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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

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Saturday: 5PM Vigil

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Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM
8AM

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Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM

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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

-Matthew 2:1-2

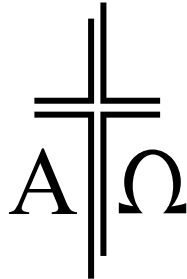
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Warm Greetings and Happy New Year 2022!

While we find ourselves still in somewhat uncertain times—humanity can only do what we can in our strength. I want to remind you today that God is still on the Throne regardless of where we have been or where we are going!

There is a wonderful verse of scripture which, serves as a reminder of who God, is found in **Revelation 22:13**:
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."



While we cannot possibly know what the future holds, we know who holds the future! We are not even gifted enough to know what tomorrow will bring to us, but as Christians, we need to rest assured that God does!

When I understand just a bit of how much God loves me, it puts my mind at ease about His plans and purposes. This New Year, will unfold as God has planned it to happen. Not one thing will take place, that does not first sift through the loving hands of an Almighty God.

There are many times I don't understand the ways of God, but that's really not something we should concern ourselves with. We must only trust Him!

Moving forward into this New Year, I want to encourage you to live your life to the glory of God. We can live in confidence and not timidity! We can live our lives in boldness and assurance because God is on the Throne!

Keep God first in this New Year, and you will be amazed at the things God will do in you, through you, and for you! May God keep you and your family happy and healthy throughout the year!

Blessings in Christ,
Fr. Leszek Semik

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS 2022

JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

**Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

Isaiah 60:1

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the Gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the Magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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EPIPHANY TRADITION

The chalking of the door in one's home is a centuries-old practice throughout the world. It is an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 22



The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6AM - 5PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 7AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS: 6AM - 6PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET + ADORATION

In the Church - Wednesdays at 5PM

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday

Following after all 8AM Masses

And after 6:30AM Masses on

Mon., Wed., and Fri.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM:

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a pre-Baptism Preparation Course through the Los Angeles Archdiocese at www.LaCatholics.org/baptism. Call the Parish Office for more information at 310-670-2243

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE)
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MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples must contact the Office 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family.
Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Arranged by contacting the Parish Office with names of loved ones.
Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

Note: Due to privacy and confidentiality laws, permission must be given by a family member to publish a loved one's name for mass intentions and prayer requests.

FUNERALS:

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 to arrange funeral or memorial services.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, January 2: Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

9 AM - Leonardo Mendoza †

11 AM - Mary Baiocco †

5 PM - Paul Anthony Mallen ★

MONDAY, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6:30AM - Concetta Troia †

8 AM - Jan Moat †

TUESDAY, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

8 AM - Celine Germain ★

WEDNESDAY, January 5: St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

6:30 AM - Richard & Joseph Patrick Harris † †

8 AM - Rosa Piumetti ★ †

THURSDAY, January 6: St. André Bessette

1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

8 AM - David Canady †

FRIDAY, January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

6:30AM - Rosalia LaCorte †

8 AM - John Sigmund Koziel †

SATURDAY, January 8:

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

9 AM - M. Ilyas Guerrit ★ †

5 PM - Marcel Lortie ★

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 7:30AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 11AM	Fr. Innocent Nzewuji
SUN: 5PM	Msgr. Gregory Cox

First Reading - Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalms - The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading - Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel - A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' CORNER

AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART.

LUKE 2:19

Happy New Year! If you're not thrilled about returning to school after the Christmas break, here's something you can do. Be like Mary, who kept all the events of her son's birth in her heart and reflected on them. When you keep your Christmas celebrations with family and friends in your heart, you can call on those memories whenever you need some help or a little cheering up. And you can reflect on the events of Jesus' birth any time, even in July. Think of baby Jesus in the stable with the angels, Mary and Joseph. That's how you can have a really happy new year!



JESUS, HELP ME PAUSE AND PRAY TODAY!

From the book entitled "Living Faith Kids" by Imprimatur Bishop Mark S. Rivituso

YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM



Our goal is to build a vibrant Youth Ministry at St. Anastasia. We find ourselves in need of more adults to walk alongside our Teen Confirmation Program. Join me in accompanying our High School teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. No experience required.

Can you give an hour of your Sunday mornings to help in the formation of our Catholic Youth?

Consider saying "Yes," to the call and invest in the future of our Church! All interested please email:

Ddupree@st-anastasia.org

For the safety of all, volunteers must be Virtus trained & finger printed.

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading [Is 60:1-6](#); [Ps 72](#); [Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6](#); [Mt 2:1-12](#)

PRAY

In the Gospel today we hear that the Magi traveled far to find the Savior Jesus Christ. We see that the bright star drew them in and led the way to where they found the Savior of the World. They brought gifts to share.

Find a quiet place in your home to sit and open your heart to seek Jesus.

What do you want to give to Jesus?

When you are ready, find something in your home that symbolizes the gift you want to give Him and bring it to a special prayer space in your home.

