

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday of
LENT

March 31, 2019

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“This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again;
he was lost,
and has been found.”

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Luke 15:24



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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 pm 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, March 30st, 2019 / Sunday, March 31st, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Reflections on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray.

Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land. Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God. The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him.

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

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Baby Braxton Bjorn Roe
Julio Arritola
Javier Antunes
Robin Hebert
Hector Salas
Cathay Brunett
Victoria Gomez
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Belkis Guerra
Beatrice Vasek
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Baby Colton Smith
Baby Anuli Davis
Annette Andelin
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 †

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN. 03/31

7:30 AM TOM RUSSELL ♦
9:00 AM VIRGINIA MACIAS †
10:30 AM BILL GROUNDS †
12:00 NN ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
7:30 PM GONZALO BALLASTEROS ♦

MON. 04/01

6:30 AM NINA TSOURAS †
8:00 AM JOJO WESTFALL †

TUE. 04/02

6:30 AM CAROL ALIG †
8:00 AM CHERYL CAMPBELL †

WED. 04/03

6:30 AM ALEJANDRO QUINONEZ †
8:00 AM BILL JENSON †

THUR. 04/04

6:30 AM PATRICK MALLEN †
8:00 AM JEANINE SMITH †

FRI. 04/05

6:30 AM ESPERANZA DALAND †
8:00 AM YOLANTA ZYLOCK

SAT. 04/06

8:00 AM DIANE SORTINO ♦
5:00 PM ELENA DE MOLINA ★



Fourth Sunday of Lent

The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father’s generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord’s ways. God never loses sight of us, however, God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

LOST

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities, and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

FOUND

The young son “hit bottom” and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an Examination of Conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart, and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ’s warm embrace of forgiveness.



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, April 6th &
Sunday, April 7th, 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. Innocent
Fr. Semik

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



First Reading -- Isaiah 43:16-21;
Psalm -- Psalm 126:1-6;
Second Reading -- Philippians 3:8-14;
Gospel -- John 8:1-11



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.

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 Group; 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

We invite everyone to our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners every Friday during Lent. Enjoy our traditional fresh Alaskan Cod or Shrimp, delicately deep fried in a light batter, with either a baked potato, French Fries or Onion Rings along with Cole Slaw and a Roll. Adults \$12 & children \$8. Dinner served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Take-outs available. The Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310.821-2324.

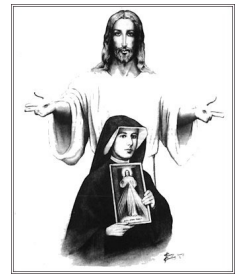
Laughlin Casino Trip

The St. Anastasia Social Club is headed for the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin for an exciting casino adventure. We will be heading out on May 15th for 3 days and 2 nights of fabulous fun. Amenities include two breakfast buffets, one buffet of choice, the bus and bus driver's tip. We will be leaving St. Anastasia at 9 AM on Wednesday, May 15th and returning about 6 PM on Friday the 17th. Double occupancy is \$115 pp, and single occupancy is \$155 pp. Call Laurette today at 310.670.2488 and reserve your space. Payment must be received by April 22nd.



**Wednesdays
6 pm**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet
(Confessions from
6:15 to 6:45 pm)**



FORGIVENESS

We have to ask ourselves by whose idea of justice do we try to live. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it **God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness?** When someone cuts us off in traffic, do we feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or do we offer forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as we would be forgiven."

Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more?

March 6 - April 14 Help Save Lives in Lawndale

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days 750,000 volunteers!

- 15,256 babies saved from abortion
- 186 abortion workers converted
- 99 abortion centers CLOSED
- Here's how to take part:
- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, Lawndale Medical Plaza, 14623 Hawthorne blvd., Lawndale, CA 90260
- **Vigil Hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166

40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign: 40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

Simply the Best: Oberammergau Passion Play plus Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Hosted by Maritza Leon and Spiritual Director, Fr. Greg Bramlage, Missionaries of the New Evangelization, Diocese of Colorado Springs. Twelve days from May 18 to May 29, 2020 including a Papal audience. For more info contact Maritza Duran-Leon at 310-895-8898.

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

LENT 2019 - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which fell on **Wednesday, March 6th**, this year. The Catholic Community around the world follows these general regulations during Lent.

ABSTINENCE – Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are **14 years of age** and older. **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.** Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics between the ages of **18-59 years** (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.



Faith for Kids



God, our Father, help me always to believe that you love me and want to help me even when I do wrong.

And God bless the people who forgive me when I have hurt them. Jesus, help me to have a big heart like yours so I can forgive people who hurt me or disappoint me.

I pray that my forgiveness will help them be better people. Holy Spirit, help me know when and how to say I am sorry so that I can help people forgive me and we can be happy together! Amen!



Whoever is in Christ is a new creation

The Catholic Relief Services Collection will take place next weekend, March 30/31st.

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **YOUR DONATIONS HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS** in the United States, and around the world. Give generously. Envelopes are in the pews.

Save the Date!

A Live Theatrical Event. A Wonderful Lenten Activity.

The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. These performances will take place on **April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, and 19th.** For More information Please visit:

www.thelastdaysofjesuspasionplay.com

Did you Know?

Sometimes children will behave in a manner quite unusual for them – stress, misunderstanding, or some form of abuse can be related to such behaviors. If you see your child exhibiting unusual behavior, talk with your child about their day or recent experiences in an open-ended conversation. Do ask factual questions, such as, "What did you do today? Did you do anything unusual today? Who did you see today? Did anyone say or do anything that was unusual or even upsetting? Then, ask feeling questions as a follow-up, and remember that sometimes it's easier for a child to talk about someone else's feelings first. For more tips in the VIRTUS® see <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

FACT OF LIFE: South Dakota Governor Signs Multiple Pro-life Laws These bills among other things, require abortionists to give women the chance to see a sonogram of their baby and listen to their child's heartbeat. The governor states, "A strong and growing body of medical research provides evidence that unborn babies can feel, think, and recognize sounds in the womb. These are people. They must be given the same basic dignities as anyone else. Our work isn't done until abortion is eliminated completely, but this is a step forward for life." **Four out of five moms who see their babies through ultrasound choose life.**

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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.

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