

The bread of God

*is that which comes
down from heaven and
gives life to the world.*

John 6:33

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE BREAD OF LIFE ~ Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."



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Heed Our Lady's Call! The Five First Saturdays Devotion -

Our Loving Mother has requested the devotion of the Five First Saturdays in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses to her Immaculate Heart.

To assist those here at St. Anastasia wishing to complete this devotion, the Parish offers the following on 1st Saturdays:

- * 8:00 - Holy Mass; * 8:30 to 9:30 am - Adoration;
- * 3:30 to 4:45 pm - Confession; * 5:00 pm - Holy Mass.

The Church is open throughout the day for meditation and silent Rosary. Adoration is also a good opportunity to complete those components.

If you are interested in a family-friendly meditation and Courtyard Rosary for kids (4 pm) before the Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass, contact Kimberly Chavira at kimberlychavira@mac.com.

For questions about this devotion contact kimberlychavira@mac.com.

For a complete description of the devotion see: <https://firstsaturdaydevotion.com>
Please refer to our Website for more information. Brochures are also available.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2021

EIGHTEENTH 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, AUGUST 1ST

- 7 AM - ALAN BIBEAU
- 9 AM - VANESSA ANDREA LOVATO
- 11 AM - YOLANDA V. MAROTTA
- 5 PM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND

- 6:30 AM - FE GARCIA VINZON
- 8 AM - MADILYN "MADI" WHITE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

- 8 AM - ANNE STODDER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

- 6:30 AM - GLORIA ZEE
- 8 AM - EDWARD & CARMEN GALLAGHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH

- 8 AM - SPECIAL BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH

- 6:30 AM - GLORIA ZEE
- 8 AM - BRIGID MARSHALL

PETER MALLEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

- 8 AM - REBECCA FRANCO
- 5 PM - YOLANDA MORGAN

Birthday Support Anniversary Memorial

◀ YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE - WHEN ATTENDING MASS ▶

As of July 18, masks are required to attend Mass indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing requirements are not in place, but there will be a designated area for social distancing for those who prefer to remain socially distant.

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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Archdiocesan Collection Mission Co-op

This weekend, July 31/August 1st, St. Anastasia welcomes Sr. Pascazia and Sr. Mona, sisters of the order of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph.

The sisters are currently serving in Uganda.

Their mission, among other things, is to help promote education, care for leprosy sufferers and many orphans.

Please, with your generosity, help these sisters in their labor of love among those less fortunate.

High School Confirmation Program Registration is now OPEN!

St. Anastasia is offering a 2 year preparation program for the sacrament of Confirmation this Fall. The program will run September-May. All year 1 and year 2 candidates can visit our website to register at <https://bit.ly/StAConfirmation>

Year 2 candidates must re-register even if they participated last year. <https://bit.ly/StAConfirmationRegister>



Parent Welcome night will take place on September 19 at 6:30pm. More information to come. Please email Ddupree@st-anastasia.org with any questions.

REMINDERS:

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Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

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

Wednesdays, 5:15 to 5:45 PM

IN THE CHURCH

Holy Water is available in the Parish Office.

It is always a good idea to call before @ 310-670-2243.



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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.

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NEWS FROM YOUR DRE (PCL)

Sacrament Preparation Class Updates:

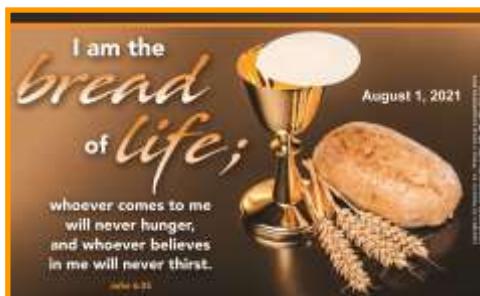
- ◆ First Holy Communion Registration & RCIA
August 8th, 22nd, and 29th.

Visit me in the Courtyard for more information or to register via email:

Nivita Aldrete-Brito

Email: Nivita007@st-anastasia.org or inquiring text to: 310-614-7520

Faith @ Home ~ Is back and available on our Website, and it is also inserted in our weekly bulletin. Faith @ Home helps you and your household grow in faith as you spend time throughout the week reflecting on God's Word. Based on the Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, the devotions invite you to engage in the discipleship practice of Reading, Reflecting, and Responding to scripture in the context of community.



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

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that He is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 7th, and Sunday, August 8th, 2021

MASSES:

Sat: 5 pm
Sun: 7 am
Sun: 9 am
Sun: 11 am
Sun: 5 pm

CELEBRANTS:

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

Did You Know?

Find out what your children are watching

With movie theaters reopening across the country, now is a great time to add another website to your collection of parenting resources: Catholic News Services' staff reviews movies from a uniquely Catholic perspective, noting things like nudity, swearing, and other problematic themes that have become mainstream in ratings like PG and PG-13. Parents can vet movies their children are planning to see or may encounter at friends' houses. Talk to your children about what they should do if a friend wants to see a questionable movie, and why you want them to avoid particular films. For movie reviews, visit catholicnews.com/movie-reviews/.

