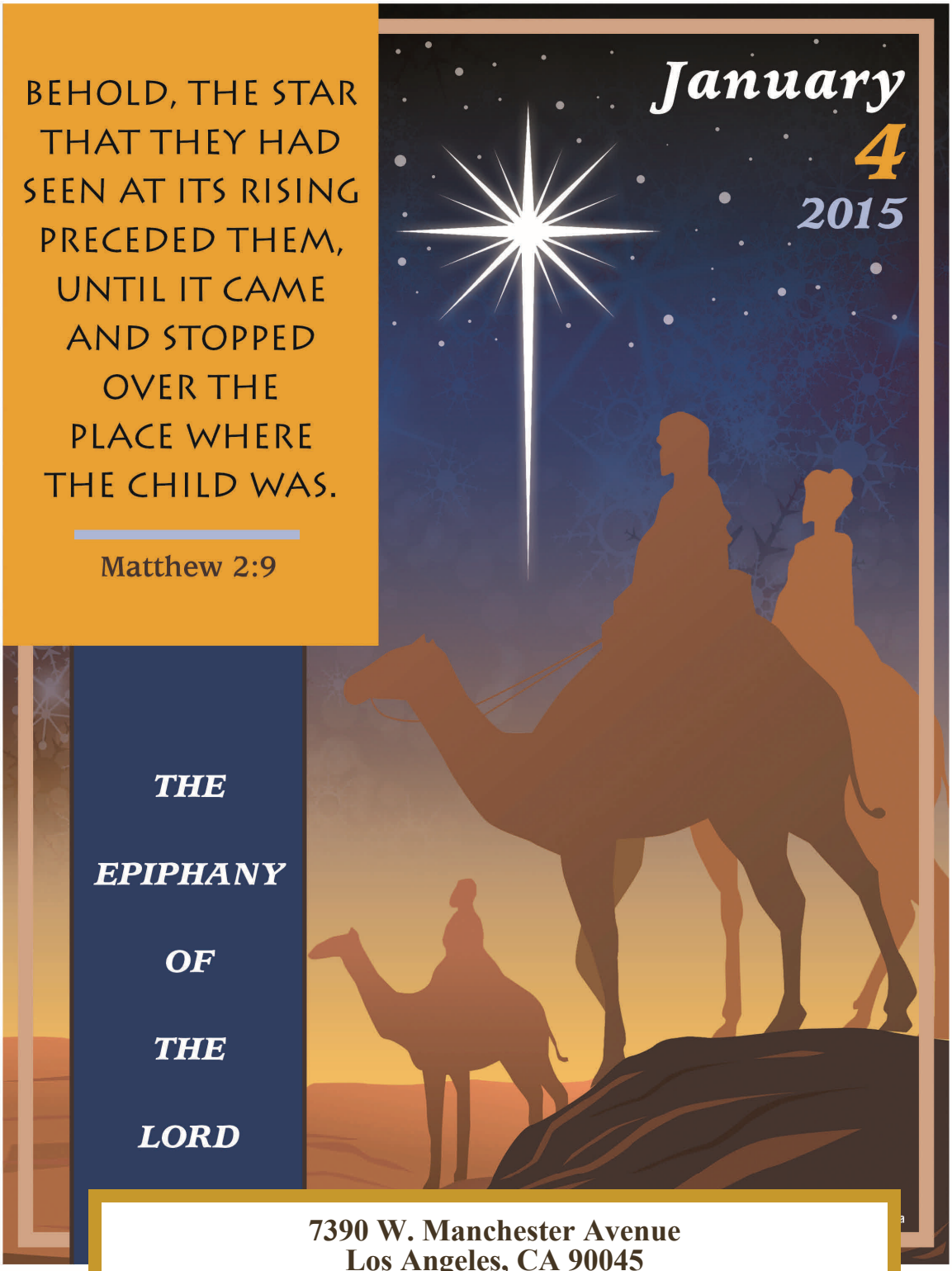
St. Anastasia Catholic Church

BEHOLD, THE STAR THAT THEY HAD SEEN AT ITS RISING PRECEDED THEM, UNTIL IT CAME AND STOPPED OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE CHILD WAS.

Matthew 2:9



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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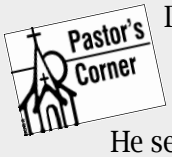
Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?



Dear Parishioners,

On the great Solemnity of the Epiphany, or "Little Christmas," the Gospel reading is such a beautiful reminder of the gifts that each of us brings our newborn king.

He seeks though not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the gifts of our hearts, our minds, our souls. He seeks our desire to do good, and to be open for servicing one another.

He seeks our attitudes of kindness, of temperance, of acceptance of others, not for who we want them to be, but for who they are. He seeks an increase of our self-control, our turning away from idle gossip or expressions of judgment that harm the good name and reputation of others.

