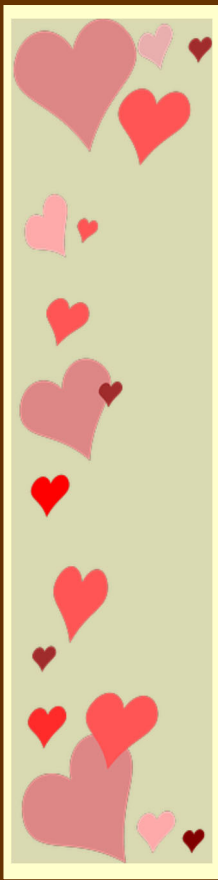


ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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" And how does this happen to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"



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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 22nd, 2018 / Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Reflections on Today's Readings:



FOCUS: Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd. In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

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

Ernesto Hernandez
Eduardo Hernandez
Ines Hernandez
Barbara Degraffenread
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
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Steven Wygal
Stephane Lempire
Seth Brunett
Rosado Family
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Peggy Tyrrell
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Norma Aaron
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James Dugan
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Ian Maxwell
Hector Beltran
Hannah & Carl Borgentun
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Grace Avilez
Gisela Herrera
Ging Savares
Germaine Wensley

Fr. Lancy Pereira
Elizabeth Hauser
Eliodoro Alvarado
Elaine Fischel
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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 †

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/23

7:30 AM MAGDALENA SOMBONG †
9:00 AM MSGR. ROYALE M. VADAKIN †
10:30 AM ANNIE DOHERTY ★
12:00 NN JESSICA MORAN †
7:30 PM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

MON. 12/24

8:00 AM CHRISTMAS EVE
THERESA REILLY ★
VIGIL MASSES:
4 PM, 6PM, AND 11 PM

TUE. 12/25

CHRISTMAS DAY
REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES:
7:30, 9 & 10:30 AM, AND 12 NOON
NO 7:30 PM MASS

WED. 12/26

6:30 AM CAROL ORTIZ ♦
8:00 AM DIANE SORTINO ♦

THUR. 12/27

6:30 AM SUSAN CONAGHAN ♦
8:00 AM BOB HARRIS ♦

FRI. 12/28

6:30 AM MARY SOTO †
8:00 AM DOUG & EVA KELLER ♦

SAT. 12/29

8:00 AM THE ALIG FAMILY
5:00 PM JON STUART SMALL †



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. LESZEK:

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.'" Luke 2:10

Dear parishioners,

During our services here at St. Anastasia Church, we often have announcements. While all of these announcements are important enough to be shared, none of them can rise to the level of importance on the announcement you just read that was shared by the angels to the shepherds as the night was shattered by light filling the sky.

Is this announcement of any less importance today? No! We need to continually announce to this world that indeed a Savior was born, and not only was He born, but He lived a sinless and perfect life, then died on a cross, but rose again from the dead after three days in the grave.

His birth, over 2000 years ago brought many reactions such as fear, joy, hope, and yes, even disdain by those like King Herod who only had a desire to hold on to their own power and authority. For us who are his disciples this announcement brings incredible joy, hope and generates great love in our hearts.

This time of the year is amazing! It's a wonderful time when we cast our focus on the miracle of Christ's birth over 2,000 years ago as He left the splendor of heaven to humble Himself and walk the dusty roads of Israel proclaiming Good News and healing the lives of the people. I still believe we serve the same God today! How many lives we have seen come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and their lives have been completely changed by His power.

Today is a day of joyful celebrations at Mass and family gatherings at home. It's a day to exchange gifts and wish each other peace and happiness. But it's also a day to gaze at the child in the manger. It's a day for wordless, joyful contemplation. So, fix your eyes on Jesus and see what comes to your heart. Savor his pure, unconditional love, and let it bring forth love in you. Reach out and touch him and let him touch you. Embrace him today and let him hold you close to his heart.

On behalf of Msgr. Gregory Cox, Fr. Tom King, Fr. Innocent Nzewuji, myself and the entire staff here at St. Anastasia, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Leszek Semik



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, December 29th &
Sunday, December 30th, 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
Msgr. Cox
Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent
Fr. Semik



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

First Reading -- Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm -- Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading -- See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel -- The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).



