

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

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Saturday: 5PM Vigil Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,

11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM

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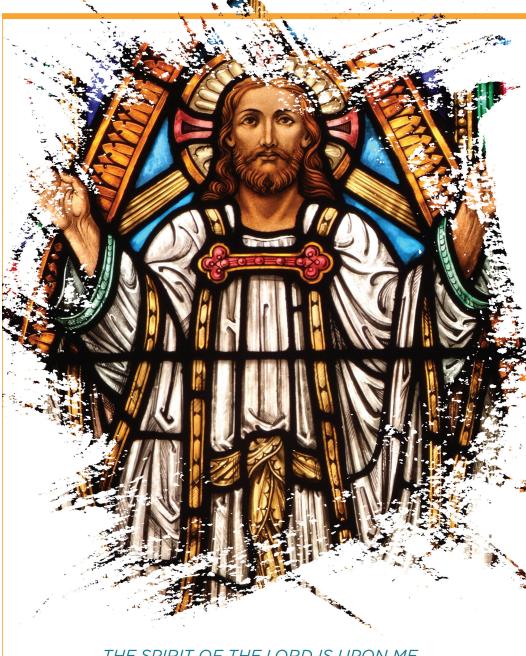
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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME...
- LK 4:18

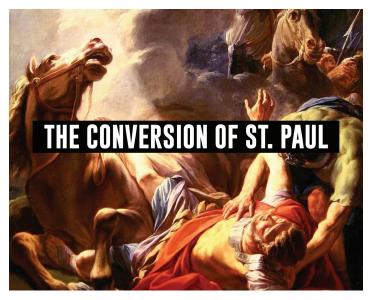
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God's Law

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.



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**.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now, it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Feb. 6 bulletin content: Due Thursday Jan. 27 Feb. 13 bulletin content: Due Thursday. Feb. 3

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 RECONCILITION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE)

Cell/Text: 310.614.7520 or Email: Nivita007@st-anastasia.org

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree

Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (RCIA):

More on becoming Catholic contact Nivita Aldrede-Brito (DRE) Cell/Text: 310.614.7520 or Email: Nivita007@st-anastasia.org

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 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4;

4:14-21

7:30 AM – Jan Moat 🕏

9 AM – Juliana Mammana 🕆

11 AM – June Derbas Sounart 🕏

5 PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆

MONDAY, January 24: St. Frances de Sales

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

6:30AM - Fr. Leszek Semik ◆

8 AM -Shelton T.M. Lorick 🖈

TUESDAY, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

8 AM - Rose de Leonardis ◆

WEDNESDAY, January 26: Ss. Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

6:30 AM – Ed Araujo 🕏

8 AM - Jan Moat 🕆

THURSDAY, January 27: St. Angela Merici

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

8 AM - Esperanza Daland 🕆

FRIDAY, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

6:30AM – Fr. Innocent Nzewuji ◆

8 AM - Dianne McCanna •

SATURDAY, January 29: Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

9 AM – Marcela & Romeo Dizon ♥
5 PM – Judi Mallen ★

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm – I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading – Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel – When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading Gospel - Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

PRAY

Take a moment of silence to reflect on the Gospel words:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

During this prayer time, what words resonated with you? How do these words bring spirit and life to you at this moment?

TALK

We are all the Body of Christ!

- How do we use our gifts and talents to live out the example of Jesus?
- How are we living this call of Missionary Discipleship?
- How is Jesus asking you to take care of the members of this Body of Christ?



Consider one of these activities to do as an individual or family:

- Reach out to someone you prayed for
- Call someone in grief
- Donate to your Parish/Local pantry

Share as a household/ family:

• How did this prayer time and activity help you grow closer to Jesus?

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Please keep our HS Confirmation Y1 Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to go on retreat this month. May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. [Jn 17:3]



KIDS' CORNER

IJESUS] APPOINTED TWELVE, WHOM HE ALSO NAMED APOSTLES, THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND HE MIGHT SEND THEM FORTH TO PREACH...

MARK 3:14

We owe the apostles a lot for telling us about Jesus. They preached to many people, and their words have been handed down through many centuries. Thanks to them, we know today what Jesus said and did. We know about his love for us and the guidance he gives us each day. We owe a lot to our parents, pastors, and teachers too. They help us remember Jesus' words and know his love. Imagine how much we would be missing if we knew nothing about Jesus.

LORD. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELP ME KNOW YOU.

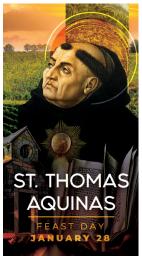
From the book entitled "Living Faith Kids" by Imprimatur Bishop Mark S. Rivituso

SAINT OF THE WEEK | ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



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Parish Life School News

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

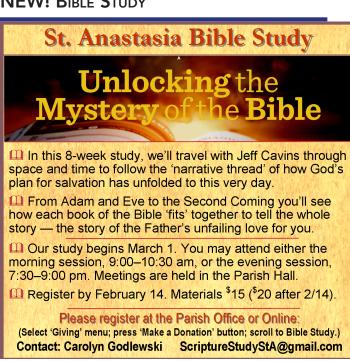


WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



Upcoming on **January 30th** and every last Sunday of the month— we invite those couples married in that month to receive a special blessing after each Mass.

NEW! BIBLE STUDY



St. Anastasia Catholic School Open House



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BEYOND OUR PARISH

THE RIGHT TO LIFE LEAGUE

One of our League members, the Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley, has two part-time job openings for people who are passionate about the Christian faith, the sanctity of human life, and who wants to work in a ministry environment.

Social Media Coordinator - Part Time

If you have a heart for pro-life ministry, LOVE social media, are gifted at writing and communicating, and need a job with flexible hours, this may be the perfect job for you. Position combines working remotely and on-site at the clinic.

RN / Limited Ultra-Sound Sonographer – Part Time 80% of women facing unplanned pregnancies who have an opportunity to receive an ultrasound, choose life for their babies. Effective January 2022, the WCAV is committed to providing the training for our employed nurses to be able to perform limited ultrasounds because ultrasounds save lives. If this stirs your heart, we may be the place God is calling you to serve.

WCAV is a pro-life Christian pregnancy clinic providing pregnancy testing, pregnancy verification, limited ultrasounds and options counseling--all at no cost to clients. Please email Stacy Ralston directly at director@womensclinicav.com

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Men's Retreat

"Let us walk on in faith and in confidence."

MEN'S Retreat with Sr. Carol Quinlivan, CSJ. & Fr. Charlie Smiech, OFM. 3pm Friday, February 4th through 1pm Sunday February 6th, 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 Men of all walks of life

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

DID YOU KNOW?

January 22-23 | Talk to your teenagers about Instagram

Teens and social media have been in the news a lot over the past several months, as research shows how damaging social media sites can be for self-esteem, productivity, and overall well-being. Instagram has been called out, with research citing harm done by filters and by bullying in private messages. How can parents protect their children from the negative impacts such a popular and prevalent site cause? Experts recommend keeping open lines of communication with your teenagers, talking to them often about what they see and how they feel about it. Use age and activity limits, or monitoring, to keep tabs on how your teens are using Instagram and other social media sites. For more

information, read the Associated Press' "Instagram and teens: How to keep your kids safe," at https://apnews.com/article/technology-social-media-instagram-parents-guide-d5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96.



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