

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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MARCH
18
2018

MASSES:

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
Saturdays: 8:00 AM

WEEKENDS: Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12 & 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS:

HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS: 6:00 PM
HOLY DAY: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 to 6:45 PM (During the Divine Mercy Devotion)
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every first Saturday of the month from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and all Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS:

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 7:30 AM — Closed after 5:00 PM Mass.
Sundays: 7:00 AM — Closed after 7:30 PM Mass

DEVOTIONS:

MIRACULOUS MEDAL Monday, following the 8:00 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Wednesday 6:00 PM

ROSARY: Recitation of the Rosary takes place after every 6:30 and 8:00 AM Mass during the week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, During Lent, at 6:00 PM

This Week: Saturday, March 17th, 2018 / Sunday, March 18th, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Reflections on Today's Readings:

FOCUS: Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven.

The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In today's Gospel, Jesus approaches his passion.

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

Agnes Mocsny
 Albert Gonzalez, Jr.
 Aldo Ruaro
 Amy Harms
 Anastasia White
 Angie Alvarado
 Baby Anuli Davis
 Baby Colton Smith
 Baby Grace Rose Awwad
 Baby girl Ramsay Sketon
 Barbara Clark
 Beatrice Vasek
 Bertrina De Rouen
 Beverly Galip Marinelli
 B. N. Rodriguez
 Bob Harris
 Brandi Hines
 Carl Brasil
 Carolyn Lispcomb
 Charles Guerra
 Charles Keglevich
 Christine Houchin & family
 Cleofas Prieto
 Cynthia McCarthy
 Daisy Lezcano
 Daniel Cathcart
 Deanna Marie Messier
 Debbie Cutter
 Deshi Chopra
 Diana Guerra
 Dina Yordy
 Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
 Elaine Fischel
 Eliodoro Alvarado

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 Eve Andelin
 Fr. Lancy Pereira
 Gary Young
 Germaine Wensley
 Ging Savares
 Gisela Herrera
 Grace Avilez
 Guillermo Alvarado
 Hannah & Carl Borgentun
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 Ian Maxwell
 James Dugan
 Janet Erike
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 Manuel Villalobos
 Maria Magyar
 Margaret Stearns
 Mary Ann Kwinn
 Melvin Peluchette
 Manuel Villalobos
 Maxine Liebman
 Michelle Anaya
 Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
 Nancy Collins
 Nanette Ponte
 Natalie Nunez
 Norma Aaron
 Nuria Lavilla Brau
 Paul Stasiak
 Peggy Tyrrell
 Robbie Cole
 Rosado family
 Ruth Smith
 S. Pilar Rodriguez
 Seth Brunett
 Severina Dizon
 Stephane Lempire
 Steven Wygal
 Stuart Liebman
 Suzanne Cannell
 Sylvia Yates
 Tere de Gomar
 Umm J. Marie Guerit
 Ursula Bloor

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



Family members!

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN. 3/18

7:30 AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA
 9:00 AM SUE HAMM †
 10:30 AM JACQUELYN CATHCART †
 12:00 NN VIDAL & FIDELA RAMIREZ †
 7:30 PM AGOSTO TIU ♦

MON. 3/19

6:30 AM MEGAN BOKEN †
 8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ★

TUE. 3/20

6:30 AM EUNICE ARTHUR †
 8:00 AM DOMINIC VAZ †

WED. 3/21

6:30 AM MARGUERITE LAMOTTE †
 8:00 AM ANGELITA MENDOZA †

THUR. 3/22

6:30 AM DELIA M. GONZALEZ ★
 8:00 AM PAUL REILLY †

FRI. 3/23

6:30 AM NINA TSOURAS †
 8:00 AM ARLENE JACOBS †

SAT. 3/24

8:00 AM GLORIA BOWEN †
 5:00 PM VIDAL RAMIREZ †

LENTEN FOCUS:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING LENT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM

On Wednesdays, Join Us For the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:00 PM.
(No Wednesday evening Mass)

The Catholic Community around the world follows these general regulations during Lent:

ABSTINENCE – Refrain from the consumption of meat. This penitential practice 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 – Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years. 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. Liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe these 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. Giving up something for Lent fosters self-discipline and tempers our desires. It is a form of fasting. It is a form of penance. It promotes spiritual growth. If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great.

