

St. Anastasia Catholic Church

Established 1985 in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2010



Located on Anastasia Island

5205 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida 32080

(Between the SR 206 and SR 312 bridges on A1A)

Fr. D. Terrence Morgan, Pastor

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 4 p.m.

Sunday 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Youth Mass, first Sunday, 8 a.m.

Weekdays (Mon. to Fri.) 9 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil 7 p.m.

Holy Day 9 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

*Visit Our Lady's Chapel and the Columbarium in the Cloisters of St. Anastasia.
Guided or self-guided tours of the church are available weekdays until sundown.*

THE HEART OF CONVERSION

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites—see today's first reading—so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.



Mass Intentions For The Week



Mass intentions for the month are posted on our website:
www.stanastasiacc.org

Mon. Mar. 15	9 a.m.	John Peteani +
Tue. Mar. 16	9 a.m.	James Morrin +
Wed Mar. 17	9 a.m.	Donnellan Family +
Thu. Mar. 18	9 a.m.	Patricia Leahy +
Fri. Mar. 19	9 a.m.	D. Edward Houle +
Sat. Mar. 20	4 p.m.	Michael Davitt +
Sun. Mar. 21	8 a.m.	Rose & Anthony DelVecchio +
	10:30 a.m.	Paul Geiser +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday:	St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday:	Spring begins

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2010

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

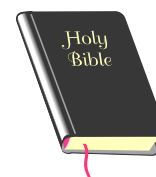
Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday:	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a <i>or</i> Luke 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday:	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalms 126; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.— 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Welcome to St. Anastasia
Catholic Church.*

Whether you are a permanent or a seasonal member, we ask that you fill out a registration card available on the table in the narthex. Please also inform us of any change in your address. You are invited to become part of our day to day ministry. Our needs are constant. Just let us know your interest.

**GENERAL INFORMATION
BAPTISM**

Call the parish office at least four weeks before the desired date. Attendance is mandatory at the Baptismal class held 11 a.m. on the First Saturday of the month in the church. Baptisms are not scheduled during Lent.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
PROGRAM (CEP)**

Our CEP program, for grades K-6 is on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., and for grades 7-8 on Wednesdays from 6—7 p.m.

**RCIA--Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

Classes for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who already is Catholic but may have been away from the church and now would like to return. *No strings attached!* Mondays, 7—8:30 p.m., September to May.

MARRIAGE

Call the parish office at least EIGHT months in advance to make the required preparations. No weddings are scheduled during Lent.

**HOW TO CONTACT US
CHURCH OFFICE**

We are located on the west side of our main parking lot. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Phone: 471-5364.

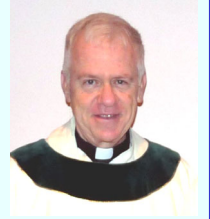
E-mail—stanastasiacc@aol.com (office); stanastasiaccyg@aol.com (Youth Director); stanastasiaccdov@aol.com (Stewardship/Director of Volunteers)

**CRISIS PREGNANCY
Dial 1-800-848 LOVE**

A live person is available 24/7 to provide counseling and other assistance you may need.

♦ST. GERARD CAMPUS—Pregnancy testing and counseling allows young mothers to finish high school—keep your baby. Adoption counseling and arrangements available. 829-5516, 797-9437, 1-800-833-6073.

♦PROJECT RACHEL—Light Shines in the Darkness—Reconciliation, healing & counseling following an abortion. Confidential! Call toll free 1-877-908-1212 anytime.



Dear Friends,

With the Ash Wednesday crosses on our foreheads long wiped out of sight, pastors at this point in Lent often begin to beat the drum and rally the troops to fill the pews for our one big liturgy of the year, the “Easter Triduum.” (“Triduum” – pronounced TRI-doo-um – means “three days.”)

