

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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

Fr. Matthew Wheeler - Administrator Father Timothy McGowan - In Residence Msgr. Charles E. Hill - Retired - Msgr. James Forsen - Retired

MARCH 19, 2023



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

PARISH REGISTRATION Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Use the link below to register as a parishioner. www.visitationchurch-la.com/register



310-361-1262 to give!

Thank you for your Donations!

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

Sunday Mass (Inside the church) 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)

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

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 (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

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

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.

6561 West 88th Street Los Angeles, CA 90045 Tel. 310-216-1145 Fax. 310-846-5421 email: visitationchurch497@gmail.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

PSALM — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

SECOND READING — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14). **GOSPEL** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **TUESDAY:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 WEDNESDAY: IS 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 **THURSDAY:** Ex 32:7-14: Ps 106:19-23: Jn 5:31-47 FRIDAY: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **SATURDAY:** IS 7:10-14, 8:10; PS 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL **OBSERVANCES**

SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent MONDAY: St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary; Spring begins

THURSDAY: St. Toribius of Mogrovejo

FRIDAY: Abstinence

SATURDAY: The Annunciation of the Lord

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

The O'Grady Golf Tournament is coming!!! Please join members of the committee and PTO as they host Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, March 19 to ask questions and get details, or just to have

some coffee and sweet treats.

DURING LENT...

Lent is a great opportunity to involve the whole family in a Lenten practice of PRAYER: an opportunity to spend time with God and deepen our relationship with Him. FASTING: when we fast it helps us to remove obstacles between ourselves and God. GIVING: helps us serve those in need and live Jesus' message of love. These traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and giving alms, remind us that we need God in our lives.

The Daily Brief is a series of daily Lenten meditations based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. Throughout all of Lent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect. Watch in full screen, or close your eyes. The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

Lent Unplugged

Our popular 'Lent Unplugged' meditation series is back in person. Began the First Week of Lent on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 PM and continues for the following four Wednesdays in March until Holy Week. These drop-in, candlelit meditation evenings in the church are designed to help us slow down, unplug, and create the inner guiet we need to hear God's voice. Please consider attending.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

- Patricia Steming, who went home to the Lord on February 19, 2023. She was 87 years old. Funeral mass will take place April 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Visitation church
- George Rachford, who went home to the Lord on July 29, 2022. He was 88 years old. Funeral mass will take place April 22, 2023 at 12:00PM at Holy Cross.

Please pray for their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.



MASS INTENTIONS

• SUNDAY- MARCH 19, 2023 8:00am - Elsa Rivas † 11:00am - Elsa Rivas † MONDAY - MARCH 20, 2023 8:00am - Tony Sales † **TUESDAY - MARCH 21, 2023** ۲ 8:00am - Alfred "Fritz" Villeneuve †

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 22, 2023 8:00am - Joey & Penny Kiat

- THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2023 8:00am - Sloan & Anthony Garcia
- FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2023

8:00am - Bob & Silvia Van Dusen

SATURDAY - MARCH 25, 2023

5:00pm - Nick Feinstein †

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

Please pray for the faithful departed, that they may see the face of God.

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.



This weekend, March 18-19th is the Annual Collection for Catholic Relief Services/ Church in Latin America. The money collected is used for emergency aid to places experiencing great need due to natural disasters, famines, floods, earthquakes, etc. When we hear of any disasters throughout the world. we can be certain that CRS is there to help. We thank you for your generosity.



A Historic Moment

Announcing a campaign to strengthen our parish and ministries.

We are all Called to Renew

Your life has a purpose: to love God and to spread hope and light in a world desperately in need of both. The Church, too, has a responsibility: to boldly witness to the power of grace and healing through Christ – in our families, our parishes, and our communities.

The *Called to Renew* campaign gives us the opportunity to renew not only our spirit, but the ways in which we live out our faith in our parishes. The campaign will allow us to:

- Renovate facilities to ensure they are safe spaces for families to learn, grow, and worship
- Reaffirm our support for priestly vocations
- Reinvigorate our ministries to serve those who are sick, dying, and imprisoned, as well as their families
- Reimagine faith formation so people of all ages can grow in their Catholic faith

The campaign will also benefit our parish.

Our Parish Needs

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal, will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

- O'Grady Center Renovations
- Refurbish Confessionals

Evangelization Outreach

One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

In the coming weeks, our Ambassadors will be calling families to explain the campaign and answer your questions. We hope you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**



St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19 —Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

This year on March 20th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

Our Goal \$590,000

Amount Raised to Date \$278,800

Number of Gifts

14

Average Gift \$19,914

Percent of Goal Raised 47%



Pg.4

Fourth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

Be Thou My Vision



Words: Irish hynnn, 8th c.; Eng. tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; versed Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935 Music: Irish melody; harm. Jack Schrader, 1942– Music hum, © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

PENITENTIAL

Stephan

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Ireland

SLANE

10.10.10.10.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephan



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 Incarnate Word

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS Awake O Sleeper Verses life, In the dark - est times of when our lights 1. re -2. When our hearts be-come like stone, when we live midst of life's de - cay, when our lives 3. In the be -1 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 2,3 Don't let trou-bled; your hearts be 2, 3. don't let your hearts be trou-bled. Refrain 0 A - rise from ber! A - wake, sleep slum er! 1, Final 2,4 to Refrain to Verse 3 Christ is call - ing your name! © 2009, Ike Ndolo. Published by spiritandsong.com *, a division of OCP. All rights reserved. COMMUNION Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace SATURDAY 1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to your face. see 2. O-pen my ears, Help me to Lord. hear your voice. Help me to like 3. O-pen my heart, Lord. love you. 4. I live with - in Deep in your heart, you. 0 Love. 1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. 2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. 3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. 4. I live with - in Rest now in you. me. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Open My Eyes © 1988, 1998, Jesse Manibusan. Published by spiritandsong.com⁹. All rights reserved. Amazing Grace: Text: John Newton, 1725–1807; Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829. Arrangement © 2002, Kathy McGrath and Michele MacAller. Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved.



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt. Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947 © 1974, Hope Publishing Co.

