St. Anastasia Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 12, 2017

From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: "Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

2 Timothy 1:8b

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION - "We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering--or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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

Adoracion Vergara
Albert Gonzalez, Jr.
Alonia Alexander
Baby Anuli Davis
Baby Colton Smith
Beatrice Vasek
Bertrina De Rouen
Beverly Galip Marinelli
Bill Jensen
Brandi Hines
Carl Brasil
Carolyn Lispcomb
Cleofas Prieto
Charles Guerra
Charles Keglevich
CJ Cambre
Daniel Cathcart
David Islas
Deanna Marie Messier
Deshi Chopra
Dina Yordy
Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
Elaine Fischel
Elena Gomez de Molina
Elizabeth Hauser
Faye Johnson
Fr. Lancy Pereira
Germaine Wensley
Ging Savares
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Jorden Aponte
Jose A. Anaya
Josephine Sullivan
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Judy Scollar Canada
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Kathleen Renard
Lada Zubrinic
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Lori Caldwell
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Lynn Kravitt
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Nuria Lavilla Brau
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Peggy Tyrrell
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Richard Ross
Ramiro Gomez de Molina
Rosado family
Ruth Smith
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Seth Brunett
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Steven Andelin
Steven Wygall
Suzanne Cannell
Sylvia Yates
Thatcher Hawk
Tom Tyrrell
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Yolanda Wygal

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS LIST ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE:

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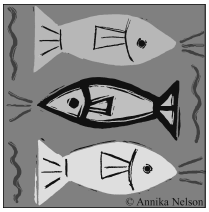
Family members please contact the Parish Office to let us know about the condition of those for whom we pray at 310-670-2243.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN. 03/12	**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
7:30 AM	MARGARET BENNICE ✞
9:00 AM	THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA ♦
10:30 AM	JOAN MAUCH ✞
12:00 PM	PIERRE ARTIS/ROSE MARIE CEBULKO ✞✞
7:30 PM	GILBERT D'SOUZA ✞
MON. 03/13	
6:30 AM	MACKAY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL ♦
8:00 AM	TYRREL FAMILY ♦
TUE. 03/14	
6:30 AM	PHYLLIS SMITH ♦
8:00 AM	BERNARD DOHERTY ✞
WED. 03/15	
6:30 AM	LADA ZUBRINIC ♦
8:00 AM	DICK FIRESTONE ✞
5:30 PM	
THUR. 03/16	
6:30 AM	VALERIE ENOS ✞
8:00 AM	AIDEN SISON ✞
FRI. 03/17	
6:30 AM	ZEFERINO ZEA ✞
8:00 AM	JOHN REZZO ★
SAT, 03/18	
8:00 AM	JOE YONKOUSKI ♦
5:30 PM	DUANE CLOTHIER ✞



Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✞

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

This Week: *Saturday, March 11th / Sunday, March 12th, 2017*
Second Sunday of Lent

Reflections on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: The Transfiguration brings together the law, the prophets and the saving act of Christ.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a mountain where He was transfigured before them. Similarly, Jesus invites each of us into a deep relationship of love with Him so that He may change and transfigure our lives and hearts. Let's accept this invitation each day so we may lead more Christ-like lives of love and service.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The first reading tells of God's promise to Abraham to make his descendants a great nation. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that he must be willing to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel. Today's Gospel recalls Peter, James and John witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus.

Celebrating Our Faith
Next Week ~ *Saturday, March 18th / Sunday, March 19th, 2017*
Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

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 Family Visitation Ministry offers spiritual support to those in need. Please call Sr. Teresita @ 310.216.2001, or the Church Office @ 310.670.2243.

JOIN OUR ST. ANASTASIA PARISH COMMUNITY by visiting our website: st-anastasia.org, and select: *registration*.
Join our Online Giving Program by visiting our website: https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/1706

Please Note: **♦ The Church is open Monday through Friday from 6 AM—6 PM**
♦ The Church will be closed on Saturdays after the 7:30-8 PM evening Confession
♦ The Church will be closed on Sundays after the 7:30 PM evening Mass

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

First Reading -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).
Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).
Gospel -- Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT ON MARCH 25, 2017

All Catholic lawyers and judges are invited to a one day Lenten Retreat presented by the Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Association from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the St. Joseph Campus of the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra, CA. The retreat day, "God of Mercy and God of Justice" will be presented by Msgr. Clement Connolly, spiritual director of Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena. For further information and registration, call James Hallett, Esq. at 310-376-3374 or go to www.sites.google.com/view/marchretreat for details. Cost is $65 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Ministry in Community…

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, in accord with the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 87), has granted a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of St. Patrick - Friday, March 17, 2017 since St. Patrick is the secondary saint of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The faithful throughout the Archdiocese may observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.

LENT

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. ANASTASIA, just started!

All High School Students are invited to become part of St. Anastasia Youth Ministry! We will be meeting every other Monday. Meetings will be as follows:

THIS MONDAY, MARCH 13th,

Then March 27th, and continues on. Meetings are from 5:30 to 7 pm, in the Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office for questions or information @ 310.670.2243.

COME! JOIN US!

NEXT weekend, March 18/19, Mayra Brown, Community Relations Officer for Immaculate Heart Radio, KHJ 930AM will be visiting our parish.

If you wish to contact her or get information about featuring your ministry or business on the air, she can be reached at 213-446-7414 or mbrown@ihradio.org. You can find out more about your local catholic radio station and IHR at IHRadio.com.

✝ George Dasaro - Memorial Service: Saturday, March 18th at 11 am at the Sacred Heart Chapel, LMU

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Anastasia Vacation Bible School
JULY 17 - 21, 2017 - AGES 4 - 9
Monday thru Friday, from 9 am to Noon.
$60 p/child.
Registration details coming soon.

