HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

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

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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)

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan

RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

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

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Tel. 310-216-1145 Fax. 310-846-5421 email: visitationchurch497@gmail.com visitationchurch-la.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)
PSALM — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
SECOND READING — When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)
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GOSPEL — "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: DN 1:1-6, 8-20/DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/LK 21:1-4 Tuesday: DN 2:31-45/DN 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/LK 21:5-11 Wednesday: DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/DN 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/LK 21:12-19 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/MT 4:18-22 Friday: DN 7:2-14/DN 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/LK 21:29-33 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

SECOND READING: Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

GOSPEL: The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The understanding that is the fruit of charity, of love, is comprehensive': it 'sees,' first of all, not the defects or faults, but the virtues and good qualities of others." - *Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz*

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Give your children time and affection, not money." -Jim Stenson, Compass

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"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 Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One, Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased One at



Christmas, Overcoming the Blues at Christmastime, Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies, Giving New Life to Your Christmas Celebration, Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas, and many, many more.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 26TH Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:00am - Richard Topete † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish 11:00am - Concepcion Clark †

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 27TH 8:00am - Efrain Villalobos †

<u>Tuesday - November 28тн</u> 8:00am - Mrs. Bernadeta Semik †

WEDNESDAY- NOVEMBER 29TH 8:00am - Esther Villalobos †

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH St. Andrew, Apostle 8:00am - Eduardo Laureola †

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 1ST 8:00am - Brett Whitcomb

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2ND 5:00pm - Anne Gervais Dorn †

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner.



ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your Donations!

PARISH POST

Dear sisters and brothers,

Over the past three weeks I've been writing about stewardship and inviting us all to consider the ways we take care of, organize, and administer the many blessings we've received from God. God is a generous giver and we see this most clearly in that He gave his only begotten Son for our salvation (Jn 3:16). Blessed be the Lord!

In response, I'd like all of us to start thinking now about the coming year. Specifically, how is the Lord calling you to give love, service, time, talent, and treasure in the year to come? The first step is to set aside some personal time to prayerfully talk with God about it. You can ask God questions like: "Lord, what are my gifts and blessings? What would you like me to share with others? Am I being generous in sharing what I've received from your goodness?" After you pray about it, it is important to talk to others about it too. It would be a good idea to talk to your spouse, parents, or trusted friends. Some good conversation starters could be: "What blessings do you think I could share with others? May I share with you the good things I see God doing in your life? Do you think I am giving generously or am I a bit stingy with God and/or others?" Lastly, it's important to make some sort of concrete plan for the year to come. Some examples could be: "I will get involved with ____ ministry"; "I want to meet with Fr. Matt to discuss using my gift of ____ for the good of our Visitation family"; or "We are going to give ____ % of our annual income to support God's work at Visitation".

In conclusion, I am reminded of a poem that hung on a wall in my childhood home that read: "A bell is no bell till you ring it, song is no song till you sing it, and love in your heart isn't meant there to stay; love isn't love till you give it away." Friends, Jesus teaches us that we are happy in this life to the extent that we learn how to make a gift of ourselves in love for others. As you ponder what this will look like for you - personally - in the year to come, you can be sure that I'm doing the same thing...

Love and prayers,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

-This week we have two big Eucharistic Revival events that you'll love. On Friday from 6-7pm we have our first Encounter Night and on Saturday from 9am-noon we will have an Advent Morning of Reflection hosted by Mary & Martha with a special guest, Fr. Marinello Saguin (register here: https://e.givesmart.com/events/zEV/). Take advantage of these great opportunities to take a step forward in your relationship with our Eucharistic Lord.

-Thank you to all who participated in our school's Jog-A-Thon fundraiser! May the Lord reward your generosity.

-Today's Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical season called "Ordinary Time." That means Advent begins next weekend. Visit https://catholicallyear.com/ for Advent ideas for your home and family.

DAILY BRIEF FOR ADVENT

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



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**, **December 17**, **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.



YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL JUNE 11 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This three–year initiative launched in 2022 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. Renewal began at the diocesan level, inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as "a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ"—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

After this fruitful year of preparation, the Year of Parish Revival began on June 11, 2023—also on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The year has been marked by historic initiatives, such as the firstever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Grassroots creativity is springing up all over the country as love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist blossoms in the pews!

Then, on July 17, 2024, America will gather for the first time in 83 years for a National Eucharistic Congress. This historic moment will launch the United States into a Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics out to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." We will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond. For more information please visit the Eucharistic Revival Website: https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/ 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.



