

**St. Anastasia Catholic Church**

*Third Sunday*

**OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 13, 2015

*Whoever has two cloaks should  
share with the person who has none.  
And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11



**Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...**

**Third Sunday of Advent** - Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

**ADVENT SEASON**

✻ **The St. Anastasia Advent Penance Service will take place THIS Tuesday, December 15th at 7:30 pm. Six Priests will be available. Please take this opportunity to reconcile and prepare for the coming of the Lord, Our Savior.**



**Third Sunday of Advent  
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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

— *Isaiah 12:3*

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER ~ For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...**

Ana Castellanos  
Ann Lamkey  
Beatrice Vasek  
Brandi Hines  
Carl Brasil  
Carolyn Lispcomb  
Cleofas Prieto  
Charles Guerra  
Charles Keglevich  
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Deishe Chopra  
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Mila Sison  
Norma Aaron  
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Peggy Keelaghan  
Pefer Cathcart  
Potenciana Suner  
Rebeca Acuna  
Rosa Zunilda  
Ruth Smith  
Sandy Dalton  
Sr. Eileen Marie  
(Marleen) Corrigan  
Stephane Lempire  
Tom Tyrrell  
Victoria Mitsakos  
Virginia Lorraine Robinson  
Yolanda Wygal

**\*\*\*Please note that this list will be updated monthly. Family members should please contact the Parish Office to add names or to let us know about the condition of those for whom we pray.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**SUN. 12/13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 AM PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA  
9:00 AM VIN SCULLY ♦  
10:30 AM MARY JAHN †  
12:00 PM AGUSTIN PRADO †  
7:30 PM ICHSAM SATYADI †

**MON. 12/14**

6:30 AM MICHAEL MITSAKOS †  
8:00 AM CHRISTINE VANDE BOGART †

**TUE. 12/15**

6:30 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
8:00 AM MSGR. GABRIEL GONZALES †

**WED. 12/16**

6:30 AM MARY DASARO †★  
8:00 AM ERICA CISNEROS ★

**THUR. 12/17**

6:30 AM JESUS SALINDONG †  
8:00 AM DR. WILLIAM "BILL" GLAZE †

**FRI. 12/18**

6:30 AM CARLOS CISNEROS JR. ★  
8:00 AM GREGORIO & PASTORA MAKAVALI ††

**SAT. 12/19**

8:00 AM JESUS & ALEIDA RODRIGUEZ ♥♥  
5:30 PM REV. MSGR. JOHN GIAMMONA †

Birthday ★  
Anniversary ♥  
Memorial †  
Support ♦



## Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

This Week: *Saturday, December 12th / Sunday, December 13th*  
Third Sunday of Advent

### Reflections on Today's Readings:

**FOCUS:** God's love for us is self-giving and unconditional, surpassing human love. Jesus uses words that are analogous to human relationships to describe God's relationship to us: He calls Him "Father" and us "sons and daughters." When Jesus uses such words and images, it is important to remember that God's love surpasses all love found in human relationships. God loves us unconditionally, with total giving of self, and desires nothing more than for us to be in love with Him and to love others as a sign of that love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The first reading from Zephaniah reminds the Israelites not to be discouraged, for the Lord will rejoice over them and renew them in His love. The second reading reminds us to rejoice in the Lord always. In the Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus as He teaches that one mightier than Him — who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire — is coming.



### Celebrating Our Faith

Next Week ~ *Saturday, December 19th / Sunday, December 20th*  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



#### Masses:

Sat: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun: 7:30 a.m.  
Sun: 9:00 a.m.  
Sun: 10:30 a.m.  
Sun: 12:00 NN.  
Sun: 7:30 p.m.

#### Celebrants:

Msgr. Vadakin  
Fr. Tom  
Msgr. Cox  
Msgr. Cox  
Msgr. Vadakin  
Msgr. Cox

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**  
Saturdays: 3:30—5 pm, and 7:30—8 pm.  
Msgr. Vadakin

#### To Receive Holy Communion

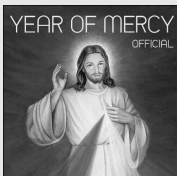
(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound). Please call Gloria Bowen, Eucharistic Minister to the sick at 310-670-5971.



