

# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### **DECEMBER 17TH, 2023**

PASTOR Rev. Leszek Semik

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Greg Rozborski

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE** Rev. Msgr. Gregory Cox

**DEACON** Jose "Joe" Viola

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE** Dianalee Dupree

BUSINESS MANAGER Fred Balsz

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 Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 (CLOSED WEEKENDS)

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### Christmas Greetings!

As the Christmas season approaches, it brings with it a time of reflection, joy, and profound gratitude. In this season we are reminded of the greatest gift ever given – the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time to celebrate the hope, peace, love, and joy that comes from God.

I want to encourage you to remember those in other areas of the world, especially at this time as war continues in Ukraine and Israel. I am reminded once again of the fact that the only time there will ever be peace on this earth is when the Prince of Peace is ruling and reigning!

This world seems to have the mentality lately that the best way to have "peace on earth" is to somehow move away from the Prince of Peace. As we know, this is never going to be a successful move, and this time of year gives us another wonderful opening to share the fact that Jesus came to this earth over 2,000 years ago to bring peace to a people.



Let me declare to you "loud and clear", this world needs MORE of Jesus Christ, not less! It is both our duty and our privilege to share the Good News with people around us, and we want to be clear with our message both inside the church walls, as well as outside.

While our heart's desire is to see "Peace on Earth", we know that the only time there will ever be true lasting peace on this earth is when Jesus comes in all His glory and power. One day this will happen! Until that day though, we are to declare and share that peace in our hearts is attainable through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

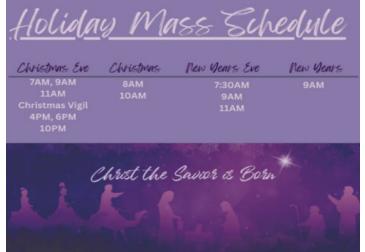
As we gather with friends and family this Christmas, let us remember those who are less fortunate and those who are alone during this season. Let's extend our hands in love and service, embodying the spirit of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.

This Christmas, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your lives and the grace that God has bestowed upon us. Let us also look forward to the coming year with hope and faith, trusting that God will continue to guide and protect us.

May your Christmas be filled with the joy and peace that comes from knowing and loving God. And may the coming year bring you and your loved ones happiness, health, and abundant blessings.

On behalf of Msgr. Gregory Cox, Fr. Greg Rozborski, myself, and the entire staff here at St. Anastasia, I want to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Leszek Semik



#### **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. Decemeber 31st bulletin content due: **Thursday, December 21st.** 

# LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration of the week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

# MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

#### **DAILY PRAYERS**

#### **PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH TENT**

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 (6:30AM 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. Please email D.dupree@st-anastasia.org.

Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 for information on the completion of all requirements. All requirements are to be completed <u>4 weeks</u> 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 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 AM - Bernadeta Semik & 9 AM - Gregorio & Pastora Makabali 군 군

11 Am- Esperanza & Abner Daland & 다

5PM -St. Anastasia Parishioners 🔶

MON, December 18th: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

6:30 AM -Jim Celoni ♦ (privately prayed)

8 AM – Jesus & Aleida Rodriguez 🎔

TUESDAY, December 19th: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 8 AM - Angelica Krestin ★

WED, December 20th: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

6:30 AM – Father Innocent Nzewuji ♦(privately prayed) 8 AM –Marilyn Beans ₽

THUR, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 8AM - Bernadeta Semik & 7PM - Advent Penance Service

FRIDAY, December 22nd: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

> 6:30 AM – Fr. Michael Bova ♦ (privately prayed) 8 AM- Walter Reed ৳

SATURDAY, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

> 8 AM- Theresa Reilly ★ 5PM-Roza & Khalil Awwad & \*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM	Fr. Rozborski
SUN: 7:30AM	Fr. Leszek
SUN: 9AM	Fr. Rozborski
SUN: 11AM	Msgr. Cox
SUN: 4PM	Fr. Rozborski
SUN: 6PM	Msgr. Cox
SUN: 10PM	Fr. Leszek

**First Reading**: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

**Second Reading**: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

**Gospel:** "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)



# **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Thursday, 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.