Also consider doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place.

1) Look for ways that you can increase your knowledge of your faith 2) Strengthen your spiritual life 3) Perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, in your parish or in your community. **Strengthen your faith!**



CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 6:15 TO 6:45 PM
Saturday: 3:30 TO 4:45 PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 7:30 PM



TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound).
Please call the parish office. 310.670.2243

FAMILY VISITATION MINISTRY:

The Family Visitation Ministry offers spiritual support to those in need. Please call Sr. Teresita at 310-216-2001, or the Church Office at 310-670-2243.

CHURCH HOURS:

The Church is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 AM–6 PM (closing time).

On Wednesdays, Divine Mercy is from 6-7 pm. There is Confession from 6:15-6:45 pm. (During Devotion). Church will be closed at 7 pm. (Only on this day.)

The Church will be closed on Saturdays after the 5:00 PM Mass.

The Church will be closed on Sundays after the 7:30 PM evening Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday; from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Phone hours are: 9 am to 3 pm—310-670-2243. Email: parish@st-anastasia.org.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

**Saturday, March 24th &
Sunday, March 25th, 2018**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses:

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 AM
Sun: 9:00 AM
Sun: 10:30 AM
Sun: 12:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 PM

Celebrants:

Fr. Semik
Msgr. Cox
Msgr. Vadakin
Fr. King
Fr. Semik
Fr. Semik

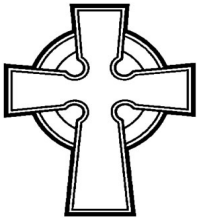
**We encourage all to read and reflect on the
Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at
Masses on next week.**

Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).
First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.



BUNDLES FOR BABIES

Cribs, strollers, maternity clothes, & diapers size 3, 4 & 5 are needed for new mothers of several local pregnancy centers. Help these centers bring hope and material assistance to women pregnant in difficult circumstances. Bring your clean gently used items to the parking lot. Monetary donations, volunteers to drive to a center, and prayers are also greatly appreciated. Direct questions to Teresa Syta at 310-592-4213.



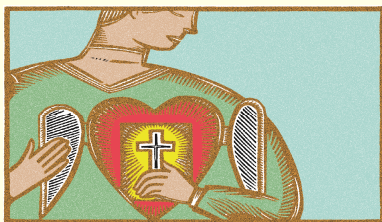
COME AND JOIN US ON A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY A PILGRIMAGE TO

Poland - Czech Republic— Austria - Hungary September 4-16, 2018 with Fr. Semik!

This coming autumn, join us as we travel, on a spiritual journey, to Poland, a strongly religious country dotted with places of deep spiritual devotion. Follow in the footsteps of St. Pope John Paul II in Krakow and Wadowice, visit the Divine Mercy Sanctuary, the final resting place of St. Faustina in Lagiewniki, and other beautiful places throughout Poland. We will also visit gorgeous churches and famous places in Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic. Tour cost - \$3899- includes: Round trip airfare, 4-star hotels, hearty breakfasts, some dinners, deluxe coaches, travel guides, admissions, porter services, etc. For brochures, call the office at 310.670.2243 or contact Ely at St. Lawrence Martyr 310-944-3355.

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Faith For Kids - Fifth Sunday in Lent

God Made You

God made you special,
This I know
He gave you to me
To watch you grow.
With a kiss on the cheek
And a hug just for you
You are my everything
This much is true.
God made you special,
My little one
I pray you keep your eyes
Looking up towards the sun.
You were created
With a purpose in mind
God made you special,
One of a kind.



FACT OF LIFE:

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
—Psalm 127:3-5

Heavenly Father, please keep me from taking for granted the gift of children. Help us to remember this heritage that you have given us. Make us faithful stewards of these precious lives, that each generation might be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



DID YOU KNOW?

As parents, educators and volunteers, we want children to know that we are not only authority figures in their lives, but also people they can trust. To foster authentic trust with children, it is important that they know that you understand them. One of the simplest ways to do this is by repeating back what children are telling you. When you do this, you are affirming to the child that they are heard and understood. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Modeling Good Communication" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

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



BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED...

If you haven't gone to confession in a while, Lent is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God and the Church. We host a communal penance service followed by the opportunity for individual confession.

