August 12, 2012

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

19th Sunday in Ordinary time: The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah — food, water, rest, and encouragement — were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Reflection on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: God works in many ways to give us the strength we need. God not only calls us to do His will, He also gives us the strength to accomplish it. He strengthens us through Scripture, through the graces of the Sacraments, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we open ourselves to accept these gifts, we experience God’s grace and love working within us.

Liturgy of the Word: The first reading tells of God providing food and drink to Elijah who was exhausted and too disheartened to continue his mission. Paul calls the Ephesians to be firm in the Holy Spirit as they imitate the Lord in love. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that He is the living bread come down from heaven.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER …

For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers … Please let us know about the condition of those for whom we pray. We'll keep/remove their name(s) as requested, after the first few weeks.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners…

I hope you are all having a beautiful summer!

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Next Week - Celebrating Our Faith
Sat. Aug. 18th & Sun., Aug. 19th, 2012

Masses:
Sat: 8:00 am.  Celebrants: Msgr. Gonzales
Sat: 5:30 pm.  Msgr. Gonzales
Sun: 7:30 am.  Msgr. Gonzales
Sun: 9:00 am.  Fr. Tom
Sun: 10:30 am.  Msgr. Vadakin
Sun: 12:00 Noon  Msgr. Vadakin
Sun: 7:30 pm.  Msgr. Gonzales

We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at all Masses next Sunday:

Reading 1: Prov 9:1-6 (119B)
Reading 2: Eph 5:15-20
Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

CONFESSIONS: 3:30 - 5 pm & 7:30 - 8 pm

** Msgr. Gonzales **
Ministry sends us beyond the parish...

Traveling Holy Family Nourishing our Spirit of Faith
And Community
The family represents a variety of individual and communal journeys, journeys traveled and journeys yet to start. The Holy Family exemplifies these journeys. They offer us hope in meeting the many challenges we face in our lives. Journeys are central to the complete story about God and us. The Magi, the Holy Family, Jesus and his disciples are all great examples of people who have journeyed. Many journeys are responses to the revelations of truth that engage, fascinate and attract us to travel the road together. Embark on a new journey and invite the Holy Family into your home!

Sign up today to have a statue of the Holy Family come to your house for a week. If you are already signed up to receive the Holy Family you will automatically be renewed unless we hear otherwise. Each household will have the opportunity to gather to pray, reflect and spend faith-filled time alone or together. You will also be able to connect with other parishioners through each Holy Family’s travel journal and exchange. This is a unique and interactive experience for all who participate. Please contact Suzette Sornborger at ssornborger@st-anastasia.org or @ 310-670-2243 x51 for more details.

To Receive Holy Communion
(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound)
Please call Gloria Bowen, 310-670-5971, Eucharistic Minister to the sick. To have the name(s) included in our prayers, please call the Rectory Office at 310-670-2243.

Reflecting... CIVIL DISCOURSE: “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same thing that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement! [Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.]

Pray for those who have died, especially: Joy Wade, (mother of Kathy Krekeler) that they may rest in peace!

I am the loving Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. - John 6:51

SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Los Angeles Inc., OLA Region will be hosting a FUNDRAISING DINNER on Friday, October 5 at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades for the benefit of those facing economic hardship in the western and metro regions of Los Angeles. Humanitarian honoree, basketball legend Jerry West will be present, along with our “Sr. Peg Dolan Spirit of Giving Award” Winner: Executive Director of Meals On Wheels, Sr. Mary Alice Quinn, DC. Stayed tuned for more information. In the meantime, we are seeking sponsors, advertisers and donations of goods and services for our auction to ensure the success of this event. For more information contact Hector Briones at (310) 392-8701 or HBriones@CCharities.org.

Volunteers Needed! St. Margaret’s Center has a few positions open for adult volunteers, including drivers to pick-up food (only takes 1-2 hours per week), food pantry workers, and office assistants. Hours/days vary depending on the task. The Center hours are M-F: 8:30 to 5:00, and the address is 10217 Inglewood Ave., Lennox 90304. Please call Mary Agnes at 310-672-2208 for more info, or email maerlandson@ccharities.org

Protein Foods Needed! As you may have heard on the news, the LA Regional Food bank, where most food pantries acquire the bulk of their food, has been very low on supplies in 2012. St. Margaret’s Center’s Food Pantry desperately needs protein foods, such as canned tuna and meats, peanut butter, eggs and cheese. We serve about 1,000 poverty-level families each month. The Center is located at 10217 Inglewood Ave., Lennox 90304. Hours are M-F, 8:30 to 5:00. If you have any questions, you may call (310) 672-2208, or email maerlandson@ccharities.org. Thank you!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT: ♦ Christian student at Otis College of Art is seeking a room to rent. Quiet, respectful, non-smoker, clean and tidy male. Contact him @ 425–891–7199, or e-mail him @ dvgph34r@gmail.com.
DID YOU KNOW?

