

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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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, and after the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday.

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



This Week: Saturday, December 8th, 2018 / Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent
Reflections on Today's Readings:



FOCUS: As we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah. Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the Gospel as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near.

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

Daisy Otaño
 Isabel Otaño
 Alberto Gonzalez, Jr.
 Nicole Tredinnick
 Avery Oppenheimer
 Richard & Maggie Harris
 August Wygal
 Richard Moran
 Michelle King
 Baby Sam Tello
 Peter Cathcart
 Jan Semik
 Roland Adams
 Severina Dizon
 Yolanda Wygal
 Vincent Morgione
 Vicki Mitsakos
 Valerie Adamcyk
 Ursula Bloor
 Sylvia Yates
 Stuart Liebman
 Steven Wygal
 Stephane Lempire
 Seth Brunett
 Rosado Family
 Robbie Cole
 Peggy Tyrrell
 Paul Stasiak
 Nuria Lavilla Brau
 Norma Aaron
 Natalie Nunez
 Nancy Collins
 Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
 Michelle Anaya
 Melvin Peluchette
 Maxine Liebman
 Mary Ann Kwinn

Mark Burnett
 Marie Briody
 Manuel Villalobos
 Lysa Dennehy
 Lupe Vega
 Lori Caldwell
 Lizbeth Taylor
 Lada Zubrinic
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 Julie Schiavone
 Julie Martinez
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 Jorden Aponte
 John Allen
 Joel Rivera
 Joanna Musacchio
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 James Dugan
 India Wygal
 Ian Maxwell
 Hector Beltran
 Hannah & Carl Borgentun
 Guillermo Alvarado
 Grace Avilez
 Gisela Herrera
 Ging Savares
 Germaine Wensley
 Fr. Lancy Pereira
 Elizabeth Hauser
 Eliodoro Alvarado
 Elaine Fischel

Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
 Dina Yordy
 Dina Giron
 Diana Guerra
 Deshi Chopra
 Debbie Atwell
 Deanna Marie Messier
 Daniel Cathcart
 Daisy Lezcano
 Cynthia McCarthy
 Cleofas Prieto
 Christine Houchin & family
 Charles Keglevich
 Charles Guerra
 Carolyn Lispcomb
 Brandi Hines
 Bob Harris
 Bill Parsons
 Beverly Galip Marinelli
 Bertrina De Rouen
 Belkis Guerra
 Beatrice Vasek
 Barbara Clark
 Baby Grace Rose Awwad
 Baby girl Ramsay Sketon
 Baby Colton Smith
 Baby Anuli Davis
 Annette Andelin
 Angie Alvarado
 Anastasia White
 Amy Harms
 Aldo Ruaro



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:

New names to be prayed for, will be added to the top of our first column.

As these names are added, the names at the bottom of the third column will be cycled off.

Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 to request a name to be replaced.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/09

7:30 AM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
 9:00 AM MICHAEL NAGY †
 10:30 AM ANNE ROSEN & FAMILY ♦
 12:00 NN MARIA TERESA LUZARRAGA †
 7:30 PM ICHSAN SATYADI †

MON. 12/10

6:30 AM JUAN BONDOC †
 8:00 AM POTENCIANA SUNER †

TUE. 12/11

6:30 AM MARGARET MARY COX †
 8:00 AM JUAN BONDOC †

WED. 12/12

6:30 AM WALTON PETOSKEY †
 8:00 AM MANUEL PEREZ GODOY †

THUR. 12/13

6:30 AM JOAN HORNBECKER †
 8:00 AM JUAN BONDOC †

FRI. 12/14

6:30 AM MICHAEL MITSAKOS †
 8:00 AM ROSE REPERUGA †

SAT. 12/15

8:00 AM PACITA SALCEDO †
 5:00 PM DEAN LORTIE †



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING & REFLECTION

The Season of Advent is upon us. Advent is the season of waiting for Jesus' coming. During this season we focus on being ready to receive Christ. We need people, individuals and families to volunteer to participate in this liturgical activity.

Your presence and participation in this activity would be a great blessing.

The sign-up poster is in the Vestibule this weekend.



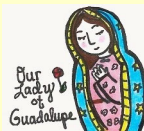
A Mass to honor

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

will be offered **THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th AT 6 PM**

(ROSARY @ 6 PM, FOLLOWED BY MASS), here at Saint Anastasia. Fr. Leszek will officiate. A reception will follow in Diamond Courtyard. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THIS WEDNESDAY, THE 12th, THERE WILL NOT BE A DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET DEVOTION AND/OR CONFESSIONS.



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.

St. Anastasia Bible Study

“But who do you say that I am?”

The Gospel of St. Luke is a beautiful and powerful portrait of Jesus Christ. In its pages, Our Lord often challenges His listeners with questions – each one an invitation to draw closer to Him.



Our study of the **Gospel of Luke** begins on Tuesday, January 8. Attend either the morning session, 9:00-10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Please register by December 13 at the Parish Office. Cost for materials is \$20 (\$25 after December 13).

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski
ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com
or call (310) 670-2243

St. Anastasia Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 13th, 7:30 PM

6 Priests will be available for Confession

Penance,
A New Beginning!



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

Saturday, December 15th &
Sunday, December 16th, 2018

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. Innocent
Fr. Semik
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Semik



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

First Reading -- Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm -- Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading -- Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel -- Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).



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.



**Save the Date!
Las Posadas!!
Sunday,
December 16,
2018**

From 4 to 6 pm.

