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Parish established in 1953 in honor of James Francis Cardinal McIntyre

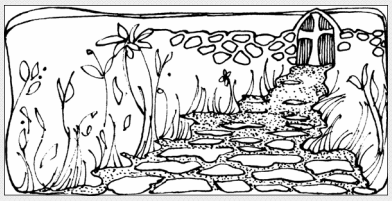
Ministry gathers us and makes us a faith family...

First Sunday of Lent - The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism. . . that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Now that we have begun the holy season of Lent, this First Sunday invites to consider the impact and seriousness of temptation in our lives. By entering the spiritual desert of Lent, we can learn a great deal and gain insight from the spirit of discipline in our struggle against evil and sinfulness. We pray for the grace to conquer temptation, to turn our hope on the power of the healing of Jesus, and to prevail by growing in our relationship to Christ in prayer and in the sacramental life.



Thanks to all who made our Parish Ball successful. May our community be enriched by the all our efforts to work together.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Father Gabe

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

Ana Castellanos
Angie Alvarado
Ann Lamkey
Beatrice Vasek
Bill Corrigan
B. N. R.
Bob Harris
Brandi Hines
Cameron Aziz
Charles Guerra
Charles Keglevich
Deanna Marie Messier
Diana Guerra
Elizabeth Hauser
Frances Wilkerson
Israel, and family
James Dugan
Janet Erike
Jazzmine Peluchette
Joanna Musacchio
Jose A. Anaya
Julian Moran
Lori Caldwell
Lysa Dennehy
Martha Keglevich
Mary Ann Kwinn
Mary Lanzner
Mary Ratkovic
Melvin Peluchette
Michelle Anaya
Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
Norma Aaron
Nuria Lavilla Brau
Peggy Keelaghan
Potenciana Suner
Rebeca Acuna
Renee Harrangue
Richard Mendenhall
Ron & Louise Wasilewski
Rosa Zunilda
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. 02/22
7:30 AM — SR. JENNIFER TECLA HYATT, FSP ★
9:00 AM — CHARLES MANNING ✞
10:30 AM — C. J. KHOUGAZ ✞
12:00 PM — FRED CEBULKO ✞
7:30 PM — THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA

MON. 02/23
6:30 AM — LOU DIVINA TIU
8:00 AM — CAMERON AZIZ ♦

TUES. 02/24
6:30 AM — LOURDES TACLOB ✞
8:00 AM — CELINE AZIZ ✞

WED. 02/25
6:30 AM — PATERNO TACLOB ✞
8:00 AM — C. J. & ROSEMARY CAMBER ✞✞
5:30 PM — SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THUR. 02/26
6:30 AM — SHIRLEY D. VISCERA ✞
8:00 AM — CHIAN HO YIN ✞

FRI. 02/27
6:30 AM — JUSTINE WALKER ✞
8:00 AM — CONAL HARRIS ✞

SAT. 02/28
8:00 AM — OLGA STODDER ★
5:30 PM — YOLANDA & MOISES PEÑALVER ✞✞

Birthday ★ Anniversary ♥
Memorial ✞ Support ♦

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This Week: *Saturday, February 21st/Sunday, February 22nd*
First Sunday of Lent

Reflections on Today's Readings

Focus: ***Entering into the desert of Lent with Jesus can lead us to new life.*** *The first Sunday of Lent calls us to enter the desert with Jesus. The sacrifices we make can free us to come closer to Jesus and become better witnesses of the Good News. They can also help purify our hearts that we might be found worthy one day to enter into eternal life.*

Liturgy of the Word: *In today's reading from the Book of Genesis, God makes His covenant between Noah and all living beings. Saint Peter, in the second reading, draws a connection between the saving of Noah and his family in the great flood and the saving waters of baptism. Following His temptation in the dessert, Jesus begins His public ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom of God.*

Celebrating Our Faith

Next Week ~ *Saturday, February 28th/Sunday, March 1st*
Second Sunday of Lent

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

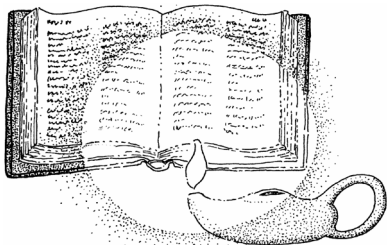
Saturday Confessions

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.

