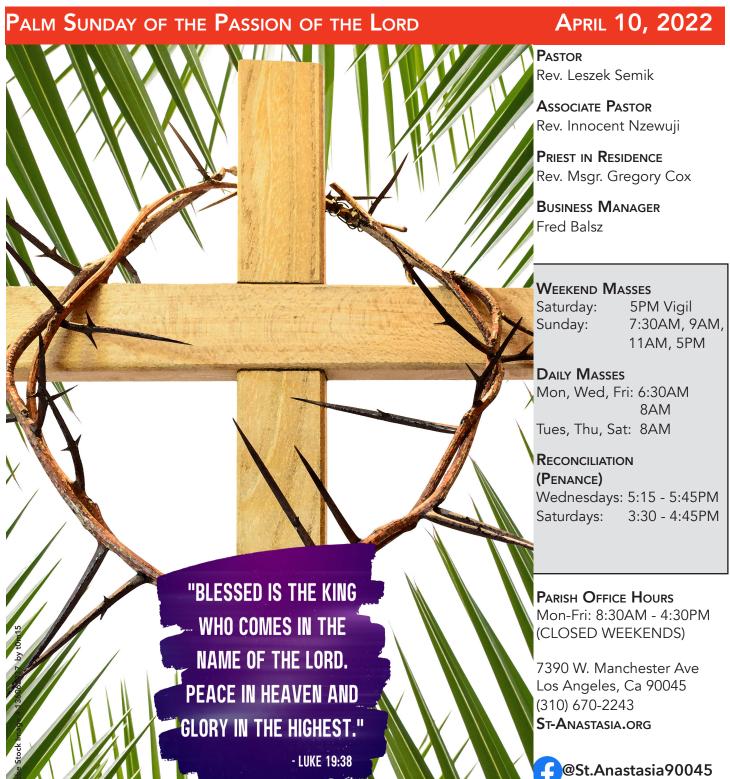


# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION



Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. ...

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When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Our Second Collection today April 10, 2022 is for our Building Fund. It is important that we continue to invest in the maintenance, repairs and upgrades of our existing facilities to help better serve the current needs of our parish community. Our recent improvements include the remodeling of our confessional and the completion of the Divine Mercy Chapel.

#### **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**.

#### **BULLETIN UPDATES**

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

Apr. 24 bulletin content: Due Thursday. Apr. 14

## 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.



#### Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

Birthday ★ Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial &

SUNDAY, April 10: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1-49]

7:30 AM - Ruby Doney ★

9 AM - Fr. Leszek Semik ◆

11 AM – Mayda and Jerry Vazquez★ ★

5 PM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆

MONDAY, April 11: Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

6:30AM - Dan Austin 🕆

8 AM - Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra む む 다

TUESDAY, April 12: Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8 AM - Amalia Mateo 🕏

WEDNESDAY, April 13: Wednesday of Holy Week

Lenten Simple Meals in Pastor's Plaza at 6PM

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

6:30 AM - Dan Austin ❖ 8 AM - Ceci Morgan ★

#### 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

#### MARRIAGE:

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 8PM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 7:30AM	Msgr. Gregory Cox
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Leszek Semik
SUN: 11AM	Fr. Innocent Nzewuji

**First Reading** – Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** – This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** – All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or **(2) Second Reading** – Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel –** Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9)

### **HOLY WEEK MASSES**

THURSDAY, April 14: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, April 15: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Abstinence

Is 52:13 – 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42

SATURDAY, April 16: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

#### 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.

#### FAITH FORMATION

#### FAITH @ HOME

#### HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading Gospel - John 8:1-11

#### PRAY

In the Gospel today, we see that Jesus made a triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey – this was to fulfill the prophecy. In Zechariah 9:9, the prophet speaks of a future king presenting himself to Jerusalem while riding on a humble donkey.



This foreshadowed something that happened about 500 years later. As explained in Luke 19:35-37, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and presented himself as the Messiah, the King. The people were eagerly awaiting

the Messiah. Some of the people recognized Jesus as the Messiah and shouted "Hosanna" and other words of praise. God sent us His son, Jesus, because God loved us. Jesus was a powerful king who chose to love us by sacrificing his life on the cross. As we enter into Holy Week, hold a crucifix in your hand and pray with Jesus Contemplate His great love for you. Feel deep gratitude for His love, mercy and forgiveness. What words of praise would you offer to Jesus? Pray with Jesus and ask Him to help you love others unconditionally.

