

# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018

*Jesus said to his parents,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I  
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49



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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 29th, 2018 / Sunday, December 30th, 2018**  
***Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***  
**Reflections on Today's Readings:**



**FOCUS:** Let us strive to imitate the Holy Family's mutual love and concern for one another. By being born into a human family, the eternal Son of God has blessed every family, and so made marriage and family a pathway to holiness and eternal life. In the face of God's ever-flowing generosity, highlighted for us today in the blessing of family life, we become aware of our human shortcomings and our need for God's mercy and love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today we hear about the birth of Samuel and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord. John, in his letter, highlights our dignity and destiny — we are God's children now and are commanded to love one another. The Gospel from Luke relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after his family had departed, and the subsequent worry and searching for him that his parents experienced.

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

Ernesto Hernandez  
 Eduardo Hernandez  
 Ines Hernandez  
 Barbara Degrafenread  
 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  
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 Stephane Lempire  
 Seth Brunett  
 Rosado Family  
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 Jorden Aponte  
 John Allen  
 Joel Rivera  
 Joanna Musacchio  
 Jim Tyrrell  
 Jessica Leoni  
 Javier Antunes  
 Janet Erike  
 James Dugan  
 India Wygal  
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 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 †**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**SUN. 12/30**

7:30 AM MSGR. ROYALE M. VADAKIN †  
 9:00 AM BRUCE BARBER †  
 10:30 AM DIANE SORTINO ♦  
 12:00 NN LAWRENCE HOFFMAN †  
 7:30 PM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

**MON. 12/31**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 ONLY ONE MASS @ 8 AM  
 POTENCIANA SUNER †

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2019 - NEW YEAR!!**

**ONLY ONE MASS @ 9 AM**  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR! FELIZ AÑO NUEVO  
 BLESSINGS, PEACE, PROSPERITY AND LOVE!!

**WED. 01/02**

6:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †  
 8:00 AM BILL & EMILY ROBERTS ††

**THUR. 01/03**

6:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †  
 8:00 AM SANDRA ORTIZ ★

**FRI. 01/04**

6:30 AM NAHID MOSTAGHEL †  
 8:00 AM JOHN & ELDA CUSSIGH ††

**SAT. 01/05**

8:00 AM ROSA TROIAPIUMETTI  
 5:00 PM PATRICIA HOFFMANN †





## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage--the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

-- 1 John 3:2a

## 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, January 5th &  
Sunday, January 6th, 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. Innocent

Fr. King

Fr. Semik

Fr. Innocent

Msgr. Cox



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

**First Reading** -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6). Psalm -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12)



*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. 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!!*



**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST -**  
**ONLY ONE MASS @ 8 AM**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2019**  
**ONLY ONE MASS @ 9 AM**

## HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

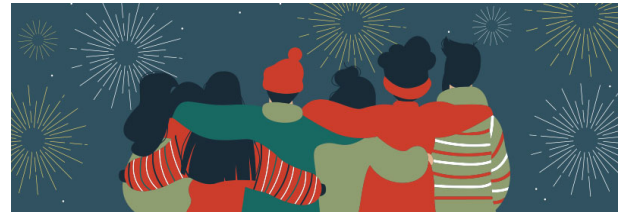
The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always get it right, but they always tried to. These three amateurs were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation--to do his Father's work--but he also returned home with his parents.

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## 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.



## New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year.  
May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.  
We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



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

**On the feast of the Holy Family**, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family.

Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with.

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.

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### St. Anastasia Bible Study

## "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith 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 at the Parish Office right away to receive your study guide at the first meeting. Cost for materials is \$25.

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

## Faith for Kids

*Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen... - Luke 2:20*



**It's been a week since Christmas.** Imagine you're one of the shepherds in Bethlehem, and it's been a week since the angel appeared to you, a week since you went with the other shepherds and found Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Would you see things a little differently now? Will anything ever be the same again after you've seen the Savior of the whole world—and He's a tiny little baby? It's the start of a new year. How will things be different for you, knowing that God's own Son has come into the world and that He loves you? **Jesus, let me repeat the sounding joy because you have come into our world!**

## Did you Know?

### Always keep your blind spots in mind

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



## FACT OF LIFE

### Belgian Doctors go on Trial for Killing Woman

*excerpt from live [action.org](http://action.org) 11/28/18*

*by: Cassy Fiano-Chesser*

In Belgium, assisted suicide is shockingly common, and since being decriminalized in 2002, the circumstances under which one can be killed have been relaxed more and more. Now, as long as someone claims to suffer an incurable disease causing unbearable suffering, that person can be euthanized- even children. In a new trial, 3 Belgian doctors are accused of knowingly misdiagnosing a healthy woman as autistic so that she could be euthanized. The fact that Autism would be a diagnosis worthy of euthanasia is nightmarish enough. But doctors lying to do it? According to the deceased patient's family, she was suffering a mental illness, and needed help, not death.

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 30th, 2018

*"The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger."*

- 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

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Fred & Esmeralda: 310.679.9119

**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.

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

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Linda Schmidt  
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