



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS

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

DAILY MASS

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

RECONCILIATION

(PENANCE)

Wednesdays 5:15 - 5:45PM
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:45PM

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JESUS ASKED THEM,
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

"You are the Christ."

~ MARK 8:29

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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FACT OF LIFE

**Parents pressured to abort child
dedicate lives to helping moms in need**

Doctors recommended that Randy and Evelyn James choose abortion for their baby. Instead, they started an organization to help pregnant women choose life. Established in 2006, the Paul Stefan Foundation runs by the motto, "Saving babies, one mom at a time." The foundation empowers pregnant women and new moms in three key areas by providing safe housing and good nutrition, life skills and training, and quality health care. The organization based in Locust Grove, Virginia, is named after Paul Stefan, a baby that doctors predicted would die before birth.

Evelyn revealed that she was shocked when a doctor recommended that she abort her sixth child, Paul. "This doctor said, 'Your baby has a diaphragmatic hernia. Would you like to have an abortion?'" she remembered.

Later on, more doctors advised them to secure a late-term abortion for their little one who was diagnosed with a fatal lung condition. Paul's parents refused. They chose life – and he miraculously lived 41 minutes after birth before dying. Randy stressed the joy of meeting his son: "Delivering our baby, holding our baby, kissing our baby, taking pictures, and having our family come in and hold Baby Paul."

Paul's name comes from Fr. Stefan Paul Starzynski, a family friend who supported the James family every step of the way. During a healing Mass she attended, Evelyn remembered Fr. Stefan quoting Mother Angelica, the founder of EWTN: "If you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will do the miraculous."

And that's exactly what happened. Inspired by little Paul, Randy, Evelyn, and Fr. Stefan felt called to provide pregnant women and new moms with resources and assistance. That's when they began the Paul Stefan Foundation.

Today, Fr. Stefan serves as the foundation's spiritual director. "When you help one baby and one mother, then you realize, why can't I help two?" he asked. "Well, how can I help three?" www.catholicnewsagency.com

MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6AM - 5PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 7:30AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS: 6AM - 6PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET + ADORATION

In the Church - Wednesdays 5PM

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, September 12:

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

7 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners

9 AM - Robert Dretzka †

11 AM - Marge Verge †

5 PM - Biyan Satyadi †

MONDAY, September 13:

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

6:30AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

8 AM - Jesus's Mercy and Mother Mary's Intercession for David Padilla

TUESDAY, September 14:

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

8 AM - Grace Nuno ♦

WEDNESDAY, September 15:

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

6:30 AM - Rebecca Bondad †

8 AM - Marilyn Beans †

THURSDAY, September 16:

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

8 AM - Mary and Monica Lange ★★

FRIDAY, September 17:

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

6:30 AM - Proceso Bondad †

8 AM - Msgr. Royale Vadakin †

SATURDAY, September 18:

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

8 AM - Ellen Muccia †

5 PM - Raymond and Bette Jane Ferratt ††

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

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

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.

Please pray for those who have died and their families, especially Richard G. Harris (founding parishioner), Michael Meczka (parishioner), and Annie Doherty (founding parishioner)—
May They Rest In Peace!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM:

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a pre-baptism preparation program.

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

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (RCIA):

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

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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

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.

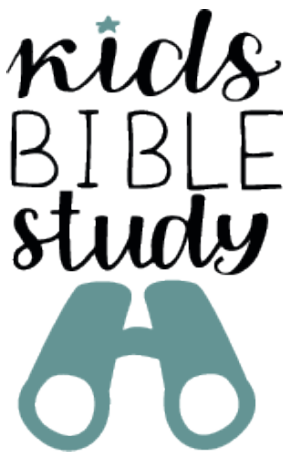
SUNDAYS JESUS TIME

Playtime and Jesus Time returns to St. A's on **September 26th**. Children ages 3-5 are welcome!
9AM-10:00AM
 Registration is \$50
 Sign up with our DRE
Nivita007@st-anastasia.org



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CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Continuing Education Class for school grades 3-8 returns **SEPTEMBER 26th, 10AM-11AM**

This 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**

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION



Parent Welcome Night

WHEN: September 19th at 6:30pm
WHERE: Parish Hall

**High School Confirmation Program
 Registration is now OPEN!**

<https://bit.ly/StAConfirmation>

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.

All interested email: **Ddupree@st-anastasia.org**

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

KIDS' CORNER

HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION. MY STRONGHOLD; I SHALL NOT BE DISTURBED

PSALM 62:7

Remember how Jesus called Peter the rock? A rock is strong and solid, like the Church Jesus began, and like God's love for us. No matter what happens, God is there for us, like a solid rock. When we keep this in mind, it can help us relax a little, knowing that God is always at work in our lives and in the world. If you have a rock at hand, hold it and feel how solid it is. And remember that God is with you always.

LOVING GOD. HELP ME TRUST YOU MORE EACH DAY.

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

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Registration is now open for Year 1 & Year 2 Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion. Register with Nivita Aldrete-Brito, (DRE) by email at **Nivita007@st-anastasia.org**



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DID YOU KNOW?

What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child. For more information, visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.



MINISTRY



Every year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, an opportunity to highlight the ministry of catechesis and to call forth and affirm the many people called to serve in this ministry. **This year, Catechetical Sunday takes place on September 19, 2021, with the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed"**—words drawn from the prayer we say just before coming forward to receive the Eucharist.

Join us as Fr. Leszek calls forth all our St. Anastasia Catechists to be commissioned for their ministry during our 9AM Mass on September 19, 2021

COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

Calling all Volunteers! We are visiting St. Robert's Center in Venice next Saturday September 18th. Please come join us from 7:30AM-11:30AM

Signup at:

<https://stanastasiaa.flocknote.com/signup/67209>

ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY



Altar Server Refresher Course is schedule for **Saturday September 25th** from 9AM-11AM in the Church. Please contact: Herb Masi (310)993-4637 or hcmasi@yahoo.com

MORNING GLORY COFFEE CLUB



Join us every **Friday** after Holy Rosary for fresh coffee, pastries, and social gathering **8:40AM - 9:40AM** in the Diamond Courtyard

EVENTS



**Sunday, September 19th
School Support Sunday Collection!**

Please join us for breakfast after the (7AM, 9AM, and 11AM) Masses and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in the Pastor's Plaza on us!

The PTO would like to sincerely thank you for your support of St. Anastasia Catholic School. Our special collection began last week on Sept 5th. There is still time to support our school. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

**PLEASE RSVP by visitng
<https://bit.ly/pantherpancakes>
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!!**

BULLETIN UPDATES

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. We are working hard to bring you an informative bulletin each week. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org.

Sept. 26 bulletin content: due Thu. Sept. 16
Oct. 3 bulletin content: due Thu. Sept. 23

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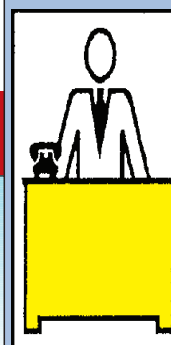
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