



# CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023

### ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler

### IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Timothy McGowan

### RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

Msgr. James Forsen

### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

(The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed)

### CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary)

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

Note: The live-streamed Masses can be viewed on our website: [www.visitationchurch-la.com](http://www.visitationchurch-la.com)

### PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

Open for private devotion:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### HOLY HOUR

First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am.

Prayer Requests: email them to the following [vizprayerrequests@gmail.com](mailto:vizprayerrequests@gmail.com) If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045



Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.

### WELCOME TO VISITATION CHURCH!

A special welcome to those who may be visiting us today, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us. If you are traveling, we hope you find this Catholic community welcoming. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner. [www.visitationchurch-la.com/register](http://www.visitationchurch-la.com/register)

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** – His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

**PSALM** – The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

**SECOND READING** – When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

**GOSPEL** – And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** NM 11:4B-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/MT 14:13-2

**TUESDAY:** NM 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 6CD-7, 12-13/MT 14:22-36 OR 15:1-2, 10-1

**WEDNESDAY:** NM 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26-29A, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7AB, 13-14, 21-22, 23/MT 15:21-28

**THURSDAY:** 2 COR 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/JN 12:24-26

**FRIDAY:** DT 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 AND 21/MT 16:24-2

**SATURDAY:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-2

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.”

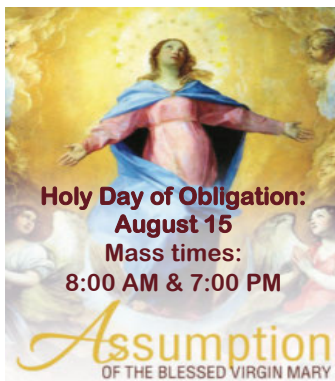
- John Wayne

## PARENT LEADERSHIP

“Show them how to recognize materialism and to shun it. Materialism is not merely the pursuit of things. It means putting things ahead of people. It leads to seeing and treating other people as things.” - Jim Stenson, Compass

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a separate day for each family after attendance by the parents and godparents at a Baptism zoom class. Parishioners are invited to call the office to get an appointment for these classes. The next ZOOM class scheduled is on **Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 1pm**. Please register to attend by calling the parish office at **310-216-1145**. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail, please call the office for an appointment with the pastor or associate pastor.



## PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Dear Father in heaven, I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you. Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion. Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.



## & SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

### ◆ SUNDAY- AUGUST 6, 2023

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:00am - Paul Chen †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Pat Rotolo †

### ◆ MONDAY - AUGUST 7, 2023

*St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest*

8:00am - Edward W. Gauthier †

### ◆ TUESDAY - AUGUST 8, 2023

*St. Dominic, Priest*

8:00am - Raymond Gauthier †

### ◆ WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 9, 2023

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr* 8:00am - Andre Rouseyrol †

### ◆ THURSDAY - AUGUST 10, 2023

*St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

8:00am - Joseph Gauthier †

### ◆ FRIDAY - AUGUST 11, 2023

*St. Clare, Virgin*

8:00am - Jon T. Gauthier †

### ◆ SATURDAY - AUGUST 12, 2023

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

5:00pm - Hector Fernandez †

To request a **Mass intention**

please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

## WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

“Please check the Visitation website under Resources/Bereavement for a list of Grieving, Cancer, Hospice and Palliative Care note titles. These are very helpful and powerful small articles. Please contact **Candy Blankenship at 310-338-9043 or blank8840@gmail.com** and she will mail them to you at no charge.” Such titles include Caring for yourself while Grieving, Overcoming Loneliness, What to do after the death of a Spouse, The first 12 months of Grieving, and many, many more.



**PREP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Registration for Visitation's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is now open for students of all abilities in first grade through 8th grade, who are not enrolled in Catholic School. This includes Sacrament preparation and Baptism for unbaptized children. We would love to welcome your family to PREP this year! Classes are held on Sundays in-person and on-line between 9:15 am and 10:45 am. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 17th** with our Opening Ceremonies and run through May. Please visit our website, and contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education; [religioeducationvc@gmail.com](mailto:religioeducationvc@gmail.com) or call/text (703) 582-9888, for more information and an application. Thank you!

**PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

Is God Calling You to Pass on the faith? Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is looking for Volunteers to serve as Catechists, Classroom Aides, Teen Faith Mentors, and Office and Event Assistants. Our wonderful team of volunteers welcome you to join us for a fun and faith-filled year supporting our children and families as they grow in their faith. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education, at (703) 582-9888 call/text or [religioeducationvc@gmail.com](mailto:religioeducationvc@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

**Registration is now open** for our Parish Confirmation Prep Program. The 2 year program is available for high school students who are looking to receive the sacrament of confirmation. Please visit our website or email [confirmationvc@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationvc@gmail.com) for more information.

Dear sisters and brothers,

It's official - Los Angeles has four new auxiliary bishops! This joyous occasion lends itself to a quick review of the organization and governance of the Catholic Church. Why? because it can be confusing! So here it goes...

During his public ministry, Jesus Christ gathered his twelve apostles around himself. These were men he chose and his relationship with them was special. So much so, that during the last supper Jesus not only instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist but also the sacrament of holy orders. In this way Jesus shared his power with the twelve so that after his passion, death, and resurrection they would continue his mission of teaching, sanctifying, and governing God's people - the Church. They, in turn, did the same and before death appointed successors "and then ordered them that when they died other approved men would take their ministry" (Lumen Gentium, par. 20).

