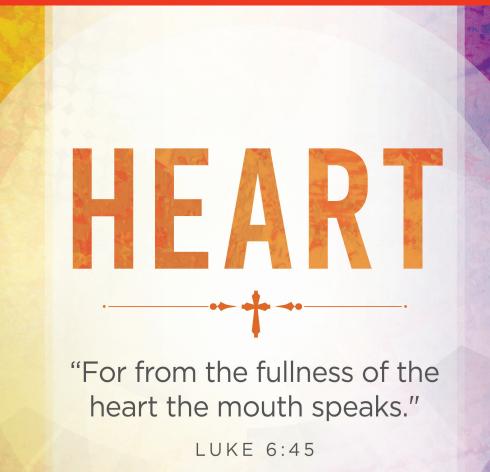


# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# FEBRUARY 27, 2022

**Pastor** Rev. Leszek Semik

Associate Pastor Rev. Innocent Nzewuji

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE** Rev. Msgr. Gregory Cox

**Business Manager** Fred Balsz

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 7:30

5PM Vigil 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM

Daily Masses Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM 8AM Tues, Thu, Sat: 8AM

RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:45PM

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED WEEKENDS)

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# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. Copyright © LPi

**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.

# FATHER THOMAS KING FUNERAL INFORMATION



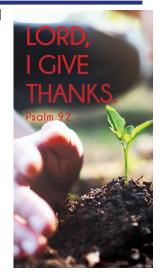
Father Thomas King's Funeral will be held at —

St. Anastasia Catholic Church on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. The Funeral Mass is open to the community. The internment will be private. Please reach out to the Parish Office for any more information.

# PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly



subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

# DAILY PRAYERS

#### $\label{eq:personal Prayer in the Church$

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, February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

> 7:30 AM – Lenny Levine 🍄 9 AM – C.J. and Rosemary Cambre & 다

11 AM – St. Anastasia Parishioners 🔶

5 PM – Mark Hennessy 🔶

MONDAY, February 28: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

6:30AM – Olga Stodder ★

8 AM – Alice Jane "Nana" Mallen 🕆

TUESDAY, March 1: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

8 AM – Florie Robnett ★ WEDNESDAY, March 2: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

> 6:30 AM – Father William Fulco & 8 AM – John Morgan ★ & 11 AM – Father Thomas King &

> > 5 PM – Gretchen Luna 🔶

THURSDAY, March 3: St. Katharine Drexel Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

8 AM – John Madden 🔂

FRIDAY, March 4: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

6:30 AM – Maria Barragan ★ 🕆

8 AM – Mark Hennessy 🔶

SATURDAY, March 5: First Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

8 AM – John Madden 🕆

5 PM – Don T. 🔶

# NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

**First Reading** – The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm – Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** – All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** – Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

# FAITH FORMATION

# FAITH @ HOME

#### HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading <u>Gospel - Mark 1:40-45</u>

# PRAY

Begin your prayer time by reciting the "Jesus Prayer":

When you breathe in say, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God."

When you breathe out say, "Have mercy on me a sinner." Recite this three times.

We hear in the Gospel, that Jesus cautions us about being more concerned over the splinter in someone else's eye, rather than the beam in our own.

Talk with Jesus and ask him to help you identify your own blind spots in your eyes or in your heart.

Ask Jesus how you can live more like Him – to be more humane, humble, loving, compassionate, and kind.

Ask Jesus what you might need to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to cleanse your heart and soul, from the times in your life where you have failed to live as Jesus asks us to live.

# TALK

Take a few minutes to watch this reflection from John Michael Talbot (<u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>watch?v=s8uC\_ooJERM</u>) based on today's Gospel. After watching the video, spend some time reflecting on the questions below, and share your responses with a close family member or friend.

- When do you find yourself judging other people?
- What in your own heart might need to be cleansed so you can bear good fruit?

# **RCIA PROGRAM**



Congratulations to our Catechumens William Jensen and Anthony Barrillas, as they present themselves in front of Archbishop Gomez and accept their final stage of preparation as they continue their journey to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation during our Easter Vigil.

