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Sunday of Advent

The desert and the
parched land will exult;
the steppe will
rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom
with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

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December 15, 2019

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 Satur-
day.

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

THIS WEEK: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH/ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

FOCUS: Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation, a time of preparation — for celebrating the birth of our Savior, and of readying ourselves for His eventual return. In God's goodness He gave us His own Son, who willingly took on our humanity to save us. Jesus forgives sins, heals the suffering and teaches the truth — He is the long-awaited Messiah.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of a day when the glory and splendor of God will be apparent to all. God will come to save. James encourages the community to be patient as they await Christ's return. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to go and tell John of miracles that have occurred. He then tells the crowd of John the Baptist's greatness.

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

Rita Reno
 Silvana Shinsaato
 Betty Emsch
 Millie Maksimovich
 Dora Lanzner
 Markus Tolentino
 Mitania Fabian
 Vicky Rice
 Jenny Arimoto
 Jennifer Kaczor
 John Lewis
 Jeannette Carroll
 Jolanta Zylak
 Nikodem Zylak
 Patrick Wellman
 Loren Record
 Catherine Macaulay Mallen
 Patricia Farina
 James Reuter
 Cecile Rutkowski
 Victor D.
 Antonia Alvarado
 Theo Hayez
 Lupe Vega
 Matthew Cook
 Diane Sortino
 Linda Smith
 Dina Giron
 Baby Chrislande and
 Mom Yolande
 Stuart & Maxine Liebman
 Mark Yngson
 Raul Moran
 Magally Rollice
 Kristin Wygal
 Thomas Brasil
 Baby Braxton Bjorn Roe
 Julio Arritola
 Javier Antunes
 Robin Hebert
 Victoria Gomez
 Bob Duron
 Angie Alvarado
 Anastasia White
 Katherine King
 Ramon Villafan
 Vera Romo
 Maria Castano

Ernesto Hernandez
 Eduardo Hernandez
 Ines Hernandez
 Barbara Degrafenread
 Alberto Gonzalez, Jr.
 Nicole Tredinnick
 Avery Oppenheimer
 Richard & Maggie Harris
 August Wygal
 Richard Moran
 Michelle King
 Baby Sam Tello
 Peter Cathcart
 Jan Semik
 Roland Adams
 Severina Dizon
 Yolanda Wygal
 Vincent Morgione
 Vicki Mitsakos
 Valerie Adamczyk
 Ursula Bloor
 Sylvia Yates
 Steven Wygal
 Stephane Lempire
 Seth Brunett
 Rosado Family
 Robbie Cole
 Peggy Tyrrell
 Paul Stasiak
 Nuria Lavilla Brau
 Natalie Nunez
 Nancy Collins
 Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
 Michelle Anaya
 Melvin Peluchette
 Mary Ann Kwinn
 Mark Burnett
 Marie Briody
 Manuel Villalobos
 Lysa Dennehy
 Lori Caldwell
 Lizbeth Taylor
 Lada Zubrinic
 Justin Udtana

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 Julie Martinez
 Joyce Lynn Donnellan
 Josephine Sullivan
 Joseph Perea
 Jose A. Anaya
 Jorden Aponte
 John Allen
 Joel Rivera
 Joanna Musacchio
 Jim Tyrrell
 Jessica Leoni
 Janet Erike
 James Dugan
 India Wygal
 Ian Maxwell
 Hannah & Carl Borgentun
 Grace Avilez
 Ging Savares
 Germaine Wensley
 Fr. Lancy Pereira
 Elizabeth Hauser
 Elaine Fischel
 Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
 Dina Yordy
 Diana Guerra
 Deshi Chopra
 Debbie Atwell
 Deanna Marie Messier
 Daisy Lezcano
 Cynthia McCarthy
 Cleofas Prieto
 Christine Houchin & family
 Charles Keglevich
 Charles Guerra
 Carolyn Lispcomb
 Brandi Hines
 Beverly Galip Marinelli
 Belkis Guerra
 Beatrice Vasek
 Barbara Clark
 Baby Grace Rose Awwad



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:

Our parish community prays for each other and this is our ever-changing prayer list.

