

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Christ became obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this,
God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9



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 24th, 2018 / Sunday, March 25th, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reflections on Today's Readings

FOCUS: The Father responds to Jesus' willing self-sacrifice by raising him to glory.

As we begin to recall and commemorate the events of that first Holy Week, when Jesus willingly laid aside his glory and embraced the cross for our salvation, may we be filled with gratitude and awe at one who loves us so much.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah foretells that God's servant will suffer as a consequence of being a true and faithful disciple. Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus set aside his glory and power by becoming one with us in the flesh, but through his humility and suffering, he has become Lord of all. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

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

Agnes Mocsny	Eve Andelin	Manuel Villalobos
Albert Gonzalez, Jr.	Fr. Lancy Pereira	Maria Magyar
Aldo Ruaro	Gary Young	Margaret Stearns
Amy Harms	Germaine Wensley	Mary Ann Kwinn
Anastasia White	Ging Savares	Melvin Peluchette
Angie Alvarado	Gisela Herrera	Manuel Villalobos
Baby Anuli Davis	Grace Avilez	Maxine Liebman
Baby Colton Smith	Guillermo Alvarado	Michelle Anaya
Baby Grace Rose Awwad	Hannah & Carl Borgentun	Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
Baby girl Ramsay Sketon	Hector Beltran	Nancy Collins
Barbara Clark	Ian Maxwell	Nanette Ponte
Beatrice Vasek	James Dugan	Natalie Nunez
Bertrina De Rouen	Janet Erike	Norma Aaron
Beverly Galip Marinelli	Javier Antunes	Nuria Lavilla Brau
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Brandi Hines	Jim Tyrrell	Peggy Tyrrell
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Daisy Lezcano	Josephine Sullivan	Steven Wygal
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Elaine Fischel	Lori Caldwell	
Eliodoro Alvarado	Lupe Vega	
Elizabeth Hauser	Lysa Dennehy	

**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:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUN. 3/25

7:30 AM RON WASILEWSKI ✠
9:00 AM ERNIE CHRISTANSEN ✠
10:30 AM KATIA S. ABBAS ★
12:00 NN GRACE WELLS ✠
7:30 PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANASTASIA

MON. 3/26

6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♦
8:00 AM ANTHONY TODY ♦

TUE. 3/27

6:30 AM MSGR. VADAKIN ★
8:00 AM BETO RODRIGUEZ ★

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠

WED. 3/28

6:30 AM CHRIS ROQUE ★
8:00 AM AURORA HERNANDEZ ★

HOLY TRIDUUM

THUR. 3/29

HOLY THURSDAY
NO MORNING MASSES
7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, following the Liturgy until 10 pm.

FRI. 3/30

GOOD FRIDAY
NO MORNING MASSES
12 NN - Music & Quiet Prayer; 1 PM - Stations of the Cross
1:45 - 3 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Abridged Passion & Holy Communion

SAT. 3/31

HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil Service (Mass) - 8 PM
(No Confessions on this day)



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

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday:

6:15 TO 6:45 PM

Saturday:

3:30 TO 4:45 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 31st &
Sunday, April 1st, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Fr. King

Fr. Semik

Msgr. Vadakin

Msgr. Cox

Fr. Semik

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

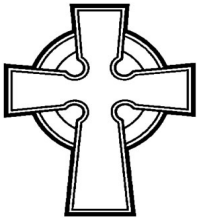
First Reading -- Peter is an eyewitness:

The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).



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.

The Pontifical GOOD FRIDAY Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.



The Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



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 Teressa Syta at [310-592-4213](tel: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.

PASSION: The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus. First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.



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Faith For Kids - Palm Sunday

HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS! Palm (Passion) Sunday (March 25) - Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16

John was enthusiastic when the family was getting ready to go to Mass. "Why are you so excited about going to Church today?" asked his sister. "Because", he said, "today is Palm Sunday and there will be a special procession at Church. We will all get palms to bring home!" Reflection & Prayer Today is actually the 6th Sunday of Lent! Has it seemed like a long time to you? Did you ever wonder if Lent would ever end? Well, you should get enthused today, because Palm Sunday means that Easter is only a week away! Today, we celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, ultimately to suffer and die for us. That is why the day is also called Passion Sunday. It is a day to renew our resolutions for the week to come.



*Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.
Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus.
Help me to be with Jesus in this Holy Week
as he demonstrates again his total love for me.
He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.
Help me to feel how close you are and
to live this final week of Lent in your love.*

FACT OF LIFE:

During Lent, the 40Days4Life prayer vigils across the country continue to save lives. Prayer is such a big part of every campaign. This prayer is especially beautiful: *Beloved Father, remind us today that there is no truth but you. Do not let us fall prey to the evil one's lie that we may choose death. Remind us right now that you, who created all life, are in control of all life, and let us choose life always. Keep lighting the pathway home, for us and for always.*

To become part of 40Days4Life, or to find out more about their saving work, visit www.40Days4Life.com If you or someone you know has participated in an abortifacient, and wants to seek healing, reach out to Rachel's Vineyard. Call their toll-free hotline at 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

DID YOU KNOW? Stress can affect the children around you. Everyone has stress, whether it's a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress – for your own sake and for the children around you. Too much stress can make it difficult to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress, please email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

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. Here are opportunities to attend a Penance Service followed by individual confession in some of our neighboring Parishes:

Tue., March 27th—Visitation's, Los Angeles — 7:00 pm
Tue., March 27th—St. John's Chrysostom's, Inglewood — 7:00 pm

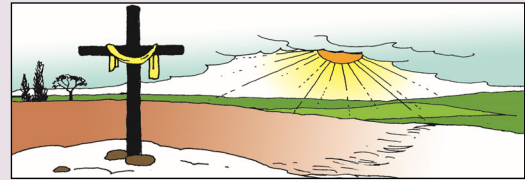


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Today we prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Isaiah reminds us of the suffering that Jesus will endure. He says Jesus will not be disgraced or put to shame, but we know that there will be humiliation at the hands of others. The psalm recalls the fear and sorrow as we repeat over and over Jesus' words of anguish and abandonment. Philippians describes Jesus' humility and the exaltation that will follow. But it is Mark who takes us through the last days of Jesus' life, the ordinary and the extraordinary. He describes the meal shared with the one who will betray him; his anguished prayers with friends who cannot stay awake and will later deny him; his treatment at the hands of priests, elders, soldiers; and finally his death and the recognition that truly Jesus is the Son of God.

CONTRASTS: Jesus' last days are an experience of contrasts. The man Isaiah describes is courageous in the face of buffets and beatings. Jesus will not be disgraced or put to shame. Everything the priests, elders, soldiers, and friends do is intended to disgrace and shame Jesus. But they fail. Jesus is not without anguish and sorrow. He knows what it feels like to be abandoned and he expresses that in the garden and on the Cross. Yet still Philippians insists that Jesus will be exalted even though humbled and obedient to the point of death. Mark takes Jesus and us back and forth between strength and fear, between courage and humiliation, between obedience and anguish. What are we to make of these contrasts?

RECOGNITION: Only a centurion, who with the women looking on from a distance sees Jesus breathe his last, knows what we are to make of this. We are to understand, even before the Resurrection, that "this man was the Son of God." How did the centurion know? The centurion knew because he stood facing Jesus, watching him, looking into his face as he died. Though everything was done to strip Jesus of his sense of self, never, ever did he give up his complete and total commitment to God his Father. Even in his anguish and abandonment, he cries out to God. We are left to imagine how his Father answered him, but whatever Jesus heard in his last moments, it left on his face and in his last breath so clear a sign of God's love that one of his crucifiers recognized who he was. The only thing left to Jesus when he died was the abiding certainty of his Father's love. That is a certainty that Jesus took with him to his grave and to his resurrection.



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 is 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 26/27th,

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**

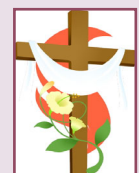
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(Regular Sunday schedule)

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

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Fred & Esmeralda Balsz: 310.679.9119

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.

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