

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Fourth

Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



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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, MARCH 21ST / SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

FOCUS: The Lord of all gives sight to the blind. **Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind.** We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and a light to follow in the darkness of sin.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Lord sends Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord has chosen the new king from among **Jesse's sons. Samuel goes, and anoints David in the presence of his brothers.** In **Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to live as children of light.** In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth. After Jesus gives the man sight, the Pharisees become divided over the account. The man defends Jesus, explaining that he must be from God.

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

Cassandra Bacote-Capiga
Carmen Sullivan
Vincent Morgione
Pedro Fernandez
Lisa Argenta
Nicolas Carrilo
Ed Charette
Beatrice Vasek
Herb Masi
Rita Reno
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Patricia Farina
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

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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
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 Jose A. Anaya
 Jorden Aponte
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 Janet Erike
 James Dugan
 India Wygal
 Ian Maxwell
 Hannah & Carl Borgentun
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 Ging Savares
 Germaine Wensley
 Fr. Lancy Pereira
 Elizabeth Hauser
 Elaine Fischel
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 Dina Yordy
 Diana Guerra
 Deshi Chopra
 Debbie Atwell
 Deanna Marie Messier
 Daisy Lezcano
 Cynthia McCarthy
 Cleofas Prieto
 Christine Houchin & family
 Charles Keglvech
 Charles Guerra
 Carolyn Lispcomb



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, MARCH 22ND, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN. 03/22

7:30 AM
 9:00 AM
 10:30 AM
 12:00 NN
 7:30 PM

DIANE WARD †
 VANESSA A. LOVATTO †
 DELIA M. GONZALEZ ★
 HELGA GOSSLER RIPANI †
 ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS ◆

MON. 03/23

6:30 AM
 8:00 AM

KIMBERLY NGUYEN ◆
 PEDRO FERNANDEZ ◆

TUE. 03/24

6:30 AM
 8:00 AM

AVIVA GOLD †
 LUIS REYES †
 (20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY)



WED. 03/25

6:30 AM
 8:00 AM

ODILIO RODRIGUEZ ★†
 KATIA ABBAS ★

THURS. 03/26

6:30 AM
 8:00 AM

SHANE MALLEN ★
 TEOFILA & MARCELO GATCHALIAN ††

FRI. 03/27

6:30 AM
 8:00 AM

MAURICE MOORMAN †
 MSGR. ROYALE M. VADAKIN ★†

SAT. 03/28

8:00 AM
 5:00 PM

ARTHUR PERRY †
 STEFANO GALANTE †

**Yes, there's actually a
St. Corona! And her
remains are in
Northern Italy!
And She is the Patron
Saint of Plagues and Epidemics!**



The story (legend) tells the tale of a Roman soldier named Victor. The Romans discovered that Victor was a Christian. The soldiers brought Victor before a judge, named Sebastian, who despised Christians. He decided to make an example out of Victor. He was bound to a pillar and summarily whipped until his skin was hanging from his body, and then Sebastian had his eyes gouged out. Through it all, Victor never denied Christ. Nearby was a 16-year-old girl name Corona. She was the wife of one of the soldiers, and she was also a Christian. (Corona's husband did not know his wife was a Christian). As Victor was being brutalized, Corona decided she needed to help the slowly dying man. She chose to announce her Christianity to all present and hurried over to where they were torturing Victor. She knelt and began to pray for him, letting him know she was there for him. It did not take very long for the soldiers to bring her too before Sebastian. Little is known about St. Corona, but she and the man she prayed for, St. Victor, are listed in the Roman martyrology and the Hagiography of the Church. There is ambiguity surrounding the dates and locations of St. Victor's and St. Corona's martyrdom. Most sources say it was in Syria, which was under Roman rule. Some say Damascus; others, Antioch. Most agree they were put to death in the year 170 A.D. Most historians agree they died during the reign of Marcus Aurelius and that they were put to death by order of a Roman judge named Sebastian. Their feast is celebrated May 14.

Does this comfort us that God anticipates our sufferings and takes care of them for us? Amen! Continue your prayers through this time of distress, uncertainty and fear! God is always with us! Amen

The COVID-19 virus may be keeping us from gathering together in person, but it cannot stop our prayer.

