



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As the Christmas Season is upon us once again, many of us will be preparing for company. The holidays are a wonderful time, and often, bring distant friends and family together for quality time to celebrate the coming of our Lord. Many of us are anticipating a lot of joy, laughs, and great food! Tables will be set and houses adorned with shining lights and many shades of green, red, and white. The glowing Christmas trees reminds us of the Tree of Life, whom is Christ. What is it about this season that draws people together? The Bible tells us that Jesus' birth brought many people together. The shepherds in the field hurried over to witness the baby Jesus lying in the manger. It even brought wise men from foreign lands, to witness this miracle of the Divine Child. There is indeed, something powerful about Jesus that binds us all together when we gather, in his name, to celebrate his birth.

Therefore, I would like to invite all of you to celebrate this great mystery in our St. Anastasia Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve we will have Masses at 4:00PM; 6:00PM; and 11:00PM. On Christmas Day we will celebrate Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM and 11:00AM. Also, I want to invite you to our Parish Penance Service, to prepare spiritually for this great and Holy Day. Our Parish Penance Service will be on December 16th at 7:00PM. We would love to have you join us, and to invite your family members and friends as well!

We hope to see you in our Church, and together celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

In Christ,

Fr. Leszek Semik
Pastor

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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. AMEN

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel, all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today, we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming, John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Try these tips to get your children talking about their days

Ever been met with silence when you ask, "How was your day?" Your communication efforts with your children, especially school-age children, may need some tweaking. Try asking concrete questions, like "Who did you sit next to at lunch?" or, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" If your child is struggling with sharing his or her emotions, it might be helpful to ask about other emotions you see around you. Find opportunities to get children talking about how they feel by focusing on other people: "Why do you think that girl and her dad are hugging? What made that boy on the playground mad earlier?" You may be surprised at the results! For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Communicating with School-Age Children" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

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BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Dec. 26 bulletin content: Due Mon. Dec. 13

Jan. 2 bulletin content: Due Mon. Dec. 20

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

Monday-Saturday

Following after all 8AM Masses

And after 6:30AM Masses on

Mon., Wed., and Fri.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, December 12: Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

7:30 AM - Dominic Reb ★

9 AM - Manuel Perez Godoy †

11 AM - John Morgan †

5 PM - Ichan Satyadi †

MONDAY, December 13: St. Lucy
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

6:30AM - Albert Jibilian ♦

8 AM - Joseph & Marion Stodder ♦

TUESDAY, December 14: St. John of the Cross
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

8 AM - The Hernandez Family ♦

WEDNESDAY, December 15:
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

6:30 AM - Leonardo Patino ♦

8 AM - Michael & Edna Young ♥

THURSDAY, December 16:
Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

8 AM - Mirella Herber ★

FRIDAY, December 17:
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

6:30 AM - Jaime Ballesteros †

8 AM - Shelton T. Lorick & Celine Germain ♦

SATURDAY, December 18:
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

8 AM - Dean Lortie †

5 PM - Jesus & Aleida ♥

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm – Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading – We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel – Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' CORNER

I. THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TEACH YOU WHAT IS FOR YOUR GOOD...

ISAIAH 48:17



Brendan's family goes to the parish Christmas giving party. They place their donations of toys, food, and coats in bins. Then, they see a Christmas tree decorated in hundreds of prayer cards. "Take a card," says Mom. "Someone needs your prayers." Brendan takes one and reads it aloud, "My dad lost his job. Pray for us." Brendan feels sad and takes more cards. He starts praying!

During Advent, what is Jesus showing you? Open your heart! He will teach you how to spread his love in many ways.

LOVING LORD, TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

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

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 & finger printed.

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading [Zep 3:14-18a](#)



PRAY

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist was in the desert preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Various groups of people who had gone out to hear John preach, asked him, "What should we do?" When they hear John's answers, they wonder if he is the Messiah they had been expecting. John assures them he is not the Messiah, but that the Messiah is coming.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we too are waiting expectantly for the coming of the Messiah. Slowly read the Gospel again.

After reading the Gospel, ask Jesus what you should do during these final weeks of Advent to prepare for his coming. Listen for Jesus to respond. Talk with Jesus about what he is inviting you to do.

When you are ready, close your prayer by praying: Glory be...