#### **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

#### **MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

December 20th: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

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

**December 22nd: Prayer Group** (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**December 26th: Ministry of Consolation** (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>January 3rd :</u> Men's Morning Hour (Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after 6:30AM Mass) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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

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



#### HALLOW APP THIS ADVENT



St. Anastasia has partnered with <u>Hallow</u> to encourage all parishioners to surrender it all this Advent season and prepare your heart for Jesus like never before with readings from the works of C.S. Lewis, voiced by award-winning actor and the voice of Aslan in the Narnia movies, Liam Neeson. Jonathan Roumie and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, will guide us through prayer and reflection on these powerful writings to prepare our hearts for Christmas and rediscover the

wonder of Christ's coming into this world and into our hearts Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 10,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by scanning the QR code here or visiting <u>Hallow.com/pray</u> to get started.

#### **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.



Conatct stascares@gmail.com

#### **DID YOU KNOW? DECEMBER 16TH-17TH**

# Keeping children safe in holiday crowds



This Christmas, your family will

likely be in a crowd or two — at school functions, visiting Santa at the mall, Christmas Eve Mass. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 400,000 children go missing every year in the US. Crowds are a perfect opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of chaos and distraction. Before you head out into the holiday frenzy, talk to your children about some ground rules: Stay together and communicate about where you are headed if you change directions or plans. Consider the "two big steps" rule, which tells your child not to be more than two steps away from you at all times. That way, you can easily keep eyes on each other. For more tips, visit https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/

# PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

#### ST. ANASTASIA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Come celebrate the season in style with St. Anastasia's Christmas Around the World on December 20th at 7pm at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center!! The link for tickets is <u>https://our.show/</u> <u>stachristmas2023</u>. We will also be live-streaming the show for any parishioner who would like to watch but may not be able to attend in person, The link to watch is <u>https://vimeo.com/</u> event/3934658/b9e5500c4a



#### **KNIFE SHARPENING FUNDRAISER**



Didn't get your knives in tip top shape last month? Don't worry!! Back by popular demand, St. A's very own Toby Guidry, is here. Proceeds to go to St. Anastasia School. Your knives will be sharpened, tested, and sanitized, at \$7/knife or 4 knives for \$25.

Sign up for a spot to bring your knives to campus on either **Monday, 12/18, or Tuesday 12/19** in the morning, labeled clearly with your name and phone number. Your knives will be sharpened, tested, and sanitized, and returned to you on 12/19 between 2:30-3pm (at pickup). *Please note, Toby can sharpen most knives, but please be aware that he cannot sharpen kitchen shears, scissors, serrated knives, or single-bevel Japanese style or Shun knives.* 

Questions? Contact Toby at guidry.toby@gmail.com or 310.721.2929

#### ST. ANASTASIA SOCIAL CLUB

Join your St. A's friends for a fabulous day trip to beautiful Palm Springs for an exciting tribute show of 3 legends!

#### Neil Diamond Donna Summer Diana Ross Dackage Includes

- Package Includes
   Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2 Hour Casino play at Morongo
- Ticket to the <u>3 Legend Tribute Show</u>
- Botteld Water & Driver Gratuity

When: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

\$85

Where: Departs from St. Anatasia at 8:30 am - return by 6pm Contact Laurette Bibeau for details 310-670-2488



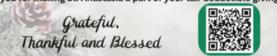
#### **SCHOOL APPLICATIONS & TOURS AVAILABLE**

The application and enrollment process for St. Anastasia's 2024-2025 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: <u>https://secure.gradelink.com/370/enrollment</u>



#### **END OF YEAR GIVING**

We are so thankful for the generosity shown in your contributions to St. Anastasia throughout the year. As we close out 2023, be sure to capitalize on your charitable contributions for the tax year! Won't you consider St. Anastasia in your end-of-the-year giving? Be sure to check out online giving to set up automatic contributions throughout the year as well! Access the giving section on our website, or by scanning this QR Code, to see the many ways you can support our Church and school. Thank you for making St. Anastasia a part of your tax-deductible giving!



#### **ST. MARGARET'S CENTER**

Thanks to you, our wonderful parishioners, we were able to raise **\$5,904** for St. Margaret's Center in the 2023 year! And a special thanks to Seonbia Nelson. Jay Nelson, Silvia Dretzk and Lois Bass for their dedication to serving the community.



### **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



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

#### **RE CONGRESS**

What started in 1956 as an institution for religious education teachers has grown into a celebration of Catholic faith that includes people of all ministries and vocations. RECongress begins with Youth Day - a day-long gathering of high school aged young people. Youth Day features a keynote speaker, workshops, and a Liturgy planned by young people, for young people. The excitement continues Friday - Sunday when adults from across the country and around the globe are welcomed to the Anaheim Convention Center for workshops, entertainment, Eucharistic Liturgies, exhibits, and multicultural expressions of faith. The Adult Days boasts offerings in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese and an exhibit hall showcasing religious art, music, publishing houses, academic institutions, Catholic apostolate groups, diocesan ministries, and national organizations.

