Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

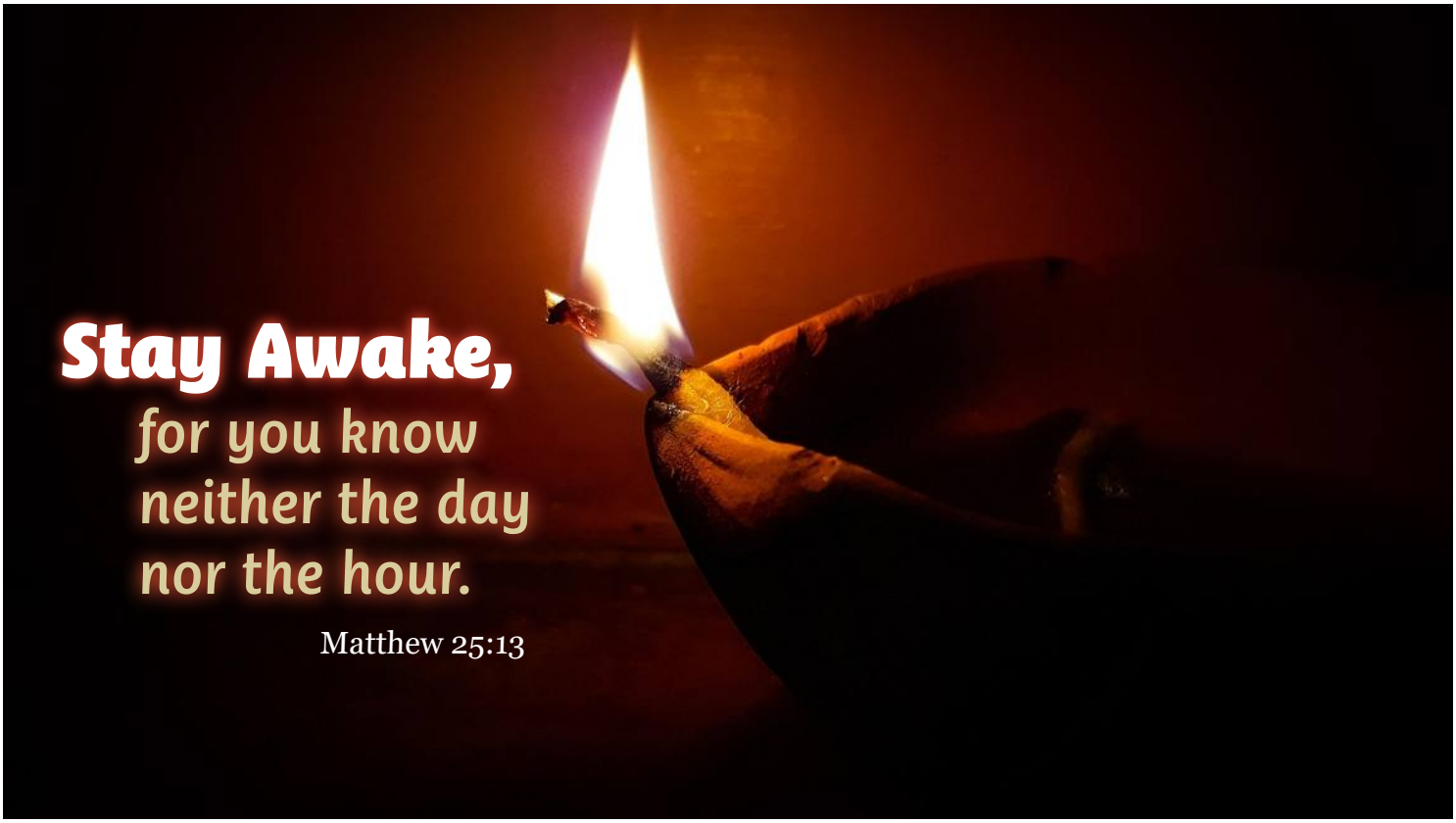
Saint Anastasia Church

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 8, 2026**



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." — Matthew 25:1-13



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Rectory Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All Are Welcome!

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;
NO MATTER your family situation;
NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;
NO MATTER what your self-image may be;
YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

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Receive text messages to stay connected to our parish. Go to stanyc.flocknote.com to register, or text **stanyc** to 84576.
- This is a free service but your carrier's text and data rates may apply.
- Text STOP to 84576 to stop texts.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory or in the rear of the church.

Use of the electronic giving (PARISHSOFT/Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for dates of baptisms. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM. Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.

