



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25

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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
(CLOSED WEEKENDS)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something,

even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

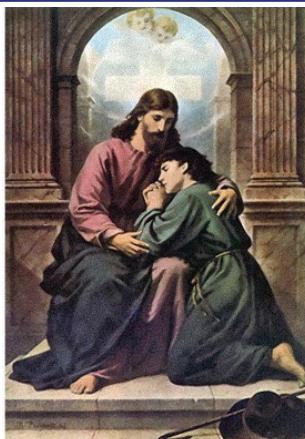
Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and

arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

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INTRODUCING ST. ANASTASIA'S MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION



The death of a loved one can be a highly stressful and emotionally devastating experience. After the death of someone close, waves of emotion, including sadness, anger, helplessness, loneliness, and even shock can make day-to-day tasks feel overwhelming. St. Anastasia now offers a new ministry to support families coping with the loss of a loved one.

The Ministry of Consolation mission is to provide essential grief support and assistance to families on their journey toward hope and healing, after the death of a loved one. The ministry's labor of love continues beyond the funeral and burial services through home visits, phone calls, cards, and prayers. All losses are equally difficult to deal with; we are open to all that need a friendly hand, a loving ear, a big hug!!

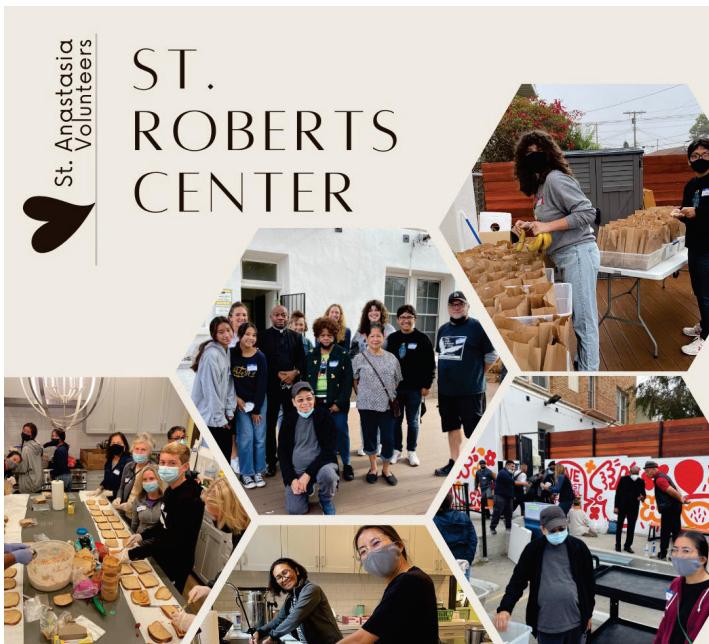
With the purpose of expanding our services, we are currently recruiting volunteers to become part of this very special ministry. Your involvement may be as simple as spending an afternoon researching flower arrangements and preparing funeral invitations, or as special as visiting a grieving family. Our goal is to provide comfort and support in an intimate atmosphere.

Thanks to our recent Ministry Fair, we had the opportunity to extend this invitation to a broader part of our community. However, sometimes we feel intimidated by the uncertainty of "what if, or what would my involvement require of me, or am I ready for something like this?" To answer all these questions and to have a better idea of what this Ministry has to offer our community, we will offer a very informative meeting in **November**. We welcome all contributions and understand that your level of comfort may dictate how you choose to support those who are grieving. All Consolation Ministry-related information will be available through the bulletin. However, for information and questions, please consider writing an email directly to Aleida Rodriguez at MinistryofConsolation@st-anastasia.org.

PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

ST. ROBERTS CENTER

Every 6 weeks our Parish Outreach Ministry volunteers at St. Robert's Center in Venice at 211 3rd Ave, Venice, CA 9029. Join us on **Saturday, October 1st 7:30AM-11AM**. Together we will feed the hungry, clothed the naked, and bring hope to those in despair. Call the Parish Office or Sign Up at: <https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/70593>



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY



The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the Church Parking Lot **Sunday, October 16th, 8:30AM-1:30PM**, collecting useable clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, books, etc.

No baby furniture can be accepted. If you have larger furniture to be picked up, please call **(800)974-3571** to schedule a pickup. Please DO NOT drop off items in the courtyard of the offices prior to collection.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

- **October 9th**: St. Anastasia's Building Fund (St. Anastasia 2nd Collection)
- **October 23rd**: World Mission Propagation of Faith (ADLA 2nd Collection)
- **November 20th**: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (ADLA 2nd Collection)

UPCOMING ADLA FINGERPRINTING DATES



All clergy, paid parish/school personnel, and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth, must be fingerprinted. Fingerprinting forms will be provided at the hosting site. White copy is kept by the live scan operator and yellow duplicate copy is for the applicant's record. Please provide a photo copy of completed form to our **Business Manager, Fred Balsz** at fbalsz@st-anastasia.org

Upcoming ADLA Fingerprinting dates:

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

* Fingerprinting is by appointment only vist our website events page or <https://calendly.com/stanastasia90045/fingerprinting>

JAZZ NIGHT OCTOBER 29TH

Save the date! Hosted by our Music Ministry team on **October 29th, 6-8pm**. Jazz, wine, and delectables in Diamond Courtyard following Mass. Music provided by St A's own Kate Comstock & Ken Joseph. More details soon!

