



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.’

Luke 2:10

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we are coming to that special day of the year that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I wanted to share a verse that we would not often associate with Christmas, but I believe it is relevant, especially in light of all we have faced over the past months.

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

The Global Pandemic has impacted so many lives in a variety of ways. Last year at this time, there was so much division about the various opinions of how things should or should not be. It was hard to imagine things could be more divided at the time, but it seems the enemy is doing all he can to “divide and conquer.”

The verse we just shared gives such a powerful thought that Jesus came not just so that we could have life, but that it would be abundant life! Perhaps we can become just a bit too focused on the things the enemy is doing and forget that the very purpose of the Lord's coming was to be a life-giver! Not only in the physical sense of living a full life but eternal life so that when we take our final breath on earth, we take our first breath in eternal bliss.

The message of Christmas is breath and life to all who believe! It is up to us to share this good news with the world, yet if we are so preoccupied with our own problems, it just won't get done! If you are looking to the media to share the “good news,” you will find great disappointment as that will not happen for the most part! At the end of a half-hour, or hour of news, I have noticed that they might share a two-minute good news story. Then again, maybe not! Jesus came to bring life to a lost and dying world, yet it's up to us as believers to share the message!

During this Christmas Season and on into the New Year, I would encourage you to let your words be healing words! I pray your words would be life-giving!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED...

I pray you and your loved ones have a wonderful Christmas as you remember and appreciate the Christ of Christmas!

On behalf of Msgr. Gregory Cox, Fr. Tom King, Fr. Innocent Nzewuji, myself and the entire staff here at St. Anastasia, I wanted to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Leszek Semik

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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DID YOU KNOW?

December 18-19 || Fire safety: Close before you doze

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep. Remembering the simple phrase “Close before you doze” can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you. Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe — and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan. For more information, visit <https://momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-doze/>.



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

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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 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

7:30 AM - Angelica Roque ★

9 AM - Margaret & Richard Harris ♥

11 AM - Angelica Krestin ★

5 PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

MONDAY, December 20:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

6:30AM - Juan Jose Garsia †

8 AM - Joseph A. Sanchez †

TUESDAY, December 21: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

8 AM - Maria & Richard Magyar ♦

WEDNESDAY, December 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

6:30 AM - Sylvia Patino ★

8 AM - Sal Nuno ♦

THURSDAY, December 23: St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

8 AM - Alfonso Hernandez ♦

FRIDAY, December 24: The Vigil of Christmas

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

8 AM - Theresa Reilly ★

SATURDAY, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM No Vigil Mass

SUN: 7:30AM Fr. Innocent

SUN: 9AM Fr. Leszek Semik

SUN: 11AM Msgr. Gregory Cox

SUN: 5PM Fr. Innocent

First Reading – Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalms – Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading – We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel – Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' CORNER

FOR SURELY THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS WITH HIM

LUKE 1:66



Are things getting a little crazy at your house these days? Maybe there's cleaning, cooking, gift wrapping and last-minute shopping going on right now. For St. John the Baptist, every day was like these last days before Christmas. He was always working hard to get people ready for Christ's coming. But not everyone was excited about that. Some people didn't want to give up their comfortable lives or turn from their sinful ways. Others didn't understand what John was asking them to do. Still others were just plain afraid of change. That could have driven John crazy, but "the hand of the Lord was with him," always guiding him.

JESUS. SHOW ME WAYS I CAN BE A GOOD HELPER TODAY.

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 [Luke 1:39-45](#)



PRAY

Praying for others: As a family, think of the people in your life. Think of classmates, friends, coworkers, family members, or neighbors who are currently experiencing difficulties or challenges.

Each member of the family will name the person or people they thought of. Then, together, pray for each person, asking the Lord to help them through this difficult time.

As an option, you can do a blessing of the Advent Wreath at home, by using this prayer guide.



TALK

Upon hearing of her cousin Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary makes herself present to her. Of the people mentioned in your prayer, who could you and your family help out with your presence?

Is there someone for whom the holidays can be a lonely time? New parents who can use a little help around the house? Elderly neighbors who could use some help with yard work?

A classmate who could use some cheering up? Make a plan for you and your family to help someone by paying them a visit, bringing a hot meal or groceries, or other acts of charity and kindness.

PARISH LIFE

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN

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** at 3PM—Donations accepted at Lapslifesavers.org The event will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page for those viewing at home.

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DECEMBER 19, 3:00 PM

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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PARISH BALL SAVE THE DATE



BEYOND OUR PARISH

WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD

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

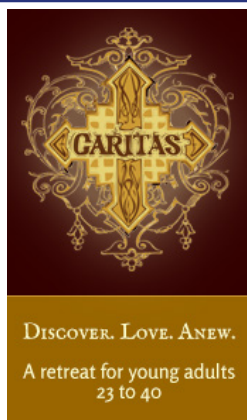
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Caritas is a retreat experience that has helped over 2,000 people explore God's love and voice in their lives through relationships with those around them.

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>

WOMEN'S RETREAT @ SERRA RETREAT HOUSE

WOMEN'S Retreat with Sr. Carol Quinlivan, CSJ. & Fr. Charlie Smiech, OFM. **3pm Friday, January 7 through 1pm Sunday January 9, 2022.**

The Franciscan Friars invite you to a weekend of "Let us walk on in faith and in confidence". Join us to experience a weekend of shifting your perspective to see with new eyes, and re-discover God's presence in the midst of everyday living. Cost is \$300 per person for a single room; and \$240 per person for a double room (includes 6 meals). There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person, to be paid with the registration. This retreat is open to Women of all walks of life.

For more information, please contact the Center at (310) 456-6631 or visit www.serraretreat.com



BULLETIN UPDATES

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

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