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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

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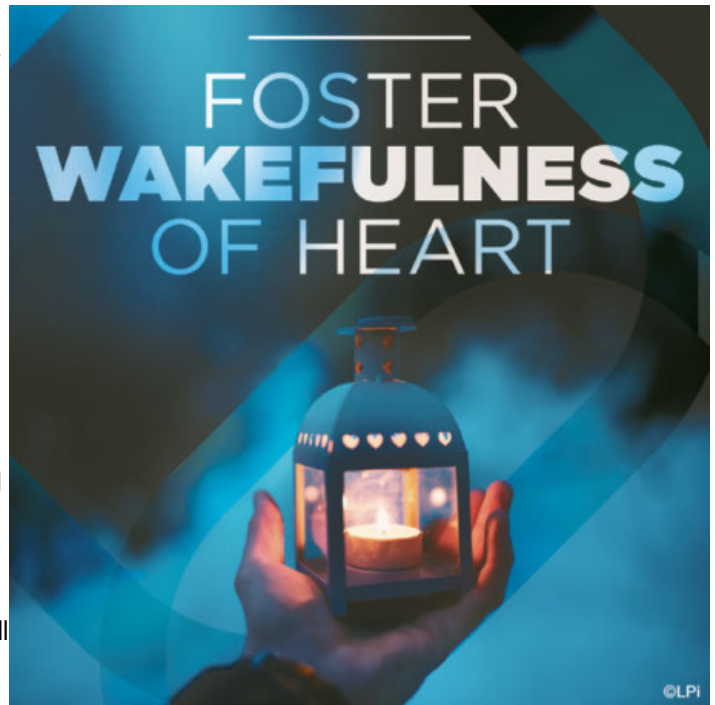
GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. — Father John Muir ©LPI



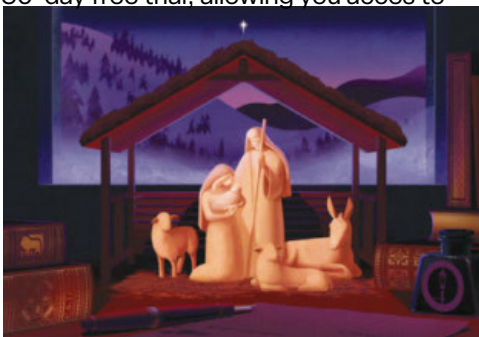
HALLOW APP THIS ADVENT

We have partnered with Hallow this Advent; encouraging all parishioners to prepare their hearts this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge:

Join Liam Neeson, Jonathan Roumie, and other amazing guests as we prepare for the birth of Jesus with reflections on the writings of C.S. Lewis. With powerful excerpts from *The Four Loves*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Great Divorce*, and more, we'll meditate on the three comings of Christ — personally into each of our hearts, His Second Coming at the end of time, and as an infant at Christmas. For a limited time, Hallow is offering a 30-day free trial, allowing you access to the Advet Pray25.

Download the app and see how this tool can enrich your prayer life.

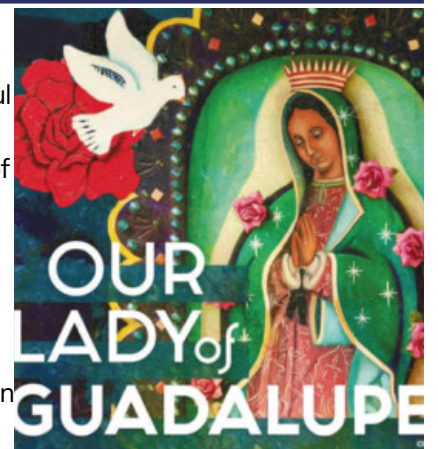
Will you accept the Hallow #Pray25 Advent Challenge?



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sister Teresita has blessed our Parish with celebrating the beautiful tradition of "Holy Mary of Guadalupe, mother of life and peace," here at St. Anastasia for over 6 years.!

Join us December 12th at 5PM for Mass, followed by a celebration with music and food! More details to come.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for any pulpit announcements is **Thursdays by 12N**. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org. December 17th bulletin content due: **Thursday, December 7th**.

MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH TENT

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 Tent - Wednesdays at 5PM

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday following all 8AM Masses and after 6:30AM Masses on Mon, Wed and Friday

(6:30 Mass temporarily suspended during renovation. Mass Intentions are privately prayed).