We pray:

**Lord Jesus,
You traveled through towns and villages
curing every disease and illness among the people.**

**At your command, the sick were made well.
Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may
know your healing love.**

**Heal those who are sick:
may they regain their health and strength.
Heal us from our fear,
which prevents us from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride,
which makes us certain of our health and life apart from
you.**

**Bless health care professionals with strength and compas-
sion
as they selflessly respond to our needs.**

We make this prayer in your strong and holy name,

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: 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.



THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2020 READINGS:

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).



Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).



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

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).



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.

DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF DEALING WITH THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS MOST OF OUR MEETINGS HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CANCELLED: (PHYSICALLY GETTING TOGETHER). ONLINE MEETINGS ARE OFFERED FOR SOME OF THOSE.

THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES (EFFECTIVE MARCH 17TH) UNTIL MARCH 29, 2020, OR OTHERWISE EXTENDED.

OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM.

- ◆ MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION (MONDAY)
- ◆ BIBLE STUDY (TUESDAY)
- ◆ DIVINE MERCY—SAVED BY GRACE - CONFESSIONS (WEDNESDAY)
- ◆ PRAYER GROUP AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (WEDNESDAY)
- ◆ COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY (3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)
- ◆ MOMS (1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)
- ◆ STATIONS OF THE CROSS (FRIDAY)



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

NOW THAT WE ARE CONFINED AT HOME, LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY:

"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER"

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS
ARE STILL ON!**



Catholic Relief Services Collection, this Sunday, March 22nd 2020

This week, we take up this Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Please support this cause online!



FACT OF LIFE

Bowen Hammitt was born with only half of his heart developed (Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)-- which is a congenital heart defect (CHD). Already, in his young life, he's had 3 open-heart surgeries. Oftentimes, when a woman finds out during her pregnancy that her child has Congestive Heart Defect (CHD), she is counseled to abort. Bowen's father, Matt Hammitt, said this was exactly what he and his wife were told when they found out Bowen's diagnosis. They decided against it. Because of their experience with Bowen, the Hammitts have become pro-life champions. And Bowen has pursued his dream of writing and recording music. His latest song *Heart Strong* is being used by the Ethan M. Lindberg Foundation to help raise awareness during Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.

www.savethestorks.com

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.

2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: **NURSES MINISTRY** - Blood Pressure readings after the 10:30 am and 12 Noon Masses, in Diamond Courtyard.

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.

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

Lent 2020 – Please continue observing these regulations during Lent:



The Catholic Community around the world follows these general regulations during Lent:

ABSTINENCE – Refrain from the consumption of meat. This penitential practice 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 – Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday & 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. 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. **Giving up something for Lent fosters self-discipline and tempers our desires.** It is a form of fasting. It is a form of penance.

It promotes spiritual growth. If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great. Also consider doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place. Look for ways that you can increase your knowledge of your faith, strengthen your spiritual life or perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, in your parish or in your community.



Strengthen your faith!

St. Anastasia remains dedicated to the spiritual and emotional well-being of our parishioners. Your care and support ensures we can continue in the midst of these challenging times.

Make your offertory gift online:
st-anastasia.org

We are so grateful for your generosity which is so vital to our mission.
Thank you.

BOTH WOMEN AND MEN
CORNERSTONE RETREATS
OFFERED BY VISITATION CHURCH
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Did You Know? Early abuse identification is key

We can do our best to ensure that the children in our community are as safe as possible, and one critical way is to take immediate action at the first hint of improper behavior by an adult towards a child. Be familiar with ways in which perpetrators attempt to groom children, their parents, and church communities so that you can recognize and interrupt such behaviors promptly. Paying attention to changes in behavior, appetite, or demeanor in the children we know is also important as these cues may be reflective of a child's distress. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Early Identification is Crucial" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>



Faith for Kids
...and the promise may be guaranteed to all His descendants...
- Romans 4:16



Think about a time someone made a promise to you and they kept it. How did you feel? When people keep their promises to me, I feel happy and excited. God made a promise to all of us that He would take care of us forever. We know that He's watching over us daily and that we get to spend forever with Him in heaven in perfect joy and peace. That's a pretty huge promise!

God, thank you for keeping your promises.

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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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