
"Every one is Seeking God."

Strengthen families and build friendships among all peoples. Work so that every human life is welcomed and cherished -- from the child in the womb to the person who is old or handicapped, to the immigrant who comes seeking a new life for his family. Make this world a place where no one is a stranger to love. . . . We want to live life to the fullest. We want to make a difference in the world. We have longings in our hearts that we know material things alone will never satisfy. We want to know holiness, joy, and peace. These are beautiful impulses. God made us to know all of these things. What every one is seeking, whether they know it or not, is God. We are made so that we will find our happiness and the true meaning of our lives only in Him. Many centuries ago, St. Augustine wrote: "Lord . . . you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Augustine knew what he was talking about. He was a highly educated man, a professor, but he was very self-centered. He had a lot of appetites and desires. . . . He was too selfish. Then one day, Augustine found God while he was reading the Scriptures. He had a conversion of his heart. He went on to become one of the most important saints in history. (Archbishop Jose Gomez's Baccalaureate Address at USC, May 21, 2011)

Prayer for Life: God Almighty, open the hearts of these troubled mothers to see her child as you do -- a precious gift to be treasured. Let her be assured that you have a plan and a future for her and her child. Amen.



All things work for good for those who love God.
 - Romans 8:28a



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., 07/24
 7:30 AM. THANKSGIVING MASS
 9:00 AM. SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 10:30 AM. CATHERINE ZACUTO
 12:00 NN. LOUISE & RON WASILEWSKI ♥
 7:30 PM. SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mon., 07/25
 6:30 AM.
 8:00 AM.

Tue., 07/26
 6:30 AM. FLORENCIA HOLGADO +
 8:00 AM. SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Wed., 07/27
 6:30 AM. LOURDES ARTIDIELLO ★
 8:00 AM. ROMY DIZON ★

Thurs., 07/28
 6:30 AM. SPECIAL INTENTIONS
 8:00 AM.

Fri., 07/29
 6:30 AM. MARTHA MAAGAD ★
 8:00 AM. HENRY PERPIGNAND, Sr. +

Sat., 07/30
 8:00 AM. THANKSGIVING MASS
 5:30 PM. JOHN O'CONNOR +

★ Birthdays and ♥ Anniversaries!!

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER ... For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers ...
 ✪ **Please let us know about the condition of those we're praying for. We'll keep/remove their name(s) as requested, after the first few weeks.**

Mary Witteman	Jeff Bristol	Baby Jack Muñoz
Fran Wilkerson	Lucille Burk Delgado	Bonnie Hocksteen
Edward Jon Clites	Emmeline Mallo	Jack Hayes
Ed Kwinn	Randy Huartson	Sheila Moore
Benita Bicarne	Martha Keglevich	Joseph Rehberger
Helen Grisby	Gerald Stutts	Derek Comas
Connie Kane	Jody Bruno	Janice Hatzikian
Julia Cox	Shirley Spehar	Kenneth Rivin
Donna House	Bertha Marcinkus	Luanne Sinski
Linda M. Lang-Curran	Jeanne Ahern	

♦ **To receive Holy Communion** (for those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound) please call **Gloria Bowen, 310.670.5971**, Eucharistic Minister to the Sick. To have the name(s) included in our prayers, call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243.



† ♥ **The Family Visitation Ministry** offers spiritual support to those in need. Please call Sr. Teresita at 310-216-2001, or call the Rectory Office at 310-670-2243, x42.

RCIA – **Are You Interested In Becoming Catholic?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is our greatest joy, as well as our Mission as a Catholic community, to welcome new members. The RCIA is a process of formation and education for those interested in learning about and experiencing the Catholic faith. The process is designed for those baptized in other Christian traditions, baptized Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Eucharist, some who have been away from our faith, or **anyone** interested in our Catholic faith. It is a faith journey that encourages individuals to broaden and deepen their prayer life, to know God through the Scriptures, to come to know themselves more and to participate more in the parish life. For questions or info, please call Jonette Mauch at 310-670-2243.



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

See Psalm 119



Road to Priesthood Involves a Rigorous Formation Process

Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Young Adult Ministry

! Theology On Tap! Save the Dates!! Saturday, July 30, August 6

7-9 PM (5:30 pm Mass in the Church—optional)
Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Hall,
504 N. Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills, 90210

July 30th — "Decompartamentalizing God: Letting God Be a Part of Everything We Do—And Enjoying It"

— Fr. Tom Wellers

August 6th — "Prayer 101: Pray As You Are"

— Ms. Delis Alejandro

For more info and updates check the website:
www.yamola.org.

