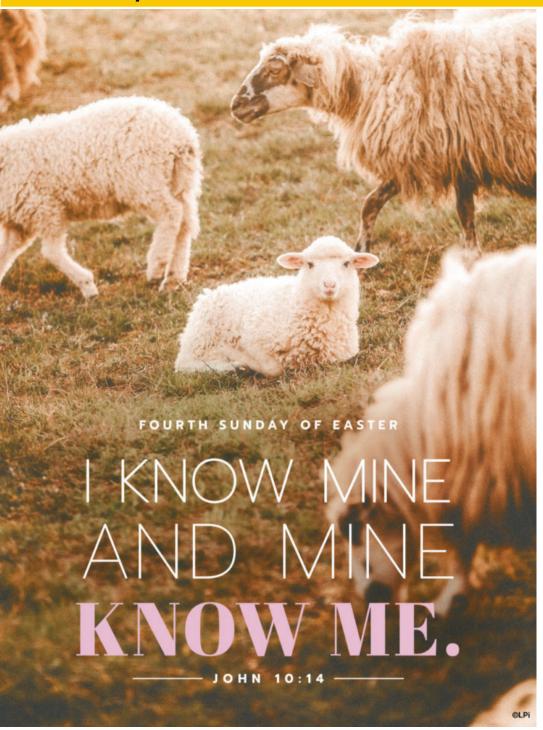


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# Fourth Sunday of Easter



# **APRIL 21ST, 2024**

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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**

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# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

# 4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.



How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. — **Father John Muir ©LPi** 

# ARCHDIOCESE WELCOMES RECORD NUMBER OF NEW CATHOLICS ON EASTER

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles had more than 2,000 catechumens baptized into the Catholic faith, the biggest number since at least 2016. The archdiocese also had the second-most candidates since 2016 entering into full

communion with the Catholic Church.

The archdiocese had 2,075 catechumens at Easter Vigil liturgies this year, a 38% increase since 2016, when there were 1,508. There were also 1,521 candidates in 2024, a 20% increase since 2016, and a 67% increase in total candidates since a pre-pandemic low in 2019. Since 2016, the archdiocese had a high of 1,719 total candidates in 2023.



Catechumens are adults or children who have never been baptized, while candidates are those who have been baptized, but receive the sacrament of confirmation and the Eucharist during the Easter vigil.

The trend tracks with several other dioceses nationwide, which have reached or in many cases exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

The Diocese of San Diego and churches across the state of Hawaii reported increases of more than 10% since 2023, while the Archdiocese of Newark said the largest number of catechumens in over a decade were baptized on Holy Saturday.

During his homily at the Easter vigil on March 30 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez welcomed the newly elected into God's embrace.

"My dear elect and candidates, since the day you were born, God has been waiting for this night," Archbishop Gomez said. "Every life is unique, every life has its 'story.' And what happens to us, happens for a reason. Whether you knew it or not, all your life, God has been gently guiding you to this night. "Tonight your 'story' will be joined to 'his story,' to the beautiful history of salvation, the great story of God's love for his people."

# -Article from Angelus News

# 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 Church - Wednesdays at 5PM

# **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Saturday following all 8AM Masses and after 6:30AM Masses on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays



# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 ext.36 for information, as parents and godparents are required to participate in a preprepartion baptism course. You may also email Dianalee Dupree at DDupree@st-anastasia.org 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 む

SUN, April 21st: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

7:30 AM - Fr. Greg Rozborski ◆

9 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners

11 AM - Bernadeta Semik 🕏

5PM- Petra & Filiberto Castellanos ◆

# MON, April 22nd: Earth Day

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

6:30 AM -Daniel Austin & 8 AM -Robert DeLeonardis &

TUESDAY, April 23rd: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

8 AM - Adalberto Gonzalez 🕆

WED, April 24th: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

6:30 AM -Daniel Austin 

8 AM -Jamar Tolentino ★

THUR, April 25th: St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

8AM - Felix & Lupe Marin む む

# FRIDAY, April 26th: Arbor Day

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

6:30AM- Edward Gallagher **†** 8AM- Robert Reis ★

# SATURDAY, April 27th:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

8AM - Msgr. Gregory Cox ◆ 5PM- Marcel & Olga Lortie ❤

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

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

**First Reading**: Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

**Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) **Second Reading:** And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

**Gospel:** "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

# **FAITH FORMATION**

# PRAYERS FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

We are looking forward to the month of May when the children and young adults of our St. Anastasia Parish complete their formation preparation and receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please keep them, their sponsors, and families in your prayers.