It is a way for all of us to support those who are ill or in need of our prayers. New names are added to the beginning of the list, as they are received.

Would you like for our parish community to pray for you or a loved one who is ill or in need?

Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 to request names to be added or returned to the list. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/15
 7:30 AM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
 9:30 AM TURGEON FAMILY
 10:30 AM BILL DONNELLY †
 12:00 NN LEO MALLO, SR. †
 7:30 PM KATIE & BRAD STAPLETON ♥

MON. 12/16
 6:30 AM FOR HEALING ♦
 8:00 AM LEO MALLO, SR. †

TUE. 12/17
 6:30 AM ROSANNE MAUCH †
 8:00 AM VICTOR D. ♦

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

WED. 12/18
 6:30 AM CHRIS WYATT †
 8:00 AM DAVID CANADY †

THURS. 12/19
 6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♥
 8:00 AM ALFONSO HERNANDEZ †

FRI. 12/20
 6:30 AM JUAN JOSE GARCIA †
 8:00 AM FOR HEALING ♦

SAT. 12/21
 8:00 AM MAREK DMITROV †
 5:00 PM DEAN LORTIE †





SAVE THE DATE!

The 3½ Stories of Christmas!

NEXT Sunday, December 22nd
4 pm in the Church

As we begin this hectic season of Advent and Christmas, let's take time to enjoy the simple gift of an evening with our family and friends. Please join us on Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 pm in the Church for a family friendly play by Frank Runyeon. If his name sounds familiar, he presented our Lenten Mission. He was awesome. You don't want to miss him again! **3-1/2 Christmas Stories** announces the true meaning of Christmas with humor. After the presentation, all are invited to a fiesta featuring music, food, and fun in Pastors Plaza. So bundle up and join us! BTW its FREE!

2019 Christmas Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Christmas

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Christmas Eve,
Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 pm - Children's Mass
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
11:00 pm - Midnight Mass

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Christmas Day,
Wednesday, December 25th
Mass Schedule as follows:
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am, and 12:00 NN
(No 7:30 PM Mass)

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Wednesday, January 1st, 2020
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
ONLY ONE MASS @ 9:00 am

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: PLEASE PAY

ATTENTION TO THE NEW OFFICE CLOSING TIME!!

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

Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord!

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, December 21st &
Sunday, December 22nd, 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. Innocent
Msgr. Cox
Fr. King
Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent
Fr. Uche



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

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).
Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).
Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).
Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).



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.



The Advent Penance Service

Will take place **Thursday, December 19th, at 7:30 pm.** Six Priests will be available for Confessions.

Penance, A New Beginning!

Regular Confessions before Christmas:

Wednesday, December 18th from 6:15 to 6:45 pm.

Saturday, December 21st from 3:30 to 4:45 pm

PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE IN OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES:

American Martyrs, Monday, December 16th, @ 7:30 PM

St. Jerome - Tuesday, December 17th @ 7:00 PM

Visitation, Tuesday, December 17th, @ 7:00 PM

St. John Chrysostom, Friday, December 20th, @ 7:00 PM

St. Anastasia Bible Study

**“Draw near to God?”
Why am I allowed to do that?**



The Letter to the Hebrews

This inspiring letter provided the early Christians the truth and hope they longed for. It can do the same for you today.

- 📖 Study by Scott Hahn & Mark Shea. Video by Fr. Mitch Pacwa.
- 📖 Begins Tuesday, January 7. Attend either the morning session, 9:00-10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30-9:00 pm.
- 📖 Please register at the Parish Office right away to receive your study guide at the first meeting. Materials cost is \$25.

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski

ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com or call (310) 670-2243

St. Anastasia is offering the Ministry of Consolation Training beginning Monday, January 6, 2020, for 10 consecutive weeks, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall

TODAY, We welcome Elsa Hernandez from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office for Worship, to introduce us to this new and important Ministry.

She will be here for the morning and Noon Masses. Please come and learn how to be part of this call to help one another in difficult times of grieving and loss.

