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Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

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, JANUARY 4TH/ SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

FOCUS: Jesus is the Savior born for all. Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all — as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others — that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an epiphany.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah prophesies that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. Paul tells the Ephesians that Gentiles are coheirs of God, along with the people of Israel. In the Gospel, magi arrive in Jerusalem from the east in search of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod is troubled by this, and the magi visit Mary and her child and offer gifts.

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

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Silvana Shinsaato
Betty Emsch
Millie Maksimovich
Markus Tolentino
Mitania Fabian
Vicky Rice
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Patrick Wellman
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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
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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
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Ursula Bloor
Sylvia Yates
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Stephane Lempire
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Josephine Sullivan
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Jose A. Anaya
Jorden Aponte
John Allen
Joel Rivera
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Ian Maxwell
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Germaine Wensley
Fr. Lancy Pereira
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Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
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Christine Houchin & family
Charles Keglevich
Charles Guerra
Carolyn Lispcomb
Brandi Hines
Beverly Galip Marinelli
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Barbara Clark



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, JANUARY 5TH, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUN. 01/05
 7:30 AM **ST. ANASTASIA'S PARISHIONERS**
 9:00 AM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**
 10:30 AM **FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ♦**
 12:00 NN **LAUREN CAREY †**
 7:30 PM **KATIE & BRAD STAPLETON ♦**

MON. 01/06
 6:30 AM **DOLORES DOMINETTA ★†**
 8:00 AM **ROSA PIUMETTII ★†**

TUE. 01/07
 6:30 AM **MARGARET M. COX †**
 8:00 AM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**



WED. 01/08
 6:30 AM **BABY M. ILYAS GUERRIT ★†**
 8:00 AM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**

THURS. 01/09
 6:30 AM **BABY M. ILYAS GUERRIT ★†**
 8:00 AM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**

FRI. 01/10
 6:30 AM **SPECIAL INTENTIONS ★**
 8:00 AM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**

SAT. 01/11
 8:00 AM **CHRIS WYATT ★†**
 5:00 PM **NAHID MOSTAGHEL †**



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen



ST. ANASTASIA MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION TRAINING BEGINS THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 16TH, 2020 FROM 7 TO 9 PM, IN THE PARISH HALL

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION REPRESENTS THE CHURCH AS THEY SERVE THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE. THE TRAINING FOCUSES ON:

- UNDERSTANDING CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITUALS AND FUNERAL PLANNING,
- BEING COMPASSIONATE AND LOVING,
- MINISTERING TO THE BEREAVED,
- WHAT GRIEF AND MOURNING ARE,
- BUILDING A SUPPORT GROUP IN THE PARISH,
- ANSWERING THE CALL BY ACCOMPANYING THOSE WHO MOURN. IT IS A GREAT BLESSING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY A FAMILY WHO IS MOURNING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE, OR ANY KIND OF LOSS.

YOU MUST
REGISTER NOW!

THIS COURSE TAKES 10 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, \$15 PER CLASS. You could find out more information by contacting Eva Hernandez from the Office for Worship, at 213.637.7547, or email her at ehernandez@a-archdiocese.org. You could also call the Parish Office at 310.670.2243, or email Al eida Rodriguez at arodriguez@st-anastasia.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: 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.



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, January 11th &
Sunday, January 12th, 2020



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. Innocent
Fr. Uche
Fr. King
Fr. Uche
Msgr. Cox



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).

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).



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
ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN
THE VESTIBULE!
ONE PER FAMILY,
PLEASE!**

"Are you a teen who is interested in getting more involved with your faith and your Catholic community?!"

ALL High School age young people in grades 9-12 are invited to attend our next two Youth Ministry NET Mini-Retreats on February 5th and March 4th 2020 from 5:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall! These retreats are led by the National Evangelization Team missionaries, which are a group of young adults who are serving a year-long Catholic mission in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The NET Mini-Retreats start with a FREE pizza dinner and includes games, activities, skits, prayer, worship, witness talks, community building, and more!

All high school teens are invited, regardless of faith background. All are welcome!"

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.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?..."**

On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His Mother Mary, **and they ... worshiped Him.**

- Matthew 2:1-2,11, NIV

Fact of Life

40 Days for Life organizes round-the-clock prayer vigils outside of abortion facilities around the world, persistent displays to raise awareness that abortion is not only happening in a community, but that there are community members willing to oppose it. The organization says that since 2007, it has led to the prevention of over 16,000 abortions, the closing of over 100 abortion centers, and the quitting of almost 200 abortion workers www.lifesitenews.com

The Epiphany of the Lord-The Star of Bethlehem:

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find a newspaper article or TV documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. But for us, the star has a deeper meaning. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus? First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold--a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense--Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh--Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us. Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith, or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Saint Paul speaks of the "stewardship of God's grace" to which he was called. Like Saint Paul, each of us is to be a steward of God's grace. A steward is one who is entrusted with something that belongs to another. The steward bears responsibility for what is entrusted to him or her. Saint Paul understands that his encounter with the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ carry with them a sacred responsibility, to bring the news of salvation to all. We too have been blessed with much, including the gift of faith, and are called to be good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted. We do this by nurturing a faithful and faith-filled heart, responding to God's grace through the attitudes and actions that make up our daily lives. We do this as well by sharing our faith and the impact of faith with others, so that they may be drawn to our Lord. This is a sacred responsibility, a blessing, a privilege.

BEARING GIFTS

The magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to the Lord? You might have the gift of patience or understanding and bring this gift in your interactions with others. You might have a talent for bringing new ideas and creative insights into situations at home, work, parish, or your city. You might have a gift for helping people to work together for a great cause or purpose. All of these gifts have been given to you by God, to be used for God's purposes, for God's greater glory. All of these are glimpses of God's grace, and like Saint Paul, you are called to be a good steward of them, as a sign of Christ's life within you. You bring your gifts to the Lord by using them well, sharing them generously and responsibly in caring for others and for all of creation.



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
- Matthew 2:9

Did You Know?

What is child sex trafficking?

Child sex trafficking occurs when a minor is involved in a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs or anything else of value. Perpetrators of sex trafficking often target children believing their age makes them easier to manipulate and control. This crime is occurring in all types of communities throughout the U.S. and traffickers are making an alarming profit while victims endure abuse and violence. One of the most important things you can do to protect your child is to create an environment in which he or she feels comfortable talking with you as a trusted adult. For more information please visit, <http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/trafficking>.

Faith for Kids

Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh — Matthew 2:11

What kinds of gifts do you give babies? Blankets? Toys? Baby clothes? So why did the magi give Jesus these strange gifts? Well, they knew that Jesus was a special king, so they brought gifts fit for a king, like gold. Myrrh (rhymes with *purr*) was used to anoint the dead, so this gift hinted at Jesus' death on the cross someday. Frankincense is a special kind of incense. We still use it in Church, where its rising smoke reminds us that Jesus lifts our prayers to his heavenly Father. What kinds of gifts will you give Jesus?



Jesus, please accept my gift—it's me!



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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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