

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

With the Lord there is mercy and redemption

PSALM 130



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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/ CONFESSION Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:45PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED WEEKENDS)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

by Father John Muir

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to



us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only



to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it.

Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

MINISTRY MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15 : Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

<u>March 28:</u> Ministry of Consolation (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

April 5: Men's Morning Hour (Every 1st Wednesday after 6:30AM Mass) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>April 6:</u> Catholic Mom's Ministry (Every 1st Thursday at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>April 20</u>: Companions on the Journery (Every 3rd Thursday at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

Morning Glory Rosary Group (Every Thursday 8AM Mass) Location: Diamond Courtyard w/ light refreshments

Lenten Meals (Every Wednesday in Lent) Location: Parish Hall

St. Roberts Center (Every 6 weeks) Location: 211 3rd Ave, Venice, CA 90291

April 29



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 all 8AM Masses and after 6:30AM Masses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday



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 at 310-670-2243 for information on the completion of all requirements <u>4 weeks prior to the</u> **Baptism.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & HS CONFIRMATION: Please contact Dianalee Dupree

Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA): for information on becoming Catholic contact Parish Office at 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@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. Don't wait until their condition becomes dire. 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.

FUNERAL PLANNING:

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ♥ SUNDAY, March 26: 5th Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 7:30 AM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆ 9 AM – Marcelo Gatchalian ♥ 11 AM – Lori Mountain ★ 5 PM – Shane Mallen ★ MONDAY, March 27:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

6:30 AM – Eva & Doug Keller ◆ 8 AM – Donald LeBlanc ₽

TUESDAY, March 28: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 8 AM – Elizabeth Ray 🕆

WEDNESDAY, March 29: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

6:30 AM – Fr. Patrick J. Cahalan 🕆

8 AM – John & Judy Geiger 🔶

THURSDAY, March 30: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

8 AM - Fr. Ernest S. Sweeney 🕆

FRIDAY, March 31: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

6:30 AM – Fr. Herbert J. Ryan 🕆

8 AM – Aurora Hernandez ★ 7 PM – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 1:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

8 AM – Deacon Joe Viola 🔶

5 PM – Michael Radcliff ♦

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

FAITH FORMATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus Time Program

An introductory faith formation program developmentally appropriate for Children 3-5 years of age. Offered **every Sunday during our 9AM** Family Mass.



Meet us in the School Building

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

Registration NOW OPEN for our upcoming Vacation Bible School week this Summer. Cost is \$90 per camper Visit <u>http://www.st-anastasia.org/youth/</u>

vbspro.events/p/sta

JUNE 26 -JUNE 30, 2023 9AM TO 12N (DAILY)



Join us for a week of Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and more, as we explore how we can 'Shine Jesus Light' in our world. Older kids and adults are encouraged to sign up to experience an amazing adventure as a **CREW LEADER**. Sixth graders and older are invited to register as crew leaders. We appreciate any time that teens, college students, and adult volunteers can give during the week. We are looking forward to an amazing week this Summer! Contact ddupree@st-anastasia.org for volunteering opportunities.



Lent **#Pray40** on the Hallow app is available FREE to all parishioners through Easter. Sign up when you visit <u>https://hallow.com/holydaypackage/</u> Search St. Anastasia Parish and choose to make this Lent your most transformative yet, by joining Hallow's Pray40 community challenge with millions of Catholics around the world journeying through the Imitation of Christ.

YOUR GUIDE TO LENT AT ST. ANASTASIA



WEDNESDAYS:

Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5PM Lenten Meals at 6PM in Pastor's Plaza (Parish Hall in case of bad weather)

FRIDAYS:

Stations of the Cross at 7PM in the Church followed by Adoration until 9PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Thursday, March 30^{th} at 7PM

DEVOTIONALS:

Pick up your copy of "*Praying with Jesus This Lent*," from The Word Among Us while supplies last. Copies will be in the vestibule and at the West side entrance to the Church.

OTHER DEVOTIONALS & RESOURCES:

Be Transformed offers all of the tools you need for a fresh understanding of the sacraments, including reflection questions, scripture meditations, prayers, and inspiring stories. You'll come away hungry for the sacraments in a way you never knew possible.



