Anyone who wishes to be first must be the servant of all.

September 23rd, 2012

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

Reflection on Today's Readings:

**FOCUS:** Service to all!

In determining where we shop or where we will have a specific work done, we look for people and places that provide good service. Likewise, we are called to be a servant people, providing genuine care and compassionate assistance to all. Part of being a Christian should be the desire to serve, not to be served.

**Liturgy of the Word:**

The first reading reminds us that the wicked find all things good and holy to be offensive and are determined to test their divine origins. The second reading teaches that our passions can often lead to sin and destruction. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that true greatness in God’s kingdom comes from offering oneself as a servant to all.

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**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.

Danny Welchance | Larry Lovett | John “Jack” Ehret | Joanne Ahern
Alfredo Casillas | Ursula Lovett | Luke Comes | Luann Sinski
Diana Guerra | Jorden Aponte | Peggy Keedagh | Helen Grisky
Jessica Schallhausen | Tom Tyrrell | John “Jack” Ehret | Steven Appledorn
Brenda Rooney | Sharen Hakim | Margaret Connors | Pauline Runyan
Vicki Garcia | Antonia Gonzales | Mary Ann Von | Steven Appledorn
Martha Kelley | Maxine & Stuart | Susan & Catherine | Daniel R. Brown
Barbara DeVico | Liebman | James & Margaret | Linda L. Brown
Juan J. Morales | Charles Salvo | Mark & Kathleen | Thomas Gavelda
Juan J. Morales, Jr. | Sherry Stevens | Carol & Robert | Sheryl & Richard
Johann Hubson | Bernice Cubie | Catherine Fleming | Silvana Shinimoto
Lisa Dennehy | George Gallop | Michelle & Mark | Nicole Shinimoto
Lorraine Cothron | Ethel Curry | Delphine Gonzalez | Brittnay Gannell
Agnes Moesny | Kim Calimlim | Robert & Michelle | Bruce Randall
Gerry Oakley | Mary Wittenman | Brittnay Gannell | Bruce Randall
Maggie Kohly | Jose Gutierrez | Robert & Michelle | Bruce Randall
Carla Roberts | Ed twin | Bruce & Michelle | Bruce Randall
Peter Heredia | Renita Bicarme | Angela Aparicio | Bruce Randall
Jack Muehl | Donna House | Jocelyn Collins | Bruce & Michelle
Michael Jones | Jeff Bristol | Bruce & Michelle | Bruce & Michelle
Fran Wilkerson | Lucille Bark Delgado | Michelle Anaya | Bruce & Michelle
John Swanson | Randy Burtston | Julietta Anaya | Bruce & Michelle
George Rader | Martha Keglevich | Lisa Dennehy | Bruce & Michelle
Roy Sheraden | Judy Bruno | Bruce & Michelle | Bruce & Michelle
Sam Sollee | Bertha Marcinkus | Bruce & Michelle | Bruce & Michelle

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SUN., 09/23**

7:30 AM RON AMATO ★
9:00 AM KATARINA MARKOVIC ★
10:30 AM KRISTOF FRANZ ♦
12:00 PM BETTY FRELINGER ♦
7:30 PM LEE PALMERT ♦

**MON., 09/24**

6:30 AM CHRIS & VANESSA HOFFMAN FAMILY
8:00 AM JOY WADDE ♦

**TUE., 09/25**

6:30 AM MICHELLE ANAYA ♦
8:00 AM ELEONORE & SIMON MICHAEL FAMILY ★

**WED., 09/26**

6:30 AM DONALD WEATHERHEAD ♦
8:00 AM VERONICA DINEHARDT ♦

**THURS., 09/27**

6:30 AM MICHELLE ANAYA ♦
8:00 AM CHARLES BLOMER ♦

**FRI., 09/28**

6:30 AM ADALBERTO GONZALEZ, JR. ♦
8:00 AM LEILA DRISSE ★

**SAT., 09/29**

5:30 PM BOB HOFFMAN ♦
Birthday — Anniversary ♦ — Memorial ♦ — Support ♦

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday is our Parish Picnic. It is a lot of fun to see everyone having a great time. If you are there, it will make our day all the more fun. Plan on joining in between 1-4 p.m.

Thanks to our Eagle Scout candidates who built the enclosure for our waste disposal bin! Wow! Talk about service to our community.

What a wonderful blessed community of faith!!