#### We look forward to welcoming you!



YOUTH DAY | \$35 PER PARTICIPANT ADULT DAYS | \$75 PER PARTICIPANT

Price increases to \$40 for Youth Day and \$85 for the Adult Days in mid-January 2024

#### WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD



#### **DECEMBER 9 - 26 5 - 9 P.M.**

Experience the joy of the Holidays with a self-driving tour

for Westchester Mental Health Guild's FUNdraiser

supporting Airport Marina Counseling Service.

Get your loved ones in the car, put on your holiday music, buckle up & enjoy viewing the dazzling lights from your vehicle.

- Decorated holiday homes in the Westchester & Playa del Rey community.
- For a minimum donation of \$12 per car, receive one voting ballot and a map of the homes on the tour.
- Vote for your favorite by December 21, when prizes will be awarded to the Fan Favorite Winner, and First & Second Runners-up.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR - VIP EXPERIENCE TICKETS**

Tour the holiday homes in a coach van with a Tour Guide.
 Refreshments (wine, water, sodas) & snacks provided.
 A stop at the past winners' home to see their special decorations up close.
 Two nights only - December 15 & 17. \$50 per person. Space is limited!

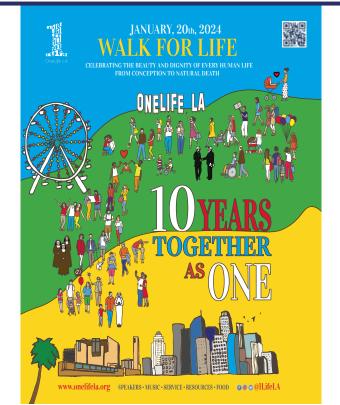
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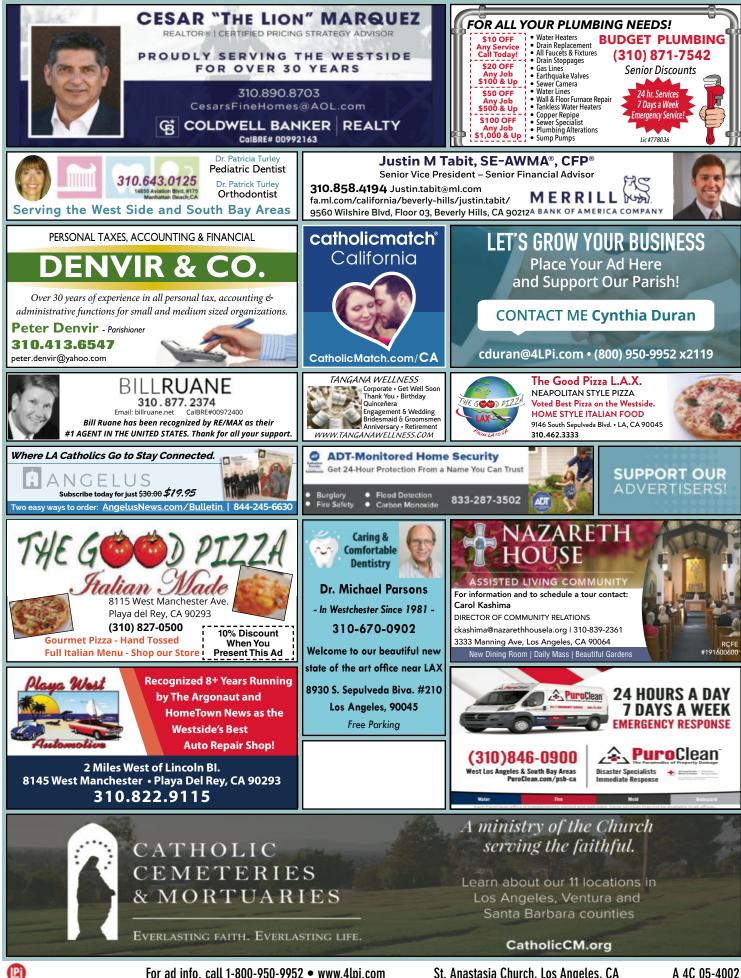
http://2023holidaylightstour.eventbrite.com





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Safety Committee	Channing Pourchot	670-2243

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministry of the Eucharist: Linda Schmidt	397-5691
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