Our Communal Penance Service will take place on March 22nd at 7:30 PM.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE IN OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES:

Mon., March 19th—St. Mark's, Venice — 7:00 pm
Wed., March 21st—St. Jerome's, Los Angeles — 7:00 pm
Fri., March 23rd—St. Anthony's, El Segundo — 7:30 pm
Tue., March 27th—Visitation's, Los Angeles — 7:00 pm
Tue., March 27th—St. John's Chrysostom's, Inglewood — 7:00 pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

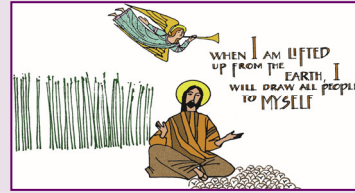
We are now at the fifth Sunday in our Lenten preparation. The focus of the readings turns our attention from the rules we read about during the third week to a new covenant, a new relationship between God and all of us. Jeremiah tells us of God's intention to enter our very hearts, the center of our life. The psalm asks for a "clean heart" so that we are ready to receive the joy of salvation. Hebrews tells us that Jesus too prayed, was made perfect, and became the source of eternal salvation. In John, Jesus explains the contradiction that this new relationship involves: death becomes life. God gives everything to us, including forgiveness. God holds back nothing from us, giving us even the beloved Son, Jesus.

Written in Stone

The rules written on the stone tablets given to Moses are easy to remember, if not so easy to follow. Today we learn that the rules are no longer outside ourselves but that God has written them on our hearts. God says, "I will be their God and they shall be my people." We are now bound in a relationship with God and are not just following God's rules. The model for the relationship is Jesus. Jesus, Son though he was, was made perfect through his suffering and became the source of salvation for all of us, who are far less than perfect. Jesus describes this relationship as a grain of wheat, whole unto itself, that falls into the embrace of the earth and is broken in order to produce the life-sustaining wheat.

Written in Flesh

When the rules are written on our hearts, we must look within to measure ourselves, to discover what God expects of us. We are not servants. We are God's people. We are not strangers or foreigners. We are God's people. This kind of relationship, like a deep friendship, a marriage, or parent and child, requires a whole-hearted commitment, a willingness to put the lives of others before our own. We share with Jesus such a relationship, a deep longing for God so that our lives have a meaning beyond their measure. Each of our lives is more than a series of experiences, events, accomplishments. Each of our lives embodies in our flesh the work of God that we see incarnated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This relationship expects more of us than rules. This relationship gives us more than rules. This relationship asks for our life and in return gives us eternal life and salvation.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY: WASHING OF THE FEET:

Holy Thursday's Liturgy (March 29h, 7:30 pm) needs volunteers for the foot washing. *Please consider being a part of this beautiful and humbling celebration. Sign-up board in the Vestibule.*

Walk the Stations of the Cross! - On Good Friday, March 30th @ 1 pm, we will be having the traditional Stations of the Cross in the Church... and a "family-friendly" Stations of the Cross using our Stations planted throughout the campus. The stations were created by our school children. All are welcome.

Time: 1 pm. Meet in the Courtyard.



Palm Sunday, March 25th:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am
10:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:30 pm

All Masses begin with blessing of the palms, followed by Solemn Procession of the Assembly into the Church.

Monday & Tuesday, March 26/27h, **Masses: 6:30 & 8 am**

Wednesday, March 28th, **Masses: 6:30 & 8 am,** **Divine Mercy Devotion @ 6 pm.**



EASTER TRIDUUM

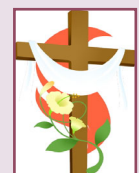
Holy Thursday, March 29th: - MSGR. COX No morning Masses. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the liturgy until 10 pm.



Good Friday Services, March 30th: No morning Masses. 12 NN - Music & Quiet Prayer 1 pm - Stations of the Cross - **FR. TOM** 1:45 to 3 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, Abridged Passion and Holy Communion - **MSGR. VADAKIN**

Holy Saturday, March 31st - Easter Vigil Service **(Mass) 8:00 pm - FR. LESZEK** **(NO CONFESSIONS ON THIS DAY)**

Easter Sunday Masses, April 1st: **(Regular Sunday schedule)** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM 12:00 NN, 7:30 PM



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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family

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 than 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 Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

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