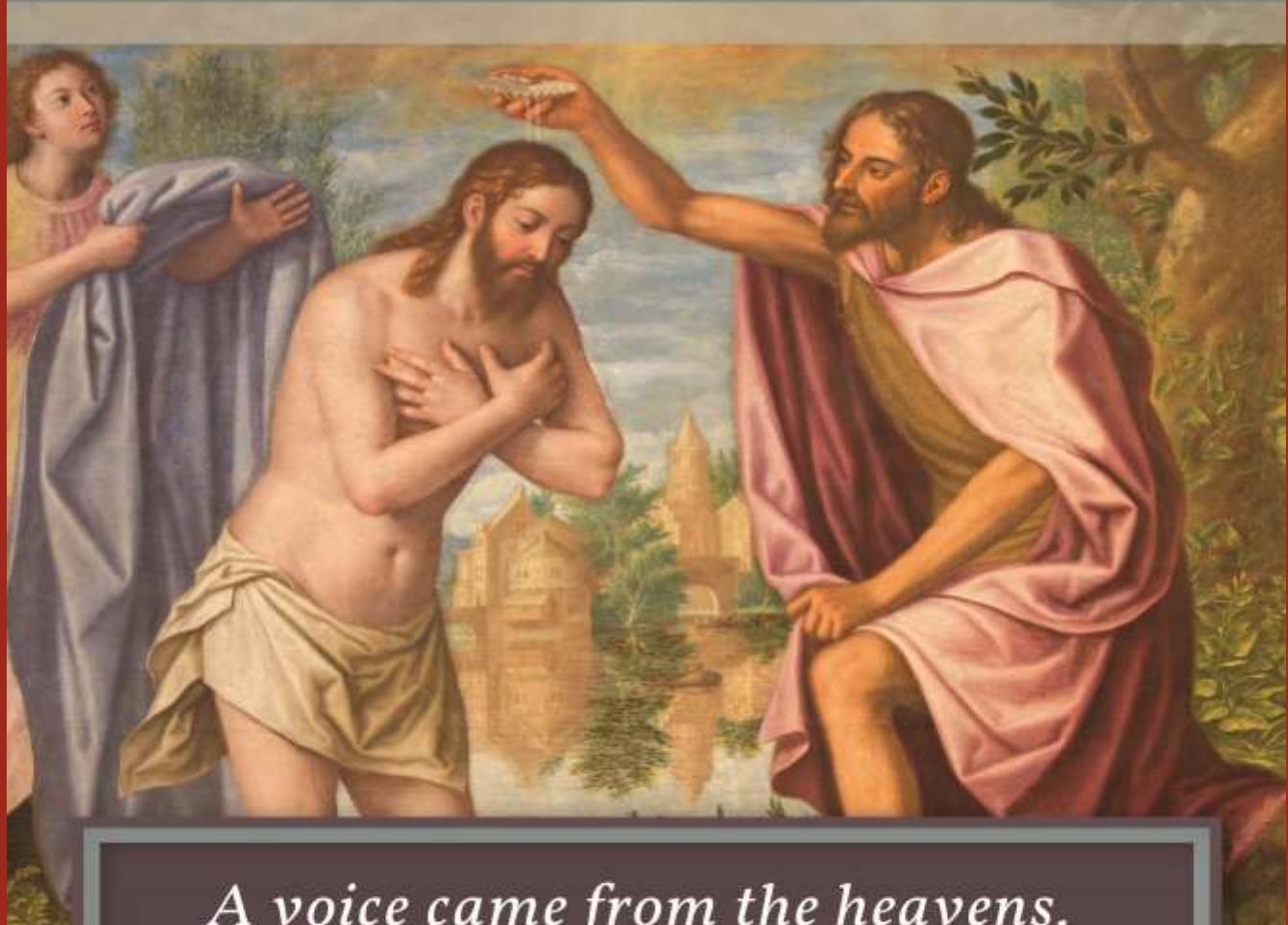


# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021



*A voice came from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11*

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**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ ~** It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## 15 CATHOLIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS! (Cont.)

Read something worthwhile. You'll have to determine for yourself what a good goal would be—one spiritual book a month or half an hour of spiritual reading a day or maybe just one book this year—but reading worthwhile books can be an absolute game-changer. Check out my recommendations of [spiritual reading](https://www.piercedhands.com/spiritual-reading-shopping/) (<https://www.piercedhands.com/spiritual-reading-shopping/>), [Catholic novels](https://www.piercedhands.com/christian-novels-shopping-list/) (<https://www.piercedhands.com/christian-novels-shopping-list/>), and [apologetics](https://www.piercedhands.com/apologetics-shopping-list/) (<https://www.piercedhands.com/apologetics-shopping-list/>), or watch this space for a list of all time favorites (check her blog).

