



# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 31ST, 2023**



## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration of the week

*God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



The Parish Office wishes you and your families a blessed Happy New Year!

**In observance of the holiday, our office will be closed January 1st.**



## 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](mailto:bulletin@st-anastasia.org). January 14th bulletin content due: **Thursday, January 4th**.

# MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

## DAILY PRAYERS

### PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

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 Ddupree@st-anastasia.org. Call Dianalee Dupree at: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org 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.  
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**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 31st: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

7:30 AM - Cruz Franco ♦

9 AM - Christopher Lee †

11 Am - Peg McClellan ♦ ★

MON, Jan 1st: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace  
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9 AM -Mary Teschner †

TUESDAY, Jan 2nd: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

8 AM - Paul Mallen ★

WED, January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

6:30 AM - Elenor Driggs ♦ (privately prayed)

8 AM - J.M. Cuozzo ♦

THUR, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

8AM - Celine Lorick ★

FRIDAY, January 5th: St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

6:30 AM - Paul & Cassie Bull ♦ (privately prayed)

8 AM - Dan White ★

SATURDAY, January 6th: St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-3

8 AM- Nichiporuk Family ♦

5PM - Michael & Linda Radcliff ♦

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM Fr. Leszek

SUN: 7:30AM Fr. Leszek

SUN: 9AM Fr. Leszek

SUN: 11AM Msgr. Cox

SUN: 5PM Fr. Rozborski

**First Reading:** Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalms:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading:** It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

**Gospel:** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

# FAITH FORMATION

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up.

Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

***"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."***

— Colossians 3:12 ©LPi



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WITH FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. His desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

As part of our National Eucharistic Revival efforts at St. Anastasia, we invite all to join us for First Friday Adoration. Our next First Friday will be this coming Friday, January 5th at 6pm. We hope you join us, to find healing, hope, joy and unity for the new year.



## BAPTISMAL MINISTRY IS BACK!

We are excited to be re-introducing St. Anastasia's Baptismal Ministry Team! The importance of this Ministry is to help parents and godparents understand the meaning of baptism, and help them embody their roles as leaders in their child's faith journey. The Ministry will begin meeting in January, and meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please reach out to Dianalee Dupree at [DDupree@St-Anastasia.org](mailto:DDupree@St-Anastasia.org).



## DID YOU KNOW?

DEC 30TH-31ST

### The silent victims of human trafficking



Nearly every public campaign about the evils of sex trafficking involve child female victims. A majority of victims are female, but there are many male victims, and they are mostly silent. Societal expectations often lead men to feel that they should be "strong" and "assertive" enough to avoid being forced into trafficking — but these stereotypes do a disservice to male victims who may feel trapped in abusive patterns, unable to ask for the help they need. For more information and ways to help these silent victims, read the VIRTUS® article "The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>

# PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

## 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](mailto:cthomason@st-anastasia.org). The direct link for our application is: <https://secure.gradelink.com/370/enrollment>

## CHURCH RE-OPENING

We would like to extend our gratitude for all that have helped get us to this grand re-opening of our newly renovated Church. We could never get here without the support of our parishioners. As we continue with finishing touches, we ask for all to consider donating to our building fund. Your generosity is appreciated, as we would be nothing without you!

**Thank you St. Anastasia!**



## BAPTISM BLESSING



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

*Ella C. Andrew C.*

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

## WEDDING BLESSINGS



Today, December 31st, and every last Sunday of the month—we invite those couples married in that month to receive a special blessing after each Mass.

## MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**January 3rd: Adult Choir** (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

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

**January 5th: Prayer Group** (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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

**January 18th: Companions on the Journey** (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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

**Ministry of Consolation** The Ministry of Consolation is on winter Break. New session dates to be announced.



# BEYOND OUR PARISH

## ST. MARGARET'S CENTER

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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.

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## 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 multi-cultural 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!

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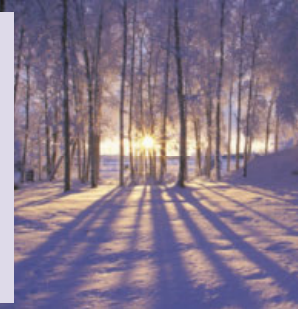


Celebrating 60 Years  
**REFLECT ~ REST ~ RENEW**

Saturday, January 20, 2024  
9:00am to Noon

Embracing the Winter  
Of Life:  
The Journey from Aging  
to Saging

Mark Mitchell LMFT,  
& Psychotherapist



This 3 hour workshop will help inspire those approaching or experiencing the winter of their lives. We will explore the small caches of harvest that will help us through this winter & how to best use them. In addition, we will learn we can create future harvest. We will discover the small fires that keep us warm in this winter on all levels. Areas of focus will include spiritual, psychological, social, physical, & financial health. Thus moving from Age to Sage. It is hoped that these fires will create a "good deal" for our winter before crossing over to the next Spring.

Mark Mitchell is a licensed Marriage & Family therapist, is certified in gerontology, & has been adjunct faculty at Loyola Marymount University in both addiction studies & the Center for Religion & Spirituality. In addition, he is a National Geographic educator, a former wilderness survival instructor, and community gardener. He provides individual & team coaching on "mental wellness" for individuals & companies. He is known for his humor and helping people find hope.

Cost: \$50 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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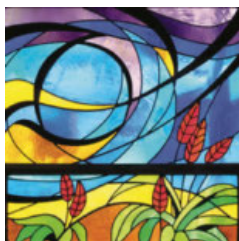
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