May God's grace poor unto their hearts the gifts of these sacraments so that they can continue to grow in their faith, glorify God and spread the love of Jesus as true disciples of Christ.



# **MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

April 23rd: Bible Study (Every Tuesday 9-10:30 am or 7:30-9 pm) Location: Parish Hall

April 24th: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

April 24th: Ministry of Consolation (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

<u>April 26th</u>: Prayer Group (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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

<u>May 8th</u>: Baptismal Ministry (Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm) Location: Parish Hall

<u>May 16th</u>: Companions on the Journey (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10AM-11:30AM) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

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



# SCAM NOTICE - Phishing

St. Anastasia staff and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles urges everyone to be extremely cautious with any emails or texts appearing to come from a Church official that ask for money, gift cards, or an urgent request for a reply. They warn: No priest of the diocese will ever solicit for cash donations or gift cards via personal emails or text messages. Thank you.

# **CORNERSTONE MENS RETREAT**



I have a question to all of my brothers here at St. A's: Are you all hearing God's call to invest in your faith? Are you seeking answers in your life right now and looking for something to help you in your life right now? Then join me in the Cornerstone Men's Retreat at Visitation Church; 6:00pm Friday May 17, to 6:00pm Saturday May 18, 2024. I can answer any of your questions about the event here at St. A's, or call Russell Kehl at Visitation Church.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". Proverbs 27:17

Scott Yonkouski: (310) 989-4997 St. A's Russell Kehl: (323) 304-1065 Visitation Church

# DID YOU KNOW? APRIL 20TH -21ST

# April 20-21 | "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to

https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/

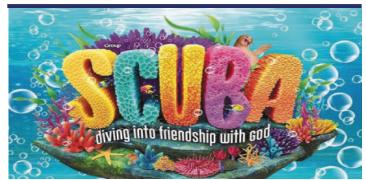
# **PARISH LOST & FOUND**

"Looking for a favorite hat or Dodger seat cushion? It just may be in the Lost and Found. The ocean blue box located in the vestibule of the Church. Items to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, April 28. Easter Blessings."



# PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



# Get ready to splash into fun!

At Scuba VBS, kids dive into friendship with God. Scuba is filled with awesome Scripture-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!

So mark these dates on your calendar: **June 24-June 28th**We dive in at 9AM each day and re-surface at 12PM.
Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us as
Fin-tastic Volunteers. We can't do it without the help of
some fun, loving, volunteers! Middle School students this is
a Fin-tastic way to get ahead of those service hours for next
year. Middle schoolers will lead each group each day allowing
them to develop leadership skills along with building those
buddy relationships we love so much at St. A's. Follow the link
below to register as a volunteer.

Register your children for this deep-sea adventure by visiting <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/scuba-sta">https://vbspro.events/p/scuba-sta</a>

# ST.VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

The next St.Vincent de Paul "Bundle Sunday" is scheduled for **April 28th from 8AM-2PM.** Now is the time to start that Spring cleaning to clear out what can be donated to help another.



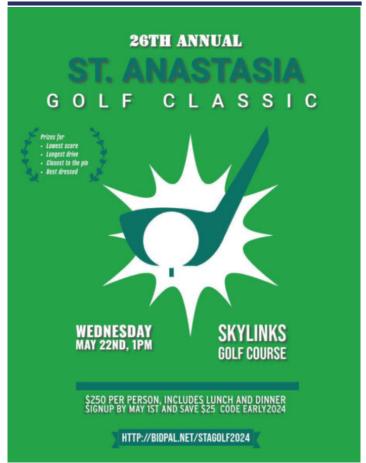
# ST. ROBERTS CENTER OUTREACH

Hey St. Anastasia Outreach Volunteers...
It is OUR TURN to help at St. Roberts Center on Sat 4/27!!