Talk with Jesus about the gift you are giving Him and why you chose to bring Him that gift. Quietly meditate and listen for what Jesus says to you in this time of prayer.



TALK

Have each member in your household make a star out of construction paper.

Take some time to think about the beautiful gifts the Magi brought to baby Jesus. They were precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each of us have been given gifts and talents that we share with others.

What gifts do you have to share?

Examples for Children:

Are you a good listener?

Are you a good brother or sister to your siblings?

Do you help your parents with chores?

Write these gifts on your star and share your star with your family.

After sharing, place the stars in a significant place in your home where you will see them frequently and be reminded of all the beautiful gifts you want to share.

MASS FOR THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany physical, emotional or spiritual illness. We come together as a community, with empathy for the suffering on **January 13th at a special 5PM Mass**. The Sacrament is intended to address and support each other through our pain.



FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is a communication tool that we have been testing across various ministries since the Fall. It allows us to more effectively communicate with you and your family through text or email. With Flocknote, you choose what information to receive regarding events happening at St. Anastasia. Join today by texting our keyword **STACHURCH** to **84576**.

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org.

Jan. 9 bulletin content: Due Thursday, Dec. 30
Jan. 16 bulletin content: Due Thursday Jan. 6

OUTREACH MINISTRY

All that new outdoor camping gear Santa brought you for Christmas this year looks great! So what do you plan to do with your good old stuff?

Pay it Forward

Maybe we can take it off your hands — sleeping bags, warm jackets, tarps, blankets, tents, boots, bungee cords, whatever else that can help us with our outreach projects in the community. If there is anything you think is worth donating to the Catholic Charities LA - St. Roberts Center of Venice, please contact THoffarth@ccharities.org

We also accept mens and womens durable shirts, jeans, shoes and jackets, as well as, new socks, new underwear, stocking caps, and warm gloves. And if you have boxes of paperback books stowed away, consider letting us help them find new readers - especially the classics!

See our Amazon gift registry for more ideas as well: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/owner-view?registryId=1LL2FEVXLPHFI>

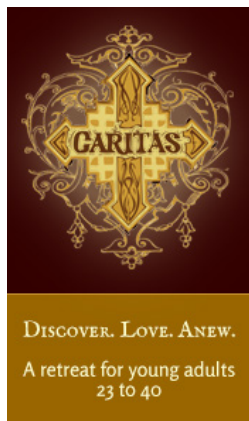
Our Next Volunteer Date is scheduled for **January 22, 2022**. Signup at <https://stanastasia.flocknote.com/signup/70593>

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BEYOND OUR PARISH

CHRISTUS MINISTRIES



Caritas is a retreat experience that has helped over 2,000 people explore God's love and voice in their lives through relationships with those around them.

Who: Anyone 23-40+ years old.

When: Friday, January 14, 2022 @ 4 pm - Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 4 pm

Where: Old Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, nestled

in the foothills of San Diego County, this fifty-six-acre campus is a National Historic Landmark and offers many areas for meditation and relaxation. Its remarkable surroundings have a profound effect on young people, who enjoy the outdoors in a coastal setting.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT @ SERRA RETREAT HOUSE

WOMEN'S Retreat with Sr. Carol Quinlivan, C.S.J. & Fr. Charlie Smiech, O.F.M. **3pm Friday, January 7th through 1pm Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

The Franciscan Friars invite you to a weekend of "Let us walk on in faith and in confidence." Join us to experience a weekend of shifting your perspective to see with new eyes, and re-discover God's presence in the midst of everyday living. Cost is \$300 per person for a single room; and \$240 per person for a double room (includes 6 meals). There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person, to be paid with the registration. This retreat is open to women of all walks of life.

For more information, please contact the Center at (310) 456-6631 or visit www.serraretreat.com

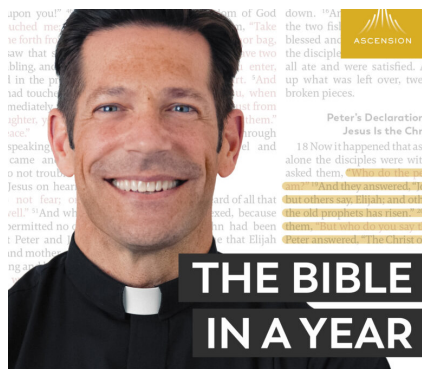


THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Join us for Day 1 on January 1st, 2022

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes



Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- Two to three Scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? January 1-2, 2022 || Online safety review for the new year

Take some time this month to review your family's online safety. Make sure you have strong passwords in place, and that your security settings are updated. Check where you have passwords stored as well — children who are tech savvy can easily access inappropriate materials on smart TVs and devices where passwords do not have to be entered. Consider installing accountability software on any devices that your children access. Software like Covenant Eyes or other options can keep your child from visiting any inappropriate or forbidden sites. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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