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

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy** began informally with Holy Father opening of the doors in Bangui, Central African Republic! On December 8, the formal opening of the Door of Mercy took place at the Cathedral of Rome, St. John Lateran. Today, Sunday, December 13th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door will be opened in every cathedral church and designated pilgrimage Church throughout the world. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has designated the following Churches as Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

For Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region:  
**Christ the King, Hollywood; Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, LA; St. John Chrysostom, Inglewood; St. Joan of Arc, Los Angeles.**



#### WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO READ AND REFLECT ON THE BIBLICAL PASSAGES THAT WILL BE PROCLAIMED AT ALL THE MASSES

**First Reading** — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:39-45).



**Remember this is Flu Season!** Please be thoughtful when you are shaking hands and taking the



**The Retirement Fund for Religious takes place TODAY, Sunday, December 13th. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

"My life is tied to the liturgy and the Eucharist," says Precious Blood Sister Ann Hipp, 95, who entered religious life in 1937. "It's part of who we are as a community." As a teacher for 50 years, she shared this love of the Eucharist with her students. At age 70, Sister Ann traded in her chalk for a sewing needle and today still helps craft altar cloths and vestments. Like Sister Ann, tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews.

Ministry equips us to deepen our love for God and share our faith...



**The Men's Club and PTO** wish to thank everyone who made the 20th Annual St. Anastasia Golf Tournament another huge success. This year's event raised over \$17,000 in support of school programs and the endowment fund. Special thanks to co-chairs Erik Helmstetter and Chris Turkmany and their tournament committee on a job well-done.

**8th Grade Umbrella Sale** - Just in time for El Niño, and perfect for stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts, St. A's 8th grade is selling umbrellas to raise funds for graduation activities and a class gift to the school. Umbrellas will be sold after today Sunday Masses. Buy 1 for \$25 or 2 or more for \$20 each. Thank you in advance for your support!



**Annual Tax Statement Information!!** Following IRS rules, contributions will be included in your annual tax statement for 2015 if they meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) checks/cash are placed in the collection basket at one of the December or prior Masses, or
- (2) checks/cash not placed in a collection basket must be hand delivered or postmarked no later than Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, or
- (3) online contributions must be processed no later than Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please be aware that a check placed in a collection basket at a Mass in January or received/postmarked after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be included in the tax statement for 2016, even if the check is dated December 31<sup>st</sup> or prior.

**2016 Calendars  
available.  
One per family,  
please.**



**Upcoming Confirmation Sessions:**

**Year 1: TODAY, Dec. 13; Jan. 10, 2016.**

**Year 2: Dec. 20; Jan. 24, 2106**

All session at 9 am in the Hall. New text number: **424-625-8914**. **Join the team!** There is still time to come join our confirmation team. If you are interested in being an adult leader or peer leader please email [confirmationsainta@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationsainta@gmail.com)



**The Tri-Parish Community of Santa Monica invites you to their first Simbang Gabi, Thursday, December 17th at 7 pm at St. Monica Church.**

Principal Celebrant, His Excellency, Most Rev. Oscar A. Solis, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Concelebrated by Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor, St. Monica. Dinner and reception in the Grand Pavilion. Featuring traditional Filipino food and dances by Samahang Pilipino, UCLA. For more information and to RSVP go to [www.stmonica.net/simbanggabi](http://www.stmonica.net/simbanggabi).

**Christmas Program:** It's time for the annual St. Margaret's Center Christmas Program and your generous support is needed. To successfully stage the event on December 19th the following tax deductible donations are needed:

**New unwrapped toys for children ages newborn to 13 years (Toys in the \$15-\$30 price range are preferred); donations of cash to purchase \$25 grocery certificates and supplies; and wrapping paper and bows.**

The Center would appreciate your donations by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may drop them off at 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Lennox. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call the Center at 310-672-2208 or visit our Christmas website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/>.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2nd SHIFT (1-6 PM) anyone interested, here's the link to register:**

**St. Margaret's Center Christmas Program**

<https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/>

**Spend the New Year with the Traveling Holy Family!**

Send an email to [regina@st-anastasia.org](mailto:regina@st-anastasia.org) to request time with the Holy Family statues starting in January 2016! You can request the statue to reside with your family for a period of 1-4 weeks at a time. Please note that the statue can be picked up by a family during a short but faith-filled blessing by the Priest during Sunday Mass with advance notice, or the statues can be dropped off and picked up from the Rectory.

**Remaining 2015**

**Schedule:**

December - Hebert Family



**Safety is key even when**

**visiting Santa Claus -** Visiting

Santa Claus can be a grand and positive childhood experience. However, some people who seek to bring Santa to life in a child's world are not deserving of our trust. Make sure your child knows that there are special rules for Santa and that parents or guardians must always be with the child when he or she visits Santa. One rule to consider is encouraging your child to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," email:

[jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).



## Ministry in Community...

# LAS POSADAS

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th,**  
from 4 to 6 pm.