Las Posadas is a traditional Hispanic Festival which re-enacts Mary and Joseph's journey in search of an inn. This is a beautiful opportunity to experience what Mary and Joseph may have felt as doors were closed to them, and then finally opened to them in the true spirit of hospitality. You are ALL invited to this celebration of Prayers and Songs, and join us for a reception in Pastors Plaza for Tamales, Churros, Mariachis and much more!! We also invite our parishioners to bring a taste of their Christmas tradition to share! And to our children to come dressed up as Angels and Shepherds! Come and enjoy this great traditional event of Las Posadas!!!



**2018 CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th and 25th
CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**Monday, December 24th,
4:00 PM - Children's Mass
6:00 PM - Vigil Mass
11:00 PM - Midnight Mass**

**CHRISTMAS DAY,
Tuesday, December 25th,
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule:
7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, & Noon
No 7:30 PM Mass on
Christmas Day**



REMINDER ! St. Anastasia offers:

- **MONDAY:** Miraculous Novena, following the 8 am Mass.
- **TUESDAY-SATURDAY:** Recitation of the Rosary after all Masses, 6:30 and 8 am.
- **1st SATURDAY:** Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 to 9:30 am.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING:** 6 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration. Confession 6:15 - 6:45 pm.
- **1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Men's Morning Hour; attends 6:30 am Mass - reflection and discussion follows in Parish Office Conference room.
- **1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** MOMS - Meets from 10 - 11:30 am. Just come and join.
- **3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** The St. Joseph Center collection takes place after all Masses. This collection benefits the poorest and needy of the Westside area. Your contributions of cash/non-perishable food are really appreciated.
- **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:** Come and share your joys and sorrows with Fr. Leszek, the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 11 am.
- **Every last Sunday of the month,** after all Masses: the monthly Wedding Anniversary Blessing takes place for couples married during that particular month. All are welcome!
- **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 6:45 pm, and Saturdays, from 3:30 to 5 pm.

St. Margaret's Christmas Program:

It's time for the annual St. Margaret's Center Christmas Program and your generous support is needed! We are preparing a magical day for approximately 1,000 low-income children and their parents from "LAX" communities. Please bring your toys from the Giving Tree back to the parish by **December 11th**. If you'd like to purchase toys from Amazon, go to "Find Someone's List" and enter "St. Margaret's Center" to find our wish list. Besides new toys and cash donations, there is a need for adult volunteers, both for the event day, **December 15th**, and the three days preceding the event. To register as a volunteer, and for more info, please go to our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/home>.
If you have any questions, you can call 310-672-2208, or email smcxmas@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!



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

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
THIS COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2018**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious community without adequate retirements savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews. You can also donate online at: retiredreligious.org. God Bless!!

Faith for Kids

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. - Palms 75:4



When we are faced with a difficult choice, it would be a lot easier if there were big arrow signs saying: GOD'S WAY. But God's ways can't be found on a map. They are found in His Word, in Jesus and through His spirit working in our hearts. How do we tune in? Prayer. Spend some quiet time with God each day, and you will come to know what God wants for us and from us.

God, thank you for guiding me.



Did you Know?

Practice situational awareness as part of your holiday travel plans

At Christmastime, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what's going on around you. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and know where your family members are at all times. Don't allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics—it only takes a minute for a child to disappear from your eyesight. For more holiday travel tips, visit <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521>.



**Advent Penance Service Schedule
in our Neighboring Parishes:**

St. Mark's, Venice, Dec. 10th, @ 7 pm.
St. Augustine's, Culver City, Dec. 10th @ 7:30 pm.
OURS: St. Anastasia's, Dec. 13th @ 7:30 pm.

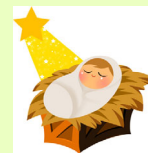


The Three Arrivals of Christ

Jesus Comes In Human History: Our celebration of Christmas focuses on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The Christmas crèche at home or in the Church, Christmas pageants and liturgies all help us recall the moment Jesus was born as a human being to live His destiny as the Son of God and our redeemer.

Jesus Comes In Our Hearts: Alive and among us though the Holy Spirit, Jesus continually reaches out to us. Advent renews our desire for the daily coming of Jesus as we recall the story of our salvation and look forward to the coming of the kingdom. We "wait in joyful hope," as the eucharistic liturgy says, for the coming of that kingdom.

Jesus Comes In Glory: The haunting melody and refrains of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* serve to remind us of our longing for the completion of Christ's reign at the end of time. This season gives special meaning to the phrase from the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come."



FACT OF LIFE

Abortion is not the answer, but sadly many have chosen this path. Now they need help, compassion, and forgiveness.

For healing after abortion:
Call By Your Side LA at 877-301-9684
ByYourSideLA.org

By Your Side LA is the Archdiocese's official ministry journeying with women and men affected by abortion. By Your Side is a comprehensive, bilingual ministry that includes a beautiful website, professional call center, trained lay Merciful Companions, and referrals to healing resources including sacraments, retreats, support groups, bible studies, mental health professionals, and more. We want to be by the side of each person journeying from pain following abortion to a new place of forgiveness and peace.

**Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th, 2018
PREPARE THE LORD'S WAY**

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Isaiah 40:3

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and SRE (Sunday School)

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Confirmation:

Michael Gasparro: 310.670.2243

Infant Baptism:

Fred & Esmeralda: 310.679.9119

ANONING OF THE SICK: Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

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

FUNERALS: Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

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