*“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”
- Psalm 147:3*

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 21st,
from 9 to 11 am.

Westchester United Methodist
Church (8065 Emerson Ave)

\$5 p/p or Donate a

Toy for Charity. Tickets available at the door or RSVP at **SignUpGenius**
tinyurl.com/y52djbw3



REMINDER ! ST. ANASTASIA OFFERS:

MONDAY: Miraculous Novena, following the 8 am Mass.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY: Recitation of the Rosary after all Masses, 6:30, 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.

3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: 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. Meet in Parish Office Conference Room.

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 4:45 pm.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING & REFLECTION

Advent is the season of waiting for Jesus' coming. During this season we focus on being ready to receive Christ.

We need people, individuals, and families to volunteer to participate in this liturgical activity.

Your presence and participation in this activity would be a great blessing. The sign-up poster is in the Vestibule this weekend.



MINISTRY EQUIPS US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND SHARE OUR FAITH...

**2020 Adult Confirmation
Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region**

If you are baptized Catholic, **have received First Communion** and wish to complete your initiation in the Catholic faith, **Adult Confirmation** process is the right one for you.

Preparation sessions and a retreat are required.

Besides the four (4) preparation classes, participants are expected to be connected with their home parish. Each parish will provide opportunities for getting to know its candidates, but this will vary from parish to parish.

The Adult Confirmation Sessions will be held at:

St. Mark Church (Parish Hall), 2475 Lincoln Blvd.,
Venice, CA 90291 (Corner of Lincoln and Garfield)

2020 SESSIONS DATES and TIMES:

January 18, 9 am—4 pm; February 1, 8, 15, 9 am to 4 pm.

\$60.00 per person.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: For *Candidate* and *Sponsor*, February 29, 2020, St. Monica's Church, Santa Monica. \$25 per person.

CONFIRMATION will be in your home parish. Please contact your Church. Or the Regional Confirmation Coordinator: David Lara, at 310-216-9587, or by email at: dlara@olapr.org.

The Retirement Fund for Religious
Collection takes place THIS weekend,
December 14/15, 2019

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay.

Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet the retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews.

You can also donate online at: retiredreligious.org.



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Fact of Life - Students for Life of America helped Ruth Asmarzadeh, a college student who was unable to finish her degree at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado after she says her Title IX rights were violated. She became pregnant in 2016 and said she was pressured to get an abortion. Ultimately, Asmarzadeh chose to have her child. She reached out to the pro-life organization which helped her get the financial aid back -- and threw her a baby shower. SFLA surprised her with \$6,000 to ensure she could finish her education. www.studentsforlife.org

The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. He is faithful forever. He helps those who have a bad power over them. He gives food to the hungry. And He sets those in prison free. - Psalm 146:6-7

Third Sunday of Advent

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

- James 5:8-9

Live God's word! *Today is a day of great joy! We are halfway through advent! But it may not feel like a day of joy; it may be filled with stress and chaos. How can I redirect myself over these next 10 days? What is something I can do when I start to complain?*

Did You Know?

Basic guidelines for airport safety

Flying for the holidays is stressful, and it's even more so when you add children to the equation. Airports are large, unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their destination. Consider taking a family airport selfie so you have a current picture of what everyone is wearing in case you get separated. Talk to your children about "safe strangers" — TSA agents, flight attendants, trusted adults — they can ask for help. Go over the travel plans so that your children know where you're going, what airline you're flying, and where you should meet. For more information, please visit, <https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>.



Faith for Kids

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. - Luke 1:30

When the angel told Mary not to be



afraid, this wasn't just anyone offering comfort. This was God's own messenger telling Mary that God knew and understood what was on her mind. Mary said the same thing to Juan Diego in 1531 when she appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe: "Do not be afraid." Mary told Juan Diego that she was there with him. She gently asked if there was anything he needed. God knows what's in our hearts. He knows what we worry about and what we're afraid of. He understands and wants us to know He is with us. What do you need from God today? Just ask!

God, you know my heart. Help me today!



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fbalsz@st-anastasia.org

ANOIDTING 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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