FACTS OF LIFE

Elite athletes pressured to abort their children:

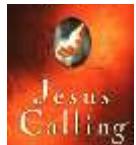
'I made a decision that broke me'

For many athletes, getting a shot at the Olympics is the experience they work for their entire lives. Yet for women, it can come with heavy sacrifices — including the pressure to end the lives of their own preborn children. And women are beginning to speak out more often. One athlete, Sanya Richards-Ross, wrote a book about her life and athletic career, which included the grief surrounding an abortion she sought before she competed in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. "I knew I was at a crossroads," she wrote in her book "Chasing Grace: What the Quarter Mile Has Taught Me About God and Life." Professional athletes face similar discrimination once they become pregnant. Allyson Felix is the most notable example; the Olympic sprinter explained that Nike tried to force her to take a 70% pay cut when she was pregnant. When her contract expired, Nike wanted her to sign a renewal, so she requested a guarantee that she wouldn't be punished for performing at a lower level while pregnant and postpartum — which Nike refused. Thankfully, there are changes being made — slowly, but steadily, as more women speak out. Felix has partnered with her new sponsor company, Athleta, and the Women's Sports Foundation to create a child care grant for Olympic moms. These mothers will receive \$10,000 to cover the cost of caring for their children while they compete. In addition to this, nursing mothers are now also being permitted to bring their infants with them to the Olympic games in Tokyo, thanks to a plea from basketball player Kim Gaucher. She spurred the change after she was originally told she couldn't bring her three-month-old daughter with her. "Being a mom is really hard, but it's also one of the best jobs that I could have," she said. "When I started this whole thing, when I said I wanted to come back for the Olympics, I wanted to be able to inspire not just future young Canadian basketball players, but my daughter Sophie, to be able to tell her that I gave it my all."

www.liveaction.org



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



Welcome Back!!!

DEVOTIONS ~ ADORATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, WEDNESDAY, 5 PM TO 6 PM

CONFESSON : 5:15 PM TO 5:45 PM. (DURING DEVOTION)

EUCARISTIC ADORATION ~ FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 8:30 TO 9:30 AM.

MONTHLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING ~ AFTER ALL MASSES THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. [ALL COUPLES MARRIED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST ARE WELCOME. ALL MARRIED COUPLES ARE INVITED!](#)



The famous and very much missed by all "Coffee and Donuts" is also back in Diamond Courtyard hosted by Sr. Teresita, after the 7, 9 and 11 am Sunday Masses.

ALL MASSES ARE NOW INDOORS - IN THE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 5PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7AM, 9AM, 11 AM, & 5 PM.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE - IN THE CHURCH

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 6:30 AM & 8 AM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8 AM

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"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."

- Matthew 13:31



If you left a watermelon seed on the kitchen counter all summer, not much would happen, right? But put the same seed in some soil, water it every day, give it lots of sunshine and care, and soon you could have a huge, beautiful plant—plus more delicious watermelons! When you were **baptized**, you received God's special grace within you. You could leave it alone, and not much will happen. But take special care of this grace by following all that Jesus teaches every day, and you can make the huge, beautiful life God has planned for you happen. What will you do today to take care of the grace you have received?

Generous God, keep your love growing in me!

St. Anastasia is forming a volunteer team to help support St. Robert's Center — Homeless Weekend Program. This Catholic Charities site offers a Saturday food for residents of Santa Monica, Venice, LAX Airport, West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Culver City areas providing emergency food. The center operates from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. making sandwiches to distribute in lunch bags, giving out groceries and donated clothes, and just being present with those who need a human connection. The center has a rotating schedule of six parishes who commit to having volunteers help, and St. Anastasia has been one of these parishes.

St. A's parishioners were more involved with volunteering at St. Roberts Center, however due to COVID the center has seen fewer and fewer folks from our Parish. The center has reserved the following Saturdays — **NEXT COMING UP 8/7, 10/30 & 12/11** just for St. Anastasia volunteers and we ask you to kindly consider volunteering at the Center one of these dates. Volunteers are often welcome to come on other days to fill in, if the center gets contacted ahead of time. For more information, please contact [Aleida Rodriguez at 310-670-2243](#), or by email at arodriguez@st-anastasia.org. The first group of parishioners served on Saturday, June 26th, and the experience was amazing and rewarding. But, we would love to hear from you too! Check our website for information, and to see for yourself St. A's in action.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for AUGUST

The Church ~ Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel!



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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) -
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310-670-2243

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

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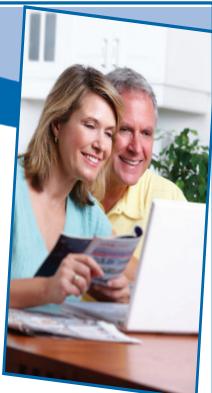


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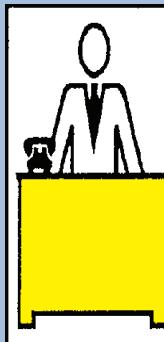
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