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**Daily Mass (Inside the church)**  
Monday-Friday: 8:00am  
(This mass is also live-streamed)

**Sunday Mass (Inside the church)**  
Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am  
(The Sunday Mass at 8am is also live-streamed)

**Confessions (Outside in Mary's courtyard)**  
Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm 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 between the hours of **7:30am-4:00pm (Monday-Friday)** and **8:00am-4:00pm (Saturday)**.

**Holy Hour (Inside the church)**  
First Friday of each month from **8:30am-9:30am**.

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
There will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm on December 8, 2021.

# Church of the Visitation



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### RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE DAY

When life gets too hard to stand, kneel.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

**SESSIONS OF FAITH (PREP)**

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), for students in Grades **K-8**, including sacrament preparation, we are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year which began in September. For more information, please contact our Coordinator, **Debra Evans** via phone or text at **703-582-9888**, or by email at [religiouslyeducationvc@gmail.com](mailto:religiouslyeducationvc@gmail.com).

Is God calling you to share your faith with others, especially young people? If so, please consider volunteering for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). This ministry is for people who are interested in sharing God's love and bringing others closer to Christ. Please consider joining us. We especially welcome those who may have served in other ministries, who are not able to continue to serve in person at this time. Thank you and God Bless You! See the above email and phone number for more information and questions about our programs.

**CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

If you are interested in the program for the next two years, please go online to [visitationchurch-la.com](http://visitationchurch-la.com) to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Jeremy Brosmer** at [confirmationvc@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationvc@gmail.com).



**R.C.I.A.**

**GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just for you. RCIA is for someone who:**



- Is interested in becoming Catholic.
  - Was never baptized.
  - Was baptized in another Christian denomination.
  - Was baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
  - Is interested in catching up on or renewing their faith.
- We welcome you to join us in our RCIA group most Mondays from **7-8:30pm** when we have Zoom meetings. **In person meetings** began on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. If you are interested, please **email Toni Kerker** at

**DID YOU KNOW? December 4-5 || Start paying attention to TikTok**

Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms. For more information about TikTok, read "Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so," by Charles Camosy for Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.

**WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF**

The bereavement ministry would like to congratulate and thank those who participated in our last grief workshop sessions.

The support group provides a safe, non-judgmental, and comfortable environment to share and discuss many things surrounding a loved one's death. Through scripture, sharing, journaling, reading and prayer, we were able to navigate a little through the difficult process of grieving.

This is also a reminder to read the article "Grief during the Holidays" that is on our website at [visitationchurch-la.com](http://visitationchurch-la.com) under **Resources/ Bereavement**. This article is full of both practical and spiritual tips to help you through the upcoming holiday season. There is also a list of carenotes that deal specifically with the Christmas season that can be mailed to you. Please email **Candy Blankenship** at [blank8840@gmail.com](mailto:blank8840@gmail.com) or leave a message with the titles you wish and your address at **310-338-9043**.

**Prayer Requests:**

Please email them to [vizprayerrequests@gmail.com](mailto:vizprayerrequests@gmail.com).



**BAPTISMS**



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, according to the CDC recommendations, 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, January 23, 2022 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.

**Mass Intentions Dec.6-Dec.12, 2021**

- 12/6 8am Mass-**Marie Engh** (Dec'd)
- 12/7 8am Mass-**Andre Rouseyrol** (Dec'd)
- 12/8 8am Mass-**Immaculate Conception**
- 12/9 8am Mass-**Antoinette Mancini** (Dec'd)
- 12/10 8am Mass-**Jeremy Phillips** (Dec'd)
- 12/11 5pm Mass-**Christy Hughes** (Dec'd)
- 12/12 8am Mass-**Our Lady of Guadelupe**



To request a **mass intention** please call the rectory at **310-216-1145**.

**The Daily Brief for Lent  
(First Sunday of Advent  
-November 28, 2021)**



A series of daily meditations based on the daily readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. We invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect.

**The Daily Brief** can be found on our website at [www.visitationchurch-la.com](http://www.visitationchurch-la.com),  
-go to the **Resources** Tab  
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**Westchester Mental Health Guild FUNdraiser  
2nd Annual Holiday Lights Tour and Contest**

**December 12-26 from 5-9pm**

Experience the joy of the Holidays with a self-driving tour seeing more than 20 decorated holiday homes in the Westchester/Playa Del Rey area. To register and vote, go to: <https://2021guildholidaylights.eventbrite.com> or for more information: contact [info@westchestermhg.org](mailto:info@westchestermhg.org)



**BRING JOY TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

St. Margaret's Center, a community center located in Inglewood / Lennox, is seeking donations for our annual Christmas Program / drive-thru celebration on **Saturday, December 18, 2021.**

For 30+ years, St. Margaret's Center has brought holiday cheer to this annual event serving **500 families and over 1000 children.** Each family will receive a \$50 gift card for groceries, and a \$25 Target gift card per child, so that their parents can select the perfect gift. Santa will greet the children, and goodies and treats will be provided at each "stop" as their car winds through our Christmas Lane!

**PLEASE HELP FILL SANTA'S SACK WITH GIFT CARDS!**

*Imagine the difference your donation will make to a child's Christmas...*

We're seeking cash donations for...

