



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Did not God
choose those who
are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and
heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to
those who love him?

James 2:5



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Rev. Leszek Semik

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Rev. Innocent Nzewuji

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Rev. Msgr. Gregory Cox

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Fred Balsz

WEEKEND MASS

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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FROM FR. LESZEK'S DESK

Warm Greetings in Christ,

I trust you and your families are doing well! Once again, we are coming to the close of another summer. For many, it seems the summer days go by way too fast, and for a few others, these days simply signify another season just around the corner—football season!

As many are settling back into their schools and jobs following vacation, we also know it is an excellent time for people to look to the Church once again for inspiration and fellowship. Here at St. Anastasia, we want to be a welcoming place so that when people are looking for a Church to attend, we would be delighted if their search stops right here! While we would love to see our Church grow, this is far from the only reason we strive to be a welcoming Church. We live in a day and age when people need to hear the Word of God, which is constant and true, even in a world of relativism regarding moral truths. We are of the firm belief that we need God in our Nation. We need God in our lives like never before, and we make no apologies for that belief!

As you know, our Church has faced tremendous challenges over the past year and a half as we have done our best to navigate the pandemic. Doubtless, all the decisions we've made have not been perfect, but we have tried to seek the mind of God and sought His wisdom. Many churches have seen drops in both attendance and financial support. However, we believe God will help us through any of the challenges we face along the way.

Although I am happy to see many people and families return to worship in our Church, I am very concerned that many of our young adults and families with children are not attending Sunday Masses as they used to before the pandemic. There are without doubt all kinds of reasons why people have not returned to Mass in person yet. Some are grieving, isolated, or still fearful. Some are protecting young children, and others have gotten into a new routine on Sunday morning. As COVID-19 cases decline and the number of people who've gotten the vaccine increases, I want to take this opportunity to invite all our parishioners to attend Sunday Masses. All are welcome— young adults, elderly, families with children, all people who belong to our parish, and all guests and visitors.

My goals as Pastor are to provide an atmosphere where people are welcome, take care of my parishioners, and feed them spiritually so that all can nourish a strong relationship with our Lord. If you are out and about doing other things such as shopping, dining, attending sporting events, etc., why not consider joining us for worship as well! We want to see our Church family! We miss you; we miss the voices of our children, youth, and adults worshipping together in fellowship. There is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as a Family, as the Church!

We here at St. Anastasia, want you to know that you are loved and welcome you to join us every Sunday to worship our Lord. There are also some great events and ministries starting back up like our Sunday school programs—Jesus Time and Continuing Children's Formation. For more information on these and other Parish Life events sign up for our updates through stanastasiaLA.flocknote.com

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Leszek Semik
Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day

MONDAYS & FRIDAY: 6AM - 5PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 7:30AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS: 6AM - 6PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

Reminder: Monday September 6th there will only a 9AM Mass Only

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 5:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 AM - Alan Bibeau †

9 AM - Rachel & Bill DeLucchi ★★

11 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners

5 PM - Caridad Otaño ★

MONDAY, September 6:

Col 1:24 - 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

9 AM - Alf Pollard †

TUESDAY, September 7:

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

8 AM - Aaron & Diana Coles ♥

WEDNESDAY, September 8:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

6:30 AM - John & Elda Cussigh ††

8 AM - Stephen & Michelle Ibañez ♦

THURSDAY, September 9:

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

8 AM - Kristen Herber ★

FRIDAY, September 10:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

6:30 AM - Noah Drissi ★

8 AM - Javier Antunes †

SATURDAY, September 11:

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

8 AM - "Remembrance of 9/11"

5 PM - Lidia Chavez †

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

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

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

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)

Cell/Text: 310.614.7520 or Email: Nivita007@st-anastasia.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

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

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 26. 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

kids
BIBLE
study



Continuing Education Class for school grades 3-8 returns **SEPTEMBER 26, 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

SIMON SAID IN REPLY, "MASTER, WE HAVE WORKED HARD ALL NIGHT AND HAVE CAUGHT NOTHING, BUT AT YOUR COMMAND I WILL LOWER THE NETS."

