



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASSES

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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings in Christ the Savior!

Today marks the first Sunday in the New Church Year that we call Advent. Although we celebrate this season each year, many are not sure what the season is all about. The word "Advent" from Latin "adventus", means "coming" or "arrival." It is the manifestation of something long-awaited. It is a time that we reflect on Israel's promised savior and remember his birth, as well as anticipate his return. It is a time of joyous remembrance and eager anticipation. Advent is the time that we look back to the birth of Jesus and look forward at the same time. The liturgical color of Advent is purple, which suggests that there is a certain penitential dimension to this season. It is a time of devotion and waiting, of repentance and faith in the promised messiah of Israel.

2000 years ago, John Baptist was baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight." We live in a day and age in which such a word may not necessarily be fashionable, yet it's as needed now as it was in John's Day. While the people anticipated the presence of the Messiah, John prepared their hearts for His presence with a powerful message. This message was that before His presence, there must be repentance.

Even today, we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior to earth as a baby. Yet, as He lived and died for our sins, He wants us to come to Him with humble and repentant hearts. We too are called to "prepare the way" for Christ to enter the hearts of people around us. Our friends and families are looking for the reality of changed lives. Not perfect lives but changed lives! Part of "preparing the way" is removing the obstacles that would keep people from getting to Jesus. These obstacles could be anything that would cause their focus to shift away from Christ.

I would ask that you pray during this time that God will help you to be one who "prepares the way" for the Messiah to impact lives around you. Pray that God will use you to bring honor and glory to not just the babe in the manger, but our soon, coming King!

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray that our Advent this year may be a grace-filled time for you and your families, and that you may experience all the blessings of Him, who is the Prince of Peace. Let's prepare the way!

In Christ,
Fr. Leszek Semik

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the New Liturgical Year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK - First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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: 7AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS: 6AM - 6PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET + ADORATION

In the Church - Wednesdays at 5PM

DAILY ROSARY

Following 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, November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

7:30 AM - All Souls Novena †

9 AM - Cathey Brunett †

11 AM - Craig Eggers †

5 PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

MONDAY, November 29:

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

6:30AM - All Souls Novena †

8 AM - Luis Giral and Victoria Otaño ††

TUESDAY, November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

8 AM - Annie Doherty †

All Souls Novena †

WEDNESDAY, December 1: World AIDS Awareness Day

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

6:30 AM - Antonio Belicena †

8 AM - Diane Sortino ★

THURSDAY, December 2:

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

8 AM - Chris Wyatt †

FRIDAY, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, St. John Damascene; First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

6:30 AM - Edward Belicena Gross †

8 AM - Tom Mallen ★

SATURDAY, December 4: First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

8 AM - David Liebl †

5 PM - Sr. Teresita ★

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT: 5PM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 7:30AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 11AM	Fr. Innocent
SUN: 5PM	Msgr. Gregory Cox

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We now place all intentions written in our 'Book of Intentions' on the Altar during all Masses.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM:

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a pre-Baptism Preparation Course through the Los Angeles Archdiocese at www.LaCatholics.org/baptism. Call the Parish Office for more information at 310-670-2243

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.

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

Note: Due to privacy and confidentiality laws, permission must be given by a family member to publish a loved one's name for mass intentions and prayer requests.

FUNERALS:

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

KIDS' CORNER

BWARE THAT OUR HEARTS DO NOT BECOME DROWSY...

LUKE 21:34

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What are you like when you are extra tired?

Maybe you're a little cranky (I know I am!). Maybe you aren't very nice or you argue with others. Maybe you don't make good decisions. We aren't always our best selves when we're drowsy, but Jesus calls us to be fully awake. How do we do that? Prayer is a good start. Begin each day with a prayer, asking Jesus to keep you awake to his love. Ask him to help you make decisions that are good for you and fair for others. Ask him to help you love people in a way that says, "I see you and I care for you." Now that's being awake!

**LORD JESUS. WAKE ME UP TO LIFE
EVERY DAY!**

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

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading [Mark 13:33-37](#)

[Click here](#) to watch a video of the proclamation of the Gospel for children

PRAY

Jesus reminds us in the gospel to be vigilant and pray. So, let's make this time of Advent, a time of intentional prayer.

What is Advent?

The season of Advent (from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming") is the time of preparation for the birth of Christ.

Why Advent?

It is a time of longing and waiting for his 'coming'. It should be a time filled with joy, when we ponder the gift of God's love, open our hearts to receive, and open our hands to give. Advent begins the Liturgical Year. It begins on the Sunday closest to the last day in November.

How can I prepare my home and my heart?

We invite you to create a prayer space in your home where you have an Advent wreath and a handmade manger. You can get as creative as you'd like to make it a prayerful experience. Every week, place a written intention/petition on a strip of paper and place it in the manger before lighting the Advent candle. On Christmas Day, place baby Jesus in your manger of collected prayers and intentions, where we will rejoice in the coming of Emanuel. Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent> for additional resources to use during the Advent Season.

