



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

REPENT



“But I tell you, if you do not
repent, you will all perish
as they did!”

LUKE 13:3

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5PM Vigil

Sunday: 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
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“I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.”

LUKE 13:8-9

TRUST IN GOD

Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, “Earth’s crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.” We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child “Because I said so,” God tells Moses “I am who I am,” and “tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you.” God may as well have said, “Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn.” The passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God’s message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation.

A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a “continuous Lent.” At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, “conversion of life.” In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

GROWTH

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

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BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Apr. 3 bulletin content: Due Thursday Mar. 24

Apr. 10 bulletin content: Due Thursday Mar. 31

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**.



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)
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)
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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, March 20: Third Sunday of Lent, Spring Begins

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

7:30 AM - Don T. †

9 AM - Denise & Wesley Askea ♦

11 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

5 PM - Crystal Rasbot ★

MONDAY, March 21:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

6:30AM - Mercedes and Carlos ††

8 AM - Rocco Farelo †

TUESDAY, March 22:

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

8 AM - Dr. Randy Brooks †

WEDNESDAY, March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

6:30 AM - Mrs. Irene Kozlowski †

8 AM - Grace Nuno †

THURSDAY, March 24:

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

8 AM - Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra †††

FRIDAY, March 25: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:30 AM - Fr. Tom King †

8 AM - Katia Abbas ★

SATURDAY, March 26:

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

8 AM - Marcelo Gatchalian †

5 PM - Shane Mallen ★

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms – Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading – We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel – We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading
[Gospel - John 4:5-42](#)

PRAY



People, by definition, are dissatisfied beings who always thirst for something: water, wealth, happiness, power, love, justice, salvation.

Our thirst, deep down, is a thirst for God. He is inviting us to seek Him

and to meet Him. Close your eyes. Imagine that you are approaching the well.

It is a well-known place, where you often go to get water. It's hot... You are thirsty... You carry a pitcher in your hand... Suddenly, Jesus appears, who sits next to you at the well. He asks you for water...

Listen to what he tells you... how he speaks to you... what he needs from you. Talk to him. What am I thirsty for? What do I need? What do I want to fill my life with? Now I let silence be in me. I am simply present in God, as He is quietly present in me.

TALK

As a family, discuss the following questions:

- Do I find time to talk to my family members?
- Do I find time to talk to this OTHER with whom we share our lives?
- What is my life thirsty for? Am I thirsty for God?
- Who is the God of my life?

After her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman lived a missionary experience inviting others to go to Jesus. During this week invite someone from the family or someone you know who has been away from the church to go with you to Mass the following Sunday



KIDS' CORNER

PETER... ASKED HIM, LORD, IF MY BROTHER SINS AGAINST ME, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE HIM? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?" JESUS ANSWERED, " I SAY TO YOU, NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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KEEP FORGIVING

It's not that Peter didn't know how to count. The problem was that he could! So, Jesus told him about a servant who owed his master a lot of money. The master forgave the debt. But when someone else

owed the servant some money, the servant refused to forgive. God doesn't keep count of how many times he forgives us, so we shouldn't keep track of how often we forgive others. The next time someone irritates you for the tenth time, forget how to count for a minute and forgive.

LOVING GOD, HELP ME FORGIVE OTHERS THE WAY YOU FORGAVE ME.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? March 19-20 || Talking to teens about edibles

For many young people, the widespread legalization of marijuana has provided more opportunities to try it, and in a variety of ways. Edibles — marijuana-infused brownies, gummies, candies, and other foods — are

gaining popularity. Talk to your teens about the risks associated with marijuana in any form, even snacks. For tips on how to start this conversation, read the New York Times article "How to Talk to Teens About Edibles" at <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/19/well/family/weed-edibles-teens.html>.



LENTEN SEASON 2022



Stations of the Cross in the Church

Join us every **Friday at 5PM** during Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Also, if you'd like to meditate and pray the Stations of the Cross at home with music accompaniment visit <http://www.st-anastasia.org/parish-events/stations-of-the-cross-home/>

Live Walking Stations of the Cross

Join our SRE team every **Saturday at 3PM** 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.

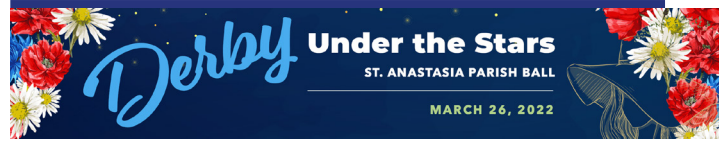


Lenten Simple Meals (formerly Simple Soup) will be back this year on **Wednesdays at 6PM in Pastor's Plaza** throughout the Lenten Season. We look forward to coming together for reflection and community building. In order to make this a success, we invite the leaders of our ministries to consider hosting one of the weeks. Please reach out to volunteer and don't forget to RSVP by contacting the Parish Office at parish@st-anastasia.org or call (310)670-2243.

THE SISTERS OF AGAPE BOUTIQUE

The Sisters of Agape will be here this weekend **March 19th- March 20th** after Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses to sell items from a large collection of handmade religious articles. They will also have fresh Eastern pastries for sale, specifically handmade by the Sisters.

PARISH BALL - MARCH 26, 2022



Sold Out Annual Parish Ball Benefiting St. Anastasia Catholic School and Church!

Although our event is sold out due to limited capacity, you can still show your support by participating in our silent auction and donating to our School Fund by visiting:

<https://bit.ly/2022ParishBall>

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Join Christus Ministries for a fun and relaxing day to explore how ordinary, everyday experiences can be ways of encountering God. The day includes a family-friendly Sunday Vigil Mass, parent and children tracks, as

well as opportunities for each family to enjoy quality time together.

When: Saturday, March 26 @ 9:00am - 3:30 pm
* Optional Sunday Vigil Mass & dinner to follow (4-6 pm)

Where: Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions:
10775 Deshore Place, Culver City, CA 90230

Cost: \$100/family (see options below) | \$103 (with PayPal fees)

* Includes 3 meals, snacks, all materials and equipment per person.

Check: Payable to Christus Ministries mailed to P.O. Box 4525, Culver City, CA 90231
Please input **Family Day** in memo of payment.

Registration: Space is limited. Please register (one per family) by March 18 to help us plan for you and your family at <https://www.christusministries.org/events/playandpray>

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