MASS BOOK OPENING

We will open the Mass Book for January - June 2027 intentions on

Monday, November 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Mass Intention requests should...

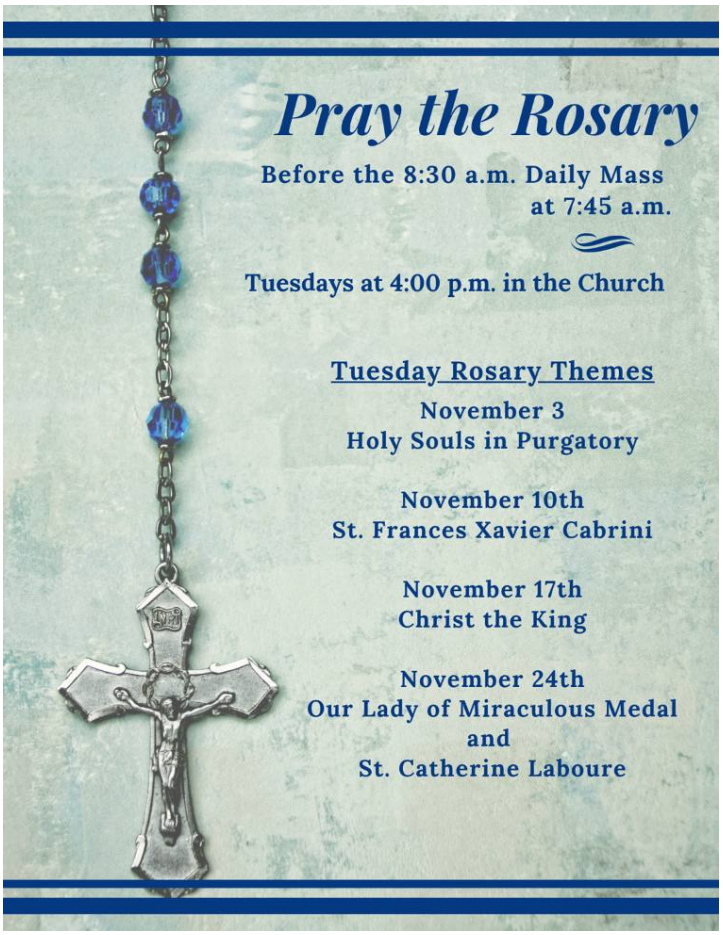
- **be typed or printed**
- **be listed as "Smith Family" or "Mary & Joseph Smith", if your intention is for more than one person**
- **include name(s), requested date and time, one alternate date**
- **be in an envelope with your name, telephone number and exact cash/check for the donation**

Weekday Masses [8:30 AM Monday -Saturday] are:
$20 donation per intention

Bread and Wine memorials and Sunday Masses
[Sat Vigil 5:00PM, Sun. 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM] are:
$25 donation per intention

Please drop your intentions off at the rectory. It will take up to 10 business days to enter ALL requests before we can return your confirmation slips.

EARLY DROP-OFFS WILL NOT BE ENTERED BEFORE THE MASS BOOK OPENS!



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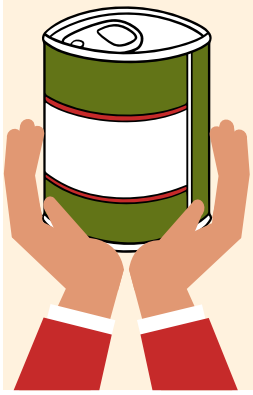
FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. KEVIN PARISH

PLEASE check expiration dates.
NO EXPIRED FOOD.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUESTED ONLY

TEA (REGULAR OR DECAF)
JELLY OR JAM
PEANUT BUTTER
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED TUNA
BLACK BEANS, RED BEANS, GARBANZO BEANS (CANNED OR DRY)
RICE (ONE OR TWO POUND BAGS)
MAC AND CHEESE
OATMEAL
DRY CEREAL
TOMATO SAUCE



Place items in the box at the entrance of St. Anastasia Church.

Call the Religious Ed office for more information: 718-225-5191

Winter Coat Drive



October 24-November 8

St. Anastasia Church

Help us support Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens as they look to help those in need this winter.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WINTER COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR ALL AGES.

NEW and GENTLY USED items only!

All dontations can be left in the bin in the church entrance.

