

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 Satur-
day.

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

THIS WEEK: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST/ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

FOCUS: Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God has made to the House of David. Today's readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises he made to his Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah prophesies a sign for Israel: *The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son who will embody God's redemptive presence with his people.* Paul, recalling his own apostolic calling, writes that the Gentiles are also *called to belong to Jesus Christ.* In the Gospel, the Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means. Joseph obeys the angel's commands.

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

Rita Reno
 Silvana Shinsaato
 Betty Emsch
 Millie Maksimovich
 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 Chrislante 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 Degraferread
 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 Adamcyk
 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
 Julie Schiavone

Julie Martinez
 Joyce Lynn Donnellan
 Josephine Sullivan
 Joseph Perea
 Jose A. Anaya
 Jordan 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 Yorby
 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
 Baby girl Ramsay Sketon



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:

Birthday ★ Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/22

7:30 AM GEORGE VOLK †
 9:30 AM HANNAH TURGEON †
 10:30 AM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS ◆
 12:00 NN BILL DONNELLY †
 7:30 PM KATIE & BRAD STAPLETON ◆

MON. 12/23

6:30 AM MIGUEL ERNESTO GUANCHE †
 8:00 AM FOR HEALING ◆

TUE. 12/24

8:00 AM - SPECIAL INTENTIONS
CHRISTMAS EVE
 4 PM, 6 PM, AND 11 PM

WED. 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
 REGULAR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM AND 12 NN
NO 7:30 PM MASS



THURS. 12/26

6:30 AM GLENN ALLRED ★†
 8:00 AM HANNAH TURGEON †

FRI. 12/27

6:30 AM MATT MILLER †
 8:00 AM MARKUS TOLENTINO ◆
 AND MITANIA FABIAN ◆

SAT. 12/28

8:00 AM FR. INNOCENT ★
 5:00 PM ESPERANZA DALAND †



A Christmas Message from Our Pastor



"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Luke 2:10

Dear parishioners,

Cries of "Merry Christmas!" echo everywhere today. On a day as important as this one, God invites us to ponder the great, unfathomable mystery on which the whole world hinges: God will not settle for us being apart from Him! In Jesus, we see God the Father extending His arm of salvation across the abyss of our sinfulness. And why? Just so that we might enter into a living relationship with Him.

Jesus is the Word who tells us that our Father does not want eternity without us. His coming tells us of a Father's love that counts no cost too great for restoring us to Himself. It tells us that we are valuable, that God loves us deeply.

It can be overwhelming—almost embarrassing—to consider how much the Father and the Son delight in you. But let this truth sink in. Don't shrug it off! What God thinks about you is more important than what anybody else thinks. And incredible as it may seem, He loves you as His child. God is on your side. He has planned that you should know Him. He wants to surprise you with the knowledge that you belong to Him, even if you feel you don't belong anywhere else in this world.

Today, let the Father tell you how much He loves you. If possible, spend some time gazing at the Nativity scene. Ponder the greatness of God's design to unite you with Himself. Welcome Jesus into the world and into your heart in a new way today and thank Him for being the Brother who delights in you.

On behalf of Msgr. Gregory Cox, Fr. Tom King, Fr. Innocent Nzewuji, Fr. Uche Onyekwelu, myself and the entire staff here at St. Anastasia, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Leszek Semik
Pastor



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.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"
says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty. - Rev. 1:8

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, December 28th &
Sunday, December 29th, 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. Uche
Fr. King
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Uche
Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent



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

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Col 3:12-21 [12-17]).
Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).



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.

**2020 CALENDARS
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE!
ONE PER FAMILY, PLEASE!**

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.

St. Anastasia Bible Study

What does it mean to be a priest in the "Order of Melchizedek"?



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 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

On Tuesday, December 24th, there will be **ONLY** one Mass in the morning: 8 AM.

On Tuesday, December 31st, there will be **ONLY** one Mass in the morning: 8 AM.

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 - **NO CONFESSIONS AND NO DEVOTION!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Through Him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of His name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God...called to be holy.

- Romans 1:5-7

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.

Christmas Season Parish Office Hours:

Monday, December 23rd,
8:30 am to 2 pm.

Tuesday, December 24th,
**Christmas' Eve, and
Wednesday, December 25th,
Christmas' Day!**

OFFICE IS CLOSED!

Thursday, December 26th,
and Friday, December 27th,
8:30 am to 1 pm.

Monday, December 30th, and
Tuesday, December 31st,
Regular Hours.



