

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020



*Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may let your servant
go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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HOURS OF OPERATION: 9 AM TO 3:30 PM // WE ARE HERE TO SERVE AND HELP!!



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ~ ~ WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY. The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to: a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. **This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day:** to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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December 15, 2020

Dear St. Anastasia Parish Community,

We wanted to make sure that you are aware of a matter that took place at our parish on the morning of Sunday, December 13. There was an incident around the time of the 9 AM Mass, when an individual was noticed standing on the sidewalk filming the parish parking lot on both Stanmoor and Manchester. The individual was making threatening comments to parishioners, and there were altercations between him and a staff member and others. The police were notified and the individual was detained. We are working closely with the LAPD and the Archdiocese to address the situation.

Periodically, parishes and schools are targeted by individuals who characterize themselves as "First Amendment auditors." They claim to be testing their constitutional rights and target churches, synagogues and military bases, among other places. Sometimes they move around, but they are generally careful not to trespass onto private property. Occasionally, they will try to provoke reactions by yelling. They will often stream their antics live or post videos on social media sites including YouTube.

We understand the anxiety and fear associated with concerns about parish safety. It is our hope that the "First Amendment auditors" will not be back at our parish, but if they are seen again please do NOT approach or engage such individuals. Their activities may be troubling, even frightening, but do NOT engage with them in any way. In the United States, filming activities that are visible from the public street are not illegal. Any encounter will be filmed and subject to posting online.

These individuals hope for the worst in human behavior and often respond in unexpected ways. The best thing we can do in these instances is: not engage, notify law enforcement, and pray for them. Thank you for your support and prayers,

Fr. Leszek Semik, Pastor

ATTENTION PLEASE: OUTDOOR MASSES ARE CELEBRATED AS FOLLOWS:

DAILY MASSES, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY @ 8 AM - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD

♥ SUNDAY MASSES 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM - PASTORS PLAZA ♥

♦ SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5 PM - AND - 5 PM SUNDAY MASS - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD ♦

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2020 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CONTINUE TO CHECK THE ST. ANASTASIA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE TO STAY TUNED WITH UPDATES!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR YEARS, WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY LISTED THE PRAYER INTENTIONS IN THE BULLETIN. KEEPING WITH THAT TRADITION, WE NOW LIST THOSE INTENTIONS AND PLACE THEM ON THE ALTAR DURING MASS.
(THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE. - THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

- 7 AM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
- 9 AM - JOE WINKELMAN ♦
- 11 AM - STEVEN CATHCART ★
- 5 PM - THE PAULINE SISTERS ♦

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
8 AM - FR. INNOCENT ★

ROSS A. SIMARD ♦

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
8 AM - MARIA SIATO ♦

CAROLINA DIAB †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
8 AM - LEONOR GARCIA †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
8 AM - MARILYN J. BEANS †

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2021
NEW YEAR'S
ONLY ONE MASS @ 9:00 AM**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8 AM - PAUL ANTHONY M. ★

5 PM - WILLIAM FERRA †

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

THE CHURCH IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The safety of our parishioners is our top priority at this time.

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We encourage you to contact us **ONLY** by phone: 310.670.2243, or email: parish@st-anastasia.org. ♦ Hours: 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Almighty God, faithful and true,
in your love for us you kept your promise of salvation
through your precious Son.
Graciously hear these our prayers
and grant them through your Son,
Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior
for ever and ever.



HOW TO HONOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - FROM THE DRE

Activities to Do As a Family

- Use the Feast of the Holy Family (December 27) to plan a family date. Discuss what makes your family “holy” and what you each admire about the Holy Family.
- Look for ways to extend Christmas charity to families in need through programs/ministries that provide resources and services especially during this time.
- Spend some time with God and tell Him

your fears during this pandemic and then ask Him to calm your fears and know he is with you.

- Attend Sunday Mass (Virtually/In-Person) to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and embrace this special day.
- Reflect on Sunday’s Scriptures readings as a family in your home or nature and how what they speak to your heart to stay grounded.



Holy Family Sunday Readings

Reading 1

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2

Col 3:12-21

Gospel

Sharing Points...Family Comes First... From the Director of Religious Education...Nivita...

Merry Christmas!
REJOICE Christ is born! Enjoy the Feast Day of the Holy Family! I'm sharing an awesome activity for the family to enjoy today. May almighty God protect you and your loved ones.



NEWS FROM YOUR DRE (PCL)

Please contact me for any of the following, with questions or concerns.

Sacrament Preparation Class Updates:

- ♦ First Holy Communion - Year 1 and Year 2,
- ♦ Confirmation -Year 1 and Year 2,
- ♦ RCIA
- ♦ Family " ZOOMING with Jesus Time (Open to all families with or without children),
- ♦ Baptism Class Parents/Godparents.

Nivita Aldrete-Brito ~ ~

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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.

A Cry of Peace: A Prayer for the World Day of Peace

A prayer of peace, to say together as we mark the **World Day of Peace on January 1**, or any time we gather to seek God's blessing of peace for the world.



"Father Jesus,

You who sent your angels to herald your Son's coming with cries of peace, heart our cry now. That your peace may touch all corners of our world.