Grow+Go



November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25: 1-13

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever gotten up early to watch the sunrise? It certainly takes commitment! One has to go to bed early and set an alarm, then get up in the stillness of the early hours before stepping outside. Although catching a glimpse of the sun peeking over the horizon can be a magical moment, our first reading tells us that finding wisdom is far better. It says wisdom is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." In other words, it takes commitment. Persistence. Active involvement. Just like getting up before the break of dawn to catch the sunrise. If we want our lives to be shaped by wisdom, we must actively seek her. And Scripture promises that "whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel today offers a parable of individuals (wise virgins) who are ready to wake up at midnight to meet the Lord when he comes. But not everyone in the parable is so prepared. Upon discovering they would not have enough oil, the foolish virgins ask the wise ones to share theirs. The wise virgins say no, telling them to go and buy some for themselves. At first glance, one may wonder why the wise virgins wouldn't share theirs. Are they being selfish? But another important detail in the text gives us further perspective: we read that the bridegroom was "long delayed" in his return. What this suggests is that the foolish virgins had all the time in the world to go and buy the oil they needed. And yet they procrastinated doing the one thing necessary to be ready when the bridegroom arrived. Through the years, the Church has read this text as a reminder that we can't put off conversion, deluding ourselves into thinking that we still have time to get right with God. In reality, the time for repentance is *now.*

INVITATION

This week, consider making a commitment to fast from hitting the snooze button. Offer up this sacrifice for someone whose conversion to the Lord you are earnestly praying for. And may this simple act also help you to overcome, with the assistance of God's grace, any procrastination that may be subtly taking root in your heart so you will be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

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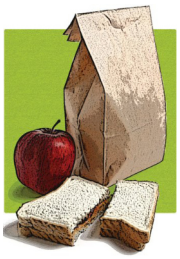


Last Sunday, November 1, 2026, the parish celebrated All Saints Day.
We thank all our little saints for joining us at Mass!

St. Anastasia Senior Group

EVERY TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.
Parish Center
(Corner of 245th Street and Northern Blvd.)

10:00 a.m. Mahjong | 11:00 a.m. Pokeno
Bring lunch - Play Games - Socialize
We are looking for canasta players!


If interested, please call:
Rectory (718-631-4454) or
Faith Formation Office (718-225-5191)

Keep a look out for new events and games!

EMBRACE for GOOD

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING BACK
at our Embrace for Good Event at Divine Wisdom

TAKE A TEST-DRIVE DURING OUR EMBRACE FOR GOOD EVENT AND LINCOLN WILL MAKE A

$50 DONATION, CONTRIBUTING UP TO $7,500.*

Benefitting: The Loukoumi Make a Difference Foundation and to cover the costs of our Good Deed Council members from Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy to attend the Loukoumi Good Deed Summit in Ireland.

Date: Sunday, November 15th, 2026
Stop by before or after Mass. Time: 8:00AM - 1:30PM
Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy, 45-11 245th Street, Douglaston, NY

THE LOUKOUMI MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOUNDATION

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

To register, scan the QR code or go to:
https://lincoln-embraceforgood.com/pre/XW4QX8

*No purchase necessary. Must be 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license and valid automobile insurance. Donation of $50 per combined valid test-drive and Lincoln Rejuvenate experience for a total donation of $7,500 per event. Limit one (1) donation per participant. Participants cannot only participate in the Rejuvenate experience; participants must complete a test-drive and Rejuvenate experience for the donation to be made. If the benefiting organization does not cash their donation check within 180 days of issue, Lincoln reserves the right to donate the funds to another organization of their choice.

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New York Blood Center

Blood Drive

St. Anastasia

Sunday, November 15th, 2026
8:45am-2:45pm

Parish Center-Main Floor
45-05 245th Street, Douglaston, NY 11362

To schedule your appointment to donate, Click Here or scan QR Code below:

Prepare to donate
- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- 17+ Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

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DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY
300 CLUB RAFFLE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
Doors open at 6 PM | Father Smith Hall
LIVE DRAWING PARTY
An evening of friends, food & one lucky winner !

$100 PER BOX
Only 300 boxes available!
GRAND PRIZE
$10,000

Each raffle box includes admission for TWO ADULTS
Pasta Dinner included. Adults-only evening.
Additional guests: $10 per person
Supporting Student Enrichment Programs
Buy your box & reserve your spot

PURCHASE ONLINE
Scan the code or visit
https://payit.nelnet.net/form/igxJL503
Buy a 300 Club Box

Winner need not be present.

