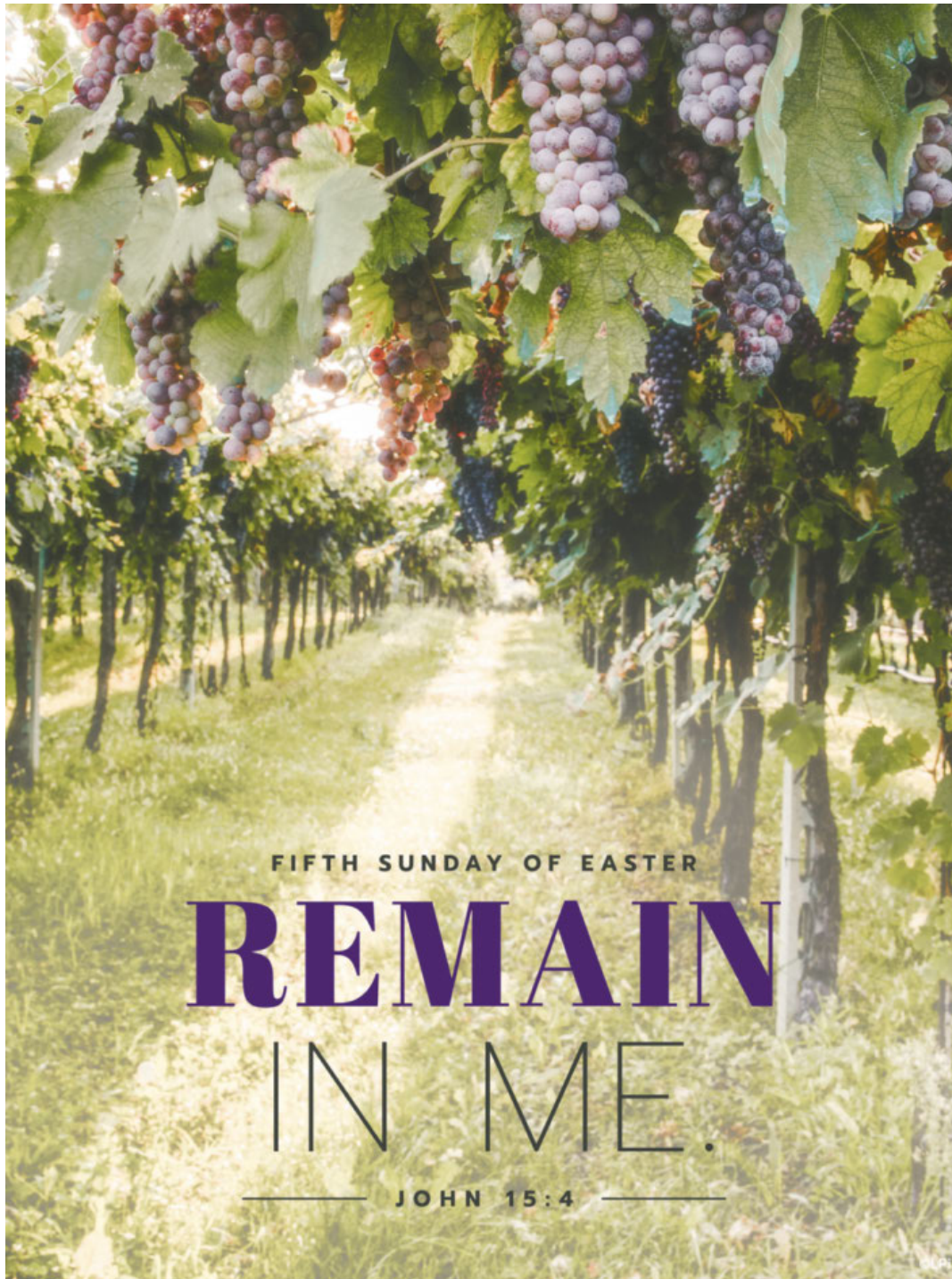




# ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 28TH, 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

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would



be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

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## CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

Renovations to the Church continues to come along. This past week we finished the installation of the acoustics for the new sound system! We now look forward to the next phase, which is the installation of the new Church pews, which will begin on Monday May 6th. The tabernacle (pictured below) is almost finished and will soon be positioned on the Retablo. We want to thank you, our wonderful Parishioners, for your patience as we continue the beautification of our Church. All of this cannot be done without your continued support. To donate to our Church building fund, please scan the QR code, or go to this link.