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. 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

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. **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 †

SUN, December 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

7:30 AM - Tom Mallen ★

9 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

11 Am-Bernadeta Semik †

5PM -Maria de los Angeles Guzman & Bartolo de la Rosa ††

MON, December 4th:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

6:30 AM -Sr. Teresita ★

8 AM - David Liebl †

TUESDAY, December 5th: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

8 AM - Tracy Zaidi ♦

WED, December 6th: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

6:30 AM - Chris Wyatt †

8 AM - John Morgan †

THUR, December 7th: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8am - Richard Shakouh ♦

5pm -Rose Morgan ♦

FRIDAY, December 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

6:30 AM - Harriett Hofmann ★

8 AM- Nora Jayne & Family ♦

5 PM- Theresa Caruso †

SATURDAY, December 9th: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoczin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8 AM- Emily Shakouh ♦

5PM-Bernadeta Semik †

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM Fr. Leszek

SUN: 7:30AM Fr. Rozborski

SUN: 9AM Msgr. Cox

SUN: 11AM Fr. Leszek

SUN: 5PM Fr. Rozborski

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalms: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel: "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 7PM in the Church Tent. All are invited to experience God's love and the healing graces our Lord offers us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us by preparing to welcome Jesus anew by reflecting on scripture, praying in song, and "walking" through an examination of conscience prior to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



DID YOU KNOW? DECEMBER 2ND-3RD

Garden of healing for victim-survivors of sexual abuse

With the continuing support of Archbishop José H. Gomez, the third garden of healing in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse was recently dedicated at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks. These gardens are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. The other two gardens are located at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. (San Gabriel Pastoral Region) and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region). The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or protect@la-archdiocese.org. For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>. For more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens/>



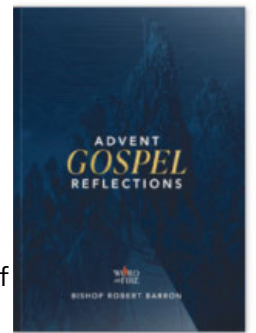
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Word on Fire books are here for the Advent Season. For Christians, Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. *Advent Gospel Reflections* features the full Gospel reading for each day of Advent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more! These books are available at Mass for all Parishoners (one per family please), at no cost. However, if you enjoy this devotional we ask you consider donating towards the cost to provide future devotionals, at <https://www.osvhub.com/st-anastasia/giving/funds/one-time-donation-st-anastasia>



BAPTISM BLESSINGS



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

*Leilani Rose R., Colin K.
Tanner James W., Rory S.*

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

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. 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



PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

HOLYLAND SALES

Please join us Saturday December 9th & 10th to shop for all your Holiday gift needs. Holyland Sales will be with us, selling various hand carved items from Jerusalem to support our Catholic brothers and sisters. They will be here after the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday after the morning Masses. Bring your Christmas lists!

STEPHENS MINISTRY

You Don't Have to Face Your Crisis Alone.

One of St. Anastasia's trained, caring Stephen Ministers will listen and walk alongside you as you deal with life's challenges.

This is a one on one, confidential service available to both men and women.

Contact one of our Stephen Leaders to see whether Stephen Ministry is the answer for you.

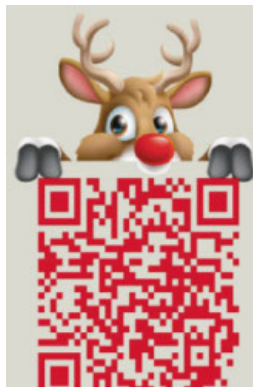
Contact stascares@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is time for St. Margerts's Annual Christmas Program and we need your generous support! We are returning to an in-person event, and preparing a magical day for approximately 1,000 low-income children and their parents. Please bring your unwrapped toys from the "Giving Tree" to our Advent celebration on December 3rd, or to the Parish Office by December 10th. There is also a great need for adult volunteers on event day December 16th, and the two days preceding the event Dec. 14th and 15th. We thank you for your support in advance!

To purchase toys from our Amazon "Wish List", donate, or volunteer, visit us at www.smcxmas.com or scan the QR Code. For more information, please call: (310) 672-2208, or email smcxmas@gmail.com



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We invite parishioners and families to sign up each week to light our Advent candles. Please find the sign up board on our News on Wheels board by the Church Tent. The lighting of the candle happens right before the beginning of each Sunday Mass and includes a special prayer. Contact or email Dianalee Dupree with any questions: ddupree@st-anastasia.org



SOCIAL CLUB HOLIDAY BINGO

Join the St. Anastasia Social Club in celebrating the holidays at a Christmas Luncheon catered by Olive-it, followed by Bingo. Come and join in the fun. .

Where: St. Anastasia Church Parish Hall/Basement

When: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Noon

Who: All parishioners are invited

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Call Laurette at 310-670-2488 as soon as possible. Seating is limited.



MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 5th: Bible Study (Every Tuesday 9-10:30 am or 7:30-9 pm) Location: Parish Hall

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

December 9th: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

December 9th: Prayer Group (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

December 12th: Ministry of Consolation (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

December 21st: Companions on the Journey (Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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



BEYOND OUR PARISH

ST. MARGARET'S CENTER

Are you looking for a job where you can use your gifts and talent to serve others?



St. Margaret's Center is seeking employees who are passionate about serving unhoused and low-income households within the LAX communities. Responsibilities: Answering high call volume, making referrals and appointments, general office duties, coordinating delivery of services, and more.

Minimum Requirements: Bilingual (Spanish), Microsoft Office skills, ability to multi-task, sensitivity to participants' cultural and socioeconomic characteristics. Email resume or for more info: mescandon@ccharities.org

CHRISTUS MINISTRIES

JAVA, JAZZ AND JESUS
Who's Waiting Under the Mistletoe?

You are invited to a dynamic gathering for young adults and those young at heart. An evening of warm ambiance, relaxing music, and meaningful conversations with Fr. Tri Dinh, SJ.

Friday, December 15 | 7:00-9:30 PM
American Martyrs Catholic Community (St. Kateri Room)
770 17th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

For more information + RSVP:
[ChristusMinistries.org/events/jjj-dec](https://www.christusministries.org/events/jjj-dec)
Contact: Vanessa Reyes-Smith
(vanessa.smith@americanmartyrs.org)

Cost: FREE (Donations graciously accepted)

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What are you waiting for? Who are you waiting for? How do you tend to deeper longings? Treat yourself to a great way to spiritually prepare for Christmas by relaxing with coffee, jazzy music while engaging in honest conversations about "Who's Waiting Under the Mistletoe?" Join other young adults and those young at heart (18+) for Java, Jazz & Jesus at American Martyrs Catholic Community on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7pm. The evening involves meaningful fellowship & reflection on what a living faith means to you. Visit <https://www.christusministries.org/events/jjj-dec> to register

WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD



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4th Annual HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR & CONTEST

Love to decorate for the holidays. Feel like Clark W. Griswold's light display has nothing on yours? Have more inflatables outside than you can count? Well, get out all your bulbs, bows, deer and inflatable snow-globes, because the **Westchester Mental Health Guild** Holiday Light Tour and Contest will happen again this December.

Westchester and Playa del Rey Homeowners that are interested in participating will have their location shared on a map and voting ballot. Registered tour-goers will drive by and vote for their favorite home, creating a community-wide Westchester / Playa Holiday Lights Tour. **As an added bonus, prizes worth hundreds of dollars are awarded to those voted first, second and third place "Fan Favorites."**

Summary of Homeowners Guidelines

- Participation is open to all residents within the Westchester and Playa del Rey area.
- To enter the contest, you must complete an application here http://westchestermhg.org/PDFs/2023_rev_lights_tour_flyer.pdf and make a \$40 donation. Your entry entitles you to a complimentary 1-year WMHG membership & a participation gift.
- **As an added bonus, prizes worth hundreds of dollars are awarded to those voted first, second and third place "Fan Favorites."**
- The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior.
- Displays must include lights so that the display is visible after dark. Displays should be full, colorful and have a lot of holiday lights.
- Participants should ensure that all lights, animations, and decorations are in place and activated by Saturday, December 9.
- Voting for the contest will take place December 9 - December 20. However, opportunities to view the holiday decorations will continue to December 26.
- Winners will be announced on December 21.

ADVENT
Taizé
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A meditative Advent penance service followed by individual confessions to help receive God's mercy with meaning and hope.

December 11 @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM

CHRISTUS

Join Christus Ministries on Monday, Dec. 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at American Martyrs Catholic Community in Manhattan Beach for a meditative Advent communal penance service with Taizé prayer and an opportunity for individual Confession. Visit <https://www.christusministries.org/events/taize-advent> to register.

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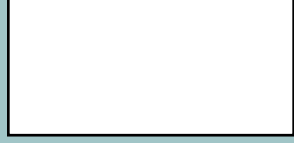
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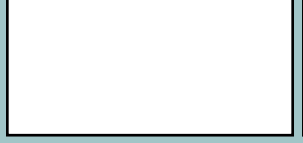


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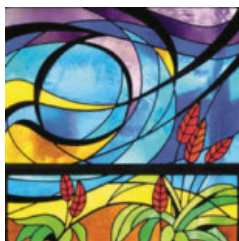
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