This Week

Mon. (11/9): Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tue. (11/10): Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wed. (11/11): Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Thu. (11/12): Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Fri. (11/13): Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Diocese of Brooklyn

Vocations: Discover Your Calling

"For we are God's co-workers...."
How are you being called to build the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

This Week on formed™

Forming Catholics for *Life.*

Use "**st. anastasia ny**" to signup at **formed.org**



Cabrini

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



How to Advent | Episode 2

The Advent wreath is an invitation to enter into the waiting and preparation for the birth of our Savior! As we explore the meaning of the Advent wreath – its light, colors, and components – we can better grasp how we should be preparing our hearts. As the light from the candles grows brighter and brighter throughout the four weeks of Advent, so too grows our longing for the coming Light of Christ.

Children's activity sheets are located in the back of the church



Love and Serve

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the liturgical year draws to a close, this Sunday's and next Sunday's readings turn our attention to the Lord's coming. Are we ready to meet God face to face? The first reading calls us to seek Wisdom, not as an inaccessible mystery that only a few can unlock, or as a prize reserved for a select few. The reading reveals that those who seek her can find her, and that she even takes the initiative, meeting people along their paths and in their thoughts: *"She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her."* (Wisdom 6:13). The reading suggests that it takes effort, but Wisdom is also a gift: *"one who watches for her at dawn will not be disappointed, for she will be found sitting at the gate."* (V. 14). Seeking matters, for a person must be willing to listen and to be taught in order to grow in understanding.

In the second reading, Paul addresses the Thessalonians' concern about believers who have died before Christ's coming. Paul does not tell the believers to stop grieving. Rather, he teaches them not to grieve as those who have no hope: *"so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope."* (1 Thessalonians 4:13) That hope rests not on a vague conviction that things will work out, but on the central Christian belief that Jesus died and rose again and so will all the faithful departed. Paul argues that the dead in Christ will not be left behind: they will rise, and the living and the dead will be together with the Lord. His final instruction is practical and communal: *"Therefore, console one another with these words."* (V. 18).

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins: five who brought flasks of oil to keep their lamps burning while they waited for the bridegroom, and five who did not. All ten attendants grow drowsy and fall asleep; when the midnight cry announces the bridegroom, they all rise to prepare their lamps. Yet only five have brought extra oil. Jesus identifies the prepared as wise and the unprepared as foolish, then concludes: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* (Mat. 25:13). The command *"stay awake"* cannot mean that a Christian must literally avoid sleep. It means living ready for the encounter, without assuming that there will always be more time to prepare.

Together, the readings give Christian vigilance a richer meaning than nervous anticipation. Wisdom teaches people to seek what is true and good; Paul insists that hope must include those who have died; and Jesus warns that the future encounter calls for real preparation. Are we prepared? Being active and involved in the life of the Church is valuable and enriching. But is being busy the same as being prepared? The readings raise deeper questions: Are we seeking Wisdom through prayer and study, while asking the Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom? Do our words give hope to people who are grieving? Are there people in our lives whom we need to, or relationships in which reconciliation is possible? Are there resentments we need to let go of? Are we prepared to meet Christ? Let us ask God what we need to change and what to accept. As He guides us, may we grow in readiness to meet Christ.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial

Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Sherman
November 8 — 14, 2026

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

November 2026

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Prayer Intentions

In the kindness of your prayers, remember those born into eternal life.

Remember the sick, homebound, and those in need of our prayers:

Eva Bedell
Fred Bedell
Joyce Daino
John Dietzler
Ralph DiScala
Jo Ann Ferrari
Josephine Finocchiaro
Joan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Theodore Koumou
Anthony Logerfo
Alfina Manca
Barbara Mascia
TJ McSherry
Margaret Murphy
Robert Romano
Yolanda Stivanello
Antoinette Taub
Barbara H. Timmerman
Gregory Wiehl



St. Anastasia Parish Registration



Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form located in the rear of the church** then return it to the rectory.

Parish Family: Why Register?

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 8, 2026
5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff
Joe & Margaret Vargas (Living)

8:00 a.m. Maria Phu

10:00 a.m. Michael & Kevin J. O'Leary
Charles Sabatino

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish

Monday, November 9, 2026
8:30 a.m. Edward Hillig
Souls in Pergatory

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
8:30 a.m. Umberto Savocchi
D'Souza Family, In Thansgiving

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
8:30 a.m. Eugene Patrick Ferguson
Dr. Letitia Galves

Thursday, November 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. Joan O'Neill

Friday, November 13, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2026
8:30 a.m. Andrew Haverlin

Sunday, November 15, 2026
5:00 p.m. Vigil People of St. Anastasia Parish

8:00 a.m. Maria Phu

10:00 a.m. Joe & Robin Soriano
Paolo DiGregorio

12:00 noon Ramona Colindreler
Mario Savocchi



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