The prevalence of abuse in society - In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of 10 men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6 percent of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34 percent of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18 and 7 to 16 percent of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

FACT OF LIFE:

Sexual Content in the Movies

The media really does influence adolescents' behavior and early exposure to sexual content in the movies leads them to commence sexual activity at an earlier age and to take more risks. This was the conclusion of a study just published in the journal Psychological Science, titled "Greater Exposure to Sexual Content in Popular Movies Predicts Earlier Sexual Debut and Increased Sexual Risk Taking." It started by noting how it is documented that the media influences adolescent behavior in such areas as alcohol and tobacco use, but that less is known about its impact on sexual behavior. . . . "Popular movies provide adolescents with a wealth of sexual exposure, much of which may promote risk behaviors," the authors commented. They cited a survey that looked at movies released from 1950 to 2006. It showed that more than 84% contained some sexual content. In addition the survey found that the level of sexual explicitness of PG-13 and R-rated movies has increased in the past decade. Not only are adolescents influenced by what they see, but one survey found that 57% of those aged 14-16 use the media as a primary source of sexual information. . . . They found that higher exposure to explicit sexual content was an accurate predictor of riskier sexual behavior. The authors said that this study confirms previous ones and also found that this exposure, "has a lasting influence on risky sexual behaviors in adulthood." (Zenit News Agency (Zenit.org) August 2, 2012)

Prayer for Life: Heavenly Father, Help us remember the wonderful mystery, that God inhabited the womb of a young woman and came forth as the savior and deliverer of the world. Amen.

Wed., Aug. 15th, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation—Masses will be as follows:

Tue., Aug. 14th, - Eve of Holy Day
Mass @ 5:30 pm.

Wed., Aug. 15th, - Holy Day
Masses @ 6:30, 8 am & 7pm

The 17th Annual St. A’s Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 22, 2012. Don’t miss out on all of the fun at Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach. The cost is $150 and includes a post-tournament BBQ dinner catered by Outdoor Grill at the Elks Club. Registration will begin in September, contact Chris Turkmamy (310) 200-8021 to register early. Sponsors and raffle prize donors are also needed.

Commit to Greening Your Parish:


THE ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR ADULT ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE 8 AM. WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MASSES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR (THE DAYS WHEN THE STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING MASS). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS FINE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LORD PLEASE CONTACT ED CHARETTE AT 310-823-3118 OR JOE STODDER AT 310-645-7632. WE WILL BE MOST DELIGHTED TO PROVIDE ANY TRAINING YOU MAY WANT OR NEED AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

15th Annual St. Anastasia Family Picnic

All Parishioners Invited!

Yummy In n’ Out burgers, endless potluck dishes & desserts, music, drinks and games for all!

Bring your beach chairs & towels and come join the fun!

SAVE THE DATE:

9/30/2012, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Ministry EQUIPS us to DEEPEN our love for God and share our faith...

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL — COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
Registration for School of Religious Education will take place on **Sunday, August 26th and Sunday, September 2nd, from 8:30 am to Noon in Diamond Courtyard.** Registration is for Early Childhood Education, 3, 4, and 5 yr. old; Sacramental Preparation for 1st and 2nd year students; Older Sacramental, and Continuing Education. There is no registration necessary for the childcare offered at the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass. Volunteers needed at all age levels. If you cannot make these registrations date, call Jonette Mauch at the Rectory Office, 310-670-2243.

Are you interested in becoming CATHOLIC?
RCIA - [THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS]: The RCIA is our greatest joy, as well as our Mission as a Catholic community, to welcome new members. The RCIA is a process of formation and education for those interested in learning about and experiencing the Catholic faith. The process is designed for those baptized in other Christian traditions, baptized Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Eucharist, some who have been away from our faith, or **anyone** interested in our Catholic faith. It is a faith journey that encourages individuals to broaden and deepen their prayer life, to know God through the Scriptures, to come to know themselves more and to participate more in the parish life. For questions of info, please call Jonette Mauch at 310-670-2243.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PRIEST?
Visit: www.lavocations.org

Living Faith for Kids

Ask, and it will be given you; Search, and you will find; Knock, and the door will be opened for you.
— Matthew 7:7

Today at Mass we hear the words of the Gospel, words of Jesus Himself and stories of His life. We are blessed to receive this gift each week. Few people witnessed Jesus alive in action, and even today many aren’t able to see or hear Jesus in their lives. We are very blessed just to hear those words.