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

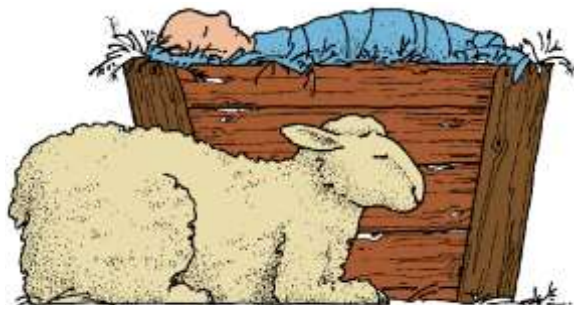
TODAY IS THE DATE!

The 3½ Stories of Christmas!

**Sunday, December 22nd,
4 pm in the Church**



Please join us TODAY **Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 pm in the Church** for a family friendly play by Frank Runyeon. You don't want to miss him! **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!



Fact of Life

Father, daughter make cross-country pilgrimage for life

For John Moore, each step is a prayer. And when you're walking the 2,800 miles from San Francisco to Washington, that's a lot of prayer. Last January, Moore completed a cross-country walk to pray for the unborn. Accompanied by his youngest daughter, Laura, who drove along in a support vehicle, he carried two crosses as he walked through deserts and mountains, rain and snow. The journey began April 8, 2018 - Divine Mercy Sunday - and ended at the national March for Life in Washington Jan. 18, 2019. www.cruXnow.com

Did You Know? My body, my rules

In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be easy for children to get overwhelmed — with parties and holiday get togethers, they may be seeing lots of new or unfamiliar family members and friends. It's important to remind children that they can say no to hugs, kisses, and other physical signs of affection if they are uncomfortable. Review "my body, my rules," and give children polite ways to decline any signs of affection that they don't want to give or receive. A simple "no thank you" to a request for a hug, or deflecting to a high-five, gives a child important control over who touches him or her, and how he or she feels in any situation. For more information, visit <https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/>

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**

Next Sunday, December 29th, at the 12 Noon Mass, St. Anastasia welcomes her own just ordained priest, Fr. Michael Bova. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, and parishioners are invited to a reception afterwards in Diamond Courtyard. Michael was ordained September 14th, 2019 in Tenafly, N.J. He is a graduate of St. Anastasia, St. Bernard High School, and UCLA. He earned his PhD in Pharmacy and had a successful career. He attended St. John 23rd Seminary for late vocations in Boston.



Faith for Kids

*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take
Mary your wife into your home. — Matthew 1:20*



It took courage and trust for Mary to say yes to God and become the mother of Jesus. But let's not forget about Joseph! An angel spoke to him in a dream and told him that the baby to be born was the savior, Emmanuel, God with us. Imagine hearing that God wants you to take care of His own son! Joseph could have said no. But he didn't. His faith in God gave him the courage to trust and take action on God's plan.

God, thank you for St. Joseph!

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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Fred & Esmeralda: 310.679.9119
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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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministry of the Eucharist
Linda Schmidt..... 397-5691
Nora Jayne Mallen-to the Home Bound
.....**670-2243**
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Carl Pentis.....**649-4238**
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Maura Reznik.....**645-6845**
Steve Sichi.....**670-8897**

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Leszek J. Semik
Priest in Residence:
Msgr. Gregory A. Cox
Fr. Innocent Nzewuji
Fr. Uche Onyekwelu
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Rev. Thomas F. King
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Jonette Mauch
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School Principal:
Dr. Gavin Colvert
School Office Manager:
Louise Lance
School Office Assistant:
Linda Schmidt
School Bookkeeper:
Pauline Diaz
Campus Safety:
Ken Lance
Maintenance:
Erik Melchor
Consultative School Board:
Todd Dombrowski
PTO-Parent Teacher Organization:
Jessica Wagner & Beth O'Rourke,
Presidents
ADESTE (After School Program)
Ofelia Jimenez



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Pastor Pastoral Council
Christopher Kaczor 670-2243
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Stefan Politz 337-9534
Men's Club
Chris Turkmany 200-8021
Knights of Columbus.....**821-2324**
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Lori Mountain 502-9105
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Ben Oakley... 670-2771
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Lisa Scaltrito..... 670-2243
Ann Abraham 670-2243
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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
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Bundles for Babies and Diaper Drive
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Joe Berberich 745-7009
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MOMS Ministry
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Maria Reilly.....**382-7971**
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Sr. Teresita.....**216-2001**

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