This means that starting with the apostles, Jesus continued to shepherd his Church by the power of the Holy Spirit through the ministry of bishops. As the church began to grow and expand it was divided up into geographic regions called provinces (i.e., the United States) which themselves were divided up into smaller regions called dioceses (i.e., Los Angeles). Dioceses, too, were subdivided into smaller regions called deaneries; and deaneries were subdivided into parishes (i.e., Visitation). Early on in the Church's history the bishops needed help to oversee the territories entrusted to them and they appointed collaborators to assist them (i.e., priests and deacons). Hence, bishops oversee dioceses and priests oversee parishes.

Fast forward to more recent church history: in some cases, when dioceses are particularly large, a bishop will have auxiliary-bishops assist him. Because the territory of the Los Angeles Archdiocese is so large (comprising LA, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties) we have five auxiliary bishops assisting our Archbishop. Each of the five "helper bishops" oversees one of the five pastoral regions in the Archdiocese. Up until July 18th four of those five regions had been without an auxiliary bishop (for various reasons). Now, Pope Francis (Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Christ) has appointed four new auxiliary bishops for Los Angeles. Their names are: Msgr. Alber Buhhuth, Fr. Matthew Elshoff OFM Cap., Fr. Brian Nunes, and Fr. Slawomir Szkredka. We have yet to see the regions to which they'll be assigned and their ordination day is September 26th. Let's be sure to keep them in our prayers!

Blessings,

Fr. Matt

**HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!**

Coffee & Donuts will be held next Sunday; August 12th (Hosted by the Knights of Columbus). Please join them in the courtyard after each Mass.



# Eucharistic Revival Prayer



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. /Amen.

## RCIA PROGRAM AT VISITATION

### Interested in RCIA or Adult Confirmation?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a **process** through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. The RCIA program meets on Monday evenings in the O'Grady Center from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, starting September 11th. Please email to Gilbert & Laura Trujillo at [rcia.visitation@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.visitation@gmail.com) or call (424) 235-3122 to learn more.



## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

### DID YOU KNOW? HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF TRUST

Adults have a responsibility to share information about themselves in age and scenario-appropriate ways to the children in their care. Being authentic does not necessarily mean sharing every detail but rather being approachable, honest, and caring. Oversharing information, especially inappropriate information, can lead to boundary violations and inappropriate behavior. For more information on setting boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



### Beginning Experience® Weekend Retreat for the Widowed, Separated & Divorced

A Beginning Experience® Weekend retreat will be held from **September 8-10** at the **Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino.**

Trained peer ministers will support and guide adult men and women on their grief journey after the loss of a spouse through death, separation, or divorce. For more information:

<https://familylife.lacatholics.org/beginning-experience>  
OR [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org)

**A \$75 deposit is required IN ADVANCE.**

Need-based financial aid may be available.

To register, CALL Maria (909) 592-0009 or EMAIL: [beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com)

### Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

**Pledged: \$922,790**  
**% of Goal: 156%**  
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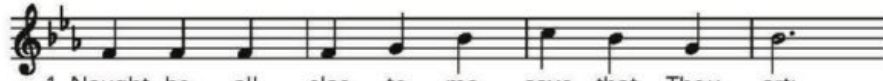
## Transfiguration of the Lord

### GATHERING

#### Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
 2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
 3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt.  
 Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

### GLORY TO GOD

#### Mass of Joy and Peace

### PSALM

#### The Lord is king, the Most High over all earth.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Angrisano

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

#### SATURDAY The Lord is My Light



Verses  
 1. The \_\_\_ Lord is my light, my \_\_\_ help, my sal -  
 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I  
 3. I \_\_\_ know I will live to \_\_\_ see the Lord's



1. va - tion. Why should I fear? With God I fear  
 2. long for: all of my days with God to be  
 3. good - ness; now, in this life, I'm sure I will



1. no one. God pro - tects me \_\_\_ all my \_\_\_  
 2. dwell - ing, gaz - ing with awe at the beau - ty of  
 3. see it. Trust in the Lord, be \_\_\_ strong and be

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified,  
died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again  
from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen

## MASS PARTS

Mass of Joy and  
Peace

1. life. With the Lord what should I dread?  
2. God, and in wonder look on God's house.  
3. brave; wait in hope for God, our sal - va - tion.

Refrain

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my  
help, the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

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## SUNDAY The Lord is My Light and Salvation

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.  
Whom should I fear? The Lord is my strong - hold and my ref -  
uge. How can I be a - fraid?

### Verses

1. There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord,  
all of my days, (all of my days,) and all of my life.
2. And he keeps me secure in times of great fear.  
He shelters my soul, (shelters my soul,) and lifts me high.
3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God  
in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

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## COMMUNION

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain

Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.  
Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and  
where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.



Verses  
 1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the  
 2. Light for those in dark-ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad  
 3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep-herd for the sheep, a  
 4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your



1. love of God self-emp-tied, the love of God to show. You  
 2. tid-ings for the hum-ble, the heal-ing of all ills; in  
 3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and  
 4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. 7



to Refrain  
 1. light the path be-fore us, the way that we must go.  
 2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.  
 3. feast-ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.  
 4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pasch - al road?

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**SENDING**  
 Christ In Me Arise



Refrain  
 Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness.



Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.



Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.



Verses  
 1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show-ing me  
 2. Be now my foot-steps, lead-ing the way, tak - ing me



1. all that I must see. } On-ward to the king - dom,  
 2. where I must go. }



to Refrain  
 1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

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\*She considers a field and says it out of her savings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her treading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night." - Proverbs 31:15-18

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