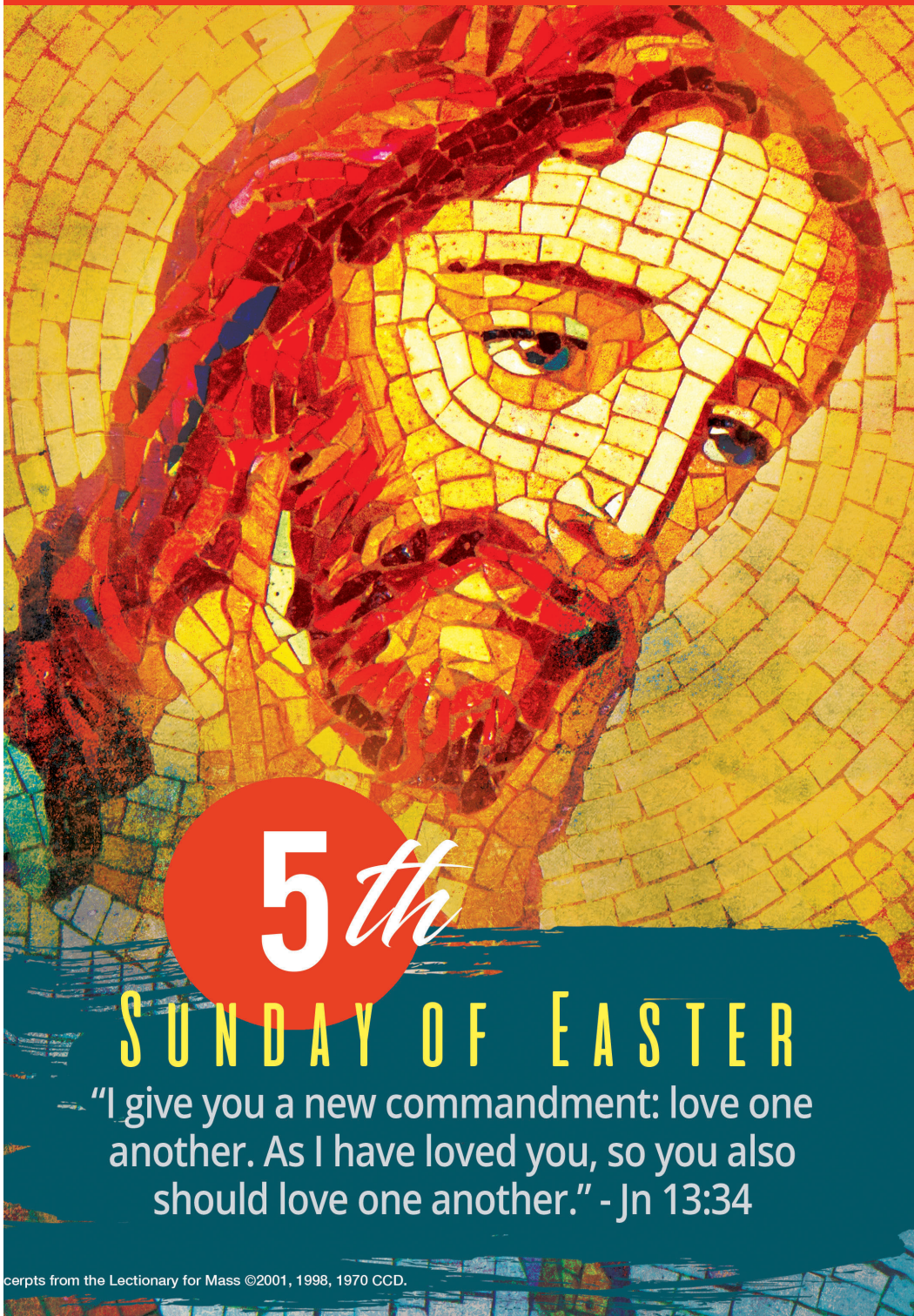




ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022



5th
SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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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 - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.



Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to the generous financial donation made to our music ministry program, by anonymous parishioners, St. Anastasia Church is now the proud owner of a brand new **Viscount Chorum 90 organ!** Our new instrument comes to us from Italy and will be a gorgeous addition to our parish for years to come. It will be incorporated into our Sunday services starting this weekend. We hope the beauty it brings to the Mass will be appreciated by all and help bring us closer to God in prayer and devotion through the gift of music.



SECOND COLLECTION - MUSIC MINISTRY

Today's second collection is for the continued support of our Music Ministry. We are working towards enhancing the experience of worship by heightening the Word of God with an increase richness and variety of music at all our Masses and at the many community events we host throughout the year.

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, May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

7:30 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

9 AM - Mother's Day Novena

11 AM - Nivita Brito ★

5 PM - John Stodder ★

MONDAY, May 16:

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

6:30AM - Mother's Day Novena

8 AM - Teresita Cui †

TUESDAY, May 17:

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

8 AM - Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra †††

WEDNESDAY, May 18: St. John I

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

6:30 AM - Chris Wyatt †

8 AM - Lowell Hobrock †

THURSDAY, May 19:

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

8 AM - Fr. Tom King †

FRIDAY, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

6:30 AM - Rush Limbaugh †

8 AM - Jane Grant 100th ★

SATURDAY, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

8 AM - Mimi Hoffmann †

5 PM - Ray, Bette, and Mark Ferra †††

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading – The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm – O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading – John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel – The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

FAITH FORMATION

SRE REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023



Registration for
FHC Y1 & Y2

R.C.I.A./ Adult FHC/ Adult Confirmation
will take place after morning Masses on:



- May 15th
- May 22nd
- June 19th
- June 26th
- July 10th
- July 24th
- Aug. 7th
- Aug. 21st
- Aug. 28th
- Sept. 11th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be back this year! We will have two separate tracks. Registration for VBS will take place in Diamond Courtyard after our morning Masses on May 15th & May 22nd.

Contact DRE, Nivita Brito, for more information at
nivita007@st-anastasia.org

June 27th - July 1st (F.R.O.G.) 8AM-12PM

July 25th - July 29th (Hidden Treasures) 8AM-12PM

SACRAMENTS

We are looking forward to the month of May when the children and young adults of our St. Anastasia Parish complete their formation preparation and receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please keep them, their sponsors, and families in your prayers. May God's grace pour into their hearts the gifts of these sacraments so that they can continue to grow in their faith, glorify God and spread the love of Jesus as true disciples of Christ.



KIDS' CORNER

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE IT TO YOU. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID."

JOHN 14:27



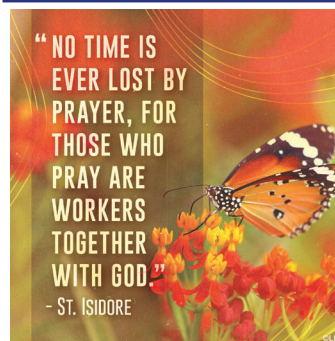
You don't have to look far to find things that promise to make you happy— a new game or gadget, a delicious new snack

or maybe a new style of clothing. Sure, these things might make you happy for a moment. But there is a deeper happiness you can have all the time. It comes with the peace that Jesus gives. You don't have to look far to find Jesus' peace, and it doesn't cost any money. Spend time in prayer with Jesus every day. Talk to him. Let him lead you to his peace.

LORD, LEAD ME TO PEACE.

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK



First Reading:

We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentile-believing churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?

Second Reading:

In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. How often do you think about the end-times?

Gospel:

As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." In what ways are you challenged by this commandment? ©LPi

MAY 22ND STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND



Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most

important values in our life. On **May 22nd** our Parish and Middle School students will come together for a **"Weekend of Stewardship."** We will be collecting items for various organizations in Pastor's Plaza.

Care Packages for unhoused & low income families.

