# **Good News!**

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 19, 2025** 



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus

said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled

them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. — John 2:1-11







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#### **Rectory Office Hours**

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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

#### Parish Membership

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

Use of the electronic giving (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

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month (except on holidays) at 1:00 p.m.. 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.

I say I will not mention him,
I will no longer speak in his name.
But then it is as if fire is burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding back,
I cannot!

Jeremiah 20:9

I have felt like Jeremiah, 'The word of God is in my heart like burning fire shut up in my bones' Martin Luther King, Jr. Referencing Jeremiah 20:9



Monday, January 20, 2025

Marin Luther King, JR. Day

# St. Anastasia Circle of Friends

SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

11AM TO 1PM
PARISH CENTER

Socialize with friends, play board or card games and enjoy time with others.

Coffee, tea, and water will be there.
Bring snacks to share!



# Continue the study of the Gospel of John with Msgr. Ryan!

Sessions will be held in the Parish Center

afternoons 1:15pm - 2:30pm

OR

evenings 7:30pm - 8:45pm

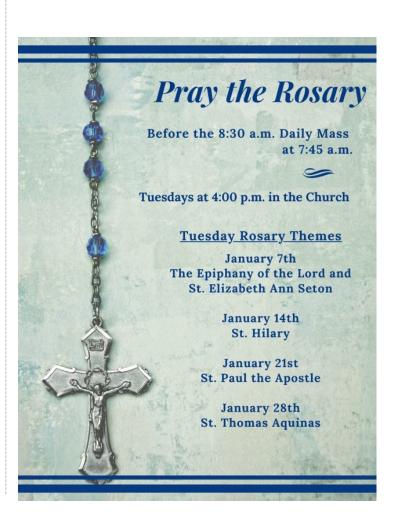
#### The dates are:

January 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 24th

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th

#### ALL ARE WELCOME!!!





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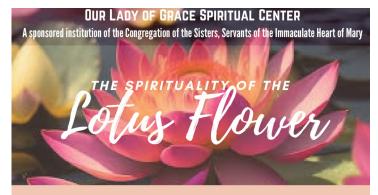




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This retreat will explore how, like the lotus, we have the ability to rise above the challenges of life to bring forth something pure and beautiful. **Includes Lunch** 

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# Grow+Go



January 19, 2025

FAITHFUL. DISCIPLE

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" - a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, selfsacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

#### JOURNAL

Although God's love for us never diminishes, we sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.





A Passionist Ministry

# **Spring Spiritual Retreat Weekend**

at Thomas Berry Place

# Friday - Sunday, March 21-23, 2025



Join us for a Self-Guided Silent Retreat come to spend personal time with God.

Explore, reflect, meditate, journal and more. Materials available to assist in your experience and a Spiritual Director can be arranged.

Reservations are required and space is limited. Call 929-357-6700 x205 or send an email to Kelli@ThomasBerryPlace.org to reserve your spot!

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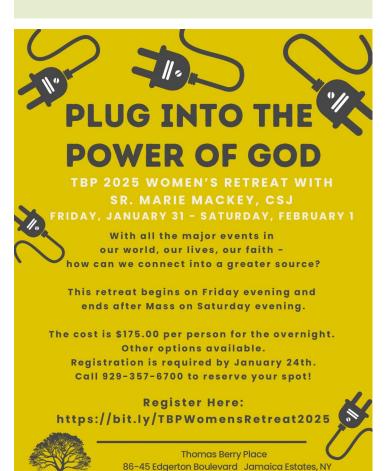
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# 2025 Retreat Calendar

More events are added throughout the year! We hope you will plan to join us for these upcoming events at TBP! Follow our social media pages for registration information!