! "Walk for Hope" will take place Sunday, November 6 in Duarte to benefit City of Hope cancer center and the research and treatment of women's cancers. Natasha Asinas, a member of Cathedral Young Adults and the Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Advisory Board, is organizing young adults and young adult groups to participate in this event. For more information, email Natasha at Natasha.asinas@gmail.com, or check the fundraising page at <http://nationalevents.cityofhope.org/goto/LAYoungAdultMinistry>.



Pastor's
Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last several months a lot of energy and planning has revolved around the future of our Catholic School. I want to thank everyone in the parish for allowing me the time necessary to understand the complexities of the school and the wonderful program that is provided for our future Catholic leaders—our students.

I cannot tell you how many volunteer hours have been donated by the parents and other parishioners who make up the School consultative Board and the PTO. Without these individuals our school would not enjoy the quality and reputation for excellence. I especially want to thank those who worked on the Parish Ball, those on the Technology Committee, the Science Committee and the Marketing Committee. I am also please to announce that a Safety Committee will be initiated to help us make certain that we are doing our best for the security and safety of our children.

*Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard.
Devotedly, Fr. Gabe*



St. A's Bible Study - We are currently on break for the summer. We will resume our study of the Gospel of Matthew on **September 6th**. If you would like to join us in the fall, please call Susan Senia at 310.822.6511 or e-mail at smsenia@gmail.com.

Marriage Ministry - We invite all couples who desire some time away to share fellowship and faith with other couples. We are starting new small Faith Sharing Groups designed to meet once a month. There is always room for spiritual growth and strengthening in our lives and this is a fun positive way to do it!! Please call Suzette at 310-670-2243 x 51 to join!



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TIPS FOR REDUCING
YOUR IMPACT

Reduce
Energy,
Turn Down

AC - When you leave your home (and if possible your office) remember to turn the thermostat to a higher temperature for air conditioning, so it's not cooling a vacant building.

SUMMER SEMINARS at LMU

◆ **Summer Day of Reflection - Interested in nurturing your spirituality?** Learn from the wisdom of Ignatius of Loyola during a summer day of prayer and reflection led by Fr. Randy Roche, S. J. Join the Ignation Volunteer Corps, a program combining services with ongoing reflection in the Ignation Tradition for those 50+, on Saturday, July 30th at LMU, Collins Center from 10 am to 2 pm, lunch included. More information: Anne Hansen 805-987-9807 or ahansen@ivcusa.org for reservations. Suggested donation \$10.

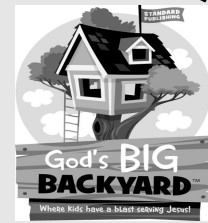
- This Summer the Center for Religion and Spirituality at LMU will be offering the series of Theological Responses to Suffering which seeks to provide participants food for reflection for their Spiritual and ministerial development.

◆ **Accompanying Others Through Life's Challenges—August 13th, from 9:30 am-12 pm**
For more information, contact crs@lmu.edu, call at 310-338-7758 or visit <http://etension.lmu.edu/crs>.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to **God's Big Backyard IV:**

Where families of all ages have a blast serving Jesus! Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyard and grows as we take the love of Jesus into our own neighborhood and community! In God's Big Backyard, we will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Sing A-longs, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Center, visit the Traveling Holy Family in our prayer tent, explore and create community through fun-filled craft activities, enjoy snacks and games. Just step outside, take a look over our fence, and help us discover how much fun we can have serving in God's Big Backyard! Families and friends won't want to miss the experience of celebrating the Eucharist in God's Big Backyard. (Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 PM for all our campers and guests.)



You're Invited

Date: God's Big Backyard – **Saturday, August 20, 2011** (Day Campers 2-8 PM)
Saturday, August 20 - (Over Night Campers 2 PM – Sunday AM (Prayer and Breakfast)
(Over Night Campers Tent Set-up Saturday 12 – 2 PM)

Cost: Day Campers -\$40 per family (includes snacks, crafts, and dinner)
Overnight Campers - \$50 per family (includes snacks, crafts, dinner and light breakfast)

Place: St. Anastasia Field

Contact Crew Guides: *Jonette Mauch and Suzette Sornborger @ (310) 670-2243*

The Traveling Holy Family

The family represents a variety of individual and communal journeys, journeys traveled and journeys yet to start. The Holy Family exemplifies these journeys.



They offer us hope in meeting the many challenges we face in our lives. Journeys are central to the complete story about God and us. The Magi, the Holy Family, Jesus and his disciples are all great examples of people who have journeyed. Many journeys are responses to the revelations of truth that engage, fascinate and attract us to travel the road together. Embark on a new journey and invite the Holy Family into your home!

