

**ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018

Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who  
have not seen  
and have believed.”

John 20:29



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**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, April 7th, 2018 / Sunday, April 8th, 2018**  
***Solemnity of the 2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy***  
**Reflections on Today's Readings:**



**FOCUS:** Like the early Christians, let us be filled with gratitude and love for the Lord. The Church continues to celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. We acknowledge that God has appointed the risen Jesus judge of all creation. Therefore, with hearts full of hope and faith, we seek to be reconciled in his divine mercy and to share in his eternal life.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In Acts, Luke recalls how the early Christian community was filled with gratitude and love for the Lord, and was willing to share everything they had as a sign of that love. Saint John reassures the struggling community in the second reading that by loving God they have the strength to love each other and remain faithful to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus convinces Thomas of the truth of his resurrection.

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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Agnes Mocsny               | Elizabeth Hauser        | Manuel Villalobos      |
| Albert Gonzalez, Jr.       | Eve Andelin             | Maria Magyar           |
| Aldo Ruaro                 | Fr. Lancy Pereira       | Margaret Stearns       |
| Amy Harms                  | Gary Young              | Mary Ann Kwinn         |
| Anastasia White            | Germaine Wensley        | Melvin Peluchette      |
| Angie Alvarado             | Ging Savares            | Manuel Villalobos      |
| B. N. Rodriguez            | Gisela Herrera          | Maxine Liebman         |
| Baby Anuli Davis           | Grace Avilez            | Michelle Anaya         |
| Baby Colton Smith          | Guillermo Alvarado      | Michlene "Mimi" Hébert |
| Baby Grace Rose Awwad      | Hannah & Carl Borgentun | Nancy Collins          |
| Baby girl Ramsay Sketon    | Hector Beltran          | Nanette Ponte          |
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| Charles Guerra             | Joel Rivera             | S. Pilar Rodriguez     |
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**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 †**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**SUN. 4/08**

- 7:30 AM TOM TYRRELL †  
 9:00 AM GLORIA BOWEN †  
 10:30 AM HARRIET EGOLF & FAMILY  
 12:00 NN FIDELA & VIDAL RAMIREZ †  
 7:30 PM HOWARD MEEHAN †

**MON. 4/09**

- 6:30 AM ROSALIE HUNT  
 8:00 AM MARY SWAGMAN SNAADT †

**TUE. 4/10**

- 6:30 AM ABDULA ANTHONY AHMED †  
 8:00 AM MAYDA & JERRI VAZQUEZ ★★

**WED. 4/11**

- 6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♦  
 8:00 AM THADDEUS PIERSON †

**THUR. 4/12**

- 6:30 AM DUANE MARTINEZ †  
 8:00 AM JOHN CROTHERS †

**FRI. 4/13**

- 6:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♦  
 8:00 AM MARY CROTHERS †

**SAT. 4/14**

- 6:30 AM KATHY WARNER ★  
 8:00 AM LOU DIVINA TIU ★



## THE PRAYER PROCESS



- 1. GRATITUDE:** Begin by thanking God in personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- 2. AWARENESS:** Revisit the time in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
- 3. SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS:** Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
- 4. PEACE:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
- 5. FREEDOM:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
- 6. OTHERS:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
- 7. PRAY** the *Our Father*.

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### 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, April 14th &  
Sunday, April 15th, 2018

### Masses:

Sat: 8:00 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. Semik  
Msgr. Cox  
Fr. King  
Fr. Semik  
Msgr. Vadakin



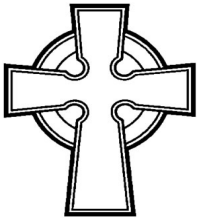
***We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at Masses on next week.***

**First Reading** -- The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** -- Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** -- The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** -- Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).



*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.*



**Today, Sunday April 8th,  
From 3 to 3:30 pm.  
Celebration of  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

**We will have the *Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayers, Adoration and Benediction,*  
All are welcome!**

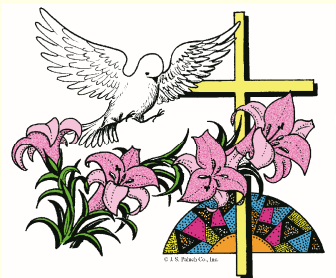
**What is the Divine Mercy?** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

**There are 8x10 Images of Jesus in Divine Mercy, Spanish and English pamphlets on How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, and Divine Mercy Prayer Cards, in the Vestibule, for your use.**



**Faith For Kids - Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Easter prayer for children**  
Dear God

Thank you for giving us such good gifts.  
For our families who love us.  
For yummy food and tasty drink.  
For so many different beautiful animals.  
For parks with tall trees and soft grass.  
For birds that fly among the clouds.  
For seas and streams that are fun to paddle in.  
And thank you for your son Jesus.  
We like to read about him in the bible.  
He taught his disciples about you.  
He healed people who were sick.  
He walked on water,  
And even died and came back to life.  
Help us to remember all the things he did  
And celebrate him on this special day.  
Amen.