JAZZ
Night

Save the Date
October 29th, 6-8pm

17390 W Manchester Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Starts At 6PM

More Info (310) 670-2243
<http://www.st-anastasia.org/events/>



September 28 - November 6

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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. Through **prayer and fasting**, **peaceful vigils** and **community outreach**, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers. **Your presence on the sidewalk matters!**

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With God's help, here are the proven results:

- **20,000 babies** saved from abortion
- **200 abortion workers converted**
- **100 abortion centers closed**

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood
14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily, Sept 28 thru Nov 6
- **Local contact:** Teressa Syta, 310-592-4213, 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

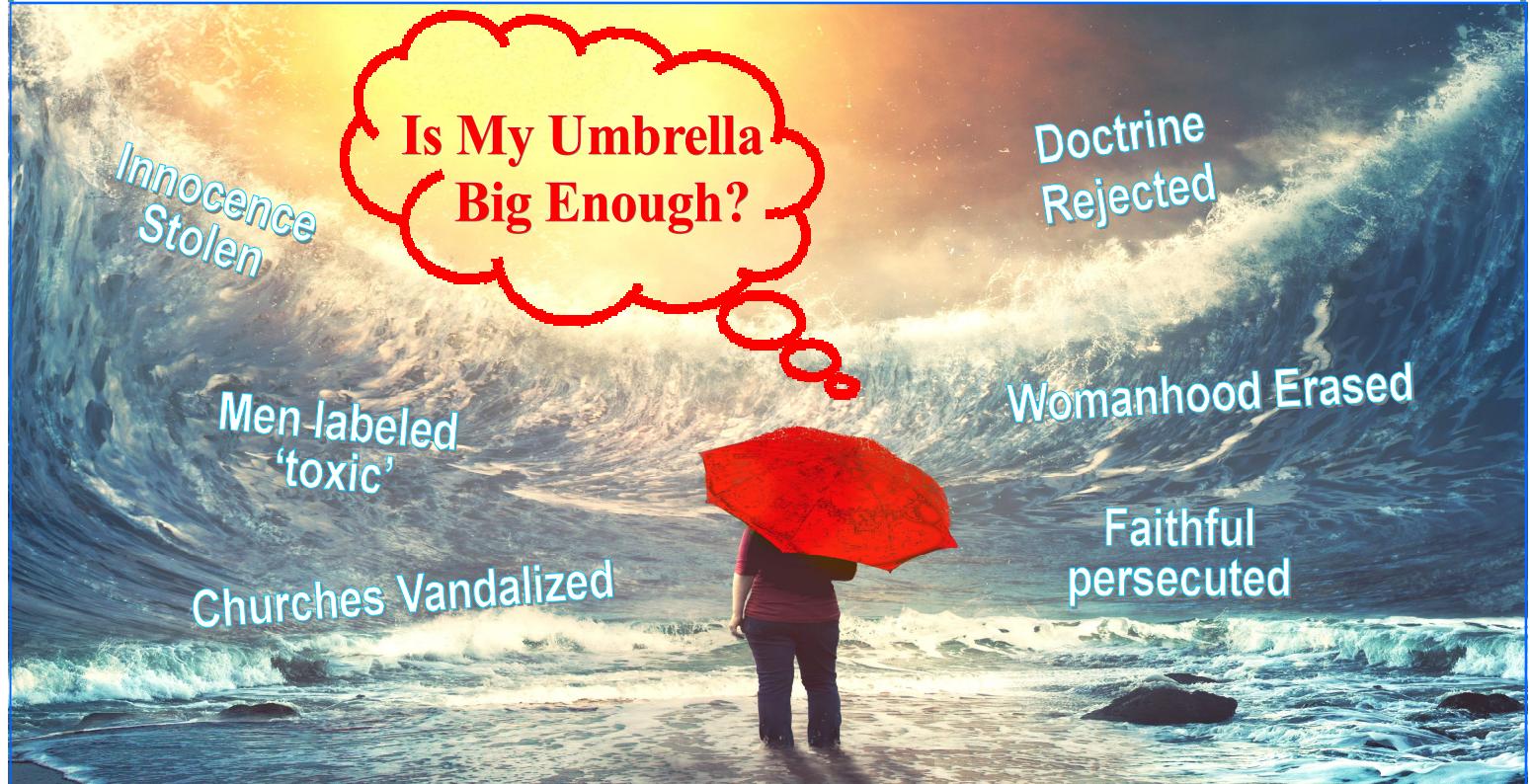


Learn more and get involved by visiting:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

**Please join us for our Opening Gathering
Sunday, October 2 at 3pm-4:30pm (2:30pm Rosary)**

St. Anastasia Church 2022-2023 Bible Study



The world today looks confused, hostile, threatening, overwhelming. We are engulfed by the 'culture war' everywhere we go. The spiritual crises here today, and those likely to

come, will challenge us and those we love to practice 'heroic virtue'. How do we identify the dangers and become resilient enough to resist the waves?

Walking in Wisdom - Living in Virtue

- ❶ Holy Scripture generously supplies the armor of wisdom and the weapon of virtue that men and women will need to prevail in the continuing war for their souls.
- ❷ Our study draws on the abundant wisdom of the Bible, and features the Knights of Columbus video series, *Into the Breach*, and Ascension Press' *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life*.
- ❸ Walk with us to explore these divinely-inspired spiritual insights and effective practices by which you and your loved ones can live a fully Christian life – secure in the revealed truth of Jesus Christ.

Our 22-week study begins October 25 and runs through May 2023. Sign up now at the Parish Office or online at: www.osvhub.com/st-anastasia/giving/funds (Scroll down to Bible Study.)

Meets Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. Morning Session - 9:00 a.m. Evening Session - 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski (310) 670-2243 ScriptureStudyStA@gmail.com