Jesus seeks true peace among us.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Father Gabe

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

Angie Alvarado
Barbara Steed
Beatrice Vasek
Bill Corrigan
Bob Harris
Brandi Hines
Carmen Pereira
Charles Guerra
Deanna Marie Messier
Diana Guerra
Doris Dempsey
Elizabeth Hauser
Frances Wilkerson
Israel, and family
Jazzmine Peluchette
Janet Erike
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Julian Moran
Lori Caldwell
Lysa Dennehy
Martha Keglevich
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Mary Lanzner
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Renee Harrangue
Ron & Louise Wasilewski
Ruth Smith
Sr. Eileen Marie (Marleen) Corrigan
Stephane Lempire
Sue McLaughlin
Victoria Mitsakos
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. 1/4
7:30 AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA
9:00 AM JUDE KEITH HEBERT ✞
10:30 AM ADAM N. BEGAZO ✞
12:00 PM VIRGINIA ROBINSON ♦
7:30 PM SHIRLEY D. VESCERA ✞

MON. 1/5
6:30 AM MIKE CERVENAK ✞
8:00 AM HUMBERTO GUERRERO ✞

TUES. 1/6
6:30 AM BILL HERR ✞
8:00 AM GLORIA BOWEN-SPECIAL INTENTIONS

WED. 1/7
6:30 AM NORA JAYNE MALLEN ♦
8:00 AM FLORENTINE WOODS-SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THURSDAY 1/8
6:30 AM VINNIE MITSAKOS ♦
8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRI. 1/9
6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS
8:00 AM JAMES AARON, SR. ✞

SAT. 1/10
8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ★
5:30 PM DR. WILLIAM "BILL" GLAZE ✞

Birthday ★ Anniversary ♥
Memorial ✞ Support ♦

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

This Week: *Saturday, January 3rd/Sunday, January 4th*
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Reflections on Today's Readings

Focus: We are to share the light of Christ with our world. The story of the Magi is so familiar and yet can still fill us with wonder. As did the ancient Magi, we, too, want to bring our gifts to the manger. These gifts are our commitments to live according to how Jesus taught. Thus, we make the meaning of the Epiphany alive for us today and the light and love of God shines through us and is made manifest in our world.
Liturgy of the Word: In the first reading, Isaiah describes how the shining light and love of God will come upon Jerusalem. The second reading affirms that all God's people are to be members of God's community and sharers of the promise of salvation. The Gospel recounts the familiar story of the Magi's visit to the child Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem.

Celebrating Our Faith

Next Week ~ *Saturday, January 10th/Sunday, January 11th*
The Baptism of the Lord

Masses:		**Celebrants:**
Sat:	**5:30 p.m.**	**Msgr. Gonzales**
Sun:	**7:30 a.m.**	**Msgr. Cox**
Sun:	**9:00 a.m.**	**Fr. Tom**
Sun:	**10:30 a.m.**	**Msgr. Cox**
Sun:	**12:00 NN.**	**Msgr. Gonzales**
Sun:	**7:30 p.m.**	**Msgr. Vadakin**

Saturday Confessions

3:30 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8 p.m.
Msgr. Gonzales

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.

It's a great new year! Make sure that your contact information with the parish is up-to date and send an email to ParishRegistration@st-anastasia.org with your contact information updates.
New to the parish? Request a New Parishioner registration form today to join the St. Anastasia family! Welcome!

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

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.
Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.
Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or 1 John 5:1-9.
Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

The Epiphany of the Lord
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— Psalm 72:11

Living Faith For Kids

See, darkness covers the earth...
But upon you the Lord shines...
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance
Isaiah 60:2-3

Many traveled to Bethlehem on that first Christmas but most didn't notice the baby born in a nearby stable: only a few shepherds and three foreign Magi. Still, Jesus' light was so bright that by the time He died on the cross, crowds followed Him wherever He went, and today there are Christians on every continent of the world.

Isaiah 60: 1-6 - Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 - Matthew 2: 1-12

Ministry Equips us to deepen our love for God and share our faith…

Opportunities for Seniors

At the service of the family *for life*!

The Carmelite Sisters offer short-term and long-term care for seniors, with a unique blend of social, recreational, educational and religious activities in a caring, tranquil, and home-like environment. Call for further information, a tour or an application.

Marycrest Manor
Skilled Nursing Facility
10664 St. James Dr.
Culver City, CA 90230
(310) 838-2778 ext. 212

Fact of Life

Pope Francis' Opening at Colloquium of Complementarity of Man and Woman

"The family is the foundation of co-existence and a remedy against social fragmentation. Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity.

Do not fall into the trap of being swayed by political notion. Family is an anthropological fact - a socially and culturally related fact. We cannot qualify it based on ideological notions or concepts important only at one time in history. We can't think of conservative or progressive notions. Family is a family. It can't be qualified by ideological notions. Family is per se. It is a strength per se."

A healthy scrutiny of programs for kids helps create a healthy environment

It is not a best practice for a parent, guardian, employer, or manager to blindly trust everyone who works with children. Yet, paranoia of those who work with children is also not a best practice. There is a healthy balance. By regularly and frequently questioning the actions and motives of those who work with children, parents and other adults can audit the programs their children participate in and help keep caregivers accountable for their work. In this process, parents and other adults can create a constant fear of being caught in the mind of a perpetrator. By channeling this kind of healthy scrutiny and suspicion into accountability, adults can create an environment where children are protected, quality care is emulated, and abuse is not tolerated. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Join OneLife LA, the **first-ever** large-scale event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death in Downtown LA!