Sign up to have a statue of the Holy Family come to your house for a week. ***If you are already signed up to receive the Holy Family you will automatically be renewed unless we hear otherwise.*** Each household will have the opportunity to gather to pray, reflect and spend faith-filled time alone or together. You will also be able to connect with other parishioners through each Holy Family's travel journal and exchange. This is a unique and interactive experience for all who participate. Please contact Suzette Sornborger @ 310-670-2243 x51 or at 4suz@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Nourishing our Spirit of Faith and Community

The Journey began in April 2008

St. Anastasia Church

*From the Music Director... Why will the new translation of the Mass sound different? The English translation of the Roman Missal that we have been using since 1973 has been less formal and more conversational in style. This style was very valuable in helping the people to hear and understand the prayers and to take their proper role in the celebration of the Eucharist, but some of the precision and nuance of the original Latin was lost. The new translation will use a more formal language and be closer to the language, grammar and syntax of the Latin *editio typica* (typical edition). It is important to remember the liturgical principle that has been recognized since the 5th century, namely, that "the law of prayer is the law of belief." The new translation will more accurately speak to what we believe as a Church. (Next: Will everyone have to use the new translation of the Roman Missal?)*



- Greg Kopenhagen

TRAVELING HOLY FAMILY SCHEDULE

Traveling Holy Family - Family 1

Vacation Bible School	670-2243
	07/24/11
Roxanne & Steve Stover	645-5547
	07/31/11

Traveling Holy Family - Family 2

Bob Gunnell	578-5186
	07/24/11
Elizabeth & Matt Handal	337-7250
	07/31/11

Next Week

Celebrating Our Faith

Sat., July 30th & Sun., July 31st
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at all Masses next Sunday:

Reading 1

Is 55:1-3 (112A)

Reading 2

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Gospel:

Mt 14:13-21

Masses:

5:30 pm.

7:30 am.

9:00 am.

10:30 am.

12:00 Noon

7:30 pm.

Celebrants:

Msgr. Cox

Fr. Tom

Msgr. Vadakin

Msgr. Vadakin

Msgr. Cox

Msgr. Gonzales

CONFESSIONS: 3:30 to 5 pm and 7:30 to 8 pm.

** Msgr. Cox **

REMINDERS . . .

♥ Next Sunday, July 31st, Monthly Wedding

Anniversary Blessing after the 12 Noon Mass.

All couples married during the month of July are welcome!



Save the Date: The 16th Annual St. A's Golf Tournament will be held on Mon., Oct. 17, 2011 at Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach. For more info, please contact Chris Turkmany (310) 200-8021.

Hospice Touch: Compassionate • Caring • Committed

- You can make a difference for someone in your community. Hospice Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours a month visiting terminally ill individuals and their families, providing compassion and encouragement as they go through the most difficult time of their lives. Volunteers can be close in a time of fear, and can be a friend with time to share, helping to validate that a life has had meaning. Free training classes are now forming in your area for men and women 18 years old and up, bilingual helpful, but not required. Once training is completed, assignments are made within 15 mile radius of where you live. For more information or to register for classes, please contact Ginger Gaskew at 866-553-5555 or email @ gaskew@hospicetouch.com.

DENTIST NEEDED: Harvest Home, a residential program for homeless pregnant women and their infants located in Venice, is in need of a local dentist who can provide pro bono cleaning and fillings to our women. Please contact Debbie Mettler at dmettler@theharvesthome.net or 310-452-1223.

**STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE
FOR ST. ANASTASIA CHURCH**



Living Faith for Kids...

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong."

1 Kings 3:9

King Solomon has a dream that we would all like to have. "Ask something of me," God said, "and I will give it to you." Think for a minute about what would you ask for. A new computer? A million dollars? A return to health for someone you love?

This Scripture passage tells us what Solomon asked for and received: *Wisdom*. A gift of the Holy Spirit that we receive in baptism, *Wisdom* helps us see the world as God does.

Holy Spirit, help me to know right from wrong and to always do what is right.

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

♥ 53 yr. old employed woman looking for room to rent in Westchester area. Please call Ann @ 310-904-9619.

♥ Jewel Kempston is looking for ride to Church from home in MDR. Please call her @ 424-228-2649, to attend daily and Sunday Masses.



Got Guitar?? St. A's graduate and current high school student seeks beginning guitar students to teach. Lucas has seven years of piano and four years of guitar lessons. Excellent student being taught by professional musician and USC Music School graduate. Teacher reference available upon request. Reasonable rates and very knowledgeable with theory and music reading. Please contact Jayne Cram @ 310-645-1140 if you are interested in your child learning the guitar.

