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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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Joshua 24 : 15

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 5PM Vigil
Sunday: 7AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASS

Mon, Wed, Fri. 6:30A
8AM
Tues, Thu, Sat. 8AM

**RECONCILIATION
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Wed. 5:15 - 5:45PM
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WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life disclosure in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, who Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow., The Lord their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites face during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again, be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM:

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a pre-baptism preparation program. Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243 or email parish@st-anastasia.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE)
Cell/Text: 310.614.7520 or Email: Nivita007@st-anastasia.org

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree
Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples must contact the Office 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA):

More on becoming Catholic contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE)
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FACT OF LIFE

How a nonagenarian and a toddler became best friends in the pandemic
The unlikely duo shows there's no age limit to friendship.

So many of us have spent the pandemic isolated from friends and family. In fact, two-year-old Benjamin Olson only had his immediate family for company, until he struck up a friendship with his 99-year-old neighbor.

The pair, who live in Minnesota, became friends over a period of time. The nonagenarian, Mary O'Neill, started out by waving to the toddler from her window. She then started going outside to say "hello." Soon the pair developed a close bond. "Benjamin keeps me company," shared O'Neill, who lost her husband 37 years ago. According to the senior, the pair will sit on a step and blow bubbles together when the weather allows. "Sometimes he'll get up and grab a piece of sand or a rock and give it to me as a gift. He makes me feel good," she explained.

The delightful friendship has brought so much to the pair. The duo created a new sport, Cane Ball, whereby Benjamin will kick a ball to Mary and she'll pass it back with her cane. The widow also gave to Benjamin a huge box of trucks that belonged to her late son, allowing the youngster to have fun and learn his colors. Benjamin's mom, Sarah, is also really touched by the pair's bond: "Mary is fiercely independent. She doesn't really show her cards. So I got really emotional when I heard her say that she missed Benjamin on the days when it was too cold or rainy to go outside," she shared. "Mary really is Benjamin's best friend," she added. "She's his first best friend."

Yet, perhaps most of all, the pair has taught us that friendship comes in so many shapes and forms. It just needs a little interest in those around us for it to flourish. And for little Benjamin, what a wonderful gift to have learned so early on in life. www.aleteia.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family.
Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: Parish@st-anastasia.org

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Arranged by contacting the Parish Office with names of loved ones.
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FUNERALS:

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 to arrange funeral or memorial services.

MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6am - 5pm

WEDNESDAYS: 6am - 6pm

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 7:30am - 5pm

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7am - 6pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET + ADORATION

In the Church - Wednesdays 5pm

WEEKLY ROSARY

Immediately after all 8am Masses Monday-Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, August 22:

Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph. 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn. 6:60-69

7 AM - Timothy James Mallen ★ †

9 AM - Peter Wenner †

11 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners

5 PM - Patricia Farina †

MONDAY, August 23:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

6:30 AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

8 AM - Chris Wyatt †

TUESDAY, August 24:

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

8 AM - Jesus's Mercy and Mother Mary's Intercession
for Fred Balsz

WEDNESDAY, August 25:

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

6:30 AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

8 AM - J.P. White ★

THURSDAY, August 26:

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

8 AM - Marian Lange ★ †

FRIDAY, August 27:

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

6:30 AM - Marlene Wolf †

8 AM - Nancy Matsuno ♦

SATURDAY, August 28:

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

8 AM - Ariana Cecilia Coles ★

5 PM - Marilyn Berths †

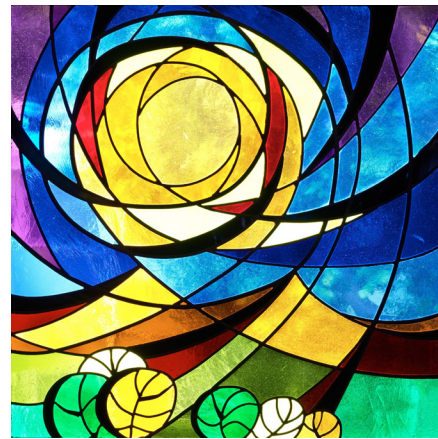
NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT: 5PM	Fr. Leszek J. Semik
SUN: 7AM	Msgr. Gregory Cox
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Leszek J. Semik
SUN: 11AM	Fr. Leszek J. Semik
SUN: 5PM	Fr. Innocent Nzewuji

