



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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

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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 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.

MAY 14, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14: 16-17a



PARISH REGISTRATION

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING – Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 8:17)

PSALM – Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66) Or Alleluia

SECOND READING – For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

GOSPEL – "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26–16:4a

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-1

THURSDAY: ACTS 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3AB, 3CD-4/JN 16:16-20

ASCENSION: ACTS 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/EPH 1:17-23/MT 28:16-20

FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-2

SATURDAY: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred [sic] individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life... a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength" (Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia).

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans - God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!


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PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Teach the great character traits as the points of your compass: sound judgment, a sense of responsibility, courageous perseverance, self-mastery, faith, hope, and charity" (Jim Stenson, Compass).

BAPTISMS

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, May 28, 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.



Mass Intentions

& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- ◆ **SUNDAY - MAY 14, 2023**
Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
8:00am - Rosemary Coda †
11:00am - Marcos Fernandez †
- ◆ **MONDAY - MAY 15, 2023**
St. Isidore
8:00am - Joseph Sakamaki †
- ◆ **TUESDAY - MAY 16, 2023**
8:00am - Deceased members of the Hobrock and Zimmerle Family
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY - MAY 17, 2023**
8:00am - Deceased members of the Welther Family
- ◆ **THURSDAY - MAY 18, 2023**
The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
8:00am - Francesco Borgese †
- ◆ **FRIDAY - MAY 19, 2023**
8:00am - Kathy Neville †
- ◆ **SATURDAY - MAY 20, 2023**
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
8:00pm - Tony Sales †

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

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.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Once again, it brings me great joy to announce that Archbishop Gomez has appointed me for another one-year term as Administrator of Visitation Parish! I am looking forward to another blessed year with all of you and I know that the Lord has many special graces in store for us. I realize, however, that the news of a “one-year term as Administrator” is a bit confusing for some of you so I’d like to take this opportunity to explain how the process of priestly assignments works (at least here in Los Angeles).

One’s journey to the priesthood concludes with the completion of the requirements for a Master of Divinity degree, graduation from the seminary, and ordination to the priesthood. The newly ordained priest then receives an assignment from the bishop of his diocese. In most cases, a priest's first assignment is to serve as a “parochial vicar” at a parish for 3-4 years. A parochial vicar is like a helper priest to the pastor of a parish. One’s time as a parochial vicar is important for learning from the good example of the pastor and gaining a familiarity with priestly life and ministry. When it is determined that a priest is possibly ready to become a pastor, the bishop will assign him to a parish as an “administrator”. To be an administrator of a parish is similar to being a pastor of a parish in the sense that an administrator is the priest “in charge” of the spiritual care of his flock. The main difference, however, is that an administrator serves a one-year term whereas a pastor serves a six-year term. And so before locking a recently ordained priest in as pastor for six years, many bishops find it helpful to assign priests who have never been pastors before for a couple of one-year terms as administrator. This allows both the priest and the diocese to discern if the priest is ready to become a pastor. Once mutual discernment has taken place and a priest is ready, the bishop will assign him as pastor of a parish for a six-year term.

In my case, I was ordained a priest in 2018 and spent one term, four years, at St. Anthony Parish in San Gabriel, CA. The conclusion of this assignment coincided with Fr. Jim Forsen's retirement and it was decided that I would come to Visitation as an administrator so as to allow for continued discernment around my readiness to become a pastor. After receiving my request to stay at Visitation and interviewing Visitation staff and parishioners, Archbishop Gomez decided to assign me for another one-year term as administrator at Visitation. Praise God!

I hope this helps explain the process a bit and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. All I can say is that the Archbishop’s trust and your kind affirmation have been incredible blessings for me and I am truly grateful! May the Lord who has brought us together bring to fulfillment his most holy will this next year and always.

Easter blessings,

Fr. Matt

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.

We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.



Spiritual Mothers
•
Grandmothers
•
Stepmothers
•
Foster Mothers
•
Mothers who have experienced miscarriage
•
And all who identify with motherhood



Mothers who have lost children
•
Mothers estranged from their kids
•
Mothers who have adopted children
•
Mothers who gave a child up for adoption

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Difference Over/(Under) Goal vs. Amount Paid: (\$28,766.86) -50.1%

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000
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% of Goal: 102%
Thank you!

