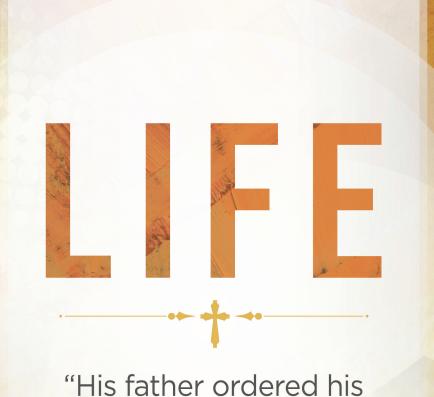


ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.""

LUKE 15:24A

MARCH 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

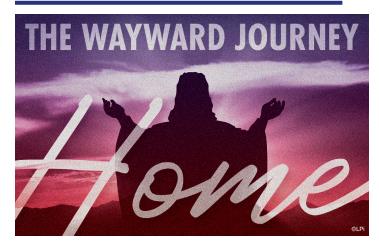
RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:45PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED WEEKENDS)

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Gospel Meditation



God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others. ...

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We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right?

If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

DID YOU KNOW?

March 26-27 || Understanding appropriate behaviors

Most children engage in age-appropriate behaviors, exploring their bodies to understand how they work. It is important for parents and caregivers to understand the difference between natural, healthy curiosity and



inappropriate behaviors that would raise red flags suggesting possible abuse. Any sexual behaviors that a child exhibits in a way that is hostile, aggressive, or overtly sexual should raise concern. Learn more about these differences in the VIRTUS® article "The Issue of Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/didyou-know/.

Housekeeping

Please be sure to not drop off any prayer cards, relics, or announcements in the church vestibule without prior approval from the Parish Office. We don't have much table space and take pride in keeping the House of the Lord tidy. Please contact the Parish Office who can add to our "News on Wheel" board.

BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Apr. 10 bulletin content: Due Thursday. Mar. 31 Apr. 17 bulletin content: Due Thursday. Apr. 7

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, March 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

> 7:30 AM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦ 9 AM – Antonia Montenotti & 11 AM – Msgr. Royal Vadakin ★ & 5 PM – Charles Linberg Currents &

MONDAY, March 28:

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

6:30AM – Don T.♦ 8 AM – Fr. Thomas King &

TUESDAY, March 29:

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

8 AM – Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra 🔂 🔂 🗘

WEDNESDAY, March 30: Lenten Simple Meals in Pastor's Plaza at 6PM Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

> 6:30 AM – Fr. Thomas King 🕆 8 AM – Dan Austin 🕆

THURSDAY, March 31: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

8 AM – Aurora Hernandez ★

FRIDAY, April 1: First Friday; Abstinence; April Fool's Day Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

> 6:30 AM – Fr. Thomas King 🕆 8 AM – Al Nunn 🕏

SATURDAY, April 2: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53 8 AM – Tony Sales Family ◆

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm – The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading – The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel – A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION

Can we talk in Church?

ANSWER

Friends, at Church we are called to be still and pray. Let God do His thing. We need the quiet to take in and digest as much of what God is there to give us. Talking in Church before or after Masses is a distraction. If what is being said is not itself sinful, it is morally neutral to talk. However, Catholic moral teaching tells us that "circumstances" change the moral character of actions. Talking in Church when not demanded by necessity is at least venially sinful for the following reasons:

1) It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was "a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose.

2) It is a violation of justice against actual neighbors who are trying to pray. Again, necessity permits talking, just as it permits practicing the music before Mass or encouraged teaching moments with children learning about etiquette at Mass. The truth of this is shown by the strict guard for silence in Churches around the world. Even tourists viewing architecture and art, are mindful to keep to a whisper.

3) It is a violation of charity, since as Christians we should be going "out of ourselves" to look after others first. If a person crassly and knowingly disregarded others trying to pray, or worst of all did so with malice or contempt, it could even be a mortal sin against charity.

