



# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021



**Humbly welcome the  
word that has been  
planted in you and is  
able to save your souls.**

James 1:21b

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Saturday: 5PM Vigil

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

**DAILY MASS**

Mon, Wed, Fri 6:30AM  
8AM

Tues, Thu, Sat 8AM

**RECONCILIATION**

**(PENANCE)**

Wednesday 5:15 - 5:45PM

Saturday 3:30 - 4:45PM

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## GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James, likewise, instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word," they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice," by listing a few examples of what is required for that – descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules - even ritual ones - instead of God's laws.

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## DOERS OF THE WORD

Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of Baptism, by which, we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today, and in subsequent weeks, the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

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## 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](mailto:parish@st-anastasia.org)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE)  
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## FACT OF LIFE

**Meet the father giving his kids with Down syndrome a great start in life  
The devoted dad of 10 is giving his children some serious life skills.**

When Joel Wegener's daughter, Mary Kate, told him that her dream was to work with him, the devoted dad of 10 did his best to make it happen. With his two adult children, who have Down syndrome, Wegener founded "Special Neat Treats" in the spring of 2021.

The siblings and their dad are doing the rounds of their neighborhood bringing much-needed cheer and ice cream to their community. And in fact, the desserts are such a success, the family has sold nearly 5,000 ice cream treats to date.

"It's about an experience for everybody, but to give my kids something to do and show other parents maybe there is something creative, out of the box that we can come up for our family and for our kids to do," shared Wegener, in an interview, as reported by the Le Jeune Foundation.

And their efforts are far-reaching. Not only are they giving their community a chance to lend their support, the Wegeners are also inspiring other families in their community, who may be facing similar challenges with their children.

For Josh and Mary-Kate, they're delighted to work alongside their dad. He's taught them the essentials of customer service, as well as giving them the opportunity to gain some independence, in the comfort of a family business.

The family is now looking to expand the business by adding more trucks to their fleet, and spreading even more awareness and delicious sweet treats.

[www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org)

### MARRIAGE:

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

### 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](mailto:Parish@st-anastasia.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Arranged by contacting the Parish Office with names of loved ones.  
Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: [Parish@st-anastasia.org](mailto:Parish@st-anastasia.org)

### 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 5AM

### DAILY ROSARY

Immediately after all 8AM Masses Monday-Saturday  
And after 6:30AM Masses on Mon, Wed, and Fri

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

### SUNDAY, August 29:

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Ja 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 AM - Nancy Matsuno ♦

9 AM - Amalia Mateo †

11 AM - Dan Cavanaugh Sr. †

5 PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners

### MONDAY, August 30:

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

6:30 AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

8 AM - Tony Viele Jr. †

### TUESDAY, August 31:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

8 AM - Augusto Izquierdo †

### WEDNESDAY, September 1:

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

6:30 AM - Debbie Fernandez ♦

Serafin Arca ♦

8 AM - Sam Piumetti ★ †

### THURSDAY, September 2:

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

8 AM - Claudia David Mallen ★

### FRIDAY, September 3:

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

6:30 AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

8 AM - Jesus's Mercy and Mother Mary's Intercession for Nivita Brito

### SATURDAY, September 4:

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

8 AM - Martha Kelley †

5 PM - Vera Cavanaugh †

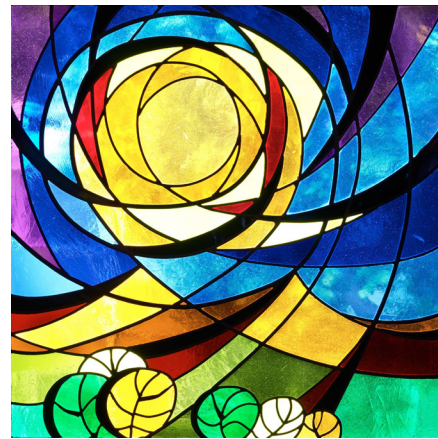
## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

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

ALL MASSES ARE NOW CELEBRATED INDOORS  
IN THE CHURCH

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We now place all intentions written in our book  
of intention on the Altar during all Masses



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**RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION**



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

**CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Continuing Education Class for school grades 3-8 returns **SEPTEMBER 12, 10AM-11AM**

The class is not a substitute for Mass. 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. For More information contact our DRE by email at [Nivita007@st-anastasia.org](mailto:Nivita007@st-anastasia.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**



**Parent Welcome Night**

**WHEN:** September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

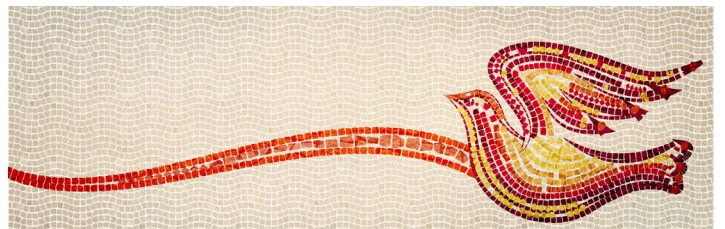
**WHERE:** Parish Hall

**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.

Any questions contact us [Ddupree@st-anastasia.org](mailto:Ddupree@st-anastasia.org)



**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, facillitating 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](mailto:Ddupree@st-anastasia.org)

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

WHO IS READY TO TRAVEL?

Don't wait until 2030 to see the Passion Play - Join us in May 2022! Simply the Best: Oberammergau Passion Play plus Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Padua, Assisi, and Rome. Hosted by Maritza Leon. Twelve days from **May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, including a Papal audience. For more information contact **Maritza Duran-Leon at (310) 895-8898**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

*to have, to hold, to honor*

Today, August 29th and every last Sunday of the month, we invite married couples to receive a special blessing after each mass.

BULLETIN UPDATES

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you, especially during these days of the Coronavirus pandemic. We are working hard to bring you an informative bulletin each week. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please be sure to email your request no later than **Thursday at 10AM** two weeks prior to your requested publishing date. All requests can be made by emailing [bulletin@st-anastasia.org](mailto:bulletin@st-anastasia.org).

DID YOU KNOW

Teach children how to answer the door safely.

You would never knowingly let someone dangerous or unsafe into your home. But it is impossible to fully vet every stranger — maintenance worker, new neighbor, salesperson, etc. — who shows up at your door. Teach children a few tips about answering (or not answering) the doorbell. Consider these rules, or something similar, for your family: Always look to see who is at the door first. If the person is a stranger, get an adult to answer the door. Do not open the door to someone you do not know. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Beware of inviting other people – and vulnerability – into your house," at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

KIDS' CORNER

JUST AS IN THE WHOLE WORLD (THE GOSPEL) IS BEARING FRUIT AND GROWING, SO ALSO AMONG YOU...

COLOSSIANS 1:6

God's love is like a seed that was planted in your heart at your Baptism. You've changed a lot since then. You've grown bigger and stronger, and you've learned to do many things on your own. You've grown as a child of God too! Praying, is like planting that seed in good soil. Listening to the Word of God, is like letting the sun shine on it. Serving others, is like sprinkling water on the seed. How will you help God's love grow today?

GOD MAKE YOUR LOVE GROW IN ME!

From the book entitled "Living Faith Kids" by Imprimatur Bishop Mark S. Rivituso

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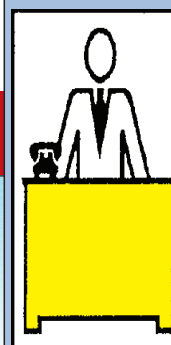
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