Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025



The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to

offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- Luke 23:35-43





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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 or in the rear of the church.

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

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.

Keep Yourself Safe

U.S. Postal Service Mail Fraud Prevention Seminar

Tuesday, December 2 10:00 a.m. Parish Center



Learn about the latest scams and how to protect yourself.

NO RESERVATION NECESSARY Sponsored by St. Anastasia Parish 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston 11362

Faith Formation Office 718-225-5191 dffestanastasia.info

ST. ANASTASIA SENIOR GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. until 3:00p.m. Parish Center (corner of 245th Street and Northern Blvd).

Bring lunch, play cards and games.
Socialize with friends and make new ones!

10:00 a.m. Mahjong 11:00 a.m. Pokeno 12:30 p.m. Canasta

Keep a look out for new events and games!

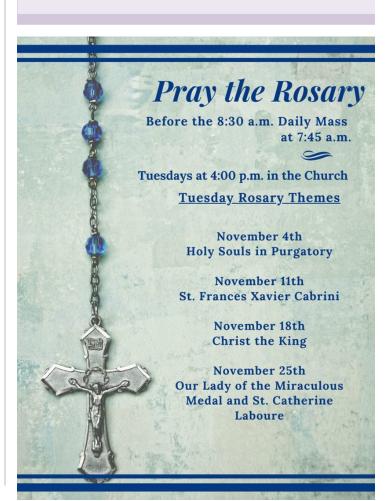
St. Anastasia Parish with Queens 5 Deanery presents



Join us each Monday in Advent for prayer, Lectio Divina bible study and Scriptural Reflection.

To register, contact the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191 or dff@stanastasia.info

Mondays December 1, December 8, (no 7pm
Meeting on Dec. 7), December 15, and December 22
1:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
PARISH CENTER



Grow+Go



November 23, 2025

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

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

Since the birth of my oldest child, I have seen and heard many things about what I should do as a mother. I have heard everything from which products I should purchase to how I should help my child develop a healthy sleep routine. But my identity as a mother is not dependent upon any of these things; instead, it rests on my relationship with God as his beloved daughter and who he has called me to be as a mother. Those living at the time of Jesus were also trying to understand his identity as king according to their own expectations of what a king was meant to be. They certainly did not expect their king to be crucified by the Romans as we read about in our Gospel today. But Jesus did not come to rule as an earthly king. He is king because of his identity as the beloved Son of God, whose mission it was to offer his life for the salvation of all. Jesus did not allow society's understanding of a king to dictate how he lived his mission. Likewise, we must act confidently in accordance with the particular call that God has entrusted to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find it interesting that when David was anointed king of Israel, he is designated as a commander whose vocation it was to *shepherd* the tribes of Israel. Of course, now we also readily associate the term *shepherd* with Christ, the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. The notion of kingship and shepherding, therefore, seem to be intertwined. In the sacrament of baptism, each of us is invited to participate in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. To join Christ in his mission as king, we must also lead lives of service in which we allow the love of God to generously flow through us by caring for others. Let us strive to be shepherds for those in our communities who are seeking to know Christ more intimately; let us participate in Christ's mission as king through humble service to others.

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Today, take a few minutes to pray for all leaders. Ask the Lord to guide them in their leadership to be good shepherds to all those who fall under their governance. As you participate in your local community and parish, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to join in Christ's mission as king by serving those in need.

Knights of Columbus



St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911 held their semi-annual blood drive on Sunday, November 16th in the Parish Center. The NY Blood Center collected a total of **57 pints of blood**.

We would like to thank the parish and the community for giving the gift of life. We also, thank the Rev. David Dettmer for allowing us to have this blood drive which will save many lives.



Pictured, left to right: volunteers, Frederick Bedell Jr., K. of C.Grand Knight, Peggy Donoghue, Guiseppe Petruso, with donor, Tom Nemia

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

PRESENTER: **Sr. Nora Gatto, D.C.**

BEGINNING ANEW: Reflections for the Advent Season

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH CENTER
203 STREET BETWEEN 34TM AND 35TM AVENUES - BELOW THE CHURCH
Coffee and brunch will be provided.