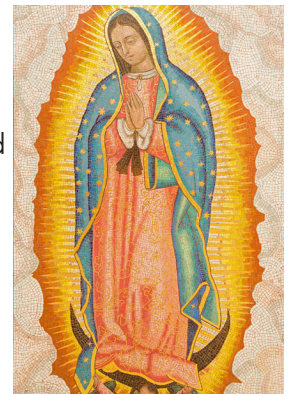
TALK

Family Conversation:

- Tell your family what you talked with Jesus about. Share what He told you and what you think He wants you to do these last weeks of Advent.

Personal Activity:

- This Sunday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Like St. Juan Diego, you could be a messenger of love. Make a list of the important people in your life. Contact them this week (by phone, text, email, etc.) to tell them that they are important to you and that you are praying for them. (Be sure you do actually pray for them, too!)



Activity for Children:

- [This link has activities](#) (available in English and Spanish) for children to learn about St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ADVENT SPECIAL EVENT & PENANCE SERVICE



Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Thursday, December 16th at 7PM in the Church. All are invited to experience God's love, and the healing graces our Lord offers us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us by preparing to welcome Jesus anew by reflecting on scripture, praying in song, and "walking" through an examination of conscience, prior to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY

Please join us in welcoming our newest Altar Servers who have recently completed their training. These servers will be commissioned at the **9am Mass on Sunday, December 19th**. We are grateful for their dedication to the Mass and our Parish and we are all so happy to have the Altar Servers back on the Altar.



Are you in the 5th grade or older and interested in Serving Mass? Please contact: Mary Paquin, Altar Server Scheduler MSPAQMAN@YAHOO.COM or (310) 502-6653

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Parishioners are invited to this festive fundraiser on **Dec. 19th**—Donations accepted at Lapslifesavers.org

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ST. MARGARET'S CENTER

In lieu of a Giving Tree this year, the Center is seeking your financial support to buy the cards in bulk. Please go to <http://www.SMCXmas.com> or text SMCXMAS to 41444 to donate. For more information call the Center at 310-672-2208, or please email maerlandson@ccharities.org. Christmas blessings for you all for your generous support!



BRING JOY TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

St. Margaret's Center, a community center located in Inglewood / Lennox, is seeking donations for our annual Christmas Program / drive-thru celebration on **Saturday, December 18, 2021**. For 30+ years, St. Margaret's Center has brought holiday cheer to this annual event serving **500 families and over 1000 children**. Each family will receive a \$50 gift card for groceries, and a \$25 Target gift card per child, so that their parents can select the perfect gift. Santa will greet the children, and goodies and treats will be provided at each "stop" as their car winds through our Christmas Lane!

PLEASE HELP FILL SANTA'S SACK WITH GIFT CARDS!

Imagine the difference your donation will make to a child's Christmas...



We're seeking donations for...
1300 -\$25 Target gift cards and 500 -\$50 Grocery gift cards.
We also need... musicians, entertainers, jugglers, dancers, holiday characters to provide Christmas spirit!



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2nd Annual Holiday Lights Tour & Contest December 12-26 from 5-9 p.m.

Experience the joy of the Holidays with a driving tour for Westchester Mental Health Guild's FUNdraiser, supporting the Airport Marina Counseling Service. Get your loved ones in the car, put on your holiday music, buckle up & enjoy the dazzling lights.



- More than **20 decorated holiday homes** to see in the **Westchester and Playa del Rey** community.
- For a minimum donation of **\$10 per car**, receive one voting ballot, a map of the homes on the tour, and a chance to win a New Years Celebration gift basket.
- **Vote for your favorite by December 19**, when a prize will be awarded to the Fan Favorite. Judges will also select the Best Theme, Best Lights, and Most Whimsical, which will receive prizes, too.

To Register & Voting Information

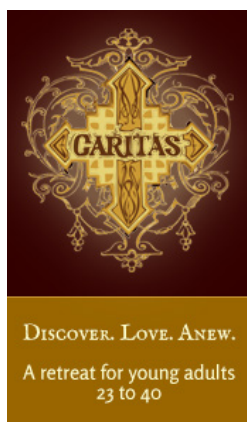
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Caritas is a retreat experience that has helped over 2,000 people explore God's love and voice in their lives through relationships with those around them.

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>

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

We are thrilled to announce that the Daughters of St. Paul will offer a FREE "God is with Us" Virtual Christmas Concert! Last year, our Virtual Concert was a HUGE success with 5,500 viewers watching live, and over 60,000 views during the month of December! This year, we hope to reach even more people with the Christmas message that our God is with us and will never forsake us.



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