



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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

Fr. Matthew Wheeler- Administrator

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DECEMBER 18, 2022



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.

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 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

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.

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

Online Giving:

Thank you for your Donations!



TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

PSALM — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

SECOND READING — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

GOSPEL — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

TUESDAY: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

FRIDAY: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

SATURDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

SUNDAY: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
[18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Our *only* Coffee & Donuts this month will be held today **December 18** hosted by members of our Knights of Columbus Council. Please join them in Mary's Courtyard (weather permitting....in the event of wind, cold weather or rain we will set-up in the O'Grady Center). Happy Holidays!!!



DAILY BRIEF FOR ADVENT

Our Daily Brief series of Advent meditations is now available under the Resources tab on the church website. We invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect during this holy season.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th: 3:00 - 4:00pm

Advent Penance Service: Tue. Dec. 20th: 7:00pm

(No Confessions on Sat. Dec. 24th)

Sat. Dec. 31st: 3:00-4:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sat. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve **Sun. Dec. 25th Christmas Day**

4:00pm Family Mass

(Live-Streamed as well)

6:00pm Vigil Mass

10:00pm Midnight Mass

8:00am Mass

(Live-Streamed as well)

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

♦ **SUNDAY- DECEMBER 18, 2022**

8:00am - Joseph Nguyen †

11:00am - Betty Pelka †

♦ **MONDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2022**

8:00am - Teresa Basile †

♦ **TUESDAY - DECEMBER 20, 2022**

8:00am - Richard & Marie Laner†

♦ **WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 21, 2022**

8:00am - Rick Dasa †

♦ **THURSDAY - DECEMBER 22, 2022**

8:00am - Joseph Nguyen †

♦ **FRIDAY - DECEMBER 23, 2022**

8:00am - Tony & Grace Arambulo

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2022

4:00pm ~ 6:00pm ~ 10:00pm ~

For all the Benefactors of Visitation

Parish past and present

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.



PARISH POST

"Run so as to win" (1 Cor 9:24)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It was a cool winter evening in Westchester and the hall was packed, trophies lined the stage, students buzzed about with eager anticipation... and for what? For Visitation School's annual fall Sports Awards Ceremony!

The celebration was a testament to the care and dedication of our athletic director, parents, coaches, teachers, and so many others seeking to help our children mature and learn lessons they'll carry with them for the rest of their lives. I loved hearing coaches affirm our students for their tenacity, grit, teamwork, and joy - both on and off the field. I heard how teams had to overcome differences and unite in pursuit of common goals. I heard about the importance of winning with humility and rising again after a difficult loss. In all, the ceremony invited me to reflect on how sports and competitive play help us grow in Christian virtues that are so important for authentic human flourishing.

In fact, St. Paul writes about this in his *First Letter to the Corinthians*. Specifically, he links the demands of athletic training with those of the Christian discipleship. He writes:

"Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus, I do not run aimlessly... No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified" (1 Cor 9:25-26).

St. Paul's point is not to denigrate sports, but to help the Corinthians embrace the challenges of Christian fidelity with a sporting spirit and hope of eternal victory. This is an important message for all of us too because faithfully following Jesus is not easy, and our Visitation community is like a spiritual team with the goal of getting to heaven. To achieve that goal, we need to unite and work together with the assistance of spiritual coaches (priests and others). Each one of us must discipline ourselves to overcome our sins so as to cooperate with God's grace, conquer the Adversary, and persevere in sacrificial love for God and neighbor. So, YES, sports and spirituality go together!

And so, with no further ado - congratulations to all of our student-athletes, parents, and coaches! With St. Paul, may all of us "run so as to win" in this life and the next.

Advent blessings,
Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

-Confession! Prepare for Christmas by participating in our Advent Penance Service on December 20th @ 7pm in the church.

-Christmas Mass! Check out our Christmas Mass schedule elsewhere in the bulletin and on the parish website.

FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love. We light the final purple candle to **mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior.** All four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

Consider this brief Catholic prayer this Advent week:

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource

The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource available nationwide for reporting child abuse. If you have witnessed abuse, or if a child has confided that he or she has been abused, you can reach out to the ChildHelp Abuse Hotline for information on what to do next and where to report what you know. Counselors are available to talk through situations, answer questions, and research additional resources in your area. You can call or text the hotline at 1-800-422-4453, or start a live chat at childhelphotline.org/.



WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD FUNDRAISER



3rd Annual Holiday Lights Tour & Contest



DECEMBER 10 - 26 5 - 9 P.M.

Experience the joy of the Holidays with a self-driving tour

for Westchester Mental Health Guild's FUNdraiser

supporting **Airport Marina Counseling Service**.

Get your loved ones in the car, put on your holiday music, buckle up & enjoy viewing the dazzling lights from your vehicle.

- More than 20 decorated holiday homes to see in the Westchester and Playa del Rey community.
- For a minimum donation of \$10 per car, receive one voting ballot and a map of the homes on the tour.
- Vote for your favorite by December 20, when prizes will be awarded to the Fan Favorite winner, and First & Second Runners-up.

TO REGISTER & VOTING INFORMATION, GO TO

<http://2022holidaylightstour.eventbrite.com>

For more information, contact info@westchestermhg.org.



We will be
Closed
for the
Holidays

The parish office will be closed
Friday, December 23rd and
Monday, December 26th
in observance of Christmas.
The Parish Office will reopen on
Tuesday, December 27th
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes,
"We remember the many people who
believe in the Retirement Fund for
Religious, thanking them in prayer for
their great generosity and compassion."
God bless you for donating to last
week's second collection. Visit
retiredreligious.org to learn how your
gift supports elderly sisters, brothers,
and religious order priests.