<https://osvhub.com/st-anastasia/giving/funds/building-fund-st-anastasia>



Thank you and God bless,  
Parish Staff



## MINISTRY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

**May 1st: Adult Choir** (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

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

**May 3rd: Prayer Group** (Every Friday 6pm-8pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**May 8th: Baptismal Ministry** (Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm) Location: Parish Conference Room.

**May 14th: Ministry of Consolation** (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm) Location: Parish Office Conference Room

**May 16th: Companions on the Journey** (Every 3rd 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.



# 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 prepreparation baptism course. You may also email Dianalee Dupree at [DDupree@st-anastasia.org](mailto: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](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, April 28th: 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

7:30 AM -St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

9 AM - Jan Semik †

11 AM - Jan Semik †

5PM- Biany Satyadi †

**MON, April 29th: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

6:30 AM -Wanda & Andrew Stefanski ††

8 AM -Fr. Greg Rozborski ♦

**TUESDAY, April 30th: St. Pius V, Pope**

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

8 AM - Manuel Perez Godoy †

**WED, May 1st: St. Joseph the Worker**

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

6:30 AM -Wanda & Andrew Stefanski ††

8 AM -Eloisa Mauri †

**THUR, May 2nd: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer**

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

8AM - Diana Rasbot Coles ★

**FRIDAY, May 3rd: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

6:30AM- Carmen Gallagher †

8AM- Sr. Teresita Carrillo ♦

**SATURDAY, May 4th:**

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

8AM - Msgr. "Gabe" Gonzalez †

5PM- Bernadeta & Jan Semik †

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 5PM Fr. Semik

SUN: 7:30AM Fr. Semik

SUN: 9AM Fr. Rozborski

SUN: 11AM Msgr. Cox

SUN: 5PM Fr. Semik

**First Reading:** The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

**Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

**Second Reading:** Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

**Gospel:** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

# FAITH FORMATION

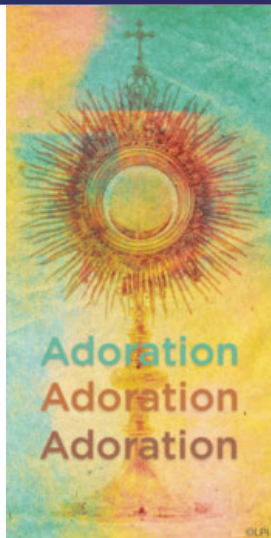
## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On First Fridays, Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass, receive Communion, and spend time in adoration to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

It's a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to Christ, seek His mercy, and offer reparation for our sins.

We invite you to join us this Friday, **May 3rd, at 6PM.**

May your participation in First Friday Adoration bring you spiritual blessings and deepen your love for our Lord!



## ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



Today, April 28th, and every last Sunday of the month— we invite those couples married in that month to receive a special blessing after each Mass.

## CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND

Next Weekend, we will be having a second collection for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund during every Mass. This fund was created to help provide immediate assistance to those facing crisis. Your tax deductible donations will go to help those who have nowhere else to go. Thank you for your generosity.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH

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 pour 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.



