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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,

11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM

MA8

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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Second Sunday of

Advent

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5



A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY



A Busy Mother

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- MATTHEW 19:14

The St. Anastasia Community congratulates the families of the following children recently baptized in our Parish:

Gabriel Jacob W.

Aiden J.

Valentina H.

Sophia V.

Olivia V.

Asher V.

Lord, pour your Holy Spirit into their hearts and wrap your loving arms around them.

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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, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

7:30 AM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆
9 AM – Patricia Davis む
11 AM – John Morgan む
5 PM – Sam Piumetti む

MONDAY, December 6: St. Nicholas, Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

6:30AM – Silvia Meneley & 8 AM – Norberto Belicena Jr. &

TUESDAY, December 7: St. Ambrose

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

8 AM – Harriet Hoffman ★ 5 PM – Stephen P. Coles ◆

WEDNESDAY, December 8: The Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

6:30 AM – Aaron and Diana Coles ◆ 8 AM – Ray, Bette and Mark Ferra 압압압 11 AM – Wayne Kochert 압 5 PM – Jan Moat 압

THURSDAY, December 9: St. Juan Diego Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

8 AM - Genevieva Garcia-Goco &

FRIDAY, December 10: Our Lady of Loreto Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

6:30 AM – Mrs. Rosario Dumlao ↔ 8 AM – Jeanne Davidson ★

SATURDAY, December 11: St. Damasus I

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8 AM – Mrs. Corazon Riggs **1** 5 PM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

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

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 RECONCILITION & 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) 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

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.

FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' CORNER

NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, "LORD, LORD," WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT ONLY THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 7:21

During Advent, we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It's fun to show our excitement by preparing gifts for other people. But what will we give to Jesus? What did he ask for? Jesus asked us to follow him. He wants us to love God,



ourselves, and others. He said to listen to his words and act on them. How will you do that today?

LORD JESUS, LOVE IS MY GIFT TO YOU!

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 aduts 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 <u>Bar 5:1-9</u>

<u>Click here</u> to watch a video of the proclamation of the Gospel for children



PRAY

In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist proclaiming the words of the Prophet Isaiah to "prepare the way of the Lord." Take a moment of silence to reflect on these words.

- How are you being called to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent Season?
- How can you help those around you prepare for Jesus this Advent Season?

Gather around your Advent Wreath and light the second purple candle, which represents HOPE.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Follow these instructions and involve the children, youth and adults in the ritual.

Leader: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Hope is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of hope, when we turn to him in faith. (Ask someone from the family to light the 1st and 2nd candles in the Advent wreath.)

All: Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(The two candles are suggested to burn during the evening meals of the second week.)

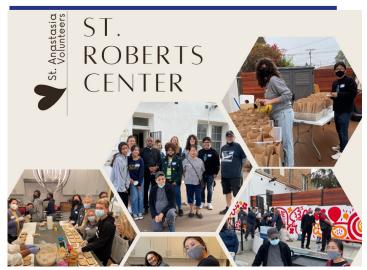
TALK

Have a conversation as a household/family. If you live by yourself, consider hosting a virtual gathering or call someone to have a conversation.

Create your own "Advent Announcement." Write on a piece of paper what you might want to remember during this Advent season, as you prepare for Jesus' arrival. Share with each other and choose an area to place your announcement in your home.

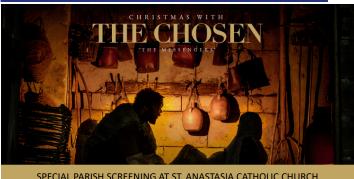
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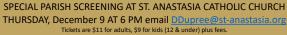
OUTREACH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



Join us in serving the community at St. Robert's Center on Saturday 12/11 from 7:30AM-11AM. Every six week we take 10-20 Volunteers to St. Roberts Center to help with our Homeless Outreach. Sign Up! https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/70593

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.

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!



PARISH BALL SAVE THE DATE



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 selfdriving tour for Westchester Mental Health Guild's FUNdraiser supporting Airport Marina Counseling

Get your loved ones in the car, put on your holiday music, buckle up & enjoy the dazzling lights from the safety of your own vehicle.

- 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

https://2021guildholidaylights.eventbrite.com For more information contact info@westchestermhq.org

All proceeds benefit Airport Marina Counseling Service





BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Dec. 19 bulletin content: Due Thu. Dec. 9 Dec, 26 bulletin content: Due Thu. Dec. 16



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.



GET UPDATES: PAULINE.ORG/VIRTUALCONCERT

DID YOU KNOW?

Start paying attention to TikTok

Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms. For more information about TikTok, read

"Not paying attention to TikTok?-It is way past time to do so," by Charles Camosy for Angelus RE-CERTIFICATION News, https://angelusnews.com/ voices/not-paying-attention-totiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-doso/.

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