



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022



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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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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

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NEW MINISTRY COMING SOON!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Life is an exciting albeit challenging journey. We are each blessed with incredible gifts but sometimes it is hard to recognize those gifts when we are struggling. One of the best gifts we have on our journey is the support of those who walk along side us.

Reaching out and asking for help can be difficult, especially in situations when we could use it the most:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and loneliness and hurt come crashing in on you.
- after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- . . . after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

There is a constant and tremendous need for support considering the challenges life throws our way. Fr. Leszek recognized the need for broadened care within our congregation and is bringing a new Ministry designed to help our community cope, make it through difficult times and remain connected to God. We are proud to announce St. Anastasia is in the process of building a Stephen Ministry team. Thru Stephen Ministry, our congregation will equip and empower lay care givers in the art of confidential, one-on-one, Christ centered care so when you find yourself in crisis, you will not have to walk alone.

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out via email to stascares@gmail.com. Training for care givers, also called Stephen Ministers, will begin in mid-January. It is a profound and rewarding experience to use your God given talents of mercy, grace and compassion to help people in need. If you feel you are blessed with those gifts and want to get involved, our community will be a stronger, more loving, place because of your participation. You will be providing hope when people need it most.

BULLETIN UPDATES

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

Sep. 4 bulletin content: Due Thursday, Aug. 25

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

Monday, Wednesday and Friday



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 at 310-670-2243 for information on completion of requirements due 2 weeks before Baptism.

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)
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, August 21: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

7:30 AM - Jennifer Genadry ♦

9 AM - Maggie Rosen Issa †

11 AM - Shelton and Celine ♥

5 PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

MONDAY, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

6:30 AM - Timothy James Mallen ★ †

8 AM - Betty June Germain †

TUESDAY, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

8 AM - Jon Habie †

WEDNESDAY, August 24: St. Bartholomew
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

6:30 AM - Miss Tate †

8 AM - Richard Boyer †

THURSDAY, August 25: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

8 AM - Special Family Intentions ♦

FRIDAY, August 26:
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

6:30 AM - Geraldine Oakley ★ †

8 AM - Johnny Lange ★ †

SATURDAY, August 27: St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

8 AM - Mr. William and Mrs. Nancy Jolly ♥

5 PM - Ariana Cecilia Coles ★

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM Fr. Leszek Semik (Mass on the Grass)

SUN: 7:30AM Fr. Leszek Semik

SUN: 9AM Fr. Leszek Semik

SUN: 11AM Fr. Greg Rozborski

SUN: 5PM Msgr. Gregory Cox

First Reading – Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalms – God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading – You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel – When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

FAITH FORMATION

SRE REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Registration for FHC Y1 & Y2 R.C.I.A/ Adult FHC/ Adult Confirmation will take place after Sunday morning Masses. Please Contact DRE for more information at nivita007@st-anastasia.org



YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM

Accompany our High School teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Consider saying "Yes," to the call and cultivate a beautiful community for our Church! All interested please email: Ddupree@st-anastasia.org

Can you give an hour of your Sunday mornings to help in the formation of Next Generation Catholics?

For the safety of all, volunteers must be Virtus trained & finger printed.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



2022-2023 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

If you have a teen currently in High School, now is your chance to sign up for the Sacrament of Confirmation! St. Anastasia offers a two year preparation program. The program runs September-May.



All Year 1 and Year 2 candidates can visit our website to register at <https://bit.ly/StAConfirmation>

KIDS' CORNER

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, IT WILL BE HARD FOR ONE WHO IS RICH TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."
MATTHEW 19:23

It's fun to have things to make us happy. But it's not fun when things are more important to us than our family and friends. Jesus never tells us to have a lot of stuff, but he does tell us to share with those who need us. Jesus knows that caring about people makes us happier than having a lot of things. Jesus wants us to be happy. That's why he's given us the words we read in the Gospel.



LORD, HELP ME FIND JOY IN PEOPLE, NOT THINGS.

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

ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY



Calling all Students of St. Anastasia Parish who are in the fourth grade or older!

You are invited to join the Parish Altar Server Ministry. Training will take place in three sessions and is available on **Saturday, September 10th, September 17th, and September 24th. The training will be offered 7:45am-10am.**

Servers are required to be members of the St. Anastasia Parish. The Altar Server Ministry is open to students that attend any school.

The Parish priests and the entire St. Anastasia Parish community appreciate your willingness to serve! Registration is available. For an application or further information, please contact:

Mary Paquin, Altar Server Scheduler
MSPAQMAN@YAHOO.COM or (310) 502-6653

PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN DAY

Let's close out the Summer together! Spend the afternoon in fellowship and enjoy Mass on the Grass at 5PM. There will be a food truck, games, and music for all to enjoy! Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Anyone interested in volunteering to lend an extra set of hands, please contact ddupree@st-anastasia.org or 310-913-7965.