**FACT OF LIFE:**

**Take Action:** Visit [archla.org/parent](http://archla.org/parent) to learn how you can support pregnant and parenting families in LA.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Gratitude is one of life's greatest virtues. Teaching children to recognize the many blessings in their lives helps to teach them to have grateful hearts. Modeling gratitude in your home can help your child learn what to value and be grateful for, and learn to avoid the things that are not valuable or worthy of their time and interest. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Teaching Children to be Thankful Makes Them Happier and Safer" visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

**ANNUNCIATION of the LORD**



Monday, April 9th

**SOCIAL CLUB NEWS:** Join us in our annual trip to Pauma Casino on Thursday, May 17 (9 AM to 7 PM). The cost is only \$8, gratuities included, and you will receive \$15 in free play on your Rewards Card. We will have a raffle and water on the bus. Payment must be made by April 30, but will probably sell out long before then, so call Laurette soon at [310-670-2488](tel:310-670-2488).

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

### Second Sunday of Easter:

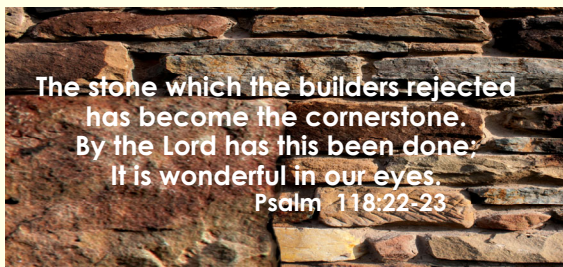
Our readings this week give us a glimpse of how the first communities of Christians began to understand their purpose and identity. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you," calling his followers to bring his peace and forgiveness to God's beloved world. The early Church realized it was not a group of individuals each seeking to live virtuously and then go to heaven. Instead, Christians formed communities, empowered by the Spirit, attempting to live in profound trust in God and in each other. Remembering how Jesus displayed his wounds to his disciples, the church came to realize that it is called to share in the life of a wounded world. When we, the Church today, demonstrate our faith and love in action, we also show everyone who the crucified Jesus really is--the One who knows and accompanies us in our human suffering.

### THE WOUNDS OF JESUS

In the Gospel passage from John, Jesus appears twice to his disciples, and both times Jesus shows them his wounds from his crucifixion. Thomas actually touches the wounds. Jesus' wounds did not disappear after the Resurrection. Jesus meant for his followers to know that his sufferings, and ours, are part of our encounter with him. Jesus revealed how God is present in our human suffering, joining us in our most painful moments with consolation and with mercy. Suffering is a great mystery, and we cannot adequately explain or justify the many wounds we experience in life. However, in prayer God can open a way forward. The Holy Spirit might offer wisdom to perceive when or how our sufferings make healing or hope possible for others or for ourselves. When we enter into this mystery we follow Jesus, who radically trusted God to transform his sufferings into new life.

### EMBODYING FORGIVENESS

In just a few verses, we see that the disciples received not only a new perspective on suffering, but a new energy and a new task in their lives. Their new energy, Jesus' very breath, is the Holy Spirit. Their new task, given in the same breath, is to embody God's forgiveness and proclaim this forgiveness to all. When Jesus appeared to them, he didn't castigate them for their abandonment and betrayal of him just days before. Jesus gave them the peace of being forgiven. He gave the Holy Spirit, so to forgive others. The experience of being forgiven and forgiving others is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus came to proclaim and to manifest God's desire to reconcile with God's very sons and daughters, us human beings. God is always working toward reconciliation and rejoices when any broken relationship is healed. When we accept forgiveness from God or from others, we are letting God into our hearts. When we forgive others or ourselves, we are participating in



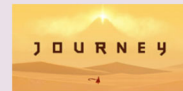
### Have you seen the *Infant of Prague* in our Church? *Get to know Him better* - Catholics

have been venerating the original Infant of Prague statue since 1628. Mounted on a pedestal in the Church of Our Lady of Victory in the Czech Republic, the 18 inch wooden statue depicts young Jesus giving blessing and holding a globe topped with a cross—a symbol of Christ's kingship of the world. Its origin is shrouded in legend. But we know it was brought from Spain to Prague in 1556, when the owner at the time presented it to the Descalced Carmelite Sisters. In the late 1620s, the statue was buried and damaged in the ruins of the Church after outsiders invaded Prague and the Carmelites ceased veneration to flee for safety. A decade later, a young priest named Father P. Cyril found the statue, cleaned it up, and asked the Blessed Virgin Mary for the funds to fix a busted hand. Father Cyril hear the Divine Infant speak to him on several occasions—and this time was no different. He instructed him, "Place me near the entrance of the sacristy and you will receive aid." Sure enough, a passerby offered help within a few days. The restored statue became the object of popular devotion and received Church approval when the Bishop of Prague crowned it on April 4, 1655, and the devotion was enriched with indulgences. People turn to the Infant especially for vocations, health, financial well-being, good family life, schools, the welfare of children, freedom and peace, missions, and safety in travel. Several saints—including St. Francis, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Teresa of Avila—had a strong devotion to the Divine Child. The many miracles attributed to the Infant of Prague helped spread the devotion throughout the world—even to this day.



His Feast Day, January 14 - Patron of Financial Distress

Quote: "The more you honor me the more I shall bless you."



### 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.

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE:** It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31). The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1) —what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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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.

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