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SPECIAL OFFER

This year there is an additional opportunity to register for the **IVERBE Camp** in the afternoon following VBS in the morning. This special registration must be done ***separately*** on the **IVERBE Camp** registration form. The **IVERBE** registration form is on **www.IVERBE.COM**. VBS Students will be given a special rate of $100 for this one week activity!

Call the Parish Office for questions or information, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, @ 310.670.2243.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Kathy Fitzpatrick, the Regent for Court St. Michael, part of the local Catholic Daughters Organization, (that includes the Parishes of St. Anastasia, Visitation, St. Jerome, and St. Augustine), is here today after Mass to invite women in the Parish to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Kathy's phone number: 310-703-2519

Parish Ball Hawaiian Raffle Winner:
★★ Merissa Villalobos ★★

Tips to keep kids safer at home, online and outside

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has created a tip sheet for parents and caring adults on how to keep children safer while they are at home, online or outside. Tips include and much more:

- Instruct children to keep doors locked and not to open doors to talk to anyone when they are home alone.
- Teach children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
- Use privacy settings on social networking sites to limit contact with unknown users.

For the full safety tip sheet, visit: **http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/documents/BeHereForKids_SAFETIP.pdf**.

Kids Living Faith:

Sunday, March 12th, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. - Psalm 33:22

Have you ever had a day when nothing seemed to go right? Maybe you had a fight with your friend. Or maybe you had a problem at school. Sometimes things happen that hurt or disappoint you. But that's when God is there to help. God is interested in us. When we bring our problems to Him, He listens. We feel more peaceful because He is with us. And slowly, we learn how to handle our problems in a better way.

Lord, may I always hope in you.

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

LENT 2017

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which fell on **Wed., March 1st,** this year. The Catholic Community around the world follows these general regulations during Lent.

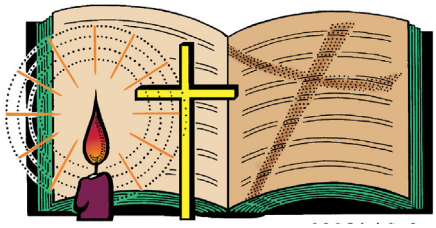
ABSTINENCE – Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are **14 years of age** and older. **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.** Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that 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 6:30 & 8 am, and a 5:30 pm Mass.

And Stations of the Cross on Fridays, at 7:30 pm.

Each Wednesday, following the **5:30 evening Mass** during Lent, and throughout the year, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, private prayer, and adoration will take place. **We will also celebrate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.** This prayerful liturgy will take place from **6 to 7 pm** on all the **Wednesdays of Lent and throughout the year.** God bless you!



CONGRATULATIONS to St. Anastasia School's Academic Decathlon Team:

1st place Math
1st place Current Events
3rd place English
9th place Religion
10th place in Super Quiz
14th place Overall out of 105 schools

Second Sunday of Lent
"Aha!" changes everything

"He was transfigures before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light." - Matthew 17:2

"There is nothing better than when something comes and hits you and you think 'YES'" says author J. K. Rowling. Once you do, the world's all different. Life has a way to getting our attention through Mountain Top Experiences. These experiences provide plenty of "aha"! moments where we have instant clarity. Everything makes sense and motivates change in us as we charge forward. It's a light bulb moment, and time stops. Ideas and feelings flood our souls with understanding, and we finally "get it." Don't let those "aha!" moments go to waste. Act on them. Let them inspire you to make lasting changes. A man recalled a sudden heart attack being his "aha!" moment. After it he started spending more time with family, especially grandson. The health scare was an eye-opener for him as he realized how quickly he could have been gone. Now he has made significant changes in the way he was doing things. Suddenly, what used to take priority in his life seem trivial. "The heart attack," he said, "gave me a new lease on life and I'm not going to miss it." Aha! Moments. "Bam!" A great fog is lifted and we gain a newer and wiser perspective on life. *(Lenten 2017; Refresh & Renew Your Life, Joseph Sica)*

Prayer: *Jesus, I will always cherish those special moments that opened up unlimited possibilities for me to love. Amen.*

FACT OF LIFE

Euthanizing the Mentally Ill is Already Happening in Europe!

Euthanizing the mentally ill is already happening in Europe. In 2015, the Netherlands government reported that about two percent of the 5,516 people who died that year from euthanasia had dementia. The country officially extended euthanasia to people with dementia in 2016. Belgium and Switzerland also allow assisted suicides for people with severe psychiatric problems. In the United States, the assisted suicide lobby — led by groups such as Compassion and Choices — has so far focused on passing laws enabling people of sound mind with terminal illnesses to obtain lethal doses of drugs. Currently six states and Washington, D.C., allow for assisted suicide. Legalization measures have been introduced this year in at least five states. The nation's Catholic bishops have long opposed any measure that would legalize assisted suicide or make it easier for caregivers to deny basic care, and that includes food and water, to the sick and vulnerable. From a Catholic moral standpoint, it is wrong to deny food and water, as well as refusing to eat and drink when one is capable, if the intent is to starve oneself to death. "One may not intentionally refuse food and water with the intent of causing death," Golder said, though adding that there can be circumstances where a terminally ill patient can licitly refuse food and water because it would be too painful or difficult for them.

(from Our Sunday Visitor Online: Brian Fraga 3/1/2017)

The Vatican on Nutrition and Hydration - "The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation and dehydration are prevented."

— Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (2007)

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASSES -

WEEKDAYS
Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM & 8 AM
First Friday: 6:30 AM, 8 AM, and **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 the family

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BAPTISM: Parents and Godparents are required to participate in preparation program. Contact the Parish Office 310-670-2243

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

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

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

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