## 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 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.

Scott Yonkouski: (310) 989-4997 St. A's

Russell Kehl: (323) 304-1065 Visitation Church

## DID YOU KNOW? APRIL 27TH -28TH

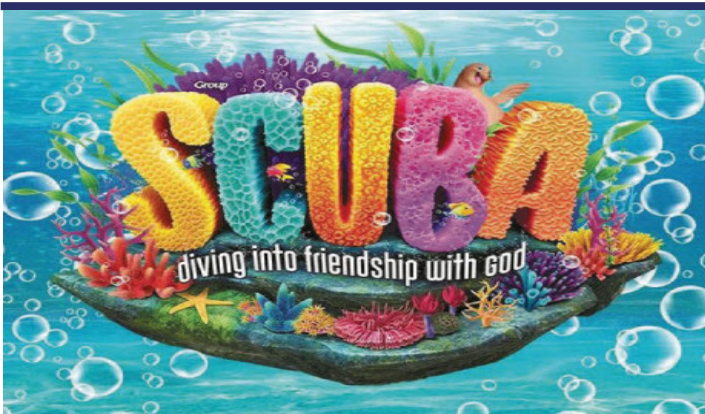
**April 27-28 || Healing Gardens for victims-survivors in the Archdiocese's five pastoral regions**



The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has created gardens of healing in each of the Archdiocese's pastoral regions, dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community. Located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Los Angeles (Our Lady of Los Angeles Pastoral Region), Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region) St. Francis de Sales Parish, Sherman Oaks (San Fernando Pastoral Region), and St. Bernadette Parish, Los Angeles (San Gabriel Pastoral Region), these gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. A fifth garden will be built in the San Pedro Pastoral Region. In each garden there is a weeping wall and a plaque with a reflection by Archbishop Gomez, which starts with this paragraph: "Dedicated to all those impacted by sexual abuse in the Church, their communities, their families – may all who visit find some measure of renewal, peace and comfort in doing so." For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens/>

# 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! Register your children for this deep-sea adventure by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/scuba-sta>

## FAREWELL FOR MARTI MORAN

**Saturday, May 18 from 1pm-4pm** all are invited to Pastor's Plaza for an informal farewell for Marti, who is leaving St. A's after 20+ years of friendship and service to our parish. Mon Reilly is putting together a memory book for her. Anyone who has known, studied with, or has been taught by Marti, is invited to make something for her, please make it no bigger than 12 x 12 or you can create something that day. You can submit notes & photos by email or text if you wish, to Maria Reilly at [maria@reillys.net](mailto:maria@reillys.net) or 310-382-7971



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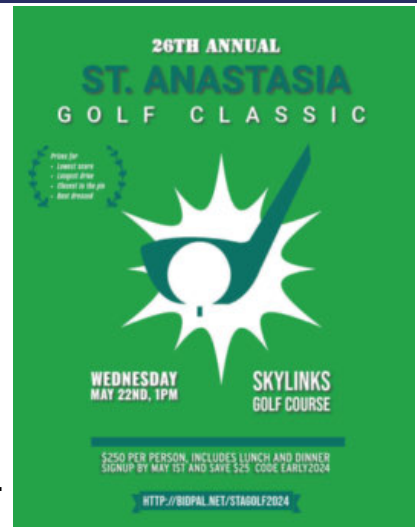
Deadline for any pulpit announcements is **Thursdays by 12N**. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email [bulletin@st-anastasia.org](mailto:bulletin@st-anastasia.org). May 12th bulletin content due: **Thursday, May 5th**.

## 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)

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>

## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

**Baby Bottle Drive**

**Every Human Life is Precious**

**YOU CAN HELP**

Pray with us and fill this baby bottle with your checks, bills and coins.

Please return by **Tuesday, April 30**

Every little bit helps!

Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS) is a life-saving pregnancy resource center that provides caring support and hope for women pregnant in difficult circumstances. LAPS counselors nurture women spiritually, emotionally, and materially both before and after their babies are born. Your generous support of this Baby Bottle Drive will save lives.

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**Return Bottles!**

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Direct questions about the Baby Bottle Drive to:  
Teresa Syta  
(310) 592-4213  
[TeresaSyta@gmail.com](mailto:TeresaSyta@gmail.com)

# 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 & pre-walk 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 go to <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=27239> or call the Center at 424-263-4855.



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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