Devotedly,

Father Gabe

The Family Visitation Ministry

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

Next Week - Celebrating Our Faith
Sat. Sept. 29th & Sun., Sept. 30th, 2012

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

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

Reading 1 | Reading 2 | Gospel:
Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 47-48

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

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

**The 17th Annual St. Anastasia 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 has begun. Contact Chris Turkmany (310) 200-8021 to register. Sponsors and raffle prize donors are also needed to help meet their $11,000 goal.

**FACT OF LIFE:**

**40 Days for Life starts September 26**

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Constant vigil, and Community outreach. 40 Days for Life takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America. 40 Days for Life runs from September 26 to November 4. For information about the campaign in Los Angeles go to: www.40DaysforLife.Com/LA

**Prayer for Life:**

Father, may the witness of all your people through these 40 Days for Life bear abundant fruit, and may we begin again each day to storm the gates of hell until You welcome us into the gates of heaven. Amen.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**NEW LESSONS — NEW READY-TO-USE RESOURCES MISSING INGREDIENT... YOU!**

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 30 and we still need teachers for our Early Childhood classes at the 9:00 a.m. hour. This year our program has been REVISED, RE-VAMPED AND RE-ENERGIZED! We are providing a new set of 24 lessons to cover the entire year with already prepared resources and plenty of suggestions to implement the new lessons in each class. Most of the WORK is already done so we just need your help in the classroom the morning of!

Please consider this wonderful opportunity to give of your time and talents to our very youngest children! You can be an important part of a child’s life! BRING A SMILE AND SIGN UP TODAY.

For more info, call the (310) 670-2243

**The St. Anastasia Men’s Club**

is starting its sixth year. This is a group for all men of the parish and school communities to participate in fun, social activities. You can get more information after Sunday Masses or by contacting Chris Turkmany at (310) 200-8021 or chris@southbayequitylending.com.

The first event of the year will be held in October.

**HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PRIEST?**

Visit: www.lavocations.org

**NEED MORE MUSIC IN YOUR LIFE?**

St. A’s graduate and current St. Monica’s Senior is looking to add more guitar students. He is currently teaching four 3rd-8th graders beginning to intermediate guitar. Lucas has great knowledge of notes, music theory and works well with children...even adults He has been studying music for nearly 12 years. Reasonable rates. Please contact Jayne Cram for more info: 310-645-1140
The more advanced cellular devices become, the more functions they have available. Sending pictures over the Internet is something that children do all the time. Photo-messaging on cell phones is no different. Children need to be aware why all pictures are not appropriate to send. They also need to know that if they receive a message or image that makes them uncomfortable, they should immediately tell you or another trusted adult. For a helpful pamphlet on cell phone safety, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.ncpc.org, and click on “cell phone safety.”

Women’s Faith Sharing

Please join us each month as we gather together to open up the Word of God, apply it to our daily lives, and strive to become the women that God has created us to be. First meeting of this school year: September 27 @ 10:00am to 11:30am in the Parish Rectory Office. Please contact Susan Senia for more details at smsenia@gmail.com or 310 670-2243

Beautiful Trash???

In case you have not noticed, the 2 large trash bins seem to be missing...well not really. They are just being concealed by a wooden structure built and gifted to the St. Anastasia Parish community. This venture was the Boy Scout Eagle project of Lucas Cram (St. A’s class of 2009). With the help of his Boy Scout troop 915 in Westchester and many St. A’s community members, this structure was completed with lots of sweat and love over 2 very hot weekends.

Lucas Cram and family would like to thank the following volunteers for helping to make this a successful and fun project. This did not cost the parish a single cent.

Thanks to:
Joe Apodaca, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 915
and many troop scouts
The McAnany and Politz families, The Sornborger family
The Masi family, The Schultz Family, The Klein family
The Grove family, The Karr family, The Rosen family
The Syta family, The Vernon family, The Phan family
The Reznik family, Evan Gunnell, Javier Artunes
Msgr Gabe and the St. A’s Site committee for their direction and permission
The Knights of Columbus in Playa Del Rey
WHAT A BLESSING A GREAT COMMUNITY IS!!

Fall Film/Book Study
Three Journeys of Faith

To celebrate our 20th year, we will view portions of three films on Thursday evenings at 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the school basement.


November 1 – Sunset Limited – an HBO special written by Cormac McCarthy starring Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones as two polar opposites thrown together for a night of discovery that is both a test of and a search for faith.

