

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Third Sunday of Advent December 16th, 2018

*The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— Zephaniah 3:15b



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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 15th, 2018 / Sunday, December 16th, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent
Reflections on Today's Readings:



FOCUS: The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks. On this *Gaudete* Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer – all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Zephaniah presents a vision of a great festival where God's love and forgiveness will be celebrated and his mercy shared with all. Saint Paul reminds the Philippians to be happy and prayerful as they await the return of Christ. John the Baptist proclaims the good news of the kingdom in the Gospel, and challenges his listeners to act with justice and generosity.

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

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Baby Colton Smith
Baby Anuli Davis
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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 †

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/16

7:30 AM PATRICIA HOFFMANN †
9:00 AM TERESITA ASCUNCION LAGUNA †
10:30 AM ALFONSO HERNANDEZ †
12:00 NN MSGR. ROYALE M. VADAKIN †
7:30 PM THOMAS MCCAFFERY †

MON. 12/17

6:30 AM NORMAN C. BAYLEY †
8:00 AM ROSS A. SIMARD ♦

TUE. 12/18

6:30 AM MSGR. ROYALE M. VADAKIN †
8:00 AM PATERNO TACLOB SR. †

WED. 12/19

6:30 AM ROBERT MARTINI †
8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♥

THUR. 12/20

6:30 AM LARRY LARROCO ♦
8:00 AM LINDA AVELAR †

FRI. 12/21

6:30 AM MILES HENDERSON ♦
8:00 AM EARDESTINE BROWN ★

SAT. 12/22

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS
5:00 PM MARILYN HOMEYER †



From Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar:

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Advent begins with First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Sunday that falls on or closest to November 30 and it ends before First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Christmas. The Sundays of this time of year are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent. The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord. The liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent—as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Also Advent (like Lent) includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color purple, but also through the restrained manner of decorating the church and altar: "During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord...[also] the use of the organ and other musical instruments should be marked by a [similar] moderation..." (GIRM n. 305 and n. 313)



The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday (coming from the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice") and the liturgical color may be rose instead of purple. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas.

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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

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Enjoy coffee and donuts with Fr. Leszek and share your joys and sorrows. Our next meeting will be THIS Thursday, December 20th, from 10 to 11:30 am in the Parish Office Conference Room. For questions or information, please call 310-670-2243.



CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday:
Saturday:

6:15 TO 6:45 PM
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, December 22nd & Sunday, December 23rd, 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. Innocent
Fr. Semik
Fr. King
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Innocent
Fr. Innocent



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

First Reading -- From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading -- We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).
Gospel -- Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).



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!
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 3rd 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice! This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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

HOLY INNOCENTS DAY SERVICE - Parishioners are invited to a Mass and Rosary-centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn next week, Friday, December 28th, 2018 in Holy Cross Cemetery. The service will begin with Mass at 2:00 PM at the Risen Christ Chapel with main celebrant Bishop Joseph Sartoris, followed by a procession to the Shrine. The procession will be led by the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps. During the procession, the Rosary will be recited. Hymns, a scriptural reading and a homily will follow. Please bring your family and friends. Holy Cross Cemetery is at 5835 West Slauson Ave., between Sepulveda and La Cienega. For further details call Tom Ullman, (310) 670-0605.

Advent Penance Service Schedule in our Neighboring Parishes:

St. Jerome's, LA, Dec. 18th, @ 7 pm.
Visitation's, LA, Dec. 18th @ 7 pm.
St. Monica's, SM, Dec. 18th @ 7 pm.



Rejoice!!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Faith for Kids

...the blind men approached Him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" "yes, Lord," they said to Him. - Matthew 9:28



God has done great things for us! He made the world and all living things. He made the people who love and care for us. He gave us the gift of His own Son, Jesus. Jesus did great things too. He helped and healed people in need. He taught us to love as He did. We believe that God will continue to do great things for us. During Advent, we wait and wonder, "What great things will God do next?"

Lord, I believe that you will do great things.



Did you Know?

We are all God's children, and we all need protection

While a major part of preventing sexual abuse and exploitation is aimed at keeping young children safe, the focus and goal of the "Protecting God's Children" program is to keep all people safe, including adults. By knowing the warning signs of different types of abuse and taking action to shut down abuse and offer protection and support, we can help the most vulnerable among us, whoever they may be. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS®

article, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



FACT OF LIFE

Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Light for Human Dignity in the Face of the Culture of Death

In December we celebrate the feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen writes eloquently about the vision which appeared on Juan Diego's tilma, where Mary's head is bowed in prayer and humility. "What gives us such dignity and importance? Only the grace of God. Mary's head is not turned by her glory; in fact it is bowed in prayer. She knows that all her importance derives from her Son, that all her virtues are only the fruit of His grace. We only fully retain our dignity when we unite our will with God's, and obey His plan for us. It is perfect obedience to the promptings of grace, not power, learning, or knowledge, that elevates a person. When we try like Satan to rise against God's will, we degrade ourselves—as our culture today has diminished the sanctity of life and the value of self-sacrifice, pretending to elevate man while in fact reducing him to the level of just one more primate."

Third Sunday of Advent, December 16th, 2018
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me"
- Matthew 25:40

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ANOINTING 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.

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