

St. Anastasia Catholic Church

AUGUST

16
2015

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Unless you eat the flesh of
the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

John 6:53

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Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Pastor
is on**

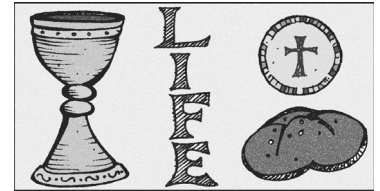


AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it.

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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER ~ For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...

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Mila Sison
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Potenciana Suner

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Rosa Zunilda
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Stephane Lempire
Tom Tyrrell
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Virginia Lorraine Robinson
Yolanda Wygal

*****Please note that this list will be updated monthly. Family members should please contact the Parish Office to add names or to let us know about the condition of those for whom we pray.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN. 8/16 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA'S
9:00 AM JUDE KIETH HEBERT †
10:30 AM GEORGE & SQUAD ARTOUN ††
12:00 PM MARIANNE STUPY †
7:30 PM RAUL HERNANDEZ ★

MON. 8/17

6:30 AM ERIC STODDER ★
8:00 AM MARTINI FAMILY INTENTIONS

TUE. 8/18

6:30 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
8:00 AM JOHN IRWIN †

WED. 8/19

6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR M & N
8:00 AM EILEEN MARY WELDON †

THUR. 8/20

6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR M & N
8:00 AM MARILYN MACDONALD †

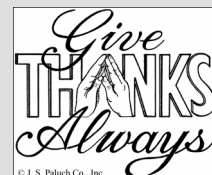
FRI. 8/21

6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR M & N
8:00 AM MAGGIE ROSEN ISSA †

SAT. 8/22

8:00 AM MICHAEL MITSAKOS †
5:30 PM TYLER PAGDANGANAN ★

Birthday ★
 Anniversary ♥
 Memorial †
 Support ♦



Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

This Week: *Saturday, August 15th / Sunday, August 16th*
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: *Jesus Christ is the living bread that came down from heaven.* The deepest hungers and yearnings of the human heart are satisfied when we turn to Christ. Jesus, the living bread come down from heaven, gives us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. This allows us to draw closer to Him and receive the grace to live as His followers. It is Jesus who gives us a peace the world cannot give. He imbues our lives with meaning, and offers us the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, true wisdom that comes from God is personified in the feminine, like a hostess who sets her abundant table before her guests and invites them to enjoy her bounty. The reading from Ephesians reminds us of the importance of striving to do God's will and serving Him with grateful hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that He is the living bread come down from heaven.



Celebrating Our Faith
Next Week ~ *Saturday, August 22nd / Sunday, August 23rd*
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses:

Sat: 5:30 p.m.
Sun: 7:30 a.m.
Sun: 9:00 a.m.
Sun: 10:30 a.m.
Sun: 12:00 NN.
Sun: 7:30 p.m.

Celebrants:

Msgr. Vadakin
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Fr. Tom
Msgr. Cox
Msgr. Cox

WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO READ AND REFLECT
ON THE BIBLICAL PASSAGES THAT WILL BE PROCLAIMED
AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEK.

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).
Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).
Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays: 3:30—5 pm, and 7:30—8 pm.
Msgr. Vadakin

The Family Visitation Ministry

offers spiritual support to those in need. Please call Sr. Teresita at 310-216-2001, or the Rectory Office at 310-670-2243.



To Receive Holy Communion

(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound). Please call Gloria Bowen, Eucharistic Minister to the sick at 310-670-5971.



The Assumption Solemnity.

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place — only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition. This Feast is celebrated on the 15th of August.

There is no *positive* historical data in proof of the historical fact of the Assumption.

"It is impossible to accept the popular and late legend, according to which the Apostles, having been present at the Virgin's death, later found her tomb empty or saw her body wafted away by angels" (Jean Guitton).

There are however, negative historical conditions which are quite impressive. Among others are these:

1. At no time in history has Christendom venerated a grave or tomb of the Blessed Virgin.
2. Until the 5th century of Christianity there was not even a legend concerning her place of burial.
3. There is absolutely no relic of Our Lady's body in existence; nor has any person or city ever claimed possession of such a relic.

Ministry equips us to deepen our love for God and share our faith...

Mass on the Grass and Barbecue
Come Sing, Come Celebrate!
RE-SCHEDULED FOR: SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th,
2 pm on the Field!



Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided!
Bring your beach towels and chairs and something yummy to share!!
All are welcome.

VBS Campers remember to wear your T-shirts!



REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Come and Join the Fun!

Registration for School of Religious Education (SRE) classes will take place on **Sunday, August 16th and Sunday, August 23rd** from 9 am to Noon in the **Diamond Courtyard.**

Registration is for:

- ◆ Early Childhood Education - 3, 4 and 5 year olds;
- ◆ Sacramental Preparation for 1st and 2nd year students;
- ◆ Older Sacramental, and Continuing Education students

*** Volunteers needed for all age levels ***



If you cannot make this registration date call Jonette Mauch at the Rectory Office, 310-670-2243.

