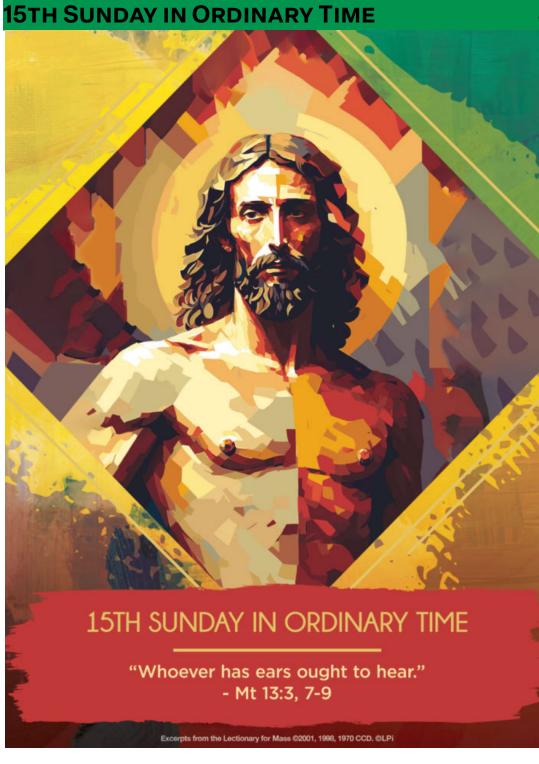


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Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30 AM, 8AM Tues, Thu, Sat: 8AM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 16, 2023 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

Father John Muir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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. July 30th bulletin content due: **Thursday, July 20th.**

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary --Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of



the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. *Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!*

MINISTRY MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 19th: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

<u>July 21st</u>: Prayer Group (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>July 20th</u>: Companions on the Journey (Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>July 22nd:</u> St. Roberts Center (Every 6 weeks on Saturday) Location: 211 3rd Ave, Venice

<u>July 25th</u>: Ministry of Consolation (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM)Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>August 2nd:</u> Men's Morning Hour (Every 1st Wednesday of the month after 6:30AM Mass) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

Morning Glory Coffee (Every Thursday after 8AM Mass and Rosary) Location: Diamond Courtyard w/ light refreshments and treats.



MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day:

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6AM - 5PM

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SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

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In the Church -

Wednesdays at 5PM

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday following 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 4 weeks prior to the Baptism.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & HS CONFIRMATION:

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

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA):

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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. **DON'T WAIT** UNTIL THEIR CONDITION BECOMES DIRE. 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 む

SUNDAY, July 16th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

7:30 AM - Irene Kozlowski 🕏

11 AM – Chris Wyatt ♣ Christy Wyatt ♥

5PM - St. Anastasia Parishioners •

MONDAY, July 17th:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

6:30 AM -Msgr. Gabriel Gonzalez 🕏

8 AM - Kay Kirchberg 🕆

TUESDAY, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

8AM- Sister Teresita Carrillo ◆

WEDNESDAY, July 19th:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

6:30 AM - Fr. Leszek Semik ★

8 AM - Mylene Barretto ★

THURSDAY, July 20th; St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

8AM- Joe Stodder &

FRIDAY, July 21st: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

6:30AM- Mary Elizabeth ★

8 AM – Eiichi Yonezawa 🕆

SATURDAY, July 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8 AM- Nora Jayne Mallen ◆

5PM- President Donald J. Trump ◆

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading: And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel: "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." (Mt 13:30)

FAITH FORMATION

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Focus on the Good — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no



evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

MINISTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Save the date for our annual Ministry Appreciation Luncheon. **Sunday, August 13th** immediatley following the 11am mass we will be hosting our annual luncheon to show our appreciation to our wonderful ministries for all they do for our congregation. This years theme is All American, so bring you big appetites and get ready for some faith filled fun!





DID YOU KNOW? JULY 15TH-16TH

Understanding the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children program

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Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



SECOND COLLECTION JULY 15 & 16TH

This weeked during each Mass we will be having a second collection for The National Needs Combined Collection. This collection supports ministries in dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that require outside support to provide basic pastoral care due to population, geography, and economic challenges. Contributions fund basic parish support, Mass, access to the sacraments, religious education, and formation of priests and lay ministers.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION OPEN

2023-2024 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://www.st-anastasia.org/sacraments/confirmation/



ALUMNI MASS AUGUST 6TH

Save the Date for a special Alumni Mass Sunday, August

6th at 5pm we invite Alumni families with students going off to college to come and recieve a special send off of blessings and warm memories. All are welcome to come, so make sure to put the date on you calendar!



SAVE THE DATE! BINGO

Save the date for some summer fun! Tuesday, August 15th at 12pm in Pastor's Plaza! More info to follow.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The ADESTE program at St. Anastasia School is an after-school daycare to help St. Anastasia families during the school year. They are looking for additional employees to work in the afternoons M-TH from 2 to 6 PM and Fridays from Noon to 6 PM. If you are interested in one of their positions, please contact Mrs. Jimenez at 310-848-8539.

St. Margarets Collection July 16th

Don't miss our monthly donations basket after every Mass this **Sunday, July 16th** supporting St. Margaret's Center. Since 1987, they have been providing a range



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Terry is a renowned author, humorist, inspirational speaker, dad, ordained Episcopal minister, golf addict, and smitten by French wine. He divides his time between designing sanctuary gardens and sharing his practice of pausing and sanctuary, to help others rest, renew, and live wholehearted. He returns here for what has become a welcome and well-attended annual visit. Terry's book, This is the Life, offers the invitation and permission to savor this life, to taste the present moment. The title of his latest book, Stand Still – Finding Balance When the World Turns Upside Down, is self-explanatory. Most days, you can find Terry out in his garden in Port Ludlow on the Puget Sound, because he believes there is something fundamentally spiritual about dirt under your fingernails.

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Sacred Expressions
"Music and art and poetry attune the soul to God." ~ Thomas Mo

Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:00am to Noon Paint, Pause, and Pray Melissa Calderon & Marita Bueza





Art Theme: The Garden of God



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This is a meditational event through the expressional form of painting. The participants follow a pattern and start with the same subject, but have artistic freedom & flexibility. This session will allow time for contemplative prayer using silence, music, scripture, and sharing as each artist creates their masterpiece. During this unique form of gathering, individuals will be able to connect with others on a spiritual level while creating art.

All skill levels are invited and no artistic experience is required.

Melissa Calderon has been a private tutor in the South Bay area for over twenty years, and her areas of expertise are math and science. She has also been part of the hospitality team at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center for over seven years. While in elementary school, she studied different branches of art at Barnsdall Art Park in Los Angeles where she was captivated with calligraphy, painting, and photography. Later she continued studying art while in high school. Marita Bueza is a database analyst for a hospital in the Chicago area, and she shares that she spends most of her time using her left-side of the brain during work and visual arts helps to open her creative mind, aids in being in God's presence, and aids in her balance. Her father, a retired skyscraper architect and painter, taught her painting techniques using acrylics. Marita continued mastering her artistic ability when she studied art during high school and college.

Cost: \$45 per person (all materials included); optional \$16 lunch

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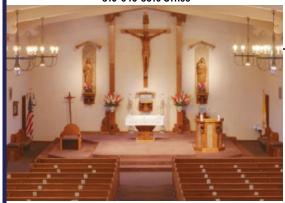
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