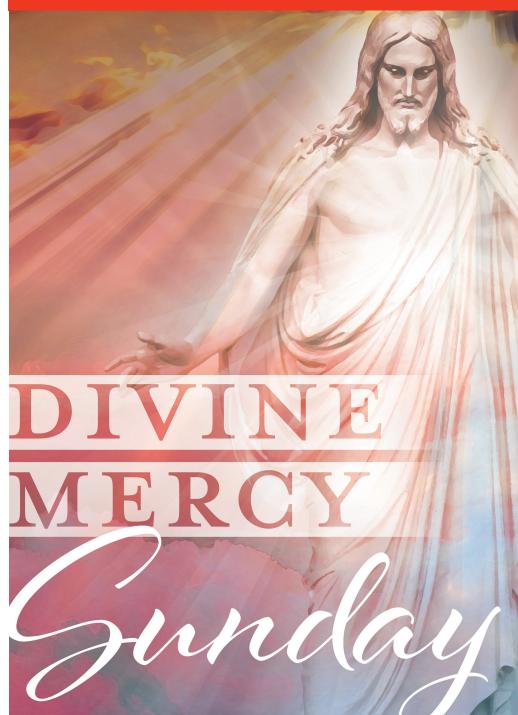
ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 24, 2022



PASTOR Rev. Leszek Semik

Associate Pastor Rev. Innocent Nzewuji

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE Rev. Msgr. Gregory Cox

BUSINESS MANAGER Fred Balsz

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

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

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a welldisguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder



blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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.**

May 1 bulletin content: Due Thursday. Apr. 26 May 8 bulletin content: Due Thursday. May 3

VISIT OUR DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Chapel on the East side of the vestibule was added to our church in May of 2021 to provide you with a quiet place to pray and spend time with Jesus. Let's contemplate Jesus' infinite Divine Mercy so that it may flow through us and pour out to all those we encounter. Most importantly, that

we may always 'Trust in Him.' Join us today **Sunday**, **April 24th at 3PM** in the Church for a Divine Mercy special service including the Chaplet of Mercy prayers.

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, April 24: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31 7:30 AM – Msgr. 'Gabe' Gonzales ♥ 9 AM – Irene Kozlowski ♥ 11 AM – The NJ Mallen Family ◆ 5 PM – St. Anastasia Parishioners ◆ MONDAY, April 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 6:30AM – Don T. ◆

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

TUESDAY, April 26: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

8 AM – Teresita Cui ★ 🕆

WEDNESDAY, April 27: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

> 6:30 AM – Grace Nuno む 8 AM – Msgr. 'Gabe' Gonzales む

THURSDAY, April 28: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

8 AM – Fr. Tom King 🕆

FRIDAY, April 29: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

6:30 AM – Dawnn Winter ♦ 8 AM – Tim Mallen ♦

SATURDAY, April 30:

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 8 AM – Fr. Tom King & 5 PM – Manuel Peres Godoy &

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm - I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading – In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel – Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH @ HOME

HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading <u>Gospel - John 20:19-31</u>

PRAY

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

- Place yourself in the Gospel passage and imagine Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into you.
- What does that kind of Peace mean to you at this moment?
- What do you want to say to Jesus at this time?



• On this Divine Mercy Sunday, finish this time of prayer by reflecting on God's unending Mercy.



TALK

We can all relate to Thomas in our unbelief at times but Jesus reminds us "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We need to be reminded to go to Jesus in our unbelief and let Him fill us with His presence and strengthen our belief. As a family, share a time when it was difficult for you to believe and how you found your way back to Jesus. Consider one of these activities to do as an individual or family:

- Visit the Blessed Sacrament at least once this Easter season and give your needs and concerns to Jesus.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

KIDS' CORNER

MARY OF MAGDALA WENT AND ANNOUNCED TO THE DISCIPLES. "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD..."

JOHN 20:18



When Jesus appeared to Mary of Magdala, she couldn't believe her eyes. She was seeing the impossible! She had watched Jesus

die on the Cross. She had even helped lay him in the tomb. What did it feel like to see the risen Lord for the first time? We experience the risen Christ too. He is still alive among us. He is present every time love overcomes hatred, good overcomes evil and light overcomes darkness. These are all Easter moments. They give us a glimpse of the Lord, alive and with us. Because of them, we can say with Mary, "I have seen the Lord!"