Commit to daily *silent* prayer. I never tire of telling people that while a devotion to the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours or even the Bible isn't a requirement for canonization, regular silent prayer is. This is what makes Saints. Every other kind of prayer (and there are many - <https://www.piercedhands.com/50-ways-talk-god/>) only exists to lead you into silent prayer, but most of us spend all our prayer time doing and very little being. This year, commit to a certain amount of time *every day without fail*/just being still before the Lord, talking to him and listening, too. A good rule of thumb is one minute per day for every year old you are, which is great if you're 15 but not so much if you're 45 with a million little kids and no experience with silence. Start with 15 minutes a day, see if you can't stretch it to 20 for Lent, then go from there.

Taken from: Meg Blog — December 30, 2017 — Random - New Year's, Resolutions

★TO BE CONTINUED...

\*\*\* ATTENTION PLEASE: MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE BEGINNING JANUARY 2021 \*\*\*



DAILY MASSES, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY @ 8 AM - INDOOR - CHURCH



♥ SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5 PM - INDOOR - CHURCH

SUNDAY, 7 AM MASS - INDOOR - CHURCH

SUNDAY, 9 AM & 11 AM - OUTDOOR - PASTORS PLAZA AND - 5 PM SUNDAY MASS INDOOR - CHURCH ♥

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SATURDAY VIGIL/SUNDAY MASSES

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2021 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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, JANUARY 10TH

7 AM - STEPHEN COLES, Jr. ♦

9 AM - JOHN CONNOLY ★

11 AM - SPECIAL INTENTIONS ★

5 PM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8 AM - BEVERLY AIRHART and

DARRELL AIRHART ♦

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8 AM - WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ♥

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8 AM - NIURKA HERRERA ★

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8 AM - JACQUELYN CATHCART ✝

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8 AM - BREEGE LOUGHLIN ✝

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8 AM - THE SREENIVASAN FAMILY ♦

5 PM - PATRIC SLEZINGER ✝

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✝



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

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## Mass Schedule Update Beginning January 2021

In accordance with recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, Los Angeles County Public Health recently gave permission for our Churches to reopen, with specific limitations.

Out of great concern for the health and well-being of our Parish, amid COVID-19 and winter weather, we have created the following schedule to try to accommodate as many Parishioners as possible to attend Mass, while being mindful of the CDC guidelines:

Daily Mass - Monday through Saturday, @ 8 am - Indoor Service - Church

Saturday 5pm Mass - Indoor service - Church

Sunday 7am Mass- Indoor Service - Church

Sunday 9am Mass- Outdoor Service - Pastors Plaza

Sunday 11am Mass- Outdoor Service - Pastors Plaza

Sunday 5pm Mass - Indoor Service - Church



In accordance with the CDC guidelines the following protocol will be followed at all Masses:

- Masks will be worn properly throughout the service
- Social distancing will be observed at all times
- Hand sanitizers will be available at all Masses
- No social gathering after Masses.

I want to also remind you that the dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation remains in effect. I would like to also encourage our elderly parishioners and those already in poor health to remain at home.



Live Streaming will be available on our Website as well as our Facebook Page for those who prefer to stay home.

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Leszek Semik

**THE WATERS OF BAPTISM** ~ When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## 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.

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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.

## Annual Donation Statement Information

The Parish Office will be sending donation statements to those who donated \$100 or more during 2020. IRS rules require a written acknowledgement only for individual gifts of \$250 or more, but the statements are a reminder to claim the deduction for those who itemize. Donations will be included in your normal donation statement only if they are delivered via collection basket, or to the Parish Office, by December 31, or if postmarked on or December 31. Donations will otherwise be credited to 2021 contributions.

If you have a record of contributions not shown in your statement, please contact the Parish Office at 310-670-2243.



## Annual Appeal - End of the Year Donation

SCHOOL CORNER

Dear St. A's families

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a relaxing, happy and healthy Christmas break!

As we close the books on 2020, I would like to send a friendly reminder that it's not too late to donate to our Annual Appeal and capitalize on deductions for the year. Our annual appeal helps support our school's general operating expenses, and helps to keep our tuition low. Your help is needed now, more than ever, as we face new challenges to our budgets as we prepare our campus to safely welcome students back to campus next month, and dealing with the ongoing Pandemic. Please consider making an end of the year tax-deductible donation to support St. Anastasia! Also, please check with your employer in case they offer corporate matching donations - this is a fantastic way to make your donation even more impactful!

Details on how to donate are included in this link from September:

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/4572604>

On behalf of our PTO, we wish everyone a Happy New Year!

With many thanks, Vickie Farmer, PTO President

## FACTS OF LIFE

### Police officer and his wife adopt toddler he rescued from abusive home

Two and a half years after first saving a toddler from an abusive home, an Arizona police officer and his family adopted the little girl. Lieutenant Brian Zach was a patrol officer in Kingman, Arizona, at the time. He responded to a residence check in March 2018, where he found a toddler who was living in an abusive home.

Zach said that during the check, he and the little girl, Kaila, "colored [and] snacked ... she held my hand and she was just this cute little thing." Detectives soon arrived at the scene and took Kaila to the hospital for her injuries.

