

# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 2, 2023

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# WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,

11AM, 5PM

### DAILY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM

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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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Parish@st-anastasia.org

PSALM 22 why have You abandoned me?







# GOSPEL MEDITATION

by Father John Muir

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.



Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

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# Parish Office Holiday Hours



# WHY DO WE DO THAT?

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?



So often we expect God to behave like the frantic

parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

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# MINISTRY MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

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

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

April 11 and April 25: Ministry of Consolation

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM)

Location: Parish Office Conference Room

April 20: 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

# April 29 ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN UPDATES

Deadline for any pulpit announcements is Thursdays by 12N. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org. Apr. 16 bulletin content due: Thursday, April 6

# 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 4 weeks prior to the 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, April 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

7:30 AM - Fr. Innocent Nzewuji ◆

9 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆

11 AM - Victor Nasri Ghoulam 🕏

5 PM - Angela Jakucs 🕆

MONDAY, April 3:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

6:30 AM - The Carmelite Sisters ◆

8 AM - Elizabeth 'Liz' Hamilton 🕏

TUESDAY, April 4:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8 AM - Ruby Doney ★

WEDNESDAY, April 5:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

6:30 AM - Patrick Mallen & 8 AM - David Moore &

THURSDAY, April 6: Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7 PM - Holy Thursday

FRIDAY, April 7: Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-

16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

3 PM - Stations of the Cross 7 PM - The Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 8: Holy Saturday

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

8 PM - Easter Vigil

# NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 8PM VIGIL	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 7:30AM	Msgr. Cox
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Greg Rozborski
SUN: 11AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 5PM	NO 5 PM MASS on EASTER

First Reading: This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

# 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 <a href="http://www.st-anastasia.org/youth/">http://www.st-anastasia.org/youth/</a>

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 <a href="https://hallow.com/holydaypackage/">https://hallow.com/holydaypackage/</a> 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

### **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 award-winning 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 <a href="https://www.avemariapress.com/">https://www.avemariapress.com/</a>

# LIVE THE LITURGY

# Inspiration of the week

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

# Parish Life & School

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE



# SIMPLE MEAL WEDNESDAYS

We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Hall at our Last Lenten meal. A great opportunity to get to know eachother and grow in faith together. All are welcomed to attend and bring your friends. <a href="https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/115125">https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/115125</a>

# **Upcoming Ministries Hosts**

4/5 - Companions on the Journey & Music Ministry



# **2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION - EASTER AND MUSIC MINISTRY**

# CLASS OF 2023 EASTER RAFFLE



Our 8th grade class is fundraising for their Class of 2023 Graduation Fund. Beginning on March 27th – April 4th you can enter to win the highly coveted St A's Bundt Cake. Digital Raffle Ticket is \$5.00/entry

The prize is perfect for the Easter – the highly coveted St A's Bundt Cake made with love from our very own baking talent Mia Cam Cam Tan. Mia will bake your choice of Bundt prior to Easter.

St. Anastasia School PTO Treasu-

### Choose from the following:

Chocolate Bundt Cake, Marble Bundt Cake, Carrot with Pecan Bundt Cake, Lemon Bundt Cake

Please Venmo St A's PTO Treasurer. Be sure to put your family name / cake raffle in the note by **6pm Tuesday 4/4.** 

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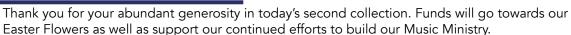




Warmest thanks to all those who attended and volunteered to make our St. Anastasia Parish Ball an amazing success.

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 <a href="http://bidpal.net/parishball2023">http://bidpal.net/parishball2023</a>, or link through this QR Code.







# BEYOND OUR PARISH

# DID YOU KNOW? APRIL 1-2

# "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful "Keep Kids Safe" pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps. For more information go to: https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/.

# 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 walk. 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 mekked 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 trait ahead!

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

Paster of St. Mel's Parish, Woodland 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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