

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



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MASSES:

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
Saturdays: 8:00 AM

WEEKENDS: Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12 & 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS:

HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS: 6:00 PM
HOLY DAY: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 to 6:45 PM
(During the Divine Mercy Devotion)
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every first Saturday of the month from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and all Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS:

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 7:30 AM — Closed after 5:00 PM Mass.
Sundays: 7:00 AM — Closed after 7:30 PM Mass

DEVOTIONS:

MIRACULOUS MEDAL Monday, following the 8:00 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Wednesday 6:00 PM

ROSARY: Recitation of the Rosary takes place after every 6:30 and 8:00 AM Mass during the week, and after the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, During Lent, at 6:00 PM



This Week: Saturday, January 5th, 2019 / Sunday, January 6th, 2019

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Reflections on Today's Readings:



FOCUS: The Epiphany points the way toward life. Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person's journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. Today's Gospel is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

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

Ana Sofia Prieto
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Vincent Morgione
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Daisy Lezcano
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Cleofas Prieto
Christine Houchin & family
Charles Keglevich
Charles Guerra
Carolyn Lispcomb
Brandi Hines
Bill Parsons
Beverly Galip Marinelli
Bertrina De Rouen
Belkis Guerra
Beatrice Vasek
Barbara Clark
Baby Grace Rose Awwad
Baby girl Ramsay Sketon
Baby Colton Smith
Baby Anuli Davis
Annette Andelin
Angie Alvarado
Anastasia White
Amy Harms
Aldo Ruaro



**YOUR
ATTENTION
PLEASE:**

**New names to be
prayed for, will be
added to the top of
our first column.**

**As these names are
added, the names at
the bottom of the
third column will be
cycled off.**

**Call the Parish
Office at
310-670-2243
to request a name
to be replaced.**

**Thank you for your
cooperation.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUN. 01/06

7:30 AM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
9:00 AM ZOILA COLON †
10:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †
12:00 NN MARTHA KEGLEVICH †
7:30 PM LEOPOLDO ONGCAPIN †

MON. 01/07

6:30 AM MARGARET MARY COX †
8:00 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †

TUE. 01/08

6:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †
8:00 AM BABY M. ILYAS GUERRIT ★ †

WED. 01/09

6:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †
8:00 AM BABY M. ILYAS GUERRIT ★ †

THUR. 01/10

6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ★
8:00 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †

FRI. 01/11

6:30 AM CHRIS WYATT † ★
8:00 AM CRAIG TURNER †

SAT. 01/12

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♥
5:00 PM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †



CASINO TRIP



Join the St. Anastasia Social Club on our annual trip to Pauma Casino on Thursday, February 7 (9 AM to 6 PM). The cost is only \$8, gratuities included, and you will receive \$15 in free play on your Rewards Card. We will have a raffle and water on the bus. Payment must be made by January 21, but will probably fill long before then, so call Laurette soon at 310-670-2488.

CATHOLIC CLIMATE COVENANT: As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents and remember the Holy Family's escape into Egypt as refugees, we reflect on how climate change's impacts are and will most adversely harm innocent children and unleash a huge wave of environmental migrants forced to flee due to sea-level rise, extreme weather events (hurricanes, wildfires), and drought and water scarcity. How will the Church respond?

Your financial support is urgently needed to lift the Catholic voice as we move climate change legislation in the U.S. Congress. A strong Catholic voice and inspiring concrete actions are needed to counter climate complacency, skepticism, and denial that is too prevalent among some leaders and fellow citizens. **We need to share hope and demonstrate courage in the midst of doubt and fear.**

Your **tax-deductible gift** is more than a financial donation. Your gift makes Catholic Climate Covenant's mission possible. With your gift, our ambitious [plans for 2019](#) will be achieved.

Contact Us: Catholic Climate Covenant
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info@catholicclimatecovenant.org



CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 6:15 TO 6:45 PM
Saturday: 3:30 TO 4:45 PM



TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound).
Please call the parish office. 310.670.2243

FAMILY VISITATION MINISTRY:

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

CHURCH HOURS:

- ◆ The Church is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 AM—6 PM (closing time).
- ◆ On Wednesdays, Divine Mercy is from 6-7 pm. There is Confession from 6:15-6:45 pm. (During Devotion). Church will be closed at 7 pm. (Only on this day.)
- ◆ The Church will be closed on Saturdays after the 5:00 PM Mass.
- ◆ The Church will be closed on Sundays after the 7:30 PM evening Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday; from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Phone hours are: 9 am to 3 pm—310-670-2243. Email: parish@st-anastasia.org.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, January 12th &
Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Masses:

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 AM
Sun: 9:00 AM
Sun: 10:30 AM
Sun: 12:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 PM

Celebrants:

Fr. Semik
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Semik
Fr. King
Fr. Semik
Msgr. Innocent



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

First Reading -- Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.
Psalm -- The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.
Second Reading -- Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.
Gospel -- A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.



FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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REMINDER ! St. Anastasia offers:

- **MONDAY:** Miraculous Novena, following the 8 am Mass.
- **TUESDAY-SATURDAY:** Recitation of the Rosary after all Masses, 6:30 and 8 am.
- **1st SATURDAY:** Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 to 9:30 am.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING:** 6 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration. Confession 6:15 - 6:45 pm.
- **1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Men's Morning Hour; attends 6:30 am Mass - reflection and discussion follows in Parish Office Conference room.
- **1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** MOMS - Meets from 10 - 11:30 am. Just come and join.
- **3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** The St. Joseph Center collection takes place after all Masses. This collection benefits the poorest and needy of the Westside area. Your contributions of cash/non-perishable food are really appreciated.
- **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:** Come and share your joys and sorrows with Fr. Leszek, the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 am.
- **Every last Sunday of the month,** after all Masses: the monthly Wedding Anniversary Blessing takes place for couples married during that particular month. All are welcome!
- **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 6:45 pm, and Saturdays, from 3:30 to 5 pm.



Epiphany Prayer

For those who seek a Saviour
we lead them to the Stable
To the One who was born
To bring freedom
Forgiveness
Liberty

For those who seek Assurance
we lead them to the Light
To the One who opens eyes
to understanding
God's Word
Truth

For those who seek Forgiveness
We lead them to a Grace
beyond comprehension
To wholeness
Healing
Peace.

—[www.faithandworship.com/
prayers_Epiphany.htm](http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Epiphany.htm)



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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named The Last Year of Confusion. The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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St. Anastasia Bible Study

"What do you want me to do for you?"

The Gospel of St. Luke is a beautiful and powerful portrait of Jesus Christ. In its pages, Our Lord often challenges His listeners with questions – each one an invitation to draw closer to Him.



Our study of the **Gospel of Luke** begins on Tuesday, January 8. Attend either the morning session, 9:00-10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Please register immediately at the Parish Office and come to the first meeting. Cost for materials is \$25.

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

Faith for Kids

Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:11

Why would anyone give gold, frankincense and myrrh to a baby? Well, for one thing, these gifts were precious and valuable. Gold was a gift for kings. Frankincense was—and still is—a kind of incense. We use it at Church, where its rising smoke reminds us that we offer our prayers to God in heaven. So gold and frankincense are gifts for Jesus, our earthly and heavenly king. Myrrh was used to anoint the dead. That hinted at Jesus' future death at the cross. Yes, these gifts might seem strange to us, but they were just right for the Son of God.

Jesus, help me give myself to you more each day!



FACT OF LIFE

Life Saved by Abortion Pill Reversal By Anna Reynolds, 11/12/2018

Gabriela and Gumer Lara welcomed a baby girl on September 16, 2018. If it had not been for the abortion pill reversal, their daughter might not be here....Gabriela went to Kaiser hospital seeking an abortion. She was advised the abortion pill would cost 200 dollars, and she took the first pill. Gabriela says, "I remember when I went home...now I was sad. I feel guilty. Nothing made me happy. I was crying the whole night." The next morning she called Kaiser to say she did not want to take the next pill. They told her that she had to complete the abortion or her baby would have birth defects. This is untrue! The American College of obstetricians and Gynecologists explains, "There is no evidence to date of a teratogenic effect of mifepristone." This means there is no evidence that mifepristone - the first pill in a medication abortion - causes birth defects, even though women are commonly told that it does. Gabriela searched online and found **Obria Medical Clinics**. She was able to make an appointment, and was able to deliver a happy, healthy baby. More than 500 babies have been saved using abortion pill reversal.

Did you Know?

New Year's Resolution:

Become a mandatory reporter

Even if the legal requirements for mandatory reporting may not cover your specific position, as Catholics, we are called to protect the vulnerable at all times, and that may mean reporting on inappropriate behavior that puts a child at risk. The only way we can prevent abuse is to learn the signs and take ownership for the safety of children in our communities. To read more from the VIRTUS® article "Make a New Year's Resolution to Become a Mandatory Reporter," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6th, 2019

*Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from
the rising to the setting of the sun.*

- Baruch 5:5

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

BAPTISM: Parents and Godparents are required to participate in preparation program. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

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

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - *Becoming Catholics* - Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

FUNERALS: Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

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Linda Schmidt
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Pauline Diaz
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Ken Lance
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