

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your body is
a temple of the
Holy Spirit
within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

JANUARY 17, 2021

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ ~ YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING ~ ~ We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own. Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

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

Cling to the Sacraments. Make a *concrete* resolution to live a more Sacramental life. Up your confession game to once a month, add one extra daily Mass each week, or spend more time praying in a church instead of just praying in traffic.

Perhaps it's something as small as crossing yourself every time you pass a Catholic church (greeting Jesus in the Eucharist) or making sure to stop by the tabernacle first thing when you get to church and last thing before you leave, even if **you're just there to get something signed or to go to a meeting**. Treat him like he's really present there.

Go on a retreat. It can be really difficult to find a way to leave home and work and family for several days to make a retreat, but it can also be absolutely life-changing. Make a commitment to go on a retreat this year, whether directed or silent.

Join a group. Whether it's a Bible study or a faith-sharing group, find a group of Catholics who are meeting each week to pray and grow in faith together. There's only so much you can grow in holiness when you're doing it alone.

Do a daily examen. More than just an examination of conscience, the examen invites us to see how God is working in our lives and how we've chosen to respond. Make a habit of spending 10 minutes each night (or morning, or on your commute) walking through the previous 24 hours with the Lord. End by reflecting on the best part of the last day, the worst part, and what particular grace you want for the next day. Learn more here - <https://www.piercedhands.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Examen.pdfh>.

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 17TH, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 17TH

7 AM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
 9 AM - MELINDA COYNE ✚
 11 AM - KAMILA M. DRISI ★
 5 PM - WENDY HOFFMAN ✚

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8 AM - MARGARET H. WHITE ★
 JAVIER C. ANTUNES ✚
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH
 8 AM - TERRY LOGAN ✚
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH
 8 AM - MARY PACLIBAR ★

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8 AM - JAVIER C. ANTUNES ✚
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND
 8 AM - RITA MORGAN ✚
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
 8 AM - SEVERINA DIZON and MA FE DIZON DE LA CRUZ ✚+
 5 PM - DOROTHY DONNELLY ✚+

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✚



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New Year Greetings!

We often hear the words “Hindsight is 20/20,” but I want to share these words with you today; “2020 is Hindsight”.

I've been waiting to share those words for many months as the year 2020 held challenges we have never seen before. Individuals, families, churches, businesses, and governments worldwide have been impacted due to the Global Pandemic.

I don't want to be a “downer,” but I think it is essential to give a reminder that simply because the calendar has now flipped to a New Year doesn't mean all our troubles are behind us. I have little doubt that 2021 will still hold many situations that will require us to look to God for answers.

As a Church, we have done our best to be faith-filled while responding to things and events that came up.

As we forge ahead into 2021, isn't it good to know that we serve a God who never changes? Hebrews 13:8 says, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”**

While this past year may have left a few scars along the way in all our lives, I pray that we do not dwell on those things. May we have the strength to look back and learn, but look forward and be inspired!

As we look forward to 2021, experience tells us that we have no idea all the New Year will hold. Yet, we can also rest assured that the same God who brought us through this past year will continue to be there for us **“if we reach out to Him.”**

I encourage you to look at this upcoming year with anticipation for the wonderful things God wants to do through you! Some people will be looking for hope, and we have that hope, and His Name is Jesus! 2020 is Hindsight! Now, on to 2021! May it be a year that we ALL grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Leszek Semik

Pastor



Family First...

When was the last time you spent time with your family? Sure, with Covid-19 most of us have not spent much time, but through ZOOM or other technology. Have you thought of what would be the first thing you are going to do with your family once we return to our basic lifestyle? Well my friends the time you are spending together now, you ARE CREATING MEMORIES! Love is just that...spending time together, no matter how. Where there is Covid-19 or not...be there for YOUR FAMILY.



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.

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

Mom chooses life for baby girl with Down syndrome after overcoming fear of the unknown

Linzi Graham was 18 weeks pregnant with her third child when she learned her preborn baby had Down syndrome. Scared and full of misinformation, she scheduled an abortion. But the night before what would have been a 21-week abortion, she changed her mind and canceled that appointment. She and her partner Keith Patterson decided not to go through with the abortion.

“Speaking to other parents made a big difference,” she explained. “I realized I was only having a termination because I was afraid, and that the more information I had, the better.” She said she understands that mothers often feel like they aren’t strong enough to raise a child with disabilities because she felt that once herself. But she was wrong. Today Graham is grateful she didn’t go through with the abortion because her daughter Matilda is “amazing.” She underwent heart surgery at 13 weeks old but otherwise, life has been normal. “My other kids don’t see her as anything other than their little sister,” she explained. “She’s been able to do so much more than we thought. She loves swimming, she models for a local boutique and the plan is for her to go to mainstream school.” www.liveaction.org

Did You Know?

Building a strong parent-teen relationship

As pandemic lockdowns continue, parents and teenage children are spending more and more time together. It is not always easy to connect with teens, because they often feel their parents do not understand them and prefer to confide in their friends instead. Nevertheless, the time at home offers an opportunity for parent-teen relationships to evolve and for trust to grow in developmentally appropriate ways. Teens need the guidance and support of a parent as an important balance to the permissive understanding of a “friendship” relationship. As children become teenagers, parental authority does not diminish but may be better served by involving the teens in a dialogue about rules and limits. For more information on building relationships with your teenagers, visit

<https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, January 23rd & Sunday, January 24th, 2021

MASSES:

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

Celebrants:

Fr. Semik
Msgr. Cox
Fr. King
Fr. Semik
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 — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah’s message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Cor 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).



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!



Companions on the Journey

Companions on the Journey is a beautiful ministry created by Fr. Leszek Semik, our Pastor, where parishioners are invited to come and share their joys and sorrows. (It used to be over sharing coffee and donuts!! -we'll get to that at some point, again!!) Since **physical gatherings have been cancelled, due to COVID-19 and social distancing**, these meeting are now offered via Zoom. It takes place the third Thursday of each month.

This month, Thursday, January 21sr, from 10 am through 11:30 am.

Lidia Vinci and Sue McLaughlin are leading this very spiritual and compassionate group. A link to the meeting will be posted each month for those wishing to participate. If you would like your name, phone number, and emails added to the list, please email Aleida Rodriguez, @arodriguez@st-anastasia.org. Information will then be sent directly to you from Sue or Lidia.

Because of the difficult and stressing circumstances that we are in, we really recommend this very supportive group to share how others are coping, learn from it, and be there for each other.

Hope you enjoy and join it! Stay home, Stay Well, Stay Safe! God Bless You All!



"God's love and compassion never fails." - Lamentations 3:22



God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.
- Isaiah 12:2



Can you make a muscle with your arm? Go ahead and show it off to whomever is closest to you right now. It is great to feel strong. But **God's strength is more than anything we can imagine.** It might help to think of God's strength as gigantic muscles that can help us through even the toughest of times. God gives us his strength every day, especially when we are struggling. So the next time you think **you can't do something, imagine God's powerful** muscles surrounding you and giving you the strength you need.

God, thank you for giving me strength.

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

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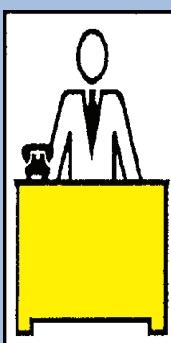
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