Peace to the smallest child, still in the womb. Peace to the most vulnerable of our elderly, who long to see you face.

Peace to the migrant fleeing war, persecution, hunger and poverty. Peace to the citizen of those nations to which migrants flee.

Peace to the those touched by violence and disaster, by storms and quakes and droughts and floods.

You who called all the peacemakers blessed, help us forge peace in your name. Peace among nations,

Peace among neighbors, Peace among families.

When we look back on this time may we recall it as the time we all heard the angel's cry and worked together to reveal that peace to all. A peace worthy of God born to the world. AMEN."

COURTESY OF 



FACTS OF LIFE

Preemie of the Week: Doctors left Benson to die at birth, but his parents fought for him

In November 2017, Megan Artman went into premature labor at just 22 weeks and five days. She and her husband Tim were told their tiny son Benson would only live a few hours, but Benson had other plans. Today, he is a thriving three-year-old.

Benson was born weighing just one pound, two ounces. Believing he would not survive, doctors left him to die on his mother's chest. At first, doctors wouldn't even help Benson warm up because he wasn't considered to be viable. But his parents fought for him, acknowledging that God was in charge of Benson's life, not the doctors. Five hours later, he was still breathing and the medical team decided to step in and help him. "They tried to convince me to hold him 'til he died but we're taking the neonatal route to intervene for his life. They're making an exception for him because they're all so shocked at how well he's doing and they don't usually even try for babies born quite this early," said Artman.

Benson continues to shock doctors with his progress, to the delight of his parents, who give all the glory to God. www.liveaction.org



Did You Know?

Talk to teens about posting photos

The pictures we share on Instagram and other social media can reveal much more information than just the picture we want our followers to see. If your teens are on social media, talk to them about the dangers of posting photos with potentially identifying information — posing in front of their schools or cars, tagging their location, or providing other clues that would give a predator easy access. Consider having a family screening contract, where parents approve photos before children can post. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Technology Safety" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

St. Anastasia Catholic School is offering virtual school tours for parents interested in grades Junior Kindergarten to 8th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications for 2021-2022 are already available as of December 1. Please email admissions@st-anastasia.org to schedule a virtual school tour. St. Anastasia emphasizes an academic and spiritual program that supports the intellectual, physical, and creative growth of every child.



Enroll for the 2021-2022 School Year! Join our Panther Family! We can't wait to meet you!

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CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, January 2nd & Sunday, January 3rd, 2020

MASSES:

Sat:	5 pm
Sun:	7 am
Sun:	9 am
Sun:	11 am
Holy Communion @ 12:30 pm	
Sun:	5 pm

CELEBRANTS:

Fr. Semik
Fr. King
Fr. Semik
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Innocent
Fr. Innocent

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



First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



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



St. Anastasia offers Drive-Through Holy Communion,
on Sundays at 12:30 pm.

CONFESIONS on Saturday, from 3:30 to 4:45 PM
DIAMOND COURTYARD



Holy Water **is available** in the
Parish Office.

Those interested, please call before
coming, since the office is **CLOSED**
to the Public @ 310-670-2243.
A donation is welcomed!

Prayer for Blessings in the Year Ahead

Father, Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives.
Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime.
Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield.
We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today.
That your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from.
Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your huge favor and grace.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



"Sing joyfully, O Israel!"
- Zephaniah 3:14

An angel brought glad tidings of comfort and joy. You can too—
even with people who live far away. It's fun and easy.

Here is how:

1. Choose two or three of your favorite Christmas carols.
2. Ask an adult to help you find the words online if you **don't know them, and print out copies.**
3. Gather your family together.
4. Have someone record a video of your family singing a carol or two.
5. Share your video with loved ones far away.

Don't forget to have some
Christmas cookies with your family afterward. What a fun way to celebrate Jesus' birth!



St. Anastasia Home Bible Study

What Are the Readings Telling Me?

The four Scripture readings proclaimed at Sunday Mass carry a special message for us.
But sometimes we miss it.

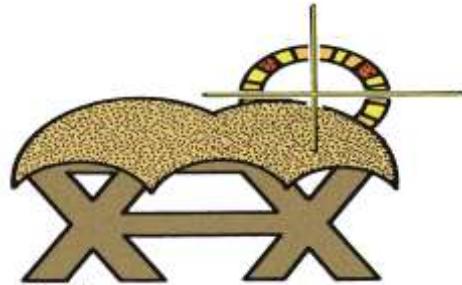


Join Dr. Brant Pitre each week as he reveals hidden meanings, navigates difficult passages, and gives historical context for the Sunday 'Liturgy of the Word'.

Watch his engaging videos on your own schedule and participate in moderated Q&A and discussion with other members of St. Anastasia Bible Study.

Every Sunday like never before you will be prepared to understand and appreciate the richness of Sacred Scripture.

There is no charge but registration is needed.
Contact: Carolyn Godlewski at ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com



The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2020
My eyes have seen
your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.
— Luke 2:30-31

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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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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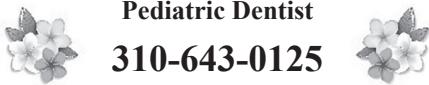
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