Collecting: hand wipes, sanitary napkins, granola bars, lip balm, socks, shampoo, deodorant.

St. Margaret's Center. Collecting: NEW underwear for adult homeless men who are offered weekly showers at St Margaret's Center. various sizes

Fundraising for Red Cross, assisting the people of Ukraine follow link for Go Fund Me for Ukraine: <https://gofund.me/f69f28f9>

AGES Book drive. Collecting: books for children of all ages to enjoy and learn the love of reading.

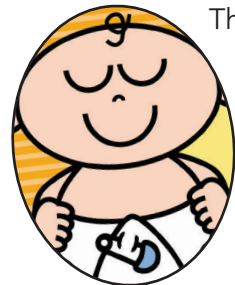
Local Animal Shelters. Collecting: New and used towels

Student will also be collecting the below items for other organizations:

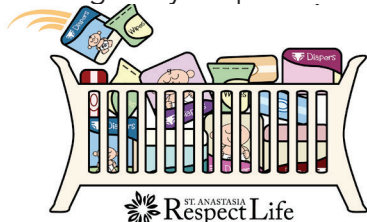
- school supplies and backpacks
- toiletry items (hotel/travel size)
- canned food items
- new & used toys



The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the Parking Lot **Sunday, May 22nd, 8:30AM-1:30PM,** collecting useable clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, books, etc.



Thru May 31st our Respect Life ministry will be collecting diapers and baby care items to support local Pregnancy Help Centers.



Please fill up the cribs in the vestibule and at the front of the Church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SERVICE PROJECTS

Today May 15th after the 9AM and 11AM Masses

Confirmation candidates will be selling homemade goods. All sale proceeds will be used to purchase much needed items for St. Robert's Center Outreach program.



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

CALLED TO RENEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$1,245,000
Pledges to Date: \$548,235
We are 44% to our Goal



For more information on how this campaign impacts our Parish, please visit our website "Giving" page. 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 :

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ST. ANASTASIA GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 24th Annual St. Anastasia's Charity Golf Classic is back! Register now to attend on **Wednesday, May 25th**, for an unforgettable day on the links with DRINKS, FOOD, PRIZES, RAFFLES, and MORE! Awards

and dinner at the Elks Lodge following the Golf Classic.

The tournament will be held at SKYLINKS GOLF COURSE with a 10am Shotgun start. Golf skills are not required. Teams will be in foursomes. You can form your own or we'll find you a group. Singles welcome!

If you would like to register, please contact Shannon Matthews: Shannon@MatthewsFam.us

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.



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- ✓ **LOCATION:** UCLA Campus
- ✓ **EARLY REGISTRATION PRICE:** \$250 // ~~\$260~~
- ✓ **WEBSITE:** www.cityofsaints.org

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VOCATION SUNDAY MAY 14TH & MAY 15TH



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- Create an altar/prayer space with images of saints reminding us of our call to holiness.
- As parents, share with your children your experience of the sacrament of marriage and your positive experiences of priests and religious growing up.
- Invite your local priest or religious to share with your family their vocation story.
- Watch videos of priests and religious.
- Encourage one another to follow God's will.
- Pray wholeheartedly for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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WALK FOR LIFE SOUTH BAY



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MAY 21, 2022
Veteran's Park
PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

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 lifesaving 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

DID YOU KNOW?

May 14- 15 || Emergency tips for preschoolers

Even at a young age, children are capable of much more than we might believe, including the development of certain skills that could keep them safe in an emergency. As soon as your child is able to distinguish numbers, teach them how to dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. Go over safety exits and how to open or unlock doors and windows on the ground floor if they need to get out of the house. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "Teaching Your Children Some Valuable Home Security Lessons" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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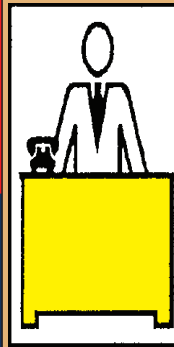
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