Please pray for those who have died, especially *Hilda Trellue*, that they may rest in peace.



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

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).
Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

The 2015 Huffington Ecumenical Symposium: "Sacred Architecture of East and West: Lessons from History and Contemporary Trends" - Feb. 27 - March 1, 2105, Loyola Marymount University. Throughout history, Christians have gathered in private rooms, cemetery chapels, basilicas, cathedrals, ships, garages, and buildings of all sizes and shapes to worship the triune God. The buildings accrued symbolic significance to such a degree that all of salvation history could be communicated through the various rooms, vessels, iconographic programs, and liturgical rituals celebrated in the space. As we reflect on architecture in the 21st Century, many new questions emerge. Join us for a discussion. This year's symposium is the third and final of a series exploring the relationship between tradition and contemporary practice in Catholic and Orthodox liturgy. This is a free public event. For more information or to RSVP for this event, contact us at 310-338-1917 or visit our website at bellarmine.lmu.edu/ecumenical.

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

LENT 2015

Lent began with Ash Wednesday. The Catholic Community around the world follows these gen regulations during Lent.

ABSTINENCE – Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are **14 years of age** and older. **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.** Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics between the ages of **18-59 years** (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. **Note:** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

✞ **Each Wednesday, during Lent we have a 5:30 pm Mass in addition to the morning Masses, followed by Simple Soup in the Parish Hall (Basement) -ONLY for the first 4 Wednesdays!**
AND Stations of the Cross each Friday,@ 7:30 pm.

A Special Six-Week Lenten presentation at St. Anastasia - How Well Do You Know Jesus?
Meet in the Parish Hall from 7:15 to 9 pm (right after the Simple Suppers)
Cost: $10. Please pay at the door. This donation allows you to attend any or all of the sessions. Limited seating, to please register send an email to: Holyspirit310@gmail.com or call 201-776-2986.
Dates: February 25, March 4, 11,18,25, and April 1.
Facilitated by the St. A's Prayer Group.

St. Anastasia Poetry Contest. IMAGINATION!

Contest Rules and Information: All St. Anastasia Parishioners in Grades 1-8 may enter. You do not have to be a student of St. Anastasia School. The theme is "Imagination." Your poem may reflect this theme in any way you choose. **Poems must be written by the student alone. It must be original work. Entries are due by Friday, March 20, 2015.** They must include a completed contest form and be turned into the school office or rectory in an envelope marked "St. Anastasia Poetry Contest." No late entries will be accepted. Poems must be typed or neatly printed. Parents may help with typing for younger students, but please, no editing! Please save a copy of your poem, as they will not be returned.
Attention Parents: Please take seriously the Pledge of Originality that your child MUST sign (you could find it in the School or Rectory Office). It means that they did not receive help from any person or source in writing their poem. The only help they should get from parents is encouragement. Thank you.
(A detailed form is available in the School and Rectory Office). **Questions? Susan Pearson: bsapearson@ca.rr.com**

FACT OF LIFE

Killing the Pain-Not the Patient
(Continued from Feb. 15)
By Richard M. Doerflinger & Carlos F. Gomez, M.D., Ph.D.

The Facts about Pain Control - In competent medical hands, sedation for imminently dying patients is a humane, appropriate and medically established approach to what is often called "intractable suffering." It does not kill the patient, but it can make his or her suffering bearable. It may also allow a physician the time to reassess a patient's pain needs: The terminally ill sedated patient may later be withdrawn from the sedatives and brought back to consciousness, with his or her pain under control. Factual evidence supports these claims. In 1992 the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) reported on 97 terminally ill patients who died after life support was withheld or withdrawn. Sixty-eight of the patients received painkilling drugs or sedatives to relieve pain and other distress while dying- and they lived longer than the patients who did not receive drugs. The study found that the dosages of these drugs were chosen to ensure relief of suffering, not to hasten death. (Continued in next week's Fact of Life)

Child abduction: taking action

A recent study of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® revealed that 83% of children who escaped their would-be abductors **kicked, yelled, and pulled away** to escape. Teach your child these and other abduction prevention skills, such as: Asking for permission before changing plans; asking for permission before approaching or getting into vehicles with anyone; recognizing the tricks would-be abductors use, such as offering rides or asking for help; telling a trusted adult whenever anything or anyone makes them uncomfortable. When it comes to keeping your child safe, **YOU** are your child's best resource. The more you know about abduction prevention, the better protected your child will be. Use your knowledge to make conversations about personal safety a regular part of your family's routine. For more information, visit: http://www.kidsmartz.org/ChildAbduction.