LUKE 5:5

Things weren't going Simon's way. He was tired and frustrated and ready to give up. Even so, Simon trusted Jesus and listened to him. Jesus wants us to trust him too. He wants us to turn to him when we are tired and frustrated and ready to give up. Jesus is always with us. He promised that he would never leave us to face our troubles alone.

**CHRIST JESUS, HELP ME REMEMBER
THAT YOU ARE WITH ME, NO MATTER WAY.**

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

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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



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DID YOU KNOW?

Understanding the VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. Religious organizations are prime examples. The Catholic Church has adapted the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children program to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be "proactive" in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse.

For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Protecting God's Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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. 19 bulletin content: due Thu. Sept. 9

FACT OF LIFE

Former conjoined twin gives birth to daughter at same hospital that performed separation surgery

Twenty-one years ago, Charity Lincoln Gutierrez-Vazquez underwent surgery that successfully separated her from her conjoined twin, Kathleen, and opened up a lifetime of new possibilities for her that many had believed were impossible.

One of her biggest dreams became a reality on August 12th with the birth of her daughter, Alora, at the same hospital where she was born and endured the 31-hour surgery to separate her from her twin sister as babies. Gutierrez-Vazquez described giving birth to her daughter at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle as a "full circle moment."

TODAY reports that Gutierrez-Vazquez and her twin sister Kathleen were born attached from breastbone to pelvis, each with one leg and another fused leg. They were separated in an extremely risky and complex surgery in 2000 at seven months of age by a team of 30 doctors, nurses, and support staff.

Dr. John Waldhausen, who performed the surgery, also assisted Gutierrez-Vazquez with her pregnancy, referring her to his colleague, Dr. Edith Cheng, to oversee the pregnancy and delivery. Alora was born at nearly 34 weeks via C-section. She spent some time in the NICU for supplemental oxygen, but otherwise mom and baby were healthy.

Gutierrez-Vazquez explained it well when she told PEOPLE, "God answers prayers, so don't lose hope in your dreams. Don't assume the worst just because your situation is different than other people's. You can thrive in the life that you were given."

www.liveaction.org

FROM THE DESK OF ALEIDA RODRIGUEZ

Words of Appreciation!!

I want to make sure that my sincere gratitude gets to all of you! After serving the community of St. Anastasia for 35 and a half years, I'm finally retired!!

This has not been an easy decision to make! But for all of us, there is always that time when we know is the right time to say goodbye. St. Anastasia is and will always be my Parish, my Community, my Family.

When I first came to St. Anastasia, I was very fearful of what I was going to encounter. Throughout the years, and each day I have spent, I know that I made the right decision, I now know at the end of my time serving you, that I was responding to God's call for me to have the opportunity, the privilege, and the blessings, to serve Him, by serving you all.

I also want to make sure that my co-workers know, that each one of them have left a mark in my heart. It has been an amazing and very enjoyable experience for me to get to know you all, to get to work with you all, to always be that strong faith-based TEAM, that even under the most stressful circumstances, always made sure that we had the best in mind for St. A's.

Since I am just retired from "working", I will be around as a regular parishioner now, and probably in the future as a "volunteer" – I will make sure that the Spirit of God guides me as to what He would like me to help Him with. It has been my greater privilege and blessing to have worked here all these years. This, indeed, has been an amazing, exciting, and nurturing journey!!!!

Thank you to all the Priests, and the school, and each one of you: the St. Anastasia's parishioners!!! May God continue blessing St. Anastasia's Parish/School abundantly! Hasta pronto! With love and prayers for an abundance of blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,
Aleida Rodriguez

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Homeless Weekend Program/ St. Robert's Center Parish Office.....	670-2243
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Bundles for Babies & Diaper Drive Teresa Syta.....	670-0285
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Men's Morning Hour	670-2243
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Social Ministry Laurette Bibeau.....	670-2488
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Site Committee: Stefan Politz.....	337-9534
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Knights of Columbus.....	821-2324
Arts and Education: Andy Kozlowski.....	670-3152

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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To the Home Bound.....	670-2243
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Altar Server Committee: Herb Masi	641-2819
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