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August 18, 2024 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 5PM Vigil

Sunday | 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30AM | Mon, Wed, Fri

8AM | Mon-Sat

CONFESSION

Wednesday | 5:15-5:45PM

Saturday | 3:30-4:45PM

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Rev. Greg Rozborski, PhD

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Rev. Msgr. Gregory Cox

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri | 8:30AM-4:30PM

*Closed for Lunch 12:30-1:30PM
(CLOSED WEEKENDS)*

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?"



His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir@LPI

PARISH OFFERTORY OVERVIEW MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

June	\$61,171	91%
July	\$57,759	86%

Monthly Parish Needs

\$67,500

THE IMAGES OF ST. ANASTASIA

You may have noticed that not only our Church has gotten a remodel, but our bulletin has a new look!!

The St. Anastasia parish team has been working with our partners at LPI to develop new branding materials that will come to symbolize the strength of our community's Catholic identity, and the vibrant future of our Parish.

We are pleased with the results of this new logo, which highlights St. Anastasia, our Patron Saint, and a palm branch as a reference to her martyrdom. The logo also incorporates our history with a nod to the iconic stained glass windows in our Church, designed by Sister Genevieve Underwood, R.S.H.M.



You may have also noticed our new addition of art, located on the eastern wall of the nave of the Church. This beautiful depiction of our Patron Saint was commissioned by Fr. Leszek, and painted by Evan Wilson of LeGrande Studios. Saint Anastasia was a Christian Martyr, who lived in the 3rd Century. She was known for her unwavering faith and courage in the face of persecution. She is known as the Patron Saint of Martyrs, weavers, and those suffering from poisoning. In fact, many miracles of healing have been attributed to her intercession. We celebrate her feast day on December 25th.

St. Anastasia Online Giving



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MINISTRY MEETINGS

August 21st: Adult Choir (Every Wednesday at 6:15PM)

August 23rd: Prayer Group (Every Friday 6pm-8pm)
Location: Parish Office Conference Room.

September 4th: Men's Morning Hour (Every 1st Wednesday of the month after 6:30AM Mass)
Location: Parish Office Conference Room

September 11th: Baptismal Ministry (The 2nd Wednesday of the every other month at 7:30pm)
Location: Parish Conference Room

September 19th: 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.



Monday - Friday

Personal Prayer in the Church 6AM - 5PM
Daily Rosary in the Church after 6:30AM & 8AM Mass

Sunday, August 18th

Ministry Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, August 22nd

Wellness Mass 5PM

Sunday, August 25th

Blessing of the backpacks 9AM

Monday, August 26th-Tuesday August 27th

Virtus Training 8:30-12N

(register at calendly.com/stanastasia90045)

Monday, August 26th

Fingerprinting

(register at calendly.com/stanastasia90045)

Wednesday, August 28th

First Day of School

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day, Parish Office Closed

Sunday, September 8th

Grandparent's Mass

Tuesday, September 10th

Back to School Night

Sunday, September 15th

Catechetical Sunday / Pancake Breakfast
Ministry Fair

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUN, Aug 18th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

7:30 AM St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦
9 AM Jan Oskernova †
11 AM Diane Dolim Young †
5PM John Irwin †

MON, Aug 19th: St. John Eudes, Priest
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

6:30 AM Deacon Joe Viola ♦
8 AM Rudy Moran †

TUES, Aug 20th: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

8 AM Msgr. Joe Cox ♦

WED, Aug 21st: St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

6:30 AM Maggie Rosen Issa †
8 AM Chris "Hags" Hegerty ★

THUR, Aug 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

8 AM Bernadeta Semik †
6PM Mass of Wellness

FRI Aug 23rd: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

6:30 AM Timothy J. Mallen ★ †
8 AM Fr. Greg Rozborski ♦

SAT, Aug 24th: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

8 AM Fr. James O'Grady †
5PM Jan Semik †

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

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

First Reading: "Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading: This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel: Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS *& Sacramental Prep*
2024 - 2025

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Inviting students from Ages 7 - 12th Grade and Adults ready for OCIA

Welcome to St. Anastasia Catholic Church's Youth Faith Formation Program! Classes will run from September - early May. Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation Year!