PARISH SCHOOL

Welcome back our St. Anastasia School faculty & students for the '22-'23 school year!

Heavenly Father, we pray that the Holy Spirit be their guide and protector. May all our students discover & develop the gift you have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness and respect for themselves and others. Amen



MUSIC MINISTRY - SECOND COLLECTION

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.



VIRTUS TRAINING & ADLA FINGERPRINTING

St. Anastasia Parish will be offering in-person VIRTUS TRAINING. This program is an awareness program on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and a requirement for all parents of St. Anastasia School and Religious Education, as well as all liturgical ministers and volunteers of our parish. The course certification is valid for four years. Register at www.st-anastasia.org/events/



Virtus Protecting God's Children sessions will be:

- **Saturday, September 10th 8AM**

Keeping the Promise Alive™ Refresher Program (1HR) - Recertification ONLY

- **Friday September 9th 10AM**
- **Thursday September 15th 6:30PM**

Upcoming ADLA Fingerprinting dates:

- Monday, October 24th
- Saturday, November 5th
- Saturday, November 12th

* Fingerprinting is by appointment only

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

A little heads up on special collections is always helpful! Make note of these upcoming stewardship opportunities

- **September 4th**: School Support Sunday
- **September 18th**: Music Ministry (St.A 2nd Collection)
- **October 9th**: Building Fund (St.A 2nd Collection)
- **October 23rd**: World Mission Propagation of Faith (ADLA 2nd Collection)
- **November 20th**: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (ADLA 2nd Collection)

BEYOND OUR PARISH

ST. MARGARET'S CENTER COLLECTION



Drivers Needed! St. Margaret's Center is looking to fill two crucial volunteer positions to assist those in need.

The Center is seeking drivers who can pick-up food from local supermarkets during the week, Monday – Friday. Own vehicle is helpful but not required. The food is used in our Food Pantry to distribute to low-income families each week. We are also looking for administrative help to complete timely reports, crucial for funding and fulfillment purposes. For more information, please email **Zack LaGuardia** at zlaguardia@ccharities.org or call 310-672-2208. The Center is located at 10217 Inglewood Ave., Lennox 90304, just off Century Blvd. Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities.

ST. JEROME'S CRAFTS FAIRE

St. Jerome Parish will hold their annual Crafts Faire on **November 19th 9:00am-4:00pm,** **November 20th 8:00am-2:00pm.** Several tables are still available. They are on a first come first serve basis and are \$80.00 .

If interested please call

Joan Hoffman: 310-670-7801.

Location: 5550 Thornburn Street, Westchester, L.A.



DID YOU KNOW?

August 20-21 || Do a school bus safety review

School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road, and they are designed to be safer than any other vehicle your child can ride in. As we begin another school year, parents should go over safety rules with their children. Safety begins at the bus stop, where children should pay attention to other cars on the road, and always wait with a parent or safe group of neighbors. For more information about school bus safety, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/school-bus-safety>.

THE HUMAN ADVENTURE RETREAT



Weekend Healing Retreat: The Human Adventure with Fr. Pat Crowley, SSCC
6pm Friday, October 14 to 1:30pm Sunday, October 16, 2022

"To live with soul is to live with hope in the midst of discouragement and setbacks. Trust in the midst of struggle and the unknown future. Patience in the midst of trials and pain. Gratitude in the midst of ordinary life. Generosity in the midst of committed relationships." (Wilkie Au -The Enduring Heart) To recapture the vision of our human adventure is the aim of this retreat. St. Paul in his epistle to the Philippians captures the theme very succinctly: "Brothers and Sisters, I do not think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead." (Philippians 3. 13). The Retreat is an opportunity to experience sharings on the Human Adventure, times for quiet reflection and prayer; personal ministry; and daily celebration of the eucharist. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be available for those wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament. There will be a general healing service on Saturday evening in the Chapel for all of those wishing to attend. Fr. Pat is a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in the Western Region of the United States Province. He has been actively involved in Healing Ministry for over forty years. He resides at the Community House in California. Cost: per person/shared \$250; single \$350; commuter \$160

Visit: <https://maryjoseph.org/event/weekend-healing-retreat-with-fr-pat/>





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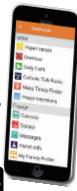
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- Pastor Pastoral Council: Christopher Kaczor...670-2243
- Site Committee: Stefan Politz.....337-9534
- Men's Club: Chris Turkmany.....200-8021
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