**SRE FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES —
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BANNERS
IN THE RECTORY!**

Bassinet & Stroller Needed - Marissa, a young woman, visited the East Los Angeles Pregnancy Center in January. She was pregnant, scared, and looking for an answer to her situation. After praying and experiencing peace from God, Marissa has courageously decided to keep her child. Marissa and her new baby (due in 2 weeks!) need the following: a bassinet, a stroller, a bouncer, diapers & wipes. If you can help, please contact the East Los Angeles Pregnancy Center at 323-728-1292. Thank you.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASSES -

WEEKDAYS

Mon-Fri: 6:30AM & 8:00AM
First Friday: 6:30AM, 8AM,
11AM (School in session)
Saturday: 8:00AM

WEEKENDS

Saturday (Vigil): 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12 & 7:30PM

HOLY DAYS

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 5:30PM
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 11AM (during
the School year) & 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30PM-5:00PM & 7:30-8:00PM

DEVOTIONS: Miraculous Medal Novena,
Rosary and Benediction - Monday, following the
8AM Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of
the month from 8:30AM- 9:30AM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sacrament for the
Sick is celebrated upon request of family

BAPTISM: Parents and Godparents are
required to participate in preparation program.
Contact Fred & Esmeralda Balsz @ 679-9119.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must contact the
Rectory no later that 6 months before their
proposed wedding date. (Request the Pastor)

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) -
Becoming Catholics - Please call the Rectory.

Funerals: Contact the Pastor by calling the
Rectory.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministers of the Eucharist

Gloria Bowen-to the Sick... 670-5971
Jan & Herb Masi... 641-2819

Ministers of the Word

Carl Pentis 649-4238

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Evelio Leon 670-1298
Pat Hendon 337-9191

Altar Care

Dolores Saenz 337-7213

Altar Servers

Ed Charette..... 823-3118

Offertory Gifts

Parish Volunteers 670-2243

Liturgy Committee

Richard Arias 641-4194

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR

Msgr. Gabriel Gonzales

Priest in Residence

Msgr. Gregory A. Cox

Pastors Emeriti

Rev. Thomas F. King

Msgr. Royale M. Vadakin, P.A.

Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Aleida Rodriguez

Project Coordinator

Ken Lance

Director of Religious Education

Jonette Mauch

Confirmation Coordinator

Shawna Wiseman

**Director of Adult Faith Formation
and Stewardship**

Suzette Sornborger

Director of Music Ministry

Greg Koppenhaver

School Principal

Rosemary Connolly

Assistant Principal

Patricia Davis

School Secretary/Bookkeeper

Louise Lance

Office Assistant

Linda Schmidt

Consultative School Board

Cheryl Hesse

PTO-Parent Teacher Organization

Sue Leifield

ADESTE (After School Program)

Elizabeth Soriano

Maintenance

Javier Antunes

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults;
and SRE (Sunday School)**

Jonette Mauch..... 670-2243

Confirmation

Shawna Wiseman 670-2243

Infant Baptism

Fred & Esmeralda Balsz 679-9119

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Finance Council

Dave DeVito 822-2842

Pastor Advisory Council

Libby DuBay 305-1126

Site Committee

Jim Healy 410-1206

Men's Club

Chris Turkmany... 642-6646

Knights of Columbus

Jim Taylor..... 645-7671

Arts and Education

Jayne Cram..... 645-1140

Stewardship

Suzette Sornborger.....670-2243

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PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Bereavement

Laure Healy.....410-1206

Young Adult Ministry

Nancy Albin 927-8891

Ministry to the New Parishioner

Rectory Office 670-2243

Prayer Group—English

Lori Mountain 502-9105

Rosary Ministry

Rose De Leonardis.....645-7175

Ben Oakley.....670-2771

Social Justice

Elizabeth O'Neill.....213-595-1533

Respect Life

Jim & Nancy Taylor 645-7671

Safe Guard the Children

Rose Healy-Fissingner 670-2243

Karen Diaz 670-2243

Career Ministry

Sarah Lehne.....863-1744

Ken Lance 946-6722

St. Joseph Center

Jayne Cram..... 645-1140

**Homeless Weekend Program/
St. Robert's Center**

Bob & Lori Caldwell..... 823-7417

St. Margaret's Center

Mary Agnes Erlandson..... 672-2208

Catholic Charities

Cindy Begazo..... 306-9390

Adopt-A-Family

Rose and Matt Fissingner 645-8285

Bundles for Babies and Diaper Drive

Teressa Syta 670-0285

Nurses Ministry

Nancy Reilly424-228-4767

Pen Pal Project - Prison Ministry

Suzette Sornborger..... 670-2243

..... jeanne@pieper.com

Ministry for Married Couples

Jon & Suzette Sornborger... 670-2243

Women's Faith Sharing

Suzette Sornborger.....670-2243

Men's Spirituality

Joe Berberich 745-7009

Shad Meshad 568-1065

MOMS Ministry

Jayne Cram.....645-1140

Natural Family Planning

Phyllis Jones.....670-3505

Bible Study

Susan Senia..... 822-6511

Social Ministry

Laurette Bibeau.....670-2488

Family Visitation Ministry

Sr. Teresita.....216-2001