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PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS
THU & FRI AUGUST, 22 & 23

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our parish religious education program for students who are being raised Catholic, but do not attend a Catholic school. Through this program students will learn basic Catholic teachings, prayers and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION



Preparation typically begins in 9th grade, but open to all HS teens. Students participate in a 2 year program that meets monthly. This program gives teens the space to encounter Jesus, deepen their knowledge of Catholicism, and strengthen their gifts of the Holy Spirit.

ADULT OCIA



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for all those searching, exploring, and discerning to become Catholic. Whether you are baptized, or not, we are here to journey along side you.

We invite all to "Come and See."

Preparation for the new faith formation year is underway, and your help is needed across all of our programs. Opportunities include elementary teaching catechist, co-teacher, hall monitoring, teen youth minister and OCIA Adult program accompaniment. All you need is a willingness to work with our youth and a love for sharing our faith with others. Training and support will be provided.

**Remember God doesn't always call the qualified.
He qualifies the called!**

Contact Dianalee Dupree by email ddupree@st-anastasia.org
text 310-913-7965

WELCOME TO ST. ANASTASIA

WELCOME TO ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH. WHETHER YOU ARE NEW HERE, VISITING, OR HAVE CALLED US HOME FOR SOME TIME, WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN ST. ANASTASIA AS A PLACE FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. MAY YOU FEEL THE LOVE AND PRESENCE OF GOD AS WE COME TOGETHER AT MASS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE LITURGICAL YEAR. WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL OF OUR MINISTRIES AND OFFERINGS. WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!


LOOKING FOR LECTORS

Interested in participating at weekend Masses while growing in faith and developing the gift of public speaking? Consider becoming a Lector



Email Ddupree@st-anastasia.org to connect with our Ministry leaders for training and resources!

VISION NIGHT



ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VISION NIGHT

Join us for a presentation on of our vision for the school including updates on:

- State of the School/Financial Updates
- Administrative Updates
- Master Plan
 - Vision for the Plan
 - Feasibility Study and Capital Campaign

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 21, 2024
7-8PM

Presentation will be in the Church followed by refreshments in the Diamond Courtyard directly afterward.

All school parents in attendance can receive one volunteer hour for attending Vision Night.

St. Anastasia Catholic School
www.school.st-anastasia.org
8631 Stanmoor Drive - Los Angeles, CA 90045

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NURSES MINISTRY

Stop by the Nurses Ministry Table in the Diamond Courtyard this Sunday, August 18th, for your Blood Pressure screening after the 7:30AM, 9AM, and 11AM Masses— thanks to Angie Tolentino and the nurses who give their time to this Ministry



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Dont' miss our monthly donation basket after every mass this Sunday, August 18th, supporting St. Margaret's Center. Since 1987, they have been providing a range of emergency and supportive services, to about 10,000 individuals annually in the L.A.X areas.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for any pulpit announcements is **Thursdays by 12N**. If you have any postings for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org. September 1st bulletin content due: Thursday, August 23rd

