



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ ~ DOUBT ~ ~ The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is today, (Second Sunday of Easter), April 11th. This is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul; mercy for even the most hardened sinners, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on this day.

St. Anastasia offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 PM and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

*** **ATTENTION PLEASE:** MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 2021 ***
 DAILY MASSES, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY @ 8 AM - INDOOR - CHURCH
 ♥ SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5 PM - INDOOR - CHURCH
 SUNDAY, 7 AM & 9 AM MASS - INDOOR - CHURCH
 SUNDAY, 11 AM - OUTDOOR - PASTORS PLAZA AND - 5 PM SUNDAY MASS INDOOR - CHURCH ♥
 REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SATURDAY VIGIL/SUNDAY MASSES
 ♦ IF RAINING OR BAD WEATHER, ALL SERVICES ARE INDOORS ♦



SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 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, APRIL 11TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7 AM - SPECIAL MULTI-FAMILY BLESSINGS
 9 AM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
 11 AM - **JESUS' MERCY & MARY'S** INTERCESSION
 5 PM - ARIEL ALEJANDRO LINARES ☩

MONDAY, APRIL 12TH
 8 AM - GLENN E. ALLRED ★☩
TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH
 8 AM - JUAN JOSE GARCIA ☩
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH
 8 AM - RUBY DONEY ★

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH
 8 AM - **CECILIA "CECI" MORGAN** ★☩
FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH
 8 AM - BERNIE DOHERTY ☩
SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH
 8 AM - ROSEMARY DOHERTY ☩
 5 PM - MARILYN BEANS ☩



Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ☩



THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVICES - PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

The safety of our parishioners continues to be our top priority at all times.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On the Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of **the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8).** In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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 meetings are now offered via Zoom. It takes place the third Thursday of each month.

This month, Thursday, April 15th, 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



CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian



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.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor
over the world



but the one
who believes
that Jesus is the
Son of God?
— 1 John 5:5

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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Did You Know?

2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the *2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at:

<https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

FACTS OF LIFE

Reannin had one option when she found out she was pregnant with her fifth baby. "I was dead set on abortion," she later said. "I thought, 'Not gonna happen, nope, nope, nope.' I had four kids already, this wasn't planned. At first, it was just denial. 'I'm not pregnant. I'm not doing this, not having this baby.'" Seeking an abortion, she placed two calls: One to Planned Parenthood and one to Women's Care Center. Planned Parenthood told her they'd see her "next week." Women's Care Center said, "We can see you right now." With that, Reannin walked into Women's Care Center and the trajectory of her life changed. "I told [the counselor] about my plan to get an abortion, and the counselor explained all the procedures to me in a truly non-judgmental, really supportive way," Reannin said. "She told me my choices, including giving me the option to have the baby. At the time, having the baby hadn't even crossed my mind!" "But then I realized there was a heartbeat. Realized it was a baby! And it's been a baby from the very start." At that first appointment, Reannin watched as her baby's image was emblazoned on the ultrasound screen. "It was at that very first ultrasound that I decided I was going to have her," she said. "The first thing I ever remember seeing was the top of her head. And just like that, I thought, 'I want her! I'm having this baby. This is going to happen.'" The Women's Care Center, which has 33 locations across the U.S., was founded in South Bend, Indiana in 1984. Today, the centers serve over 400 women every day. www.liveaction.org

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~ Second Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 17th, and Sunday, April 18th, 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. Semik
Fr. Semik
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 — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).



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



Parish Ball

Panther Strong
Parish Ball at Home
2021

Save the Date
April 24th, 2021

Registration is now open - free for all to attend!

<http://bidpal.net/parishball2021>

The silent auction will be online *only*, April 17-23.

The virtual event will be on April 24 consisting of:



- Golden Ticket Winner*
- Donation Appeal
- Live auction
- A fun "Minute-to-Win-It" Tournament! **
- Pre-order your Party Packs** and make-at-home Pizza Kits and to enjoy the event at home!

***(Party Packs are necessary to participate in the Minute to Win it Tournament). Local attendees can pick up their silent auction winnings, party packs and pizza kits at the school on Saturday, April 24.*

Check the School and Parish websites!

REMINDERS:

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

CONFESSIONS

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 remains CLOSED to the Public, @ 310-670-2243.

A donation is welcomed!

Courtesy Announcements

◆ Bishop Montgomery High School will host two Virtual Information Nights on Tuesday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00pm. Prospective junior high and transfer student families are invited to learn why Bishop has been consistently voted the "South Bay's Best Private High School." Hear from BMHS administration, AP and STEM faculty, coaches, and students. Register at www.bmhs-la.org.

The Together in Mission 2021 "Forward with Faith" campaign is coming and has been scheduled!!! It will be launching this year's appeal on **Sunday, June 6, 2021, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

St. Anastasia Home Bible Study

Does the Bible Really Say That?!

Did a reading you heard at Mass ever leave you baffled?

Join Dr. Brant Pitre each week as he explains difficult passages, relates them to Catholic teaching, and gives cultural context for the Sunday Old and New Testament readings.

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

Every Sunday like never before you will experience the richness of Sacred Scripture. Yes, it all makes sense.

There is no charge but registration is needed.

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski at ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com



"When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he...jumped into the sea."

- John 21:7

What would you do if you met the Risen Lord? We do meet Christ in the

Eucharist. Do we approach Him with the same love and eagerness as Peter? When we come before the Holy Sacrament, we show reverence with our bodies by bowing our heads or kneeling. When we receive Communion, we ask to be one with Christ. When we cannot receive the Lord in the Sacrament, we invite Him to come spiritually into our hearts. The next time you approach the Blessed Sacrament, remember that, "It is the Lord!"



Oh, my Jesus, help me recognize You in the Eucharist!



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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
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FUNERALS: Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

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