**1300 - \$25 Target gift cards and**

**500 - \$50 Grocery gift cards.**

**We also need...** musicians, entertainers, jugglers, dancers, holiday characters to provide Christmas spirit!



**DONATE**

**CLICK HERE**— Visit our new Christmas website at <http://www.SMCXmas.com> or **TEXT SMCXMAS to 41444**

Mail checks directly to St. Margaret's Center | 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Inglewood, CA  
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**PASTOR POST**

**Bah! Humbug!**

When you are at mass this Sunday, you will be bumping into three different appeals for money. There is the usual Sunday collection. No surprise there. But as has been announced for the past two weeks, we are beginning - continuing to begin - Continuing to Renew, so that we can finish some parts of Visitation still in need of repair. To this end, we will be having a second collection after every mass during Advent. And a third! Due to complications from COVID, St. Margaret Center is not able to have its usual Christmas gift give-away, where we would have a giving tree in church and ask people to take an ornament representing a gift to be given to a needy child. This year, St. Margaret Center will be giving out gift cards for groceries and toys and are asking that we instead make a donation online at their website (see the announcement in the bulletin). There is so much need. Charity fatigue can set in. There is always the temptation to go "Scrooge" and pull back.

What can I say to you? Only this. God and His people have been so generous to me, who am I not to respond in kind? I *have* to give as I have received, and I have received a lot. So yup...Sunday collection?...I'm there. St. Margaret Center?...You bet. I've gotta' give toys to kids at Christmas. Fixing up O'Sullivan Hall? Well, I don't want to be haunted by a former Irish pastor, so I promise to be the first to put into the second collection basket. And besides, who doesn't love to make Visitation beautiful?

Ebenezer's better angels finally won the day. I pray ours will too. And thank you for your generous goodness.

**Fr. Jim**

**Continue to Renew Campaign**

This collection will take place after every mass during Advent. This campaign will help us renovate Bldg. 2 referred as O'Sullivan Hall and other projects that would include the entrance, the sign on the building, the kitchen, the bathrooms and the HVAC. This campaign would also make it possible to remodel the bathrooms for Junior High, replace the upper windows and paint the exterior.

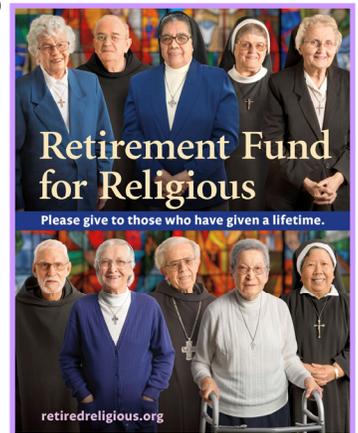
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**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

This collection will take place on December 11th-December 12th. Envelopes are located in the pews. This fund helps hundreds of religious communities address their retirement-funding shortages.



*Second Sunday of*  
**Advent**

December 5, 2021

**Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
 look to the east and see your children gathered  
 from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
 rejoicing that they are remembered by God.**

Baruch 5:5

## Second Sunday of Advent

### GATHERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst

1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 3. give the law, In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.  
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**1st Reading**  
 Jeremiah  
 33:14-16

**Psalm 93**

**2nd Reading**  
 1 Thessalonians  
 3:12-4:2

**Gospel**  
 Luke 21:25-28,  
 34-36

### PENITENTIAL RITE

Mass of Renewal (STEPHAN)

### PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. To  
 you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (HART)

**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

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS**

**Awake, O Sleeper**

1. In the dark - est times of life, when our lights re -  
 2. When our hearts be - come like stone, when we live  
 3. In the midst of life's de - cay, when our lives be -

1. fuse to shine: you are there, you are there. —  
 2. with - out hope: you are there, you are there. —  
 3. come like graves: res - cue us, res - cue us. —

2, 3. Don't let your hearts be trou - bled;  
 2, 3. don't let your hearts be trou - bled.

Refrain  
 A - wake, O sleep - er! A - rise from slum - ber!

1, Final to Verse 3 | 2, 4 to Refrain  
 Christ is call - ing your name!

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**COMMUNION**

**(SATURDAY) Taste and See**

Refrain  
 Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of God.

**MASS PARTS**

**Mass of Hope (FARRELL)**

**VERSE 1**

Glory, glory to God most high, Glory, blessing and praise.  
 With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God, who hears the cry of all in need.

**VERSE 2**

Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep,  
 Who exalts the lowly and sets captives free, who opens the door to all those who seek.

**VERSE 3**

Oh, the love of God! Become flesh of our flesh, So that we might live in glory.

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**COMMUNION**  
**(SUNDAY) Ready the Way**

Refrain  
 Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way  
 of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1  
 1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and  
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,  
 and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

Verses 2, 3  
 2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk  
 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-  
 2. in your truth, so we may love more like you  
 3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace  
 to Refrain  
 2. and } read - y the way for you, Lord.  
 3. as we }

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**SENDING FORTH**  
**Soon and Very Soon**

**VERSE 1**

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 Soon and very soon we are goin; to see the King,

**VERSE 2**

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,

**VERSE 3**

No more dyin' there we are goin; to see the King, No more dyin' there we are goin; to see the King,  
 No more dyin' there we are goin; to see the King,

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