Each week, new donors support Visitation by contributing to Called to Renew. However, our ultimate success depends on many more parishioners doing their part.

To those who have already participated, we are encouraged by your thoughtful expressions of support. To all others, please prayerfully consider joining us with your own commitment.

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal, will remain with our parish. One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

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<https://calledtorenew.org/parishes/visitation/>

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF GROOMING BEHAVIOR

Many adult predators “groom” their victims, creating an emotional and psychological connection with a child to lay the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Some basic signs of child grooming can include taking an undue interest in someone else’s child, or calling a child a “special friend.” Groomers may give money or gifts for no reason, or invite a potential victim on isolated day trips or outings without the child’s parents. For more signs of grooming behavior, read the VIRTUS® article “The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Viz Seniors

Come to O’Grady Center and have a
Fun Day. Wednesday,
May 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Come have some fun, have some snacks and plan more Senior Fun Days. An idea or two

Any of the above? Other ideas? Gather up some friends and come on along and let’s see what we can do.

Need a ride? Give a ride? - Let us know.
Marlene Kaufman - Mary Lou Ward
- Toni Kerker

Making new friends? Renewing acquaintances? Cards? Bingo? Bunco? Movies? Potluck lunches? Bible Study?

Questions? call Marlene 310- 645 - 4436
Coming? RSVP vizensiors@gmail.com

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

◆ **Jennifer Ann Glaza Howard**, who went home to the Lord on April 20, 2023. She was 50 years old. Funeral mass will take place May 20, 2023 at 1:00PM at Visitation. There will be a reception held in the O’Grady Center from 2-4

◆ **Maria Carmen Aceves “Carmina”**, who went home to the Lord on April 10, 2023. She was 93 years old. Funeral mass will take place May 27, 2023 at 11:00AM at Visitation.

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

6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
 2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
 3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your

1. let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
 2. sail a - long, O__ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
 3. Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and

1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
 2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
 3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!

1-7. O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore*;
 tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt. Music: *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Holy Spirit, We're Calling You

1. For the heal - ing of the world, — for the heal - ing of the na - tions, —
 (2. Come and grant your wis - dom.) Lord, — to the lead - ers of the na - tions. —

1. Lord, we pray with one voice, — one song — for all — the earth —
 2. May their hearts and their lives — re - flect — the love — of Christ —

1. For the heal - ing of our — lives, — all the bro - ken, all who sor - row, —
 2. And may we, your chil - dren, — Lord, — be your mes - sen - gers of mer - cy. —

1. fill our hearts with the peace that on - ly you — can give. — } Ho - ly Spir - it, we're call -
 2. may our hearts and our lives — be root - ed in — your love. — }

[1. To Verse 2]

— ing — you. — Spir - it, we're call — ing you. — A - live in our world,

— move with-in us.— Spir-it, we're call - ing- you.— 2. Come and grant your wis - dom,

2. *To Bridge* 3. *To Refrain* *Final*

— Let the peace — Ho - ly Spir-it, we're call -

3. — sign — show-ing all the world your pres - ence.— May we be for the world

3. — the hands — and feet — of Christ.— Ho - ly Spir-it, we're call -

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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

COMMUNION

Only In God

Verses

1. On - ly in God is my soul at rest, in — him comes my sal -
 2. On - ly in God is found safe - ty when my en - e - my pur -

1. va - tion. He, — on - ly, — is my rock, my strength — and
 2. sues me. On - ly in God is found glo - ry when I am found

Refrain

1. my — sal - va - tion. My strong-hold, my Sav - ior,
 2. meek and found low - ly.

I shall not be a - fraid at all. My strong-hold, my

Sav - ior, I shall not be moved. moved. On - ly in

God is my soul at rest, in him comes my sal - va - tion.

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MASS PARTS

Mass of
 St. Ann

Ave Maria (Schubert)

SENDING

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Verses



1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-



1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain



1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re -
2. death will be no more.
3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.



deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

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