



# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,

OCTOBER 1ST, 2023



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“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5PM Vigil

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

## **DAILY MASSES**

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30 AM, 8AM

Tues, Thu, Sat: 8AM

## **CONFESSION**

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:45PM

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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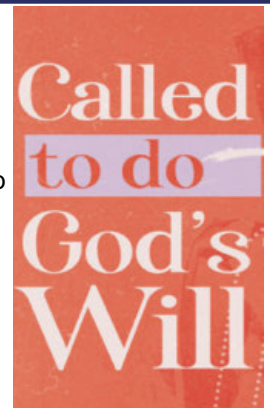
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - OCTOBER 1ST 2023, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking. - Father John Muir



## MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**October 4th: Adult Choir** (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

**October 4th: Men's Morning Hour** (Every 1st Wednesday of the month after 6:30AM Mass) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**October 6th: Prayer Group** (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**October 10th: Ministry of Consolation** (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**October 14th: St. Robert's Center** (Every 6 weeks on Saturday) Location: 211 3rd Ave, Venice

**October 19th: Companions on the Journey** (Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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



## ST. VICENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the Church Parking Lot **October 8th, 8AM-2PM**, collecting useable clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, books, etc



## 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](mailto:bulletin@st-anastasia.org). October 15th bulletin content due: **Thursday, October 8th**.

## PARISH PICNIC & MASS ON THE GRASS

ST. ANASTASIA PARISH & SCHOOL  
proudly host  
**MASS ON THE GRASS & PARISH PICNIC**

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS**

**10.15.2023**

11:00am Mass on the Grass  
Music by the Children's & Community Choir

12:00-3:00pm Parish Picnic

Lunch by Tacos el Pelon

Parish Community Project - Ofrenda Construction

Annual Pie Baking Contest • Crafts  
Obstacle Course • Bouch Sports  
Tattoo Station • Loteria • Churros  
Pizza Fundraiser

Entertainment by **Mariachi Amor Musical**

Pre purchase food & drinks ahead  
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# 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 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](http://www.LaCatholics.org/baptism). Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 for information on the completion of all requirements. All requirements are to be completed **4 weeks prior to a scheduled Baptism**.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & HS CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree

Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: [DDupree@st-anastasia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEIR CONDITION BECOMES DIRE**. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: [parish@st-anastasia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 †

**SUN, October 1st:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

7:30 AM -Helen Mallen ★ †

9 AM - Louise Lance ★

11 Am-St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

5PM -St. Margaret Mary Herbst ♦

**MON, October 2nd:** The Holy Guardian Angel

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:30 AM -Eleanor Driggs ♦

8 AM -Alfonzo Hernandez †

**TUESDAY, October 3rd:**

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

8AM- Rudy Moran †

**WED, October 4th:** St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

6:30 AM - Chris Wyatt †

8 AM -Bernadete Semik †

**THUR, October 8th:** St.Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

8AM - Rudy Moran †

**FRIDAY, October 9th:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

6:30AM- Oliver A. ♦

8 AM -Rudy Moran †

**SATURDAY, October 10th:** Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

8 AM- Randy Herber ★

5PM-Edna Young ★

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

**First Reading:** What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

**Psalms:** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

**Second Reading:** Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

**Gospel:** "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:)

# FAITH FORMATION

## SOMETIMES YOU JUST GOTTA PRAY



We need prayer! And what better place to pray than in the Real Presence of Jesus himself? Every First Friday St. Anastasia invites you to open the doors to deeper personal relationships with Jesus. This invitation is about creating space for Jesus to speak—either for the first time or simply in a new way. Our first Holy Hour Encounter begins Friday, October 6th from 6:30PM-8PM. No experience required. Come as you are and give yourself the gift of resting in His presence.

These holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration are planned for the evening at a time that most members of the Parish can attend. It is our hope that all the faithful join in the call of the Bishops and the National Eucharist Revival to be healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and then sent out on mission “for the life of the world” (Jn 6:51).

## BIBLE STUDY

### St. Anastasia Bible Study

## Surviving the Last Days



- ◆ Every morning the ‘End Times’ come one day closer.
- ◆ The ‘Last Things’ – Death, Judgment, Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell – give us all good reason to ponder.
- ◆ Should we fear the particular judgment?
- ◆ What is the world’s ultimate destiny?
- ◆ How do we face our end with genuine Christian Hope?

◆ Our study of the **Last Things** begins October 24. Attend either the morning session, 9:00–10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30–9:00 pm. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall.

◆ Register by October 9. Materials \$20 (\$25 after 10/9).



Scan the QR Code or register at the Parish Office or Online:  
[www.osvhub.com/st-anastasia/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/st-anastasia/giving/funds) (scroll down to Bible Study.)  
Contact: Carolyn Godlewski [ScriptureStudyStA@gmail.com](mailto:ScriptureStudyStA@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Have you registered your child for SRE yet?

St. Anastasia’s School of Religious Education offers various programs for both the child and parent(s).



Classes offered are..