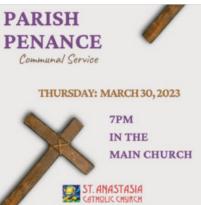
In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Fr. John Burns—author of the bestselling and awardwinning book Adore—invites you to strip away your confusion, attachments, and sin so you can return to the Lord and undergo real and lasting conversion._These and other Lenten Journey resources can be found at <u>https://</u> www.avemariapress.com/

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the week

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

Parish Life & School

PENANCE SERVICE



Join Us on **Thursday March 30th at 7PM** for Communal Lenten Penance Service.

There will be 5 priests hearing confessions that evening. It would be a perfect time to reconcile with the Lord this year.

Come and experience God's grace.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY



Blessing of Palms and Procession into the Church will begin in Diamond Courtyard ten (10) minutes before each Sunday Mass at 7:20AM, 8:50AM, 10:50AM, and 4:50PM

SIMPLE MEAL WEDNESDAYS

Community Lenten Meals are back every Wednesdays throughout the Lenten Season. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Hall at our family friendly simple meal. A great opportunity to get to know eachother and grow in faith together. All are welcomed to attend and bring your friends. <u>https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/115125</u>

Upcoming Ministries Hosts 3/29 - MOMs Group and Little Flowers

4/5 - Companions on the Journey & Music Ministry



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & ADORATION



This Lent join us on Fridays for Stations of the Cross at **7PM** and continued Adoration until **9PM**. Come once, twice, or every week. Gift yourself time in prayer with God.



A BIG THANK YOU!



Warmest thanks to the generous St. Anastasia Sponsors and Underwriters. Their contributions help to underwrite the cost of the event.

Our project fund - Opening New Doors to the Future!

is still open for donations. If you missed the event or would still like to contribute towards our efforts in replacing the outdated classroom doors in the school, you can make a contribution by visiting <u>http://bidpal.net/parishball2023</u>, or link through this QR Code.



Beyond Our Parish

DID YOU KNOW? MARCH 25-26

Abuse prevention includes sports

All coaches who serve in archdiocesan Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are required to undergo a multi-hour VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children for Adults Training." They are also required to participate in the Play Like a Champion Today program, a national program that works with sports organizations at the youth and high school level to educate ethically responsible coaches. For more information about coaching requirements in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, visit playlikeachampion.org and https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-4/topic-9-4-3.

WHAT IS OUR SPIRITUAL PATH? WALKING THE TRAIL THROUGH COVID

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Each of us has our own faith journey with unique experiences, but by now, COVID has become a part of everyone's faith reals. For some, this time has been a very hard trek; for others, an inconvenient detour; and for others, it has been a life-giving Camino. Let's take a moment to pause with God along our spiritual path. We'll reflect on what we've already retked through with COVID, accept the gifts of where we are on the path right now, and prepare ourselves to be open to the surprises God has waiting for us on the trail ahead!

Event includes: Tour of the Cathedral, Mass, Lunch & Presentation Celebrant: Reverend Steve Davoren Pater of St. Mel's Parish, Wooldand Hills

> Presenter: Christine Gerety PhD Associate Director of Outreach and Pastoral Care at St. Monica Parish, Santa Monica



Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 West Temple Street Conference Room #6 Los Angeles, CA 90012

> Saturday, July 16, 2022 Registration: 8:45 to 9:15am Event: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost \$30.00 (Includes Lunch & Materials) \$10.00 Parking (not included)

RSVP by July 12, 2022 (Space is limited)

Respect Life



The Pregnancy Help Center's Walk for Life South Bay is coming, and we need YOU! Interested in forming a team with your church, family, or friends? Join us for a Team Captain kickoff celebration, Thurs., March 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at 22930 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. L, Torrance. You'll get tips and tools for rallying team members. Walk proceeds provide free services for women with an unplanned pregnancy. RSVP by March 20th at (424) 263-4855. The Walk is Sat., May 20th, save the date!





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