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE (from 8 am to 3 pm, M-F). Tickets are \$2 each.**

**PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO DONATE ITEMS TO BE RAFFLED!**

**Winner need not be present!**

**We need volunteers to help out on the day of**

**Las Posadas! Set-up, from 1 to 4 pm;**

**Clean-up, from 6/7 to 8 pm.**

**Come and enjoy this great traditional event of Las Posadas!**

★ **As in past years we invite our children to come dress up as Angels and Shepherds - and don't forget to dress warmly!!** ★

❖ **Please contact Aleida at 310-670-2243, or email at [arodriguez@st-anastasia.org](mailto:arodriguez@st-anastasia.org).**

**Save The Date!!** St. Anastasia Parish Retreat

**When:** Saturday, February 20, 2016,  
7:30 am-6 pm

**Where:** Serra Retreat House

**Cost:** \$40.00 which includes Continental breakfast, lunch and bus transportation to and from St. Anastasia.

**Retreat Master:** Fr. Bill Adams, C.Ss.R.

**Theme:** Mercy, Mass included

Sponsored by the St. Anastasia Prayer Group  
Funded by the Monsignor Vadakin Arts and Education Fund. Registration will be in January.



**Kids Living Faith:**  
**Sunday, December 13th, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

*And the crowds asked Him, "What then should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." - Luke 3:10-11*

God is compassionate toward us. He forgives our failures. He never abandons us when we need Him. He wants us to be compassionate towards others as He is compassionate toward us. Some people, through no fault of theirs, are hungry and homeless. Maybe you can only do very little to help them now, but other things might be easier. For instance, if your mom or dad is really tired, could you do something to help them out? Always be on the lookout for ways you can help someone.

*Lord, help me to be aware of the needs of others.*

## This Amos was not so famous, or popular.

God was displeased with the people of Israel for their treatment of their countrymen. To avoid impending doom, the Prophet Amos urged them to seek after justice.

Find out if they listened to him in our study of the Book of Amos beginning Tuesday, **January 5.**



Attend either the morning session, 9:00-10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Register by email or at the Parish Office by December 18. Materials cost is \$10 (after Dec 18, \$15).

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski  
[ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com](mailto:ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com)  
or call (310) 670-2243

**St. Anastasia Bible Study**

Update Your  
Contact Info



**Do you have a new mailing address, email address, or phone number?**

Please make sure your contact information is up to date with the parish!

Email [parishregistration@st-](mailto:parishregistration@st-anastasia.org)

[anastasia.org](mailto:parishregistration@st-anastasia.org) with your new or updated

information - please include your name and envelope number so we ensure your records

match up!! If you haven't yet registered, please

email [parishregistration@st-](mailto:parishregistration@st-anastasia.org)  
[anastasia.org](mailto:parishregistration@st-anastasia.org) or stop by the Rectory

for a registration form. Thank you!



Update Your  
Mailing Address

**Interested In Becoming a Member...?**

Email [ParishRegistration@st-anastasia.org](mailto:ParishRegistration@st-anastasia.org) or stop by the Rectory to request a New Parishioner registration form. **Our Online Giving system now has an App for Apple and Android products!**

You can download it for free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to [OLGapp.com](http://OLGapp.com). If you are new to Online Giving, register on the app by entering our **Church ID 1706** or register on the website @ [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1706](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1706).



## AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

## STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**MASSES -**

**WEEKDAYS**

Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM & 8 AM  
First Friday: 6:30 AM, 8 AM, and  
11 AM (during the School year)

Saturday: 8 AM

**WEEKENDS**

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

**HOLY DAYS**

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

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

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

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Sacrament for the  
Sick is celebrated upon request of the family  
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**BAPTISM:** Parents and Godparents are  
required to participate in preparation program.  
Contact the Rectory Office 310-670-2243 or  
Fred & Esmeralda Balsz @ 679-9119.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples must contact the  
Rectory no later than 6 months before their  
proposed wedding date. Call the Rectory Office  
310-670-2243.

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

**FUNERALS:** Contact the Pastor by calling the  
Rectory Office, 310-670-2243.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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Jan & Herb Masi... 641-2819

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**Liturgy Committee**

Richard Arias ..... 641-4194

**Altar Server Committee:**

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Dolores Saenz ..... 337-7213

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**PASTORAL TEAM**

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*Louise Lance*

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*Becca Zambotti*

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Gabriel Reyes ..... 670-2243

**Infant Baptism**

Fred & Esmeralda Balsz .... 679-9119

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**Parish Finance Council**

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..... 670-2243

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Ben Oakley ..... 670-2771

**Respect Life**

..... 670-2243

**Safe Guard the Children**

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Karen Diaz ..... 670-2243

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**Men's Morning Hour** ..... 670-2243

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Laurette Bibeau ..... 670-2488

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