TALK

Gather with a family member or friend. The first candle we light, during Advent, is the candle of HOPE. As you reflect on the intention you wrote down on the paper, what is the hope for that intention? Example: I hope for healing of my family member. Have a conversation with a family member or friend about the intention. In what way do you want Jesus to intercede for this intention?

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM EVENT

POSTPONED
unit further notice

CHOSEN
TEEN NIGHT
for Confirmation Candidates
Monday November 29th @ 7PM in the Church
Join us for a special screening of S1 Ep. 4 followed by
a special Q&A session with Jonathan Roumie

Interested, but not in the program? Teens & Young Adults are welcomed, space permitting. Please email ddupree@st-anastasia.org to RSVP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING



We invite parishioners and families to sign up each week to light our Advent candles. Please find the sign up board in the Church vestibule on the easle. The lighting of the candle happens right before the beginning of each mass and includes a special prayer. Contact or email Nivita Brito with any questions: nivita007@st-anastasia.org

YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM



Our goal is to build a vibrant youth ministry at St. Anastasia. We find ourselves in need of more adults to walk alongside our Teen Confirmation program. Join me in accompanying our High School teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. No experience required.

Can you give an hour of your Sunday mornings to help in the formation of our Catholic Youth?

Consider saying "Yes," to the call and invest in the future of our Church! All interested please email:

Ddupree@st-anastasia.org

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

THANK YOU FROM #TEAMJOY



Boxes of Joy Truck, will pick up all boxes on Tuesday, December 2.

Our Box of Joy Program is almost a wrap! Thank you, to all those who participated this year. If you missed our event this past Friday, you still have some time to pick up materials or drop off your completed Box of Joy at the Parish Office. Hurry! Gift Ideas can be found on their Website: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/resources>

Box of Joy is a Christmas Blessing that says, "God loves you and I do, too!"

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND TOURS AVAILABLE

The application and enrollment process for St. Anastasia's 2022-2023 school year is **OPEN!** Share the news with your family and friends. Interested in a tour? Sign up at <https://calendly.com/statours/30min>

The direct link for our application is: <https://secure.gradelink.com/370/enrollment>



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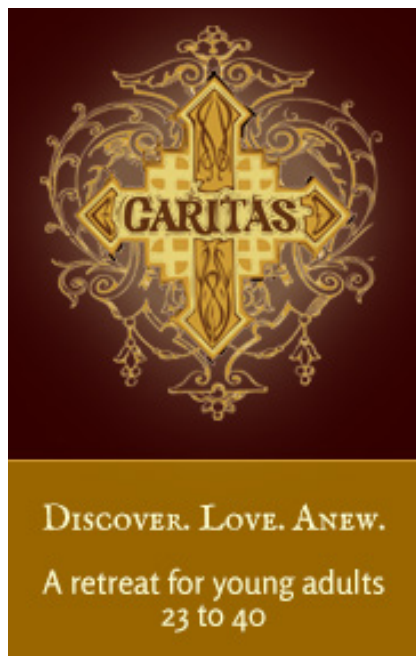



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CHRISTUS MINISTRIES



Caritas is a retreat experience that has helped over 2,000 people explore God's love and voice in their lives through relationships with those around them.

Who: Anyone 23-40+ years old.

When: Friday, January 14, 2022 @ 4 pm - Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 4 pm

Where: Old Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, nestled in the foothills of San Diego County, this fifty-six-acre campus is a National Historic Landmark and offers many areas for meditation and relaxation. Its remarkable surroundings have a profound effect on young people, who enjoy the outdoors in a coastal setting.

Join other St. Anastasia Parishioners on this wonderful opportunity to have an Encounter with God! Register at <https://www.christusministries.org/events/caritas62>

BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org.

Dec. 12 bulletin content: Due Thu. Dec. 2

Dec. 19 bulletin content: Due Thu. Dec. 9

Keep in touch with us!

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FAST & PRAY TO END ABORTION

On December 1, the Supreme Court will hear arguments for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Respond to God's Call and Join Us!



With countless lives at stake, pro-lifers across the nation will gather for an unprecedented TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN OF PRAYER AND FASTING, community outreach, and peaceful vigil.

This is your chance to stand on the right side of history.

Your participation in this vigil can help determine the future of abortion in America as your prayers:

- Implore God to touch the hearts of the Supreme Court justices tasked with deciding the case
- Send a powerful message to the justices (and other judges, politicians, and officials) that America is pro-life
- Save lives from abortion at the last, desperate moment in front of your local abortion facility
- Come out to stand and pray peacefully as a credible witness for God and life in the public square

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale

Vigil time & days: 7 am to 7 pm, **November 30 and December 1**

Local contact: 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale



DID YOU KNOW?

Understanding the dangers of carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized.

When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned. Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney.

For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>.



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