Church of the Visitation

Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

Join us for our first Eucharistic Revival Encounter Night Friday, December 1st, 6 - 7 pm

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. He is waiting for you. Gather with us as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ anew in prayer and adoration, just in time for the start of the season of Advent. We will join together for prayer, music and Adoration for our first Eucharistic Revival Encounter Night in our beautiful church.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to spend time with Jesus. This is a family friendly event. Please bring your whole family to begin this beautiful season of anticipation. There will be time for praise and thanksgiving before our Lord together, and time for our children to have their own space for sacred silence and reflection.

We hope to see you there. All are welcome!



"When we gather together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we create space for God to work." (National Eucharistic Revival, Encounter Nights Guide)

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CALENDAR 2023-2024

The National Eucharistic Revival invites all of us to celebrate and recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join Visitation Parish as we come to the table of the Lord, with open hands and open hearts to receive Jesus himself, the source and summit of our lives and to nourish those around us.

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters." - Pope Francis



Church of the Visitation

Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

A Morning of Reflection: The Eucharistic Heart of Advent Saturday, December 2nd, 9am-12pm

What are the distractions that keep us from seeing the ways Jesus comes to us?

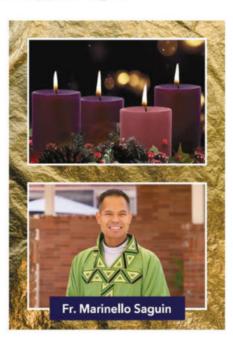
What can help us to receive and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

How can we more fully recognize and respond to all the ways Jesus comes to us?

Join us in the O'Grady Center for a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM.

We will be joined by our guest speaker, Fr. Marinello Saguin, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Encino.

The morning concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass in the Church.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church O Come let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord. He is waiting for you, join Him as we pray and sing in His presence.

FRIDAY JANUARY 5 First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church Start the new year off right. Come spend an hour with Jesus as we rest and pray in the presence of the Blessed

Sacrament

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

Friday Encounter #2 6 – 8 pm Adoration, Talk, crafts and activities in Visitation Church and the O'Grady Center Spend more time with Jesus

this year. Gather with us as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ anew in prayer, adoration, preaching and reflection, and reconciliation. There is something for the whole family. All are welcome.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

Spend an hour in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and He will transform your life.

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - Padre Pio

RSVP at VisAdvent23.givesmart.com or scan QR code Sponsored by Mary and Martha Come, Lord Jesus



Concern America's Marketplace of Fair Trade Crafts will be at:

Church of the Visitation at Mary's Courtyard Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~After all masses~

Concern America's fair trade craft program provides direct support to materially impoverished artisans and their communities in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. You get the opportunity to support them by purchasing their gorgeous hand made items.



CONCERN AMERICA

For more information visit: www.ConcernAmerica.org

This year we have many new beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics, and wood products from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico that honor indigenous traditions. When a Concern America product is purchased, we are providing a source of income to materially impoverished communities while allowing artisans to achieve financial stability through gainful, safe, and dignified work. Concern America is an international development organization based in Santa Ana, CA that builds capacity in health care, clean water, education, and economic opportunities. You may learn more about their work and view a selection of their crafts available on their web site: www.concernamerica.org





MERCY BAGS

One way we are answering the call to serve the poor at Visitation, is to assist St. Margaret's Center in providing hygiene bags for the homeless and working poor that they serve.

Please consider contributing 3-5 Mercy Bags that you assemble at home and bring to church on the designated

weekend. CVS and Ralphs each have a travel section with inexpensive kits and products to choose from. Below is the recommended content list from St. Margaret's for the most needed items. Use a large Ziplock for the contents of each Mercy Bag.

- Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion



- Razor and Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Socks (Unisex tube socks)Comb
- Comb
 Chapstick

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Assemble 3-5 Mercy bags into Gallon Ziplocks at home with your family

Bring your Mercy Bags to the back of the church the weekend of December 2nd

Consider making an extra bag or two to keep in your car to give to someone in need.

Contact Dan Smith if you have access to large amounts of these products for donation. dsmithwestchester@gmail.com

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS DID YOU KNOW? HOW DO GROOMERS WORK?

Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim's family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Many Stages of Grooming" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

> The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.



ST. MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DECEMBER 14, 15, AND 16





We need your help to collect toys for 1,000 children from St. Margaret's Center's most needy families living at or below the poverty level from the greater L.A.X. area. At St. Margaret's annual Christmas Program the children are entertained while the parents select toys for their children. Volunteers wrap the toys so the parents can proudly give their children gifts on Christmas Day.

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

Accepting toys (\$15-30 range preferred) through December 12th.

PURCHASE TOYS ONLINE at amazon.com IT'S FAST! IT'S EASY!