The center has a rotating schedule of local parishes and synagogues who commit to having volunteers help each week. St. Anastasia is one of these parishes. If you can join us, please sign up here! <a href="https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/153267?notelD=26189487">https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/153267?notelD=26189487</a>



# ST. ANASTASIA GOLF CLASSIC



# The 26th Annual St. Anastasia Golf Classic is back!

Please join us for a fun day with friends in the fantastic SoCal Sun. The annual tournament will be held at SKYLINKS golf course in Long Beach.

Hurry and sign up before May 1 and get \$25 off each player with/code EARLY2024.

Don't worry if you are not a golfer. You can still participate in the Silent Auction (Items will be posted May 10)

Then, for the kids this year, make them a St. A's Golfer! You can buy your kids an entry into the putting competition at school. During lunch, they will be able to play for prizes, from small toys and books to Dodger Tickets and more (each child will walk away with a prize). That's not all. They will also get a Free Dress on May 22, and YOU will get 1 hour of service time.

This year's golf tournament proceeds will go directly to the strategic plan to update the 6-8 grade classrooms for the 24-25 school year.

https://one.bidpal.net/stagolf2024

Thank you,

Beata Murphy and Nicole Stonerock Golf Committee Co-Chairs

# **BEYOND OUR PARISH**

# **WALK FOR LIFE**





# PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

The Pregnancy Help Center presents its 37th Annual Walk for Life South Bay on **Saturday, May 18th,** at Veterans Park, Redondo Beach, 7:30 am onsite registration & prewalk festivities (music, snacks, face painting). Join the St. Anastatia team to walk together, raise money and save lives every step of the way. 100% of proceeds provide free pregnancy services for clients of the Center.

For information or to register- event. fundeasy.com/27239 or call the Center at 424-263-4855. Sign up by April 23rd and raise/pay \$45 to be guaranteed a Walk t-shirt. Thank you!





# **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION**

Eucharistic Revival Retreat Visitation Church, 6561 W. 88th St. LA 90045 Saturday May 11, 9-3 pm.

Join Visitation Parish and Father Parker Sandoval, Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,

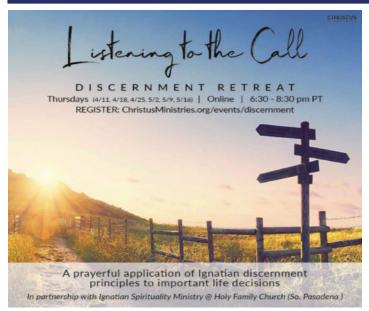


on a Parish-Wide Retreat focusing on "Who is Jesus? The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and our Mission as Catholics to share the Good News with others." Includes Continental breakfast, lunch and retreat materials. Cost: \$35/person. For more information and to register, visit: https://e.givesmart.com/events/BeB/

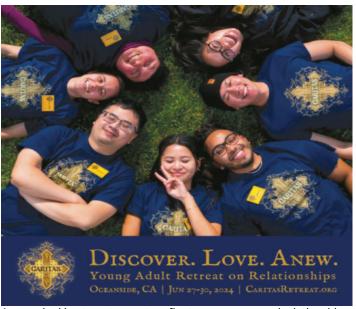
# **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deadline for any pulpit announcements is **Thursdays by 12N**. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org. April 28th bulletin content due: **Thursday, April 25th.** 

# **CHRISTUS MINISTRIES**



Join others for a five-week online prayer retreat that provides a hands-on experience of Ignatian discernment by integrating daily prayer, discernment of spirits, spiritual direction, spiritual conversation, and practicing key steps of discerning God's will. Learn more & register here <a href="https://www.christusministries.org/events/discernment">https://www.christusministries.org/events/discernment</a>



Are you looking to get away to reflect on your personal relationships and their meanings? Or encounter God's love in a whole new way? Join other young adults for a retreat focused on important and significant relationships - with God, yourself, and others. Learn more & register here <a href="https://www.christusministries.org/events/caritas67">https://www.christusministries.org/events/caritas67</a>



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