- **Sunday preschool program for 3-5 year olds at 8:45AM**
- **First Communion preparation Y1 & Y2 at 10:10AM**
- **Continuing Formation for children 8 and older at 10:10AM**
- **Confirmation for High School Students Y1 & Y2 at 10:10AM**

**Classes begin October 8th.** To register for First Holy Communion, please go to <https://www.st-anastasia.org/sacraments/first-eucharist-and-reconciliation/>

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. For more information email: [ddupree@st-anastasia.org](mailto:ddupree@st-anastasia.org)



## DID YOU KNOW? SEPT 30TH - OCT 1ST

### What is Doxing?

Doxing is publicly sharing someone’s private information, like home address, phone number, or social security number, as a form of punishment or revenge putting them at risk of hacking, identity fraud, or other violence. If someone is doxed, they may have their phone number swamped with spam or explicit texts and messages or if their address is shared, they may be unsafe in their own home. For more information about doxing, read the VIRTUS® article “Doxing: What is that?” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>



# PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

*“There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver.”*

(Rosalyn Carter, Former First Lady of the United States)

A Stephen Minister is a caregiver; we listen, we care, we have conversation, we use God’s presence in our caring words and actions.

If you would like someone to talk to in your present physical/emotional/spiritually state, please consider contacting St. Anastasia’s Stephen Ministry.

We are well trained to provide care to those who could use it. Email [stascare@gmail.com](mailto:stascare@gmail.com) or call the number for Stephen Ministry listed on the back of the bulletin.



## BAPTISM BLESSINGS



The St. Anastasia Community congratulates the families of the following children recently baptized in our Parish.

*Vincent B.                  Jameson M.  
McKenzie M.              Daniel R.*

Lord, pour your Holy Spirit into their hearts and wrap your loving arms around them.

## ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY



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

You are invited to join the Parish Altar Server Ministry. Training will take place on 10/7 at 10:30AM after the Blessing of the Animals and on 10/14 at 9AM. The training will be 2 hours.

Servers are required to be members of the St. Anastasia Parish. The Altar Server Ministry is open to students that attend any school. To register or for further information, please contact: Mary Paquin, Altar Server Scheduler [MSPAQMAN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MSPAQMAN@YAHOO.COM) or (310) 502-6653

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Social Club

**The Respect Life Month Diaper Drive**

**Please Bring Diapers & Wipes!**

During the month of October, please support our local Pregnancy Help Centers in their life-saving work.

Their mission is to provide hope and assistance to women who are pregnant in difficult circumstances so that they may choose life for their babies. Donations also accepted.

**FILL UP THE CRIBS**  
Until **October 31**

ST. ANASTASIA  
**Respect Life**

## ADLA FINGERPRINTING

ADLA Fingerprinting is by appointment only. **Sign up at <https://calendly.com/stanastasia90045>** or call The Parish office at (310) 670-2243

- **Thursday, October 26,**
- **Friday, October 27,**
- **Saturday, October 28**



# BEYOND OUR PARISH

## MARY AND JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER



### Sacred Collage™ Doorways, Portals & Prayers

Saturday, October 21, 2023  
9:00am to 4:00pm

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Please bring a journal and pen. Dress comfortably and in layers, because you may wish to walk the grounds throughout the day. All materials and tools (i.e. scissors, glue, etc.) are provided, and feel free to bring special tools/supplies you prefer to work with (i.e. scissors, glue, etc.) and any images you might want to work with.

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- Over 100 abortion centers closed



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**Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily, September 27 – November 5

**Local contact:** Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, [40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com](mailto:40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com)

**Get involved ...learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:**

[40daysforlife.com/Lawndale](http://40daysforlife.com/Lawndale)

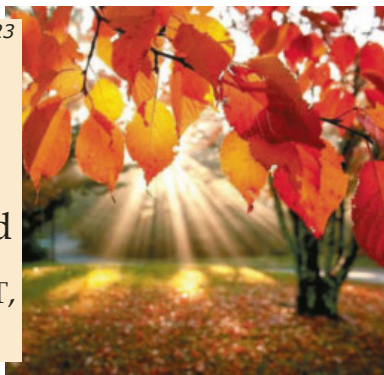
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### Spirituality & Nature

Saturday, November 18, 2023  
9:00am to Noon

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Finding the Gold  
Mark Mitchell LMFT,  
& Psychotherapist



There are many seasons to a person's life ~ spring, summer, autumn & winter. Regardless of what season you are in, finding 'autumn' can be a time of reflection on how to make your life different and more fulfilling. Join us in a nature mindfulness experience where you will find out what season you are in, the joy of letting go, harvesting, transition and transformation, and preparation into 'the next' season to find the golden colors and spiritual gold.

Mark Mitchell LMFT is educator, coach, and psychotherapist. He is adjunct faculty at the Center for Religion & Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University. Mark is a National Geographic Educator, former wilderness survival instructor, and amateur gardener. He consults for a variety of organizations on mental wellness and team building, engagement, & performance.

Cost: \$40 per person  
To register call José at (310) 377-4867 x250  
or email him at [jsalas@maryjoseph.org](mailto:jsalas@maryjoseph.org) or register online at [www.maryjoseph.org](http://www.maryjoseph.org).  
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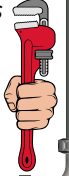
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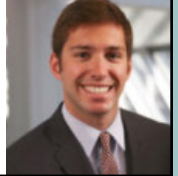
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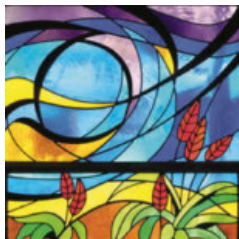
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[www.la-archdiocese.org/org/vocations](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/vocations)

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