HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 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.

MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

EST, 1943

APRIL 7, 2024

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HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8;30am-9;30am

CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary) Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING – The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

PSALM – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING – For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

GOSPEL - On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 7:10-14; 8:10/PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11/HEB 10:4-10/LK 1:26-38

TUESDAY: ACTS 4:32-37/PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5/JN 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 5:17-26/PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY: ACTS 5:27-33/PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20/JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY: ACTS 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY: ACTS 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/JN 6:16-2

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Why did the Easter egg hide?Because it was a little chicken!"

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Be confident of your rightful authority, which comes from your God-given vacation, and insist that your children respect it." -Jim Stenson, Compass



CONGRATULATIONS!

Last week at the Easter Vigil Mass, Michael Eugene Troxler received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation and Christoper David Schroeder, Edson Franco, Brandon Knack, Matthew Luis Lawrence, Cristina Rodriguez receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a wonderful celebration of faith. If you see them around please take a moment to congratulate them.

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.





SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - APRIL 7TH 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 8:00am - Edward Connoy † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Albert Cobb †

MONDAY - APRIL 8TH The Annunciation of the Lord 8:00am - Donna Cervanek †

TUESDAY - APRIL 9TH 8:00am - Tom Wyatt †

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 10TH

8:00am - Tom Wyatt †

THURSDAY - APRIL 11TH St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr 8:00am - Diane & Roy Ringwood

FRIDAY - APRIL 12TH 8:00am - MaryAnn Sparks †

SATURDAY - APRIL 13TH St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr 5:00pm - Phil Roberts †

To request a Mass intention please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

PRAYER REQUESTS: email them to the following 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.



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PARISH POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a day when the Church proclaims the merciful love of God in Christ. This message is as old as the Gospel but its current liturgical celebration has its origins in the private revelations of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. Sister Fustina was a Polish nun who lived in the 1930s and who received extraordinary revelations from Jesus which she wrote down in her diary at the request of her spiritual director. Specifically, these revelations beautifully express God's message of mercy. Here's one example in which God says to Sr. Faustina: *"I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (Diary, 1588).*

Early on the "Divine Mercy Devotion" flowing from these revelations was resisted because some powerful churchmen thought it diminished the necessity of the sacrament of reconciliation. But after a full investigation carried out by Karol Wotyja, Archbishop of Krahkow and future Pope John Paul II, it was shown to be a good and holy devotion and it was fully rehabilitated and encouraged among the faithful. As Pope, John Paul II would both beatify and canonize Sr. Faustina. In fact, he referred to the day of her canonization as the happiest day of his life. In his homily for her canonization he proclaimed, "...by this act I intend today to pass this message [Divine Mercy] on to the new millennium. I pass it on to all people, so that they will learn to know ever better the true face of God and the true face of their brethren." Providentially, Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday and both beatified and canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday.

My friends, let us heed the message of Sts. Faustina and John Paul II - God is rich in mercy! Let us never be discouraged when confronted by the reality of our sinfulness. Instead, let us run to God, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, and allow Him to lift us up and restore His life and love within us.

Lastly, I invite you to join me on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, at 3pm in the Church as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. This will be a special opportunity to pray that all might turn back to our Father God and experience His merciful love. I hope you can join us!

Peace,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

- Join us as we thank Geremy Brosmer for his many years of service as our Confirmation Coordinator and congratulate him on his new job as a Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We will honor Geremy this weekend at the 11am Mass with a reception to follow. See you there!
- The Feast of the Annunciation was transferred from March 25th to April 8th this year. May Our Lady intercede for all of us!
- See on our parish website how you can participate in our O'Grady Golf Classic and help support our parish school. Thanks for your generosity!

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS DID YOU KNOW? WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BROCHURE

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at https://lacatholics.org/ departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/.

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Mark your calendar! Please join us on the weekend of April 20 & 21 for our next BRING A FRIEND TO MASS weekend. Whether it's a friend, neighbor, out of town Visitor or your child's classmate, we encourage you to come to Mass and join us afterwards for hospitality hosted by the Welcome Wagon.



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 eves 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.