OneLife LA invites all people to join us in declaring a commitment to valuing and protecting all human life, particularly the most vulnerable in our community.

The event will begin with a walk up Temple Street, across Grand Avenue and down 1st Street, culminating in a family-friendly picnic with music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations.

Date: January 17, 2015

Time: 9:30am - Doors Open at La Placita Olvera
10:00am – Welcome and Walk begins
12:00pm – Program begins with speakers and music at Grand Park
3:00pm – Event concludes

Location: Starts at La Placita Olvera, Downtown LA.

View the video "OneLife LA - Embracing the beauty and dignity of all human life" here at www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sez-edY-FQ and visit the OneLife website at onelifela.org for more information!

One Life LA

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice, and Peace, Knights of Columbus, Right to Life League of Southern California, Diocese of Orange, Diocese of San Diego, Diocese of San Bernardino, Diocese of Fresno.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, on Catholic Pilgrimages to:
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE & COLONIAL MEXICO - May 2015
THE HOLY LAND - October 2015
Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618 for more information.

Ministry in Community…

The St. Anastasia **Young Adults** and the **Communion & Liberation Lay Movement** invite all those 18 years of age and older to join them at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 5th, and Wednesdays going forward through the year, in the Rectory Conference Room for a school of community. The group usually continues the fellowship by going out to dinner afterwards. Contact: Nancy at nralbin@hotmail.com or 310-927-8891.

Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, January 18th, 2015** we are hosting **BUNDLE SUNDAY** to benefit the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** thrift stores. There is a great need for furniture and large appliances, but any ***usable*** clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, books, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Check the next bulletin more details!

St. Joseph Center in Venice and the Cram/Mollett family would like to thank the St. Anastasia parish community for their generous donations in 2014.

The 12 monthly collections totaled over $6,200 in cash and approximately 125 bags of groceries and supplies.

Many thanks for your kindness and giving hearts. It really made a difference in the lives of many!

We would also like to thank the St. Joseph "angels" who help with the collections each month after masses:

Rosalie Argenta and Herman Pass
Veronica and Dan Crothers
Marti Moran
Senobia Nelson
Linda Phillippe
Jeanne Ronay
Catherine Zacuto

May God bless you all with a peaceful and joy filled 2015.

Important Reminders:

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

♥ **Monday, January 5th**—School resumes.

♥ **Wednesday, January 7th** - Men's Morning Ministry, meet after the 6:30am Mass in the Rectory.

♥ **Thursday, January 8th — MOMS Ministry** meets at 10:30 in the Rectory's Conference Room.

♥ **Sunday, January 11th —Nurses Ministry,** Blood Pressure readings in Diamond Courtyard after the 10:30 am and 12 Noon Masses.

The St. Anastasia **MOMs** Group first monthly meeting of 2015 will be at 10:30am on Thursday, January 8th. Free childcare is joyfully provided!

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will host a Retreat on January 10th at St. Jerome Parish Hall, 5550 Thornburn Avenue, Westchester. Sister Gretchen Hailer, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, will lead us in a study of the Epiphany. Sister has been involved in adult faith formation for the LA Archdiocese for over 50 years, and has authored a number of books.

During our Retreat, we will look at the Wise Men as examples of our growth in spirituality from young adulthood to older age and also reflect on their gifts as ways of expressing our Christian Discipleship.

This Retreat will begin with Mass at 8:00, followed by a continental breakfast. The day will end with lunch at 12:00. Donation is $12.00.
Please call Kathy Fitzpatrick, 310-780-3033 for more information or to sign up.

Enjoy a visit from the **TRAVELING HOLY FAMILY** this New Year! Have a statue of Jesus, Mary & Joseph join you for a week (or more!) and share God's wonderful love with you as we start 2015! Sign up for this wonderful St. A's tradition at **http://tinyurl.com/TravelingHolyFamily** or call Regina at 310-670-2243.

This Month's Host Family
1/4-1/17 St. A's Parish Family

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section is provided on space-available basis: placement, duration and wording are not guaranteed.

The CatholicTV Network, *America's Catholic Television Network ®,* is now available to cable and satellite providers in our area! Let providers know you want to see thic channel on their lineup by visiting **GetCatholicTV.com** to easily petition your cable or satellite provider. If you are unable to access the internet please consider sending a postcard or letter to your provider.

Confirmation Corner

Don't forget about these upcoming 2015 Confirmation events! Contact ConfirmationSaintA@gmail.com for more information!

January 4
Year 1 confirmation at 10am
January 11
Year 2 confirmation at 10am
January 31-February 1
Year 2 Confirmation Retreat Weekend

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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 (during the School year)
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

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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.
EUCHARISTIC 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

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BAPTISMS: Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a 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.

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