PLEASE REGISTER: (718)229-5929 ext.10; sign-up sheet in the vestibule; or QR Code





A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted!





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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious and Generous God, We come before you today with grateful hearts. In the beauty and bounty of creation we see the work of your hand; in the loving faces around us we know your own love for us.



May this meal nourish us and strengthen us, So others may know your plenty in our kindness, and see your care and concern in our witness. Let us live lives of gratitude, as we pray in thanks to you, our God who lives forever and ever. Amen.





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



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?



Love and Serve



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe On this Sunday, and the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday, November 30, ushers in a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, a season of hopeful waiting that renews our anticipation of Christ's coming. The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in direct response to the rising tide of militant secularism by leaders such as Mussolini and Hitler that sought to marginalize the Catholic Church and deny Christ's authority over individuals, societies, and nations. The feast gives Catholics hope that Christ the King shall reign forever and beckons us to pause, reflect, and pledge our allegiance to the only One to whom our ultimate allegiance is due. The readings for today urge us to behold Christ not as a distant, supreme being but as the intimate Lord who loves and transforms us. We recognize Christ as our King, whose throne is the cross and whose crown is made of thorns, offering eternal life not to the mighty but to the repentant faithful.

In the Old Testament reading from Second Samuel, we encounter the tribes of Israel coming together in the ancient city of Hebron to recognize David as their shepherd and ruler, a role promised by God, thus fulfilling His covenant. They anoint him as king. David, who was once a shepherd boy, becomes the anointed one and prefigures Christ, whose reign unites not just Israel but all humanity. The kingships of David and of Christ call us to see kings and leaders not as authoritarian oppressors but as servants. In the New Testament reading, Paul thanks the Father who has rescued us from darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption. Finally, in St. Luke's Gospel reading, we see Christ's kingship reaching its surprising and deeply profound high point at Calvary. On the cross, mercy triumphs and kingship is redefined, not salvation through power, but through humble endurance. The Gospel recounts the encounter between the "Good Thief", St. Dismas, with Jesus. Of him, Pope Francis said, "On that day at Calvary, many voices remained silent; others jeered. Only the thief's voice rose to the defense of the innocent victim of suffering. His was a brave profession of faith. Each of us has the same possibility: we can choose to remain silent, to jeer or to prophesy. What brought about this conversion? The gift of faith. Faith is not something we can simply summon for ourselves. Like hope, it is a gift from God." — Pope Francis at Mass in Nagasaki, November 24, 2019.

As this liturgical year ends, let us renew our allegiance to Christ, our Sovereign King. Let us dethrone idols, ambitions, and materialism that rival Him. In prayer, echo St. Dismas, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus' response? Paradise awaits you.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Thomas R. Buckley, Jr. November 23 – 29, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



November 2025

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 Ann Cavaseno Joyce Daino John Dietzler Ralph DiScala Jo Ann Ferrari Josephine Finocchiaro Victoria Guerra Theodore Koumou Anthony Logerfo Alfina Manca Barbara Mascia TJ McSherry Margaret Murphy Yolanda Stivanello Antoinette Taub 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 23, 2025 5:00 p.m. Vigil Yolanda Gomez

Arangela, Andrea, & Gino Casagrande

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

10:00 a.m. Giuseppe Licari

David Hedgecock

12:00 noon Frank Nunziatto

Robert Urbina

Monday, November 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. Stanley Gambeski

Marie Laucella

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. Virginia Marro

Linda Ainsworth

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy

Klara Deuber

Thursday, November 27, 2025

8:30 a.m. THANKSGIVING DAY

No Intentions

Friday, November 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. Condolena, Arcangelo & Peter Reali Sr.

Intercession of St. Padre Pio

Saturday, November 29, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 30, 2025 5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff

Virginia O'Brien

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

10:00 a.m. Arcangela, Andrea & Gino Casagrande

Joseph & Robin Soriano

12:00 noon Eileen Dettmer

Flore Jean-Paul