PRAYER FOR AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I adore you deeply and I offer you the precious Body, Blood and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacle on earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, for the infinite merits of his most holy Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask you for the conversion of poor sinners. /Amen

Eucharistic Miracle of The Hosts of Siena Italy, 1730

Contributed by: Katie Canty

On August 14th, 1730, on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, the parishioners and clergy of St. Francis Church in Siena, Italy were attending a festival away from their Church.

Thieves entered the deserted Church and went to where the Blessed Sacrament was kept, picked the lock to the tabernacle and carried away the golden ciborium containing consecrated Hosts.

The next morning, when the priest went to the tabernacle, he discovered the Hosts had been stolen. Later, a parishioner found the lid of the ciborium lying in the street, and the suspicion of sacrilege was confirmed. The traditional festivities for the feast of Our Lady's Assumption were cancelled and the Archbishop ordered public prayers of reparation, while the authorities began a search for the consecrated Hosts.

Two days later, someone noticed something white protruding from the offering box at a different church in Siena. The priests opened the box and found the missing Hosts inside amidst the cobwebs and dirt. The Hosts were compared with some unconsecrated ones used in the Church of St. Francis, and proved to have the same mark of the irons upon which they were baked. The number of Hosts corresponded exactly to the number the Franciscan friars had estimated were in the ciborium -- 348 whole Hosts and six halves.

The Hosts were placed in a new ciborium and taken back to the Church of St. Francis for prayers of reparation and veneration.

Since the hosts were dirty, the priests decided not to consume them but let them simply deteriorate. To the amazement of the clergy, the Hosts did not deteriorate,

but instead, remained fresh and even retained the characteristic scent of unleavened bread. With the passage of time the Conventual Franciscans understood they were witnessing a continuing miracle of preservation.

Several investigations took place over the ensuing decades into the authenticity of the miracle including conducting multiple tests and examinations.

The Catholic Church confirms this miracle and assures us that although they were consecrated in the year 1730, these Eucharistic Hosts are still really and truly the Body of Christ. The miraculous Hosts have been cherished and venerated in the Basilica of St. Francis in Siena for over 250 years.



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The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Annual Appeals, 6th Floor 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010



WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the angel Gabriel's visit to young Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus.



WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

Mary's acceptance of her pregnancy made her the first to believe in Jesus and, thus, the first Christian.

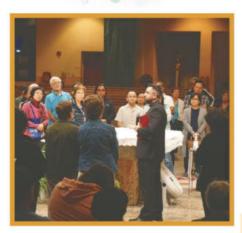
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The Catholic Bible Institute Bible Study Leadership process explores the Old Testament, the New Testament, and for those called to the ministry, how to facilitate Bible faith sharing and study for a variety of communities that make up our Church.

This is for all ministers of the Church and for all people who love the Word of God.

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INFO SESSION April 13, 2024 - 9am - 10:30 am PST

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Prayer

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

Mission for the Week

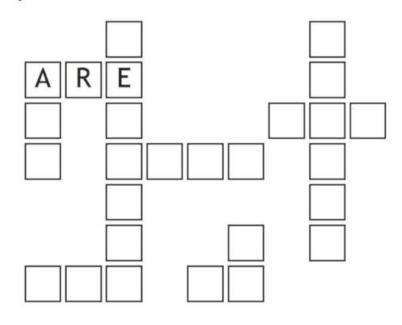
Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well. Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

Now color the picture! ----- Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"







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

GATHERING

Jesus is Risen



GLORY TO GOD

Mass of St. Ann

PSALM

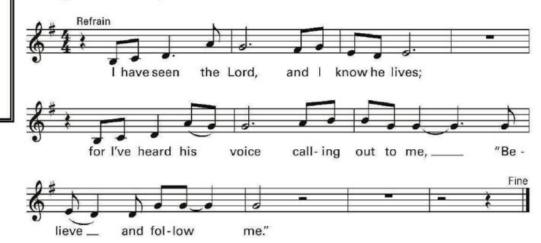
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia (Haugen)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Song of Redemption

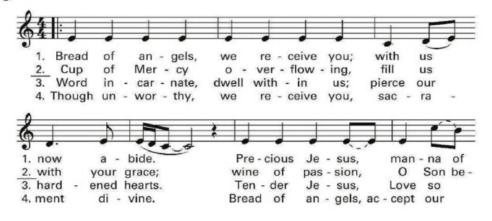


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Bread of Angels







SENDING

Celtic Alleluia Sending Forth



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