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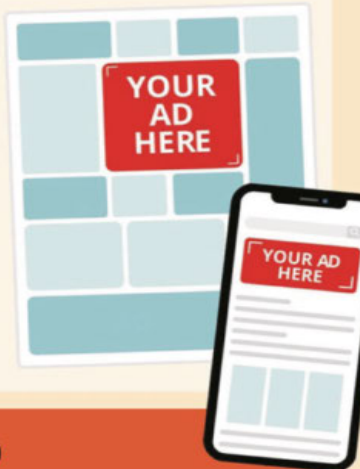
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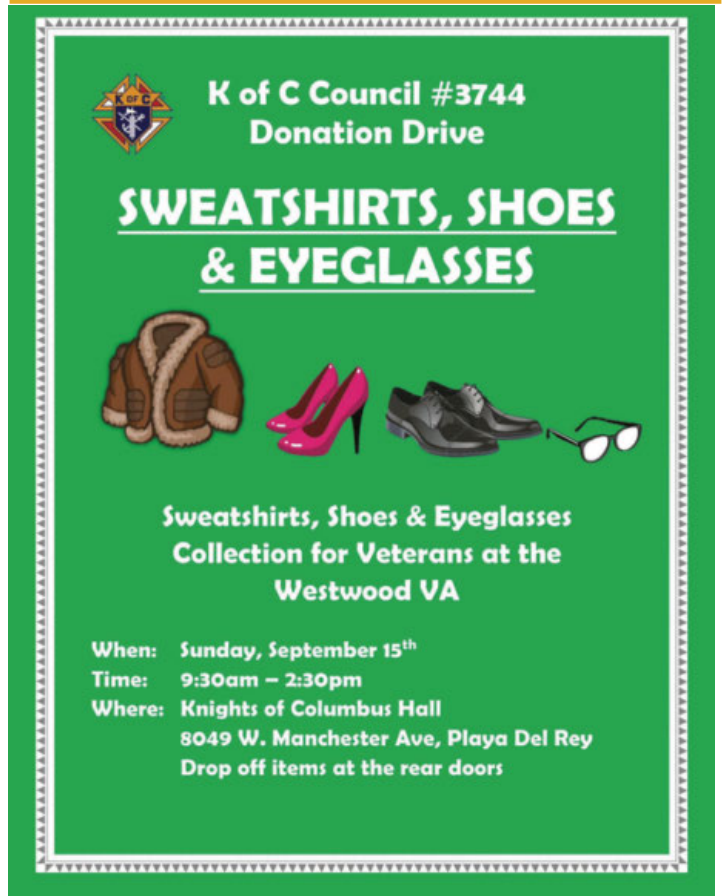
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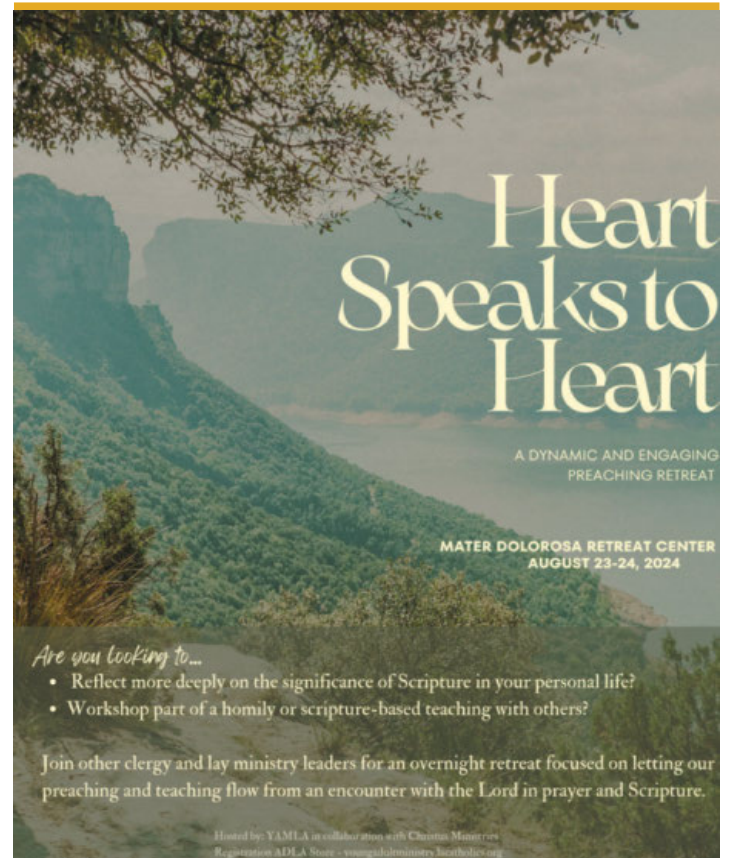
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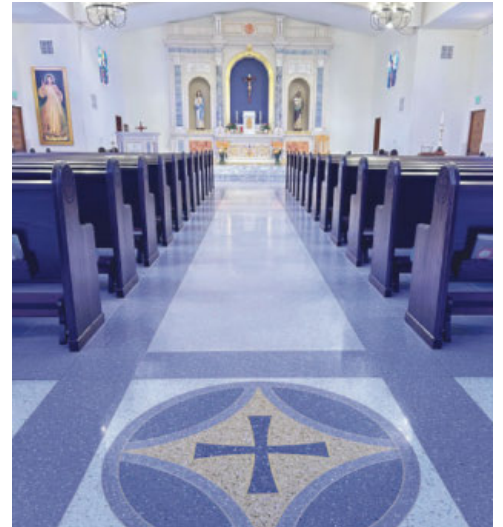
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FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION, AND HS CONFIRMATION:

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: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples must contact the Office 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Parish

Office: 310-670-2243.

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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.