ALL MASSES ARE NOW CELEBRATED INDOORS
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RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Registration is now open for Year 1 & Year 2 of sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion. Register in person with Nivita Aldrete Brito (DRE) on August 22 & 29th in the Diamond Courtyard after each mass or contact her by email at Nivita007@st-anastasia.org

CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Continuing Education Class (Bible Study for children)

RETURNS SEPTEMBER 12, 2021. Did you know St. Anastasia's Parish has offered a children's bible study class for over 20 years—better known as "CHRIST'S LITTLE LAMBS." Eligible children must have received their first sacramental in school grades 3 -8.

The class is offered on Sundays, but it is not a substitute for Mass. Children should be participating in the mass with their parents and receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The focus is for those children who do not attend a Catholic School and therefore are not receiving instruction in the Catholic faith. However, all children are welcome to attend.

The class is designed to enrich their knowledge of Scripture, through crafts, reading of the Gospel for that Sunday, reading biblical stories, and having discussions.



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION



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

WHEN: September 19 at 6:30pm

WHERE: Parish Hall

Any questions please email
Ddupree@st-anastasia.org



SOCIAL MINISTRY

WHO IS READY TO TRAVEL?

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YOUTH MINISTRY

St. A's Teen Confirmation program is in need of adults to walk with our High School teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Volunteers will not be "teaching classes;" rather, facilitating group discussions and guiding these teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus. If you are willing to share your own faith as a model for others, comfortable working with teenagers, and have a heart for leading others to Christ, this is a great role for you! Those interested please contact

Ddupree@st-anastasia.org

For the safety of all, volunteers must be Virtus trained and finger printed.

DID YOU KNOW

Practice empathy at home to prevent bullying

No parent sets out to raise a bully, but children grow and develop into their own people as they go out into the world — and it starts at home. One way to help your child foster healthy, kind relationships is to work on building good habits at home. Reward kindness and empathy when you see it.

Comment on instances of sharing, of kindness, of pride. Help your child understand what it means to empathize with someone else, or to be kind in different situations. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Parents: how not to raise a bully, the ten things you must know. Part Two," at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>

KIDS' CORNER

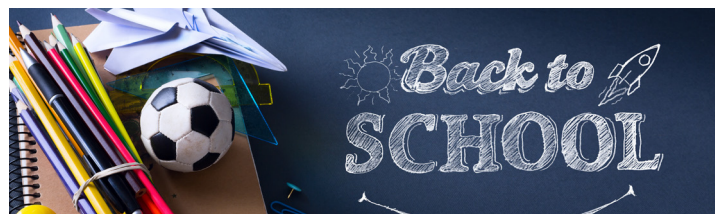
BUT MANY THAT ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST. AND THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

MARK 10:31

Who doesn't love to win, come in first, finish the test first or have the best record? But Jesus tells us that God doesn't necessarily think the same way about winning. Some kids get it, though. A story is told about a group of school children competing in some foot races. The sister in charge was having trouble identifying the winner of each race because all the kids reached the finish line at the same time. She finally asked the students who got there first. "Oh, Sister," one of the girls said, "it's much more fun when we all come in together."

PARISH SCHOOL

This week we welcome back on campus our St. Anastasia School faculty & students for the '21-'22 school year. Heavenly Father, we pray that the Holy Spirit be their guide and protector. May all our students discover & develop the gift you have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness and respect for themselves and others. Amen



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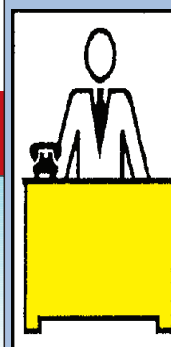
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