AN AMAZING JOURNEY OF FAITH- FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be thinking about becoming a Catholic? Here is the chance to invite that special someone to an informal gathering to share and question whether or not the time is right for them to pursue becoming a Catholic. The process is called **RCIA**, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. We become a member of the Catholic faith by truly experiencing the life, the self-understanding, and the activities of the community itself. Please consider experiencing this process or inviting someone to join us for this amazing journey of faith. Sessions take place Thursday evenings. Begins late September.



Call Jonette @ 10-670-2243 or jonetteauch@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Keep the lines of communication open with children - Your relationship with your child will go

through several stages, but one thing to keep as a priority is the importance of honest, open communication—both from your kids, and from you. Your children should always know that they can come talk to you about anything, no matter how serious, and that you will make time to listen and respond. Without communication, parents don't know important things about their kids' lives who they talk to, where they go, who their friends are. These parents are far more likely to miss danger signs about potential bad influences or predators as well. For more information on how to foster communication with your child and for a copy of the article "Safety Rules by the Child Rescue Network" email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

St. Anastasia - Online Giving

Our Online Giving system now is also an App for Apple and Android products!



You can download it for free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to OLGapp.com. If you are new to Online Giving, register by entering our **Church ID 1706**. We look forward to hearing about your success with the new Online Giving App. Send your stories to us at

onlinegiving@OSV.com.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Email ParishRegistration@st-anastasia.org to request a New Parishioner registration form today! Already a registered parishioner? Make sure we have all your current contact information on file - phone, email address, mailing address, etc. - so you won't miss out on parish news and activities!



Ministry in Community...

SAVE THE DATE

High School Confirmation Registration Now Open ... Through August 30

Get the online form at st-anastasia.org/sacraments or request via email at confirmationSaintA@gmail.com

The 20th Annual St. A's Golf Tournament will be held on **Monday, October 19**, at **Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach** with the traditional post-tournament dinner and awards to follow at The Elks Club in Playa del Rey. For more info, please contact **Chris Turkmany (310) 200-8021**.

The Pregnancy Help Center is currently looking for a "School & Sexual Integrity Education Coordinator" Someone that can run the program and coordinate the volunteers needed for speaking. This is a part-time paid position. If interested, please contact Mary Thompson at (310) 320-8976, or email your resume to: mthompson@phctorrance.org. We are looking for a young person who can relate to high school and college kids, is passionate about the subject of Abstinence/Sexual Integrity and can organize and run a program of this kind.

St.A's Voted Best Private School (Religious) - Three Years Running!

Thank you to all *Hometown News* readers who voted for St. A's! St. A's was also voted a Favorite in the Best Private School category.

Hometown News stated: *For more than fifty years, St. Anastasia Catholic School has promoted life long learning for its Junior Kindergarten through eighth grade students. Congratulations St. A's!!!*



FACT OF LIFE

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace
Slaves Among Us,
Human Trafficking,
Community Service Resources.



When victims are asked why they did not run away, their response almost always is that they did not know where to get help! One of the very best ways to spread the word that there are resources for victims of trafficking is to post flyers in public locations such as: churches, bus stations, train stations, airports, public restrooms, etc.

Where can I learn more?

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/r!escue-campaign>
HHS Rescue and Restore campaign has posters for purchase that can be ordered and placed all over the community!

<http://www.polarisproject.org/resources/outreach-and-awareness-materials>
Polaris Project has flyers that can be downloaded and posted in many different locations in the community!

http://enditmovement.com/#take_action

End it Movement has suggestions for local action and a toolkit with resources. They also have t-shirts to wear to share the message.

What is being done in our community?

The A21 Campaign is an international organization fighting human trafficking through community education, prosecution of traffickers, and direct rescue service to trafficking victims. To protect those who have been trafficked, A21 builds restoration facilities as safe places for survivors to feel empowered to live in freedom and move past crisis to stabilization. Get involved at thea21campaign.org to find speakers, resource kits, and tons of tools for taking action right now.



Our St. A's Traveling Holy Family is **"On Summer Vacation!"** If you wish to request your week(s) to host a statue, please use this link to let us know:

<http://tinyurl.com/TravelingHolyFamily>
or email TravelingHolyFamily@st-anastasia.org.

Kids Living Faith!



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 16th.

Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity...

Ephesians 5:15-16

Andy's teacher had a talk with him. He was not doing his schoolwork up to his ability. Sometimes it was messy. Sometimes he handed it in late. Andy finally told Mrs. Jones that he'd been upset because he hadn't made the soccer team. Mrs. Jones told Andy that we all have to learn to deal with disappointments. "Sometimes we don't get what we want," she said. "But we can always talk to Jesus about it." We may not make the soccer team, but when we pray, we can learn to overcome our failures so they don't hurt other parts of our lives.

Important Reminders:

Don't forget that Bulletin announcements should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the requested publication date!

• TODAY Sunday, August 16th, the St. Joseph Center Collection takes place after all Masses. This collection benefits the poorest and needy of the Westside area. Your contributions of cash/non-perishable food are greatly appreciated.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASSES -

WEEKDAYS

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

WEEKENDS

Saturday (Vigil): 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12 & 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM (during
the School year) & 7 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

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

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

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.

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

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www.la-archdiocese.org/org/vocations