RISEN LORD. OPEN MY EYS TO SEE YOU. ALIVE AND WITH US STILL!

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



Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized R.C.I.A.

William Denton Jansen Anthony Carlos Barillas

Congratulations to First Holy Communion & Confirmation R.C.I.A. William Jordan

Beatriz Feijo Naomi Eliza Munoz Oscar Munoz



May you all continue to grow in His grace and peace all the days of your life!

PARISH LIFE

CALLED TO RENEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$1,245,000 Pledges to Date: \$455,755 We are 36% to our Goal



For more information on how this campaign impacts our parish please visit our website. To make an appointment with Fr. Leszek to discuss how you can contribute with a pledge at your comfort level, contact the Parish Office at (310) 670-

2243. To make your pledge online visit https://bit.ly/ RenewSt_Anastasia

Be sure to select St. Anastasia as your Parish (P482)

HEALING MASS - MAY 5th



The next Mass for healing will be celebrated **May 5**th **at 5pm**. While most people think about healing as fixing physical ailments, prayers for healing have a much broader reach. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany physical, emotional or spiritual illness. The Sacrament is intended to address and support each other through our pain.

2022 - OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

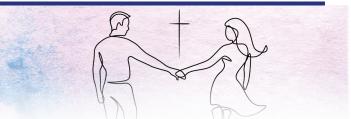
Don't wait until 2030 to see the Passion Play!

Simply the Best: Oberammergau Passion Play plus Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Padua, Assisi and Rome. Hosted by parishioner Maritza Leon. Twelve days from May 16 to May 27, 2022. If you register by April 30, you will receive a discount of \$150 per person. For more information contact:

Maritza Duran-Leon at 310-895-8898



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



Reminder today **April 24**th and every last Sunday of the month— we invite those couples married in that month to receive a special blessing after each Mass.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SERVICE PROJECTS



Confirmation Candidates will be providing FREE Car Wash service to our community on Saturday, **May 7th from 10AM** -2PM. Gas prices are high, so let us cover your next car wash. The wash is free, but we will

gladly accept any donations. Donations received will be allocated towards enhancing our Confirmation Program and experience for St. Anastasia's Youth.

Then, on Sunday May 15th after the 9AM and 11AM Masses candidates will be selling homemade goodies for all to enjoy. All sale proceeds will be used to purchase much needed items for St. Robert's Center



Outreach program. Be sure to stop by an support their efforts in as the learn about the virtue of charity allowing them to grow in the love of Christ, for the more we give, the more we receive!

SOCIAL CLUB - CASINO TRIP

The Social Club is planning a trip to **Soboba Casino on June 1.** The cost is \$40 p/p, 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). Her number is 310-670-2488.

Beyond Our Parish

CITY OF SAINTS TEEN CONFERENCE

Pre-registration will run from March 30th – May 15th (or until capacity is reached). If you or a group is interested in attending together as a parish please contact Dianalee Dupree at ddupree@st-anastasia.org by May 10th. Any adult volunteers who would like to join as chaperones please reach out aswell.



DID YOU KNOW?

April 23-24 || "United Together in Prayer"

June 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.



"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and

justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WALK FOR LIFE SOUTH BAY



Please join the Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance as we celebrate our 35th Annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m.**

If you don't sign up online (by clicking "Walk/Join Team" button), onsite registration starts at 7:30 a.m., festivities and Walk at 8:30 a.m. Meet us on the south side of Veterans Park in Redondo Beach.

This fun community event is perfect for all ages and abilities, including babies in strollers to senior citizens. Walk, ride, or stroll with us to show your enthusiasm knowing you are helping to provide free livesaving services for abortion-vulnerable women and their preborn babies. Get your daily exercise and support a great cause at the same time.

For More information and to register visit - https:// supportphctorrance.org/events-news/

Saturday, May 21, 2022 8:30am – 11:00am Location: Veterans Park 309 Esplanade Redondo Beach, CA 90277

POST COVID YOUTH IMPACT

ADLA brings us a Mental Health Webinar with guest speaker Paul Brogan, that specifically focuses on our youth post COVID. The webinar will provide practical steps for recognizing signs, symptoms of mental health challenges and how to assist an adolescent in crisis. Scan the QR code to register.







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Scan the QR code below to donate online with Our Sunday Visitor



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Lori Mountain......502-9105

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Ben Oakley......670-2771

Teressa Syta.....670-0285

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