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.

Parish Office Schedule during the Christmas Holidays!

Mon., Dec. 24th and Tue., Dec. 25th—CLOSED
Wed., Thurs., and Fri, Dec. 26, 27 and 28th - 8-12:00
Mon., Dec. 31st - 8-12:00

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 - CLOSED!

The Parish Office Staff wishes all our Parishioners a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and full of Joy, Peace and Love New Year 2019!!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CELEBRATION OF LAS POSADAS!

Las Posadas was a big, beautiful success once again! A truly heartfelt THANK YOU goes to the Las Posadas Committee, Volunteers, Confirmation Class, and all those parishioners who have been supporting this traditional festivity throughout the years here at St. Anastasia. Thank you sincerely. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

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 11:30 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.



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

Together in Mission 2018 Campaign

The Campaign for 2018 will close on January 14th 2019. This is a last call to those of you who have not yet contributed to this special campaign that support those schools and parishes less fortunate. There is still time. And a reminder to those of you whose pledges have not yet been fulfilled. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity over the years. God bless! Please call the Parish Office @ 310-670-2243 for information.

The urgency for climate justice has never been greater. Consider these sobering facts from the recently released [Fourth National Climate Assessment](#) and the Fifth Assessment Report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

- The **worst impacts will be felt most acutely by already-vulnerable communities** (the poor, indigenous, farmworkers, and children and the elderly)
- All **human health is at risk** as warmer temperatures increase insect-borne diseases, weather related disasters increase, and more pollution leads to more cardio-vascular and respiratory illnesses.
- **We have only a dozen years** to keep earth's temperatures from exceeding a maximum of 1.5C. Even a half a degree more will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.

Your donation today can help realize our goals to make the U.S. Catholic community the most energy efficient, the most committed to sustainability, and the greatest advocate for vulnerable communities impacted by climate change. **If we are to succeed in these efforts we need to raise \$75,000 by midnight December 31st.** So far, we've raised \$17, 680.88. **With your gift we can reach our goal! Please donate today!** Your gift will directly fund educational materials, advocacy campaigns, and the resourcing of Creation Care Teams in local parishes, schools, and religious communities.

NOTE: If you prefer to send a check, you can send it to: Catholic Climate Covenant, 415 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Suite 260 Washington, D.C. 20017, *With gratitude, Catholic Climate Covenant*

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.



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.

FOR OUR CHILDREN (at heart!): An Activity for this weekend! THE VINE:

Jesus is the vine. His followers are the branches. The branches need to have the vine to grow. If they don't, they're going to fall off and die. We all need to stay connected to Jesus in order to grow.



Activity for this weekend: Look for light in one another! Pass a flashlight around the dinner table. Let the light shine on each of you as you give thanks together for the light of God in the people you love.



Did you Know? Keep an eye on those Christmas candles

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December — the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean. For more tips, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.



St. Anastasia Bible Study

"Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?"

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



FACT OF LIFE

Irish Nurses Oppose Being Forced to Perform Abortion

IRELAND, November 28, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – A group of healthcare providers in Ireland are banding together to protest legislation that would force them to violate their consciences in the country's new abortion regime. Calling themselves Nurses & Midwives 4Life Ireland, the group is speaking out against the pending abortion legalization bill, which will implement the country's May referendum repealing the Emerald Isle's constitutional protection for pre-born babies. They object to the legislation forcing pro-life medical professionals to refer patients to physicians willing to commit abortions. "We respect and defend the dignity of every stage of human life and we have a responsibility to make every valid or reasonable effort to protect the life and health of pregnant women and their unborn babies," the petition reads. "For us as nurses and midwives participation in termination of pregnancy defined in relation to a pregnant woman, as a medical procedure which is intended to end the life of a fetus, is morally objectionable and conflicts with our conscientious commitment to life.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23rd, 2018 YOU ARE NEAR

*"The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth."*

~ Psalm 145:18

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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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