You will be directed to **our wish list on Amazon** and your purchase will be shipped directly to **St. Margaret's Center.**

This link also takes you to our wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ ls/339Z1954SS05I/ ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1



our Angel

Financial Donations

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In Faithful Service to the Westchester Community

Please make checks payable to: St. Margaret's Center and mail to 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Lennox CA 90304

Collect Toys

Sponsor a company toy drive or host a holiday gathering and ask friends to donate.

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VIS for St. Margaret's Center Candlelit Concert Series

Concert #2 Celebrating the Holidays with the Metropolis String Quintet

Saturday, December 16, 2023 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visitation Church 6561 W. 88th St. | Los Angeles, CA



Tickets \$15 can be purchased at https://VisConcert2023.givesmart.com

All proceeds to benefit St. Margaret's Center.

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Preconcert Cash Bar Reception 6:15 p.m.

Children over 7 years of age welcome.





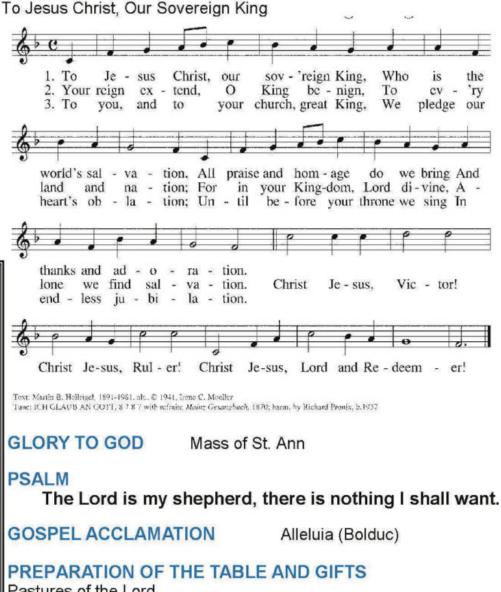
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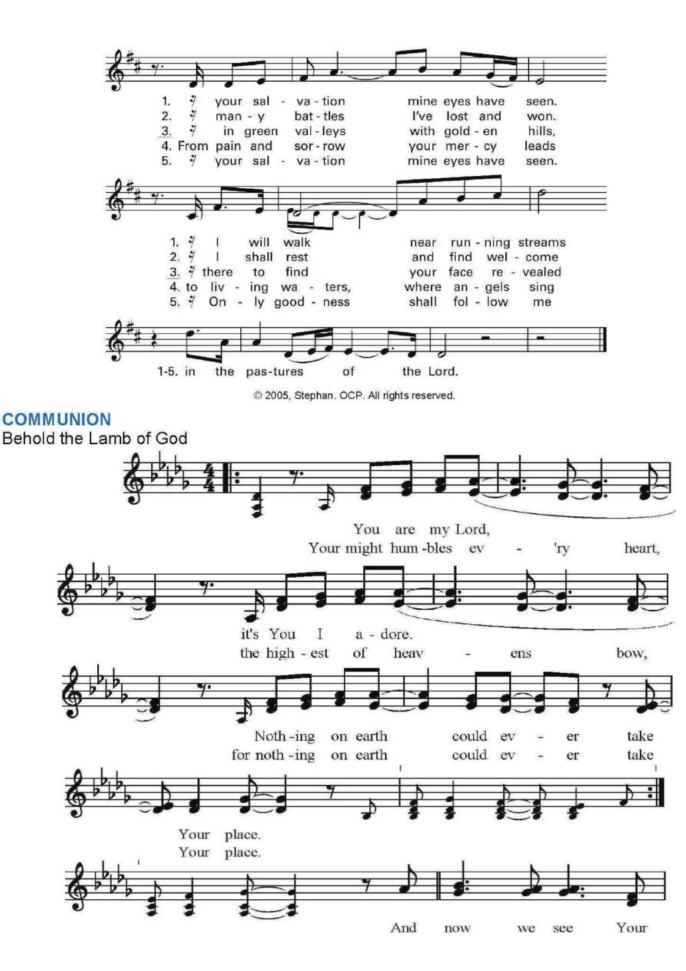
I believe in God. the Father Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified died and was buried: He descended into hell: on the third day He rose again from 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 St. Ann





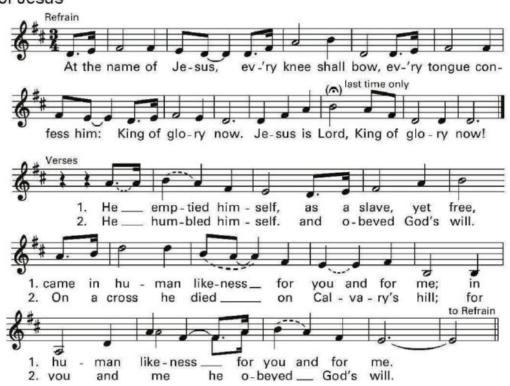






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At the Name of Jesus



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