# KIDS' CORNER

#### ... THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL

#### **JAMES 5:11**



#### What exactly does it mean that God is compassionate and merciful? Well, God created us and loves us with an unending love. He wants to hear what is going on in our lives, and he listens to our prayers. God is with us in the times of trouble. God will never

turn away from us. God forgives us when we've done something we're not proud of.

What else does it mean that God is compassionate and merciful? It means he calls us to be the same for others. Knowing how God loves you, listens to you, forgives you and is with you in times of trouble, how can you be compassionate and merciful to someone today?

### GOD. HELP ME SHOW COMPASSION AND MERCY TODAY.

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

# CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Please keep our HS Confirmation Y2 Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to go on retreat this weekend. May they come to know you, the One True God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. [Jn 17:3]

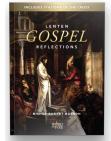


# PARISH LIFE

# LENTEN SEASON 2022

Lenten Season is right around the corner. We invite

all parishioners to pick up a copy of Lenten Gospel Reflections book by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies will be distributed after each Mass on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note the parish has purchased these booklets and we need to be mindful to take only (1) copy per family. The front office will have



limited copies to distribute during the week after distribution at our Masses.



# Ash Wednesday Mass/Ash Services have been scheduled as follows:

6:30 AM Mass/Ashes 8:00 AM Mass/Ashes 11:00 AM Mass/Ashes 5:00 PM Mass/Ashes



Community Lenten Meals will be back this year on Wednesdays throughout the Lenten Season beginning on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to coming togehter in Pastor's Plaza. In order to make this a success, we invite the leaders of our ministries to consider hosting one week. Volunteers willing to host, please reach out to Fred Balsz and Dianalee Dupree fbalsz@st-anastasia.org & ddupree@st-anastasia.org

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

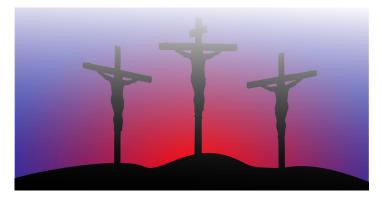


The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the Parking Lot next **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-1:30PM,** collecting useable clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, books, etc.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

# Live Walking Stations of the Cross

Join our SRE team every **Saturday at 3:00 PM** during Lent as we walk together, pray, and meditate guided by the Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis. In his message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God." This is something for the entire family.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



# Beyond Our Parish

# DID YOU KNOW?

# February 26-27 || Decide on online safety rules for your family

If your children use the internet or social media, you will want to decide how, when, and where they can use it. Review privacy settings on apps, games, and websites, and talk to your children about how to keep their information private and safe. Check in often to make sure your children are following the rules and update accordingly as apps update or

technology changes. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at lacatholics.org/ did-you-know.



# **R**ESPECT LIFE



# March 2-April 10

# HELP SAVE LIVES IN LAWNDALE

You can protect mothers, fathers, and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 63 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk matters!

With God's help, here are the proven results:

- 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- 200 abortion workers converted
- 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part:

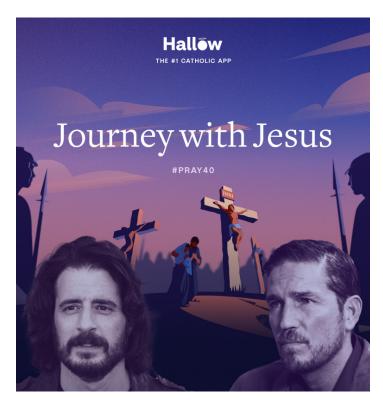
- Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood South Bay 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily
- Local contact: Teressa Syta, 310-592-4213 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at:

# 40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

# **#PRAY40 CHALLENGE**

Join the two most famous and powerful portrayals of Jesus Christ in our lifetimes, in prayer and meditation in Lent #Pray40! Only available on the Hallow App



# HEART OF JESUS RETREAT CENTER

# Lenten Retreat for Adults Rich in Mercy

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – 9 pm Or Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 12pm In-person or Virtual Sign up now. Registration is online.

https://joyfulapostolate.org/lent-retreat/ Suggested donation \$25.00

Please register by March 11<sup>th</sup>. In-person space is limited.

Retreat Center

**2927 S Greenville St. Santa Ana, CA 92704** 714-557-4538 RetreatCenter@sacredheartsisters.com

# **BULLETIN UPDATES**

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

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