| Dinner with PassionWednesday, January 29  |
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| Women's RetreatJanuary 31-February 2  |
| Day of Prayer Wednesday, February 5   |
| Evening for PrayerWednesday, February 12  |
| Men's Retreat February 28 - March 2   |
| Day of PrayerAsh Wednesday, March 5   |
| Evening for Prayer  |
| Dinner with PassionWednesday, March 26  |
| Day of Prayer   |
| Evening for Prayer  |
| Holy Week Retreat April 17-20   |
| Day of PrayerWednesday, May 7   |
| Evening for Prayer Wednesday, May 14  |
| Dinner with Passion Wednesday, May 28   |
| Day of Prayer Wednesday, June 4   |
| Evening for PrayerWednesday, June 11  |
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### This Week



Monday, January 20, 2025 Marin Luther King, JR. Day

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

> Thursday, January 23, 2025 Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday, January 24, 2025 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 25, 2025 Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle





Week of January 19, 2025



#### Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping sag of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



#### Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

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

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

# Love and Serve



#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday marked the end of the Christmas liturgical season. We now turn to "Ordinary Time," a period that encompasses the weeks not explicitly associated with the four major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. During Ordinary Time, we focus entirely on the mystery of Christ through various Gospel readings rather than specific aspects of that mystery, which are emphasized during the other liturgical seasons. Ordinary Time consists of two segments within the liturgical year: The First Segment begins on the Monday following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It continues until the day before Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. The Second Segment resumes on the Monday after Pentecost and lasts until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. In total, the Ordinary Time period is thirty-three or thirtyfour weeks, depending on the liturgical year.

The phrase "Ordinary Time" can be misleading since the events celebrated in the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter forever changed the life and future of mankind. Today's Readings reflect the changes. In the first Reading from Isaiah 62, the prophet speaks of God's unwavering love for His people, promising restoration and joy. In the Gospel Reading from Saint John, the Wedding at Cana illustrates how Christ came to save us and provide for us. In the second Reading from the letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul lists the different gifts the Holy Spirit bestows upon us, the followers of Christ.

With the Wedding at Cana, the Gospel according to John, begins a series of "signs", miracles, and wondrous works of Jesus. The narrative reveals that Mary, Jesus, and his disciples were invited to the wedding - it was commonplace for all the townspeople to be invited to a wedding in a small town such as Cana of Galilee. Their presence highlights the importance of shared experiences and community, and Jesus' transforming water into wine reveals His divine nature and care for human needs. It illustrates how God desires to enrich our lives, filling them with joy and abundance, especially in times of need. Mary, noticing the distress of the hosts, turned to her Son. This moment reveals Mary's deep concern for others and her role as an intercessor, prompting Jesus to act. In response to her request, Jesus initially seems hesitant, stating, "My hour has not yet come" -John 2:4. Yet, Mary instructs the servants to do whatever He tells them, demonstrating her unwavering faith in Jesus' ability to fill the need. This interaction sets the stage for the miracle that follows, where Jesus transforms six stone water jars into the finest wine.

As we reflect further on this miracle rich in symbolism, we also recognize that marriage is a sacred mystery that includes the presence of Christ, just as the banquet at Cana did. By inviting Jesus into our relationships, we are opening ourselves to His blessings and joy. The transformation of water into wine is a reminder that faith can bring about profound change, even in our moments of greatest need.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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# **Bread & Wine Memorial**



Frank Brandt January 19–25, 2025

# Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



#### January 2025

#### For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

# **Prayer Intentions**



In the kindness of your prayers, remember our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

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# 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, January 19, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Marie Denise & Paul Saint-Aime

Michael McDonough

8:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon Noreen A. Niland

Oliver Shaw Fusaro

Monday, January 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. John Cawley

Kathleen McDonough

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. Maria Petruso

Intercession of St. Agnes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

8:30 a.m. Otto Ceruti, Jr. Peter Reali, Sr.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. Michael McDonough

Kathleen McDonough

Friday, January 24, 2025

8:30 a.m. John Cawley

Paul Bello

Saturday, January 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. Ralph Wuest

Sunday, January 26, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Kathleen McDonough

Michael McDonough

8:00 a.m. Maria Petruso

Salvatore Cucchiara

10:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

12:00 noon







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