



# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

# STONE



“Let the one among  
you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a  
stone at her.”

JOHN 8:7

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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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## GOSPEL MEDITATION



We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." ...

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God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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## 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.

## 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, ministry 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](mailto: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.



## 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](http://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](mailto:Nivita007@st-anastasia.org)

### HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree  
Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: [DDupree@st-anastasia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

7:30 AM - Msgr. Gabe Gonzales †

9 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

11 AM - Fr. Thomas King †

5 PM - Suzanne Cannell ♦

### MONDAY, April 4: St. Isidore

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

6:30AM - Dan Austin †

8 AM - Patrick Mallen †

### TUESDAY, April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

8 AM - David Moore †

### WEDNESDAY, April 6: Lenten Simple Meals in Pastor's Plaza at 6PM

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

6:30 AM - Franklin John †

8 AM - Fr. Thomas King †

### THURSDAY, April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

8 AM - Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra †††

### FRIDAY, April 8: Abstinence

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

6:30 AM - Msgr. Gabe Gonzales †

8 AM - Dan Austin †

### SATURDAY, April 9:

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

8 AM - Mary Swagman Snaadt †

5 PM - Esperanza & Abner Daland ††

## 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. Innocent Nzewuji
SUN: 5PM	Fr. Leszek Semik

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** – Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** – In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** – My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** – Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** – The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1-49]).

## FAITH @ HOME

### HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading  
[Gospel - John 8:1-11](#)

### PRAY

1. Find a pebble or stone or something similar
2. Hold it in your hand
3. Talk to Jesus about the words of condemnation that you hear or have heard in your life. Where are these voices coming from? From others? From yourself?
  - Let the stone represent the words of condemnation.
4. Listen for what Jesus has to say
  - Recall that Jesus told the accusers "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone" and after they left, Jesus tells the woman "no one else condemns you and neither do I."
  - What else does Jesus say to you?
5. When you are ready, drop the stone you are holding at Jesus' feet and with it the condemnation that you have been carrying.
6. End your prayer using your own words to give Jesus thanks and praise.



### TALK

**The Power of Words:** Nowadays we might not stone others with rocks, but we can do significant harm with our words.

Share with one another:

- How have your words (or the words of another person) brought suffering to others through condemnation?
- How have your words (or the words of another person) brought joy to others through affirmation?

**Challenge:** Intentionally choose to affirm a different person each day in the coming week (examples: thank you cards, text message or phone call to offer words of encouragement, positive messages on social media, etc.)

## KIDS' CORNER

...BUT NO ONE LAID A HAND UPON HIM, BECAUSE HIS HOUR HAD NOT YET COME.

JOHN 7:30



**Throughout Lent,** you've been making sacrifices in preparation for Good Friday when we commemorate

the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Maybe you've given up sweets or a favorite video game. Maybe you've been giving the money you would have spent on treats to the poor, or you've been extra helpful around the house. Keep up the good work as you follow Jesus to the cross. Soon, you will rejoice with him at Easter!

**WALK WITH ME, LORD JESUS, THROUGHOUT MY LENTEN JOURNEY.**

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

### Easter Baskets & Egg Hunt

Our DRE will be preparing Easter baskets. Be sure to sign up in the Diamond Courtyard to reserve yours by **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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!



## 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-of-the-cross-home/>



LENTEN SEASON 2022



April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
Parish Communal Penance Service



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Regular Mass Schedule 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	No Morning Masses 7PM Mass
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	12N The Lord's Passion 3PM Stations of the Cross 7PM The Lord's Passion
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8PM Easter Vigil Mass
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM NO 5PM MASS

ST. ANASTASIA SOCIAL CLUB - CASINO TRIP

The St. Anastasia 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

A couple more weeks left of our 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!



- 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](mailto: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 — <http://www.st-anastasia.org/about-us/parish-registration/>

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.



# ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

## RESPECT LIFE



March 2-April 10

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN LAWNDALE

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- 100 abortion centers closed

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14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Teresa Syta, 310-592-4213  
40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at:

[40daysforlife.com/Lawndale](https://40daysforlife.com/Lawndale)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### April 2-3 || "United Together in Prayer" Novena

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. For more information and to join the Novena on April 22, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.



## ST. ROBERT'S CENTER



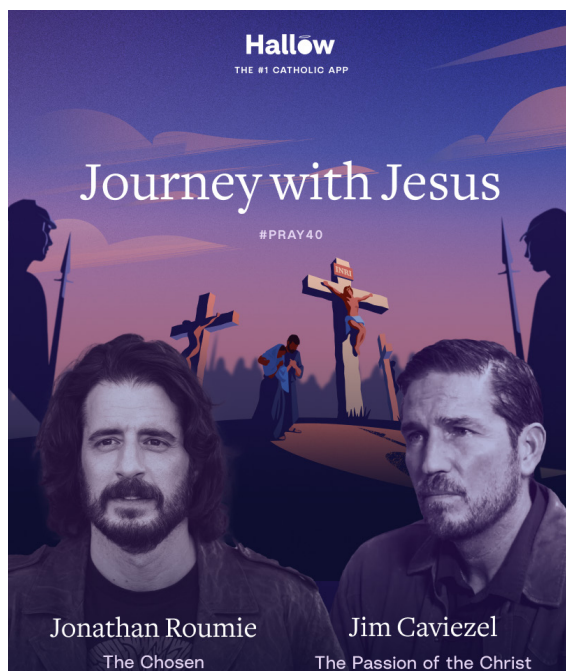
Every 6 weeks our Parish Outreach Ministry volunteers at St. Robert's Center in Venice. If you can't join us on service days you are still able to help by paying it forward!

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 - <https://amzn.to/3ECpqed>

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](mailto:THoffarth@ccharities.org)

## #PRAY40 CHALLENGE

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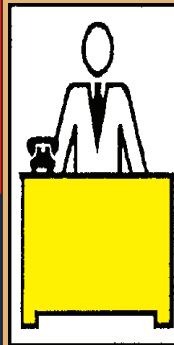
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