**OPEN CAMERA
SCAN QR CODE
GIVE TODAY!**



The Together in Mission 2022
"As One We Believe" Annual Appeal
is closing **on Friday, January 13,
2023.**

We just wanted to let you know
that **your Together in Mission 2022
donation must be in the mail and
postmarked by Friday, December
30, 2022.** Thank you for your efforts
and commitment in 2022. We look
forward to our 30th Anniversary of
the Annual Appeal in 2023. Visit
togetherinmission.org/give or use the
QR code to donate today! **Thank you
to all the that donated to this
campaign!**

Our parish goal for 2022:

\$ 56,901.00

Amount Pledge:

\$ 56,366.50 99.1%

Amount paid:

\$ 55,514.92 97.6%

Difference over/(under) Goal vs

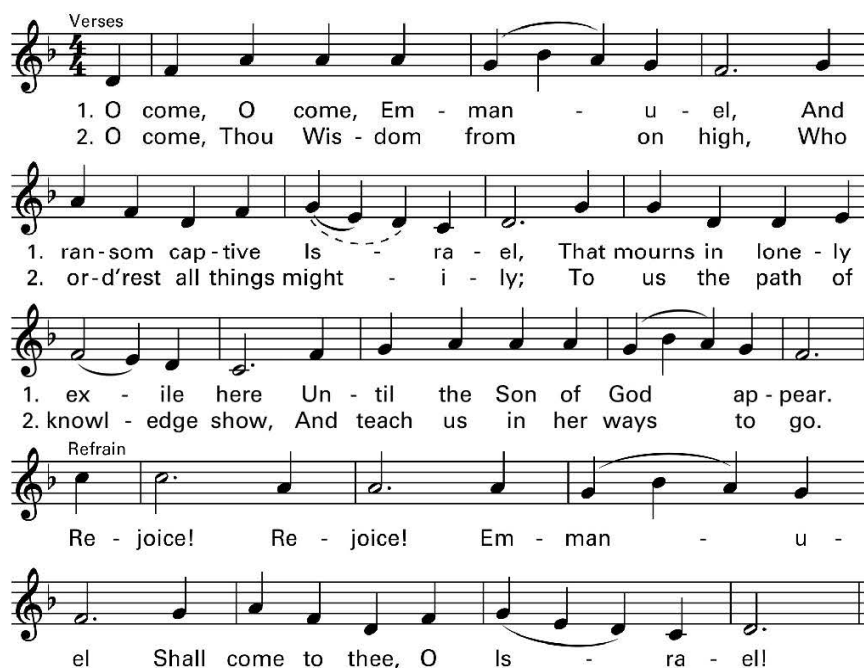
Amount Paid: **(\$ 1,386.08) -2.4%**

4th Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses

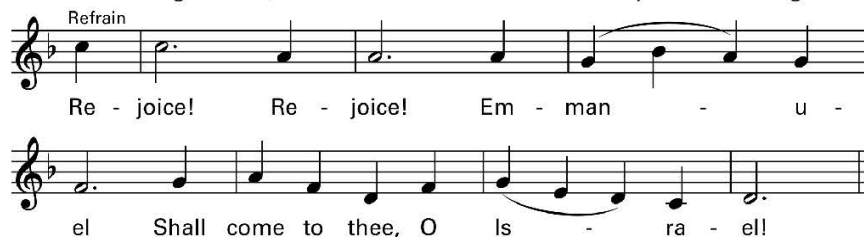


1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who

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

1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

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 *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I; *Processionale*, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; arr.
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CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

PSALM

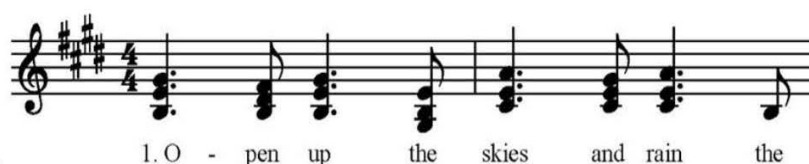
Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Hope Is Dawning



1. O - pen up the skies and rain the

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 Hope

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us,
Savior of the world
for by your cross
and resurrection,
you have set us free.

heav - ens down, the heav - ens down; Fa - ther

o - pen up the skies and rain the heav - ens down on

us. 2. O - pen up our

eyes to see Your glo - ry's all a - round.

We are long - ing, hope is dawn - ing,

heav - en's fall - ing, come Lord Je - sus.

2

3. O - pen up our hearts to say,

"Have Your way, have Your way", Spir - it,

o - pen up our hearts to say, "Won't You D.S. al Coda

come and have Your way".

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COMMUNION

Holy is His Name

Verses

1. My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord,

2. He has mer-cy in ev - 'ry gen-er - a - tion. He

1. and my spir-it ex-ults in God my Sav-ior. For he has
2. has re-vealed his pow-er and his glo-ry. He has cast

1. looked with mer-cy on my low-li-ness, and my name will be for-
2. down the might-y in their ar-ro-gance, and has lift-ed up the

1. ev-er ex-alt-ed. For the might-y God has done great
2. meek and the low-ly. He has come to help his ser-vant

1. things for me, and his mer-cy will reach from age to
2. Is-ra-el; he re-mem-bers his prom-ise to our

Refrain
1. age. And ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is his name.
2. fa-thers.

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SENDING

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le -

lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch
Tune: Andraé Crouch
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