



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

DECEMBER 25, 2022



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Saturday: 5PM Vigil
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM
8AM
Tues, Thu, Sat: 8AM

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION

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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The Nativity of the Lord

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear St. Anastasia's Family,

In all of the activities and events of this Christmas season, the verses above give us a sense of the very first Christmas morning. A time of excitement, yet serenity, a time of anticipation, the realization of the most blessed Gift that could ever come to humanity, Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

We are living in a day when it seems that the word "Christmas" is constantly under attack as we as Christians are encouraged to feel somehow "guilty" when it comes to this particular time. Well, let me say in as loud a "voice" as I can type... "I'M NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL." Romans 1:16 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek." I want to sincerely encourage you to remember to keep Christ pre-eminent in all you do and say while going through your Christmas activities. By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us with the true message of Christmas, and that is that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to serve, not be served!

This time of the year is amazing! It's a wonderful time when we cast our focus on the miracle of Christ's birth over 2,000 years ago as He left the splendor of heaven to humble Himself and walk the dusty roads of Israel proclaiming Good News and healing the lives of the people.

Today is a day of joyful celebrations at Mass and family gatherings at home. It's a day to exchange gifts and wish each other peace and happiness. But it's also a day to gaze at the child in the manger. It's a day for wordless, joyful contemplation.

So, fix your eyes on Jesus and see what comes to your heart. Savor his pure, unconditional love, and let it bring forth love in you. Reach out and touch him and let him touch you. Embrace him today and let him hold you close to his heart. On behalf of Msgr. Gregory Cox, Fr. Greg Rozborski, myself and the entire staff here at St. Anastasia, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Leszek Semik

"This will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. 2:16 - So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."

-Luke 2:12

GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.



Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home.

Merry Christmas!

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 the completion of all requirements **2 weeks prior to the Baptism**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & HS CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree
Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA):

for information on becoming Catholic contact Parish Office at 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@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.

FUNERAL PLANNING:

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 to arrange funeral or memorial services.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



MONDAY, December 26: St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

6:30 AM - Sammy Soto ♦

8 AM - Glenn Allred, Sr. ★ †

TUESDAY, December 27: St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8 AM - Freddy and Family ♦

WEDNESDAY, December 28: The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

6:30 AM - Mary Chris Kay ♦

8 AM - Fr. Innocent ★

THURSDAY, December 29: St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

8 AM - Allison Mallen ♦

FRIDAY, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

6:30 AM - Celine & Shelton ♥

8 AM - Genowefa Jakubiec †

SATURDAY, December 31: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

8 AM - Richard Fr. Gutierrez †

5 PM - Dean Lortie †

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

FAITH FORMATION

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

On Monday December 12th we celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with a special Mass and reception for our community. It was a beautiful event thanks to the dedication of Sister Teresita, our music ministry, parish staff, and various volunteers who came together for this splendid evening. Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed their time and talents to bring us beautiful flowers, delicious pan dulce, ponche, and tamales. Our Lady of the Americas was celebrated in a big way this year! Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving to our mother, may we always find comfort in her tender and loving heart, as she gently leads us to God and reminds us that we are all sons and daughters of God.



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THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA (formerly R.C.I.A.) sessions are back at St. Anastasia. Led by Jonette and Vincent Mauch, these meetings take place in the **Parish Office conference room each Wednesday from 7:30PM-9PM.** To register or for more information **Email:** ddupree@st-anastasia.org. If you are a fully initiated Catholic looking to volunteer, please don't hesitate to reach out as well.



Adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation who have already received their First Eucharist in the Catholic Church participate in a regional program. For more information please contact Dianalee Dupree at 310-913-7965 or ddupree@st-anastasia.org

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus Time Program

An introductory faith formation program developmentally appropriate for Children 3-5 years of age. Offered **every Sunday**



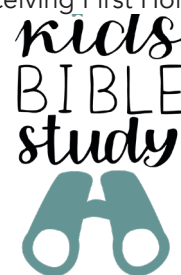
during our 9AM Family Mass. Children **meet in the school building.** Together we will explore the essential faith concepts, themes, and values of the Catholic Church in a fun and engaging way.

Children's Bible Study Program Designed as a faith formation continuation program after receiving First Holy Communion.

Classes with Ms. Marti Moran
Sundays 10:10AM -11:10AM

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Fee: \$50.00 (Includes personal Catholic Bible)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.



Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

New Year's Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve 8:00AM, 5PM

New Year's Day 7:30AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

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SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND TOURS AVAILABLE

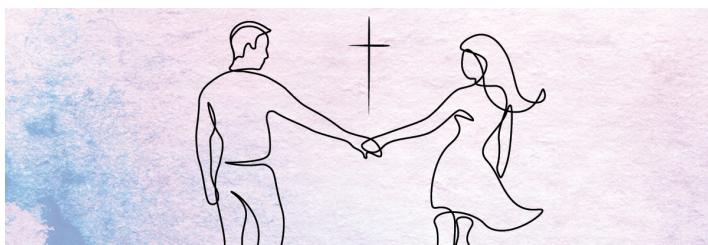
The application and enrollment process for St. Anastasia's 2023-2024 school year is **OPEN!** Share the news with your family and friends. Interested in a tour? Please email Clare Thomason, Admissions Director at cthomason@st-anastasia.org

The direct link for our application is:
<https://secure.gradelink.com/370/enrollment>



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Today, December 25th and every last Sunday of the month, we invite married couples to receive a special blessing after each mass.



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Parish Office wished you and your families a belssed and beautiful Christmas Season. We pray that Christ's birth bring you abundant joy this Christmas and every day of the New Year. In observance of the holidays our office will be closed

Monday December 26th and Monday January 2nd



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

ParishSOFT
by Ministry Brands

To better serve each of our dear parishioners, we ask that you 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 maintaining a working and accurate database of all our parishioners.

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/>

FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is our communication tool. Receive the digital bulletin, ministy updates, and more! Join today by texting our keyword **STACHURCH** to **84576**.

BULLETIN UPDATES

Deadline for any pulpit announcements is **Thursdays by 12N**. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org.

Jan. 1 bulletin content: Due Tuesday, Dec. 20

BEYOND OUR PARISH



They returned home a new way.
Matthew 2:12

SACRED HEART LEADERSHIP RETREAT

JAN 8, 2023 10 AM - 9 PM

Young women ages 18-30 are invited to a day of prayer & renewal, spiritual presentations & small group discussions. Sunday Mass is included in the day. This retreat is hosted by the Sacred Heart Sisters.





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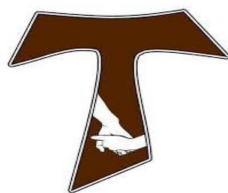
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DID YOU KNOW? DECEMBER 24-25

Watch out for fire dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and out of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive, but also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?





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