November 8 – Invictus – a Clint Eastwood film featuring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon in a dissection of faith and self-determination set against the background of Nelson Mandela’s election as president of South Africa. There is no need for you to preview the films, although you are certainly welcome to do so. For more info, please call Mark or Shelley Calde at 310-641-1157.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

We invite everyone to our 1st Fish Fry Dinner of our season scheduled for Friday, September 28th. Enjoy fresh Clam Chowder, Alaskan Cod or a Shrimp Dinner, delicately deep fried in a light batter, with either a baked potato or French Fries along with Cole Slaw and a roll. Adults are $9.00 & children $7.75. Dinner served between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Takeout available. The Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. (310) 821-2324.

Visit http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/
Ministry Equips us to deepen our love for God and share our faith...

REMINDERS:
- Parish Picnic, September 30 1p.m. to 4p.m.
- Blessing of the Animals, October 6th, 10 a.m.
- Respect Life Sunday, October 7th

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Catholic Scripture Study
“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

How can we persevere in living a life of faith in the midst of the moral chaos of our culture? What does the Word of God, written almost 2000 years ago, have to offer us for the problems of today? Come and join us in the study of Sacred Scripture, and be amazed at the timeliness and relevance of the words of St. Paul to the Corinthian Church of the first century, how those words continue to speak to our situation today.

Our study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at either 9:00-10:30 am or 7:30-9:00 pm. You must register at the parish office (before September 10) or after Mass on the weekend of September 8/9 in order to receive your study materials during the first class. Cost for materials is $25. Limited scholarships are available.

Come and experience a foretaste of what the Lord has prepared for YOU through the prayerful study of His Holy Word.

“...no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Cor 2:9).

For more information, please email Susan Senia at smsenia@gmail.com or call (310) 670-2243.

Living Faith for Kids
Jesus began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent. They had been discussing among themselves...who was the greatest
—Mark 9: 33–34

The disciples probably did not want to answer Jesus because they were ashamed of themselves. In their hearts, they must have known that Jesus did not bring them together so they could compete to be Number One in the kingdom of God.

Of course, if you are in a race, you run as hard as you can to be first. If you’re playing a game, you try to win. But Jesus was not talking about games. He was talking about living and growing in love.

Look for ways to help and for opportunities to love there you will find Jesus.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 • Psalm 54: 3-8 • James 3:16-4:3 • Mark 9: 30–37

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.

15th Annual St. A’s Family Picnic
All Parishioners Invited!
9/30/2012
1:00 - 4:00 pm
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**MASSES**

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

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

**HOLY DAYS**
- Holy Day Vigil Mass: 5:30PM
- Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 11AM (during the School year)

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

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
- 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 than 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.

**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.

**Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor**
- Aleida Rodriguez

**Sacramental Recorder**
- Director of Religious Education
- Jonette Mauch

**Confirmation Coordinator**
- Director of Adult Faith Formation and Stewardship
- Director of Music Ministry
- Greg Koppenhaver

**School Principal**
- Michael Muir

**School Office Manager, Bookkeeper**
- Louise Lance

**Office Assistant**
- Linda Schmidt

**Consultative School Board**
- Karl Altergott

**PTO-Parent Teacher Organization**
- Betsy Sichi

**ADESTE (After School Program)**
- Elizabeth Soriano

**Maintenance**
- Javier Antunes

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults;**

**and SRE (Sunday School)**
- Jonette Mauch ........ 670-2243

**Confirmation**
- Shawna Wiseman ......... 670-2243

**Infant Baptism**
- Fred & Esmeralda Balsz ...... 679-9119

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**Pastor Advisory Council**
- ............... 670-2243

**Site Committee**
- Stefan Politz ............. 337-9534

**Men's Club**
- Chris Turkmany.... 642-6646

**Knights of Columbus**
- Arts and Education
- Jayne Cram ....... 645-1140

**Stewardship**
- Suzette Sornborger........670-2243

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**Ministers of the Eucharist**
- Carl Pentis ........... 649-4238

**Ministers of the Word**
- Jan & Herb Masi ... 641-2819

**Gloria Bowen**
- to the Sick .. 670-5971

**Richard Arias**
- ...... 641-4194

**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 Leonardis..... 645-7175

**Ben Oakley ........ 670-2771

**Social Justice**
- Elizabeth O’Neill .... 213-595-1533

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

**Safe Guard the Children**
- Rose Healy-Fissinger.. 670-2243

**Karen Diaz .......... 670-2243

**St. Joseph Center.**
- Jayne Cram ............. 645-7114

**Homeless Weekend Program/**
- St. Robert’s Center
- Bob & Lori Caldwell .... 823-7417

**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 Syta ........ 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**
- Suzette Sornborger .... 670-2243

**Regeneration**
- Phyllis Jones ........ 670-3505

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

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

**Family Visitiation Ministry**
- Sr. Teresita .......... 216-2001