If friends approach us before or after Mass, wanting to start a conversation, a simple gesture inviting them to follow you outside the Church to talk is appropriate. We give a great witness to our fellow Catholics when we first lead by example. We always encourage good hospitality by sharing a friendly smile within the Church to friends and our new parishioners. After Mass, greet them in the Courtyard to talk and laugh to your heats content.



KIDS' CORNER

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH. AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN DISTRESS. THEREFORE WE FEAR NOT...

PSALM 46:2-3



Everyone is afraid sometimes. Even adults. That's why it's important to remember that God is our refuge and

strength. a refuge is a place where you can be safe and cared for. God loves you, cares for you and protects you in his own way. Remind yourself of this often so that when you do have a bad day, it's a little easier to remember. And when you are afraid, keep praying to God, remembering that God is always with you and cares about everything that happens to you.

LORD. HELP ME REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME, IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD.

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY - ST. ROBERT'S CENTER



Next St. Robert's Volunteer Date is scheduled for *April 2, 2022.* Signup at https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/70593

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



Reminder **March 27th** and every last Sunday of the month— we invite those couples married in that month to receive a special blessing after each Mass.

LENTEN SEASON 2022



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-crosshome/

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) is 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 each week. All parishioners and families are welcomed! Thank you to all the ministries and volunteers that have stepped up to participate in bringing our community together:

- 3/9: MOMs Ministry
- 3/16: Confirmation Program
- 3/23: Companions on the Journey
- 3/30: Parish Office Staff
- 4/6: Religious Education Students and Family
- 4/13: volunteers needed

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**.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

It is important to us that we are able to better serve each of our dear parishioners. Whether you have been a parishioner for many years or new to our parish we ask that you take a few minutes to complete and/or update your **registration online**. Maybe you've recently moved and need to update your address. Maybe you have welcomed a new child into your family. Visit our website for instructions on how to fill out the registration forms in three easy steps — <u>http://www.st-anastasia.org/about-us/</u> <u>parish-registration/</u>

Please be sure to register each member of your family so that our staff is able to correctly keep records of family sacraments and assist you when documentation is requested. Your assistance is much appreciated in making sure we maintain a working and accurate database of all our parishioners.

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SEE'S CANDIES FOR EASTER

Purchase all your best Easter candy with none of the hassle, delivered right to your door! Buy some See's Candy and St. A's will receive **20% - 50%** of all purchases. This deal ends on **March 25th**, so buy now! And you can even arrange a shipping date closer to Easter so you won't have all that glorious chocolate staring at you for too long before the Easter holiday. Please use the QR code to ensure St. A's gets credit.





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. Receive the digital bulletin, ministy updates, and more! Join today by texting our keyword **STACHURCH** to **84576**.



Beyond Our Parish

RESPECT LIFE



March 2-April 10 40 DAYS FORLIFE.

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

WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD



ST. ROBERT'S CENTER



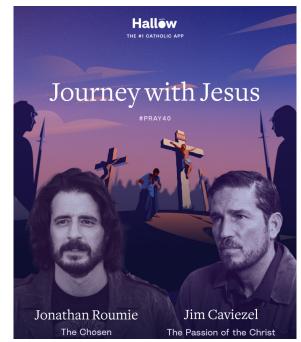
Every 6 weeks our Parish Outreach Ministry volunteers at St. Robert's Center in Venice. If you can't join us on service days you are still able to help by paying it forward!

During this Lenten season please pray for and consider providing some relief to those less fortunate. Tom and his team of volunteers have created an Amazon wishlist of items they are most in need of. You can find the link here -<u>https://amzn.to/3ECpqed</u>

You are also welcome to drop off durable clothing items for men and women, gently used shoes, jackets and other essentials at St. Roberts Center located at 211 3rd Ave, Venice, CA 9029. You can also entrust a St. A's volunteer to take your items the next time we visit. Contact the Parish Office to arrange. Anything you think is worth donating to the Catholic Charities LA - St. Robert's Center of Venice, please contact Tom directly at **THoffarth@ccharities.org**

#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**







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