The rites of the Triduum – the Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Good Friday afternoon Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, the Holy Saturday evening solemn Easter Vigil – are indeed the central liturgy of the Church. For centuries before the Church even set a date to commemorate Christmas, we celebrated this Mystery – Christ’s passion, death and resurrection – with solemn rites very close to what we experience today. And while every Christmas Mass, be it vigil or feast, is packed to the gills, we still have plenty of seats empty at our highest of holy days, the Easter Triduum. Go ‘splain.

“And furthermore,” I can hear my brother pastors saying, “Look at the things we do instead of joining the Church in its central worship event of the year. We stay at home and watch basketball on TV, or we hit the beach, or we spend hours transfixed before the TV to see who will hit a little white ball under par in the Shell Houston Open.” The Shell Houston Open outdraws the holiest of Catholic holy days!

I beat that drum, too!

But, at the risk of beating a different drum, I’d like to suggest that there is one day in our parish’s year which “trumps” even the evocative, sacred liturgies of the Easter Triduum.

And that day is next Saturday, March 20. It is the day of our parish’s Penitential Service (11:00 a.m., with ten confessors). In three weeks – on Holy Thursday night, Good Friday afternoon, and Holy Saturday evening -- we will meet Christ as a member of the Body of Christ, as a member of the Assembly gathered for worship. But in six days, we meet our Savior face-to-face, one-on-one. Not in the domain of song or shared prayer, but as individuals, each with a different life, each walking a unique road to discipleship, each with very personal weaknesses and sins, each urgently in need of the good Lord’s healing and mercy.

This is the one event all year long which we attend not because it is a day of obligation, not because of the music and flowers and sermon, not because of a great feast, but because we all urgently need to hear the call of the Master: “Sinner, come home!”

We’ll have a lot of “the regulars” at our Penitential Service on Saturday. And we’ll have some folks who haven’t darkened a church door in years. I must tell you, as a priest I am overwhelmed, not by the wickedness of our penitents, but by their deep faith and love (and, yes, contrition).

Come to the Mercy Seat this week. Bring a wounded companion. Bring them to the Master and his healing touch.

Love,

Father Morgan

P.S. Please continue to pray for our precious new Catholics, whose Scrutinies you have been witnessing, and who will receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil: Carrie Ann Ball, Michael Bryan, Brianna Link, Darby Moore, Aaron Nelson Jones, Jan Lazeski, Beverly Winchell-Simpson, John Wilson, James Martin, Kelsey Moore, and Freza Reynolds. Their final Scrutiny – with the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus (John ch. 11) will be next Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



*Please Pray for the Souls
of the recently departed*

Fr. Ray Guthrie,
Brenda Connelly,
Margaret O'Donnell,
Doreen Callwell

WE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Daniel A. Murphy, Mary Piper,
Amie Lynn Berube, Tom V. Cox,
Barbara Bromirski, Gerald Sicard
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Meredith & Craig Conroy, 9 years

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Anastasia Catholic Church is to give glory to God our Father as totally committed disciples of his Son Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to answering the Christ's call to serve all people by giving help to others, by embracing all who wish to share in God's graces, and by using our time, talent, and treasure in Jesus' name to grow in our Catholic faith.

REGULAR MEETINGS

- AA Friday, 12 noon, Community Center
- AA for Women Monday, 11:30 a.m., Community Center
- AL-ANON Thursday, 1 p.m. Community Center
(For families & friends of alcoholics)
- ADORATION Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.,
Eucharistic Chapel
- BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m. Community Center
- BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Community Center
- CHOIR Wednesday, 7 p.m. (resumes in September)
- COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP GROUP
Last Monday; time, location varies
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Thomas More Council 7121
1st & 4th Thursday, 6 p.m. Community Center
- SHAWL KNITTING MINISTRY— 1 p.m., 4th Tuesday,
Community Center
- RESPECT LIFE First Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Altar
Servers Room in the Church
- ROSARY MAKERS GUILD
2nd & 4th Monday, 1:30 - 3 p.m., Community
Center
- SALA (Saint Anastasia Ladies Association)
Second Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Community Center
- SONS OF ITALY Third Thursday, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting
- SAMOPS (St. Anastasia Missionaries of the Poor Supporters)
Third Friday, 9:30 a.m., San Antonio Room
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY, 7 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel

Check the blue SAY AMEN section each week for specific information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—THURSDAY AT 12 NOON

All notices including bulletin inserts are subject to approval and must be submitted to the office by 12 noon, Thursday, 10 days prior to bulletin distribution. We reserve the right to edit (or reject) all contributions. Pilgrimage and travel notices will be published on a space available basis only. Neither St. Anastasia Church or the Diocese of St. Augustine sponsor or endorse these trips which are published as a courtesy. —Lorraine Thompson, Editor

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please inform the church office when a parishioner is hospitalized. When admitted through the emergency room, please be sure to tell them you are Catholic.

If you or someone you know is homebound, please make arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to visit and bring Communion— and let us know how we may help in any way.

**ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE
FLOWER GIFT SHOP**

Beautiful Rosaries, medals, Bibles, statues, paintings and other unique items are available in our Gift Shop located in the church narthex.

Weekday hours are Mon., Thu., Fri. 9:30 to 10:00 AM

CLOSED ON Tuesday & Wednesday Saturday and Sunday One-Half Hour before and after Masses. You may contact the Gift Shop at 471-0806.



FLORAL TRIBUTES

Parishioners, friends, and relatives may donate flowers for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel as a tribute to a loved one, either living or deceased. Donation is \$60. If you wish to participate, please call the church office, 471-5364 and reserve a date.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAG MEMORIAL--The American flag flown over Saint Anastasia Catholic Church is available for sponsorship by parishioners. Once the flag has flown the number of days requested, it is presented to the sponsoring parishioner. For more information, contact the office at 471-5364



Parish Library & Resource Center

Located in the Administration Building
Hours: Sundays 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Books may be returned to the administrative office desk during regular office hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

TRAVELING? Find a church and Mass times at www.Masstimes.org

BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR

Register online at www.donatelifeflorida.org or call

1-877-357-4273. You may also register when you renew your driver's license through the DMV.



VISIT OUR WEB PAGE AT WWW.STANASTASIACC.ORG for special events, Mass intentions, weekly bulletin, SAY (St. Anastasia Youth) newsletter, meetings and other information.




Bulletin Board

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Classes to prepare adults (age 18 & older) to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral with Bishop Galeone on June 6th at 2 p.m. are scheduled to begin soon. If for some reason you have not been able to complete this part of the full initiation into the Catholic church process, please contact the church office at 471-5364. This is for adults who have been baptized and have received their First Communion in the Catholic Church. Preparation is necessary before Confirmation so it is important that you register as soon as possible.

Confirmation Class



- **LENTEN FISH FRY**, 5:30 to 7 p.m. after Stations of the Cross on March 19 and 26. Cost \$7. Proceeds will go to the building fund. 
- **CPR TRAINING**—1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 21. The class is taught by Anthony Muscolino, who is an American Red Cross Certified Trainer. Those who successfully complete the training will receive national certification. The class is open to everyone in the parish. Pre-registration is not required. There is a \$10 fee. 
- **ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY BLACK AND WHITE PARISIAN NIGHT AUCTION 2010 – MARCH 20.** Catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Early reservations are suggested since past events have sold out. Some new auction items: 2 tickets to The Oprah Winfrey Show, sports item signed by Tim Tebow!! Tickets: \$35 each. Call 824-0431 for tickets or to donate items, be an advertiser or sponsor. Email development@sjaweb.org.
- **St. Ambrose Parish Spring Fair** - Sunday, March 21, Noon to 4 p.m. Lots of games and entertainment available. For details, call the Parish at 692-1366.
- **From the Cathedral- Basilica of St. Augustine** - the Diocesan celebrations of the Chrism Mass, Wednesday, March 31, at 11 a.m. and Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood, Saturday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. are on the horizon. Dr. Sans, the Director of Music for the Cathedral-Basilica, has a few spaces available for parish choir members to join the Cathedral choirs for these two events. If you would be interested in taking musical part in these celebrations, email Bernie at: cathedralmusic@gmail.com. 