According to Lieutenant Zach, criminal charges were filed against Kaila's abusers.

A little over two years after first rescuing her, the Zachs were able to bring Kaila home permanently as their daughter on August 18th.

Since then, Lieutenant Zach and his wife have become strong advocates for fostering children. [www.liveaction.org](http://www.liveaction.org)

## Did You Know?

### Why it is so important to tell the truth

As parents, we teach our children that the truth is important. In fact, the truth is a critical part of the healing process for victim-survivors of abuse. When a victim-survivor tells the truth about abuse that has happened to him or her, it robs the secret of its power and begins to break down any fear surrounding it. This helps a victim-survivor on the path to being free from the effects of abuse and enables the church and other institutions to take appropriate action to keep others safe. For more information about the importance of truth-telling, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, January 16th & Sunday, January 17th, 2021

### MASSES:

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

### CELEBRANTS:

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

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



First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).



# 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!



## Pope Francis calls for a commitment to 'take care of each other' in 2021

An image of Mary is pictured as homeless people celebrate New Year's Eve dinner at Our Lady of Solitude Catholic Church in Mexico City during the COVID-19 pandemic. The church becomes a shelter for the homeless in the winter. (CNS photo/Gustavo Graf, Reuters)

Pope Francis warned on Sunday, January 3rd, against the temptation to ignore the suffering of others during the coronavirus pandemic and said that things will get better in the new year to the extent to which the needs of the weakest and most disadvantaged are prioritized.

"We don't know what 2021 has in store for us, but what each of us and all of us together can do is to commit ourselves a little more to take care of each other and of creation, our common home," the pope said in his Angelus address Jan. 3.

In the live video broadcast from the Apostolic Palace, the pope said that "things will get better to the extent that, with God's help, we work together for the common good, putting the weakest and most disadvantaged at the center."

The pope said that there is a temptation to take care only of one's own interests during the pandemic and "to live hedonistically, that is, seeking only to satisfy our own pleasure." He added: "I read something in the newspapers that saddened me greatly: in one country, I forget which, more than 40 aircraft left, to enable people to flee from the lockdown and to enjoy the holidays." "But those people, good people, did they not think about those who stayed at home, about the economic problems faced by many people who have been floored by the lockdown, about the sick? They thought only about taking a holiday for their own pleasure. This pained me greatly." Pope Francis addressed a special greeting to "those who begin the new year with greater difficulties," mentioning the sick and the unemployed. "I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, He does not merely speak: He makes Him see the wounds of the flesh, He makes Him see the wounds He suffered for us," he said.

"This is Jesus: with His flesh He is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering." In a reflection on the first chapter of the Gospel of John, Pope Francis said that God became man to love us in our human frailty. "Dear brother, dear sister, God became flesh to tell us, to tell you that He loves us ... in our frailty, in your frailty; right there, where we are most ashamed, where you are most ashamed. This is bold," he said. "Indeed, the Gospel says that He came to dwell among us. He did not come to visit us, and then leave; He came to dwell with us, to stay with us. What, then, does He desire from us? He desires a great intimacy. He wants us to share with Him our joys and sufferings, desires and fears, hopes and sorrows, people and situations. Let us do this, with confidence: let us open our hearts to Him, let us tell Him everything."

Pope Francis encouraged everyone to pause in silence before the nativity to "savor the tenderness of God who became near, who became flesh."

The pope also expressed his closeness to families with young children and to those who are expecting, adding "a birth is always a promise of hope."

"May the Holy Mother of God, in whom the Word became flesh, help us to welcome Jesus, who knocks on the door of our hearts to dwell with us," Pope Francis said. "Without fear, let us invite Him among us, into our homes, into our families. And also ... let us invite Him into our frailties. Let us invite Him, so that He may see our wounds. He will come and life will change."

VISIT THE ANGELUS WEBSITE: <https://angelusnews.com/news/vatican/pope-francis-calls-for-a-commitment-to-take-care-of-each-other-in-2021/>

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## He will baptize with the Holy Spirit



"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He...gave them to His disciples to set before the people.  
- Mark 6:41



Sometimes, we receive many blessings at once. We laugh. We eat our fill. Sunshine bursts through the cloud. Other times, we experience many losses at once. We are separated from loved ones. We have too little of what we want, maybe even what we need. Most often, though, life is not all pleasant or all pain. It is both together. If you are hurting today, look closely. How might God be blessing you even now?

Loving God, help me count my blessings.

## 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.

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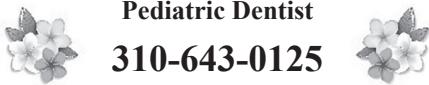
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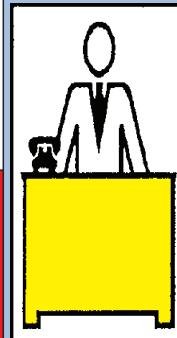
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