#### TALK

Think about a time when you experienced the unconditional love of a family member or friend. Begin by recalling the experience of receiving this love. How did this unconditional love touch your heart? Journal your thoughts and feelings about this experience.

Now, recall a time when you showed unconditional love to a family member or friend. How did you feel when you touched another with this action of unconditional love? Journal your thoughts and feelings about this experience. Sit down with a family member or close friend and share these unconditional love stories. After the exchange of these stories, pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us... "Our Father."

#### KIDS' CORNER

THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER AND OF GREAT KINDESS. THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL AND COMPASSIONATE TOWARD ALL HIS WORKS.

**PSALM 46:2-3** 



Sometimes people might get mad at us and think they never want to be around us again. God, however, loves everyone forever! God will never stay

mad at us. As long as we are truly sorry for our bad deeds and ask God to forgive us, he will!

#### LORD, HELP ME SAY THESE WORDS WHEN I NEED TO: I AM SORRY.

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

#### CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Question:** Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish.

Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Take a few minutes to complete and/or update your registration online. Visit our website for instructions on how to fill out the registration forms in three easy steps — <a href="http://www.st-anastasia.org/about-us/parish-registration/">http://www.st-anastasia.org/about-us/parish-registration/</a> Please be sure to register each member of your family .

#### Parish Life

#### LENTEN SEASON 2022



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY** 

Regular Mass Schedule 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM

HOLY THURSDAY No Morning Masses

**7PM Mass** 

**GOOD FRIDAY** 

12N The Lord's Passion 3PM Stations of the Cross 7PM The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 8PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM NO 5PM MASS

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5PM in the Church.

Saturdays at 3PM we walk the outdoor stations, pray, and meditate on Pope Francis' Lenten Reflections calling on the faithful to



"renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.

At Home with music accompaniment visit our website http://www.st-anastasia.org/parish-events/stations-ofthe-cross-home/

#### St. Anastasia Social Club - Casino Trip

The Social Club is planning a trip to **Soboba Casino** on June 1. The per person cost is \$40, and all participants will need to show proof of complete vaccination status (including a booster shot). The bus will be leaving from the church at 9:00 AM. If you are interested, please call Laurette ASAP to make your reservation(s). She will be happy to answer any questions. Her number is 310-670-2488.

#### LENTEN SIMPLE MEALS



We'd love to see you at our next Lenten Simple Meals. Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM in Pastor's **Plaza**. 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!



#### EASTER BASKETS & EGG HUNT



Our DRE will be preparing Easter basets. Be sure to sign up in the Diamond Courtyard to reserve yours by April 10th.

Nivita Brito DRE and volunteers will host an Easter Egg hunt on the St. A's Field Easter Sunday from 12:15PM-12:45PM. Bring a basket - ALL are welcomed!

#### St. Margaret's Center Collection



Don't miss our monthly donations basket after every Mass on April 17, 2022, supporting St. Margaret's Center.

Since 1987, they have been providing a range of emergency and supportive services, to about 10,000 individuals annually, in the Los Angeles "L.A.X." area.

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- 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

#### DID YOU KNOW?

# April 9-10 || 2022 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact



numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at: https:// lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-thechildren/.

#### St. ROBERT'S CENTER



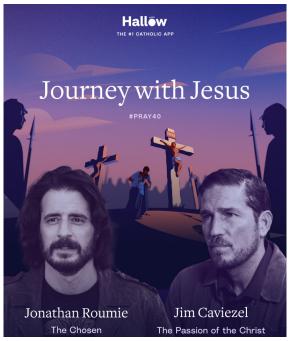
Every 6 weeks our Parish Outreach Ministry volunteers at St. Robert's Center in Venice. If you can't join us on service days you are still able to help by paying it forward!

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 - <a href="https://amzn.to/3ECpqed">https://amzn.to/3ECpqed</a>

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**

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