ADDITIONAL USHERS are needed at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Regular and Substitutes would be appreciated. Call the office, 471-5364 or see Pat McCabe at the 10:30 Mass.



Youth Group Announces Easter Events
SAY (St. Anastasia Youth) is seeking donations of candy and treat items for the parish Easter Egg Hunt to take place after the 11 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. The candy needs to be non-melting candy (no chocolate) or small treats that will fit into the plastic eggs! There is a basket in the tour guide office to drop items off or you can bring them by the church office any time during the week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Sign ups for the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be after all Masses prior to the breakfast. The annual event, hosted by the Youth Group, will take place at 9:15 a.m., Sunday, March 28 in the Community Center. You don't have to sign up in order to come to the breakfast, but it is helpful so that enough food is prepared. This is a free event aimed at increasing fellowship within our parish community.

There will be no Children's Liturgy March 21 due to the D-Now Retreat



MARCH
MSYG-New Wednesday time!

- 14th: HSYG – 6:30 – 8 p.m.
 - 24th: MSYG- 7-8 p.m. after Religious Ed
 To contact Melody Ott, Youth Director, call 471-5364 ext 9 or by email—stanastasiaccyg@aol.com.
 Visit the parish web page: www.stanastasiacc.org for Spring 2010 SAY schedule and the Say Amen Spirit Squad schedule
- NEW! Visit the youth groups page at WWW.SAYG.ORG**



LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY at 5 p.m. during Lent
except for Good Friday at 6 p.m.

- Mar. 13—RCIA Second Scrutiny at 4 p.m. Mass
- Mar. 20—Parish Communal Penance Service 11 a.m. (see insert with today's bulletin)
- Mar. 21—RCIA Third Scrutiny at 8 a.m. Mass
- Mar. 28—PALM SUNDAY

Vigil Mass on Saturday (March 27) 4 p.m.
PALM SUNDAY Masses at 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

- Apr. 1—HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.
- Apr. 2—GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.
- Apr. 3—HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of food in the church at 12 Noon

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, April 3—

The Easter Vigil 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.



Easter

LENTEN REGULATIONS

You are reminded of the church's laws for fast and abstinence during Lent.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Catholics who are 14 years or older should abstain from meat entirely. Soups and gravies made from meat are permitted.

In addition, Good Friday is a day of fasting. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are permitted one full meal and two lesser meals per day, with no eating between meals.

COMING—



FEED THE HUNGRY

- **FOOD DRIVE**, the weekend of March 27-28. Bags will be distributed next week. You may drop off non-perishable food items at any time in the tour guide office. Donations are distributed to local food banks.

- **SALA ANNUAL DINNER, 5:30 p.m.**
May 18, Community Center
Watch for more information in the bulletin

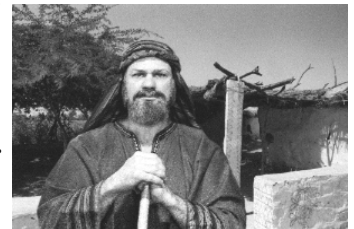
Weekly Offering

WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010

Offertory	\$18,595.00
Children	44.75
Building Fund	18,168.48
Total	\$36,808.23

SPECIAL LENTEN PERFORMANCES

Limelight Theatre presents **THREE MEN OF THE BIBLE** portrayed by Dr. Lee Weaver of Lee Weaver Ministries, Sunday March 14 and 21, 7:30 p.m. Weaver portrays Joseph, the husband of Mary; Judas the betrayer; and Peter the big fisherman. Admission is \$20. Reservations may be made by calling 825-1164. For information call 460-0406 or 687-8779. Weaver was last seen in the Limelight Theatre presentation as Don Quixote in *Man from La Mancha*. The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Avenue in downtown St. Augustine.



From Saint Anastasia Ladies Association -

We are grateful to all who supported our Afghan raffle fundraiser. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Margaret Galvin.

The Last Word

SOME FACTS OF LIFE

- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- A balanced diet is a muffin in each hand.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.