Ministry in Community…

The Way of Prayer
First Sunday of Lent

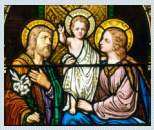
Jesus … went off to a solitary place where He prayed. Mark 1:35

I am reminded today, Lord, that prayer is not a posture; it is a conversation between You and me. Whether I look to the heavens or have my face to the ground, whether in a room full of people or in my closet at home, open my ears that I may hear You. When I follow Jesus in prayer, I simply come to You, Father, wherever I am, and open up my heart. Amen.

TOAST TO THE SAINTS LUNCHEON

Our annual "Toast to the Saints" luncheon is coming soon. We will be meeting in the **Parish Hall (beneath the school) at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 17.** We will again be serving corned beef (in honor of St Patrick) and lasagna (in honor of St Joseph). All parishioners and their guests are welcome. Come prepared to celebrate with the Irish and the Italians. The price is still $15. Call Laurette at 670-2488 to make a reservation. The **deadline is March 10,** but reserve your seat early, as seating is limited. **Sponsored by the St. A's Social Club**

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. Upcoming Host Families: 2/16 - 2/28 Rodriguez Family



Important Reminders:

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

♥ **TODAY, Sunday, February 22nd, the monthly Wedding Anniversary Blessing takes place after the Noon Mass. All couple married during the month of February are welcome!!!**

♥ **Men's Morning Hour, meets the first Wednesday of the month - next Wednesday, March 4th; attends 6:30 am followed by reflections and meditation @ the Rectory Conference Room.**

♥ **Physical & Emotional Support Group - meets the first Wednesday of the month - next Wednesday, March 4th @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall (Basement). Contact Patrick Doherty @ 310-650-0274 or Patty Wiacek @ 310-713-5298.**

♥ **MOMS Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month - next Thursday, March 5th at 10:30 am in the Rectory Conference Room. Contact Jayne Cram for info or questions @ 310-645-1140.**

SIMPLE SOUP - Stewardship in action… Save the Date!

As we approach the Holy Season of Lent, please consider joining us for one or all of these opportunities. They are designed to help you think, ponder, reflect and consider… and eventually perhaps to discuss about the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ for you!

Wednesday(s) 5:30pm Mass followed by the Simple Soup in the Parish Hall. This Simple Sharing and Breaking Bread Supper will be Hosted by different ministries for four consecutive Wednesdays beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

WHAT IS "SIMPLE SOUP"? WHY DO WE DO IT?

The Simple Soup Supper is an intergenerational fellowship that meets for a soup dinner after the Wednesday evening 5:30 PM Lenten Mass. Various ministries HOST this activity supplying the soups and bread. The Host group also assists with the clean up. There is a basket at each table for those who wish to donate. This is a free will offering. The money collected during the Lenten supper will be given to St. Margaret's Center.

This year St. Anastasia Parish families will be asked to Host a Simple Soup on Wednesday, March 11th. There will be sign-up sheet in the Courtyard for those who would like to participate.

Host Ministries:

Wed., Feb. 25th,	**Bible Study**
Wed., Mar. 4th,	**Lector Ministry**
Wed., Mar. 11th,	**PARISH FAMILIES**

…a way of life for St. Anastasia Church

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!

Become Part of *Our* Church Family

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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

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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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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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Gloria Bowen-to the Sick.. .. 670-5971
Jan & Herb Masi... 641-2819
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Sr. Teresita..... 216-2001
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Altar Server Committee:
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Richard Arias 641-4194
Maura Reznik.......... 645-6845

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.... 670-2243
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Karen Diaz 670-2243
St. Joseph Center.
Jayne Cram..... 645-1140
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
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