**Holy Christ, I humbly thank You for counting me among Your chosen. Help me to spread Your message to those in need.**

1 Kings 19:4-8 ✱ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:30—5:2 ✱ John 6:41-51

I praise your endless mercy, Lord.
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**MASSES -**

- **WEEKDAYS**
  - Mon-Fri: 6:30AM & 8:00AM  
  - First Friday: 6:30AM, 8AM, 11AM (School in session)

- **SATURDAY (Vigil):** 5:30PM

**SUNDAY**

- 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12 & 7:30PM (during the School year)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Saturday: 3:30PM-5:00PM & 7:30-8:00PM

**DEVOTIONS:** Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary and Benediction - Monday, following the 8AM Mass.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Saturday: First Saturday of the month from 8:30AM- 9:30AM

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of family.

**BAPTISM:** Parents and Godparents are required to participate in preparation program. Contact the Rectory Office 310-670-2243 or Fred & Esmeralda Balsz @ 679-9119.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples must contact the Rectory no later that 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Rectory Office 310-670-2243.

**R.C.I.A.:** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Becoming Catholics - Please call the Rectory to register.

**FUNERALS:** Contact the Pastor by calling the Rectory Office, 310-670-2243.

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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**Pastoral Team**

- **Pastor:** Msgr. Gabriel Gonzales  
- **Priest in Residence:** Msgr. Gregory A. Cox  
- **Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Thomas F. King, Msgr. Royale M. Vadakin, P.A.

**Sacramental Preparation**

- RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; and SRE (Sunday School)  
- Confirmation  
- Infant Baptism

**Parish Organizations**

- Parish Finance Council  
- Jim Healy .......... 410-1206

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**Liturgical Ministries**

- Ministers of the Eucharist  
  - Gloria Bowen-to the Sick ... 670-5971  
  - Jan & Herb Masi ... 641-2819

- Ministers of the Word  
  - Carl Pentis .......... 649-4238

- Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)  
  - Evelo Leon .......... 670-1298  
  - Pat Hendon .......... 337-9191

- Courtyard Hospitality  
  - Sr. Teresita .......... 216-2001

- Altar Care  
  - Dolores Saenz .......... 337-7213

- Altar Servers  
  - Ed Charette .......... 823-3118

- Liturgy Committee  
  - Richard Arias .......... 641-4194

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**PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES**

- Bereavement  
  - Laure Healy .......... 410-1206

- Young Adult Ministry  
  - Nancy Albin .......... 927-8891

- Prayer Group—English  
  - Lori Mountain .......... 502-9105

- Rosary Ministry  
  - Rose De Leonardi .......... 645-7175  
  - Ben Oakley .......... 670-2771

- Social Justice  
  - Elizabeth O'Neill .......... 213-595-1533

- Respect Life  
  - Jim & Nancy Taylor .......... 645-7671

- Homeless Weekend Program  
  - St. Joseph Center.
  - Jayne Cram .......... 645-1140

- Safe Guard the Children  
  - Rose Healy-Fissinger .......... 670-2243  
  - Karen Diaz .......... 670-2243

- St. Margaret’s Center  
  - Mary Agnes Erlandson .......... 672-2208

- Catholic Charities  
  - Cindy Begazo .......... 306-9390

- Adopt-A-Family  
  - Rose and Matt Fissinger .......... 645-8285

- Bundles for Babies and Diaper Drive  
  - Teressa Sylt .......... 670-0285

- Nurses Ministry  
  - Nancy Reilly .......... 424-228-4767

- Pen Pal Project - Prison Ministry  
  - Suzette Sornborger .......... 670-2243  
  - jeanne@pieper.com

- Ministry for Married Couples  
  - Jon & Suzette Sornborger .......... 670-2243

- Women’s Faith Sharing  
  - Suzette Sornborger .......... 670-2243

- Men’s Spirituality  
  - Joe Berberich .......... 745-7009  
  - Shad Meshad .......... 568-1065

- Men’s Morning Hour  
  - Suzette Sornborger .......... 670-2243

- MOMS Ministry  
  - Jim & Nancy Taylor .......... 645-7671

- Natural Family Planning  
  - Phyllis Jones .......... 670-3505

- Bible Study  
  - Susan Senia .......... 822-6511

- Social Ministry  
  - Laurette Bibeau .......... 670-2488

- Family Visitation Ministry  
  - Joe Berberich .......... 745-7009  
  - Shad Meshad .......... 568-1065  
  - Nancy Reilly .......... 424-228-4767  
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