

December 26, 2021

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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
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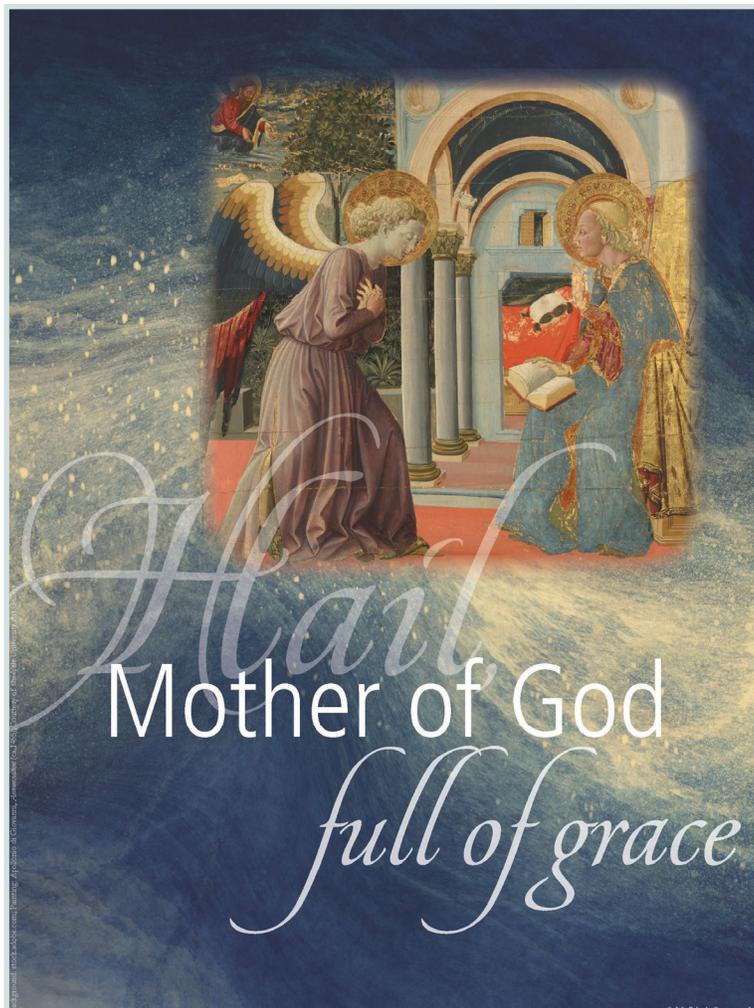
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Private Worship (Inside the church) Open for
private devotion between the hours of **7:30am-
4:00pm (Monday-Friday)** and **8:00am-4:00pm
(Saturday)**.

Holy Hour (Inside the church)

First Friday of each month from
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PARISH REGISTRATION

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RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE DAY

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by
the power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 15:13

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 religionseducationvc@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 to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Jeremy Brosmer** at 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



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 under **Resources/ Bereavement**. Please email **Candy Blankenship** at blank8840@gmail.com or leave a message with the titles you wish and your address at **310-338-9043**.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Patricia Smith and Mark Rover**. Please pray for their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

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.

DID YOU KNOW? December 25-26 || Check Christmas presents for button batteries

Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches. If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child's nose or ears, they can cause serious damage — from electrical currents to tissue burns. Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>.

Mass Intentions Dec.27, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022



- 12/27 8am Mass-**The Berg Family** (Special Intention)
- 12/28 8am Mass-**Tony and Tess Sales Family** (Special Intention)
- 12/29 8am Mass-**Rick and Suellen Gonzaga** (Dec'd) and **For the Sick in the Parish**
- 12/30 8am Mass-**Joey Papazian** (Living)
- 12/31 8am Mass-**Joey Papazian** (Living)
- 1/1 8am Mass-**Mark Rover** (Dec'd) 5pm Mass-**Anne Gervais Dorn** (Dec'd)
- 1/2 8am Mass-**Catherine Nguyen** and 11am Mass-**Yolanda Hernandez** (Dec'd)

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

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The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

PASTOR POST**Post Christmas Blessing**

May the gathering my family did or did not have at Christmas bring me the desire to hold my family dear throughout this year.

May the love given and received at Christmas fill me with the passion to give and receive love as best I can.

May I have the eyes to see the holiness in my family members. They, like me, are sinners, but they are still holy. They are children of God.

May I continue to surprise my family members throughout the year with acts of generosity and love.

May I sacrifice myself for the sake of my family by forgiving anyone that has wounded me and seeking forgiveness of family whom I have wounded.

May I walk humbly and love mercy.

And finally...

My God, life can be short, and can be cut short without a moment's notice. May I receive the grace to not waste a minute of the life given me with pettiness of spirit, with resentment or anger, filled with regret, or holding grudges for past hurts, bemoaning any unfairness in life. May I receive the grace to live as a child of God and to honor all of Gods children with whom I live. Amen.

Fr. Jim

Continue to Renew Campaign

Even though our Renew Visitation campaign was very successful, there are still some remaining issues for our parish that still need to be addressed. The O'Sullivan Hall needs heating and air conditioning It's restrooms should be brought up to code. The kitchen needs improved ventilation. The junior high needs heating and air, restrooms, windows and flooring. We want to improve the parking lot storage area for the church and school. We are starting a financial campaign for one year to raise \$1,000,000. There will be a second collection at all the masses in December to begin to raise money for this goal.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2021-8am Mass

New Year's Day January 1st, 2022-8am Mass and 5pm Mass

Mercy Bag's Needed/Bread for Sandwiches for St. Margaret's Center

St. Margaret's Center is in need of Mercy bag's. If you would like to donate a bag to the center, please drop it off at our Rectory in the bin located outside on the porch.

St. James in his Epistle wrote "If you see a brother or a sister in need that are hungry or naked and you say to them good bye and good luck, keep warm and well fed what good is there in that. Such faith is dead."

One of the acts of mercy that Visitation had done for years but got sidetracked during the lockdown was making available mercy bags for those in need. We once again encourage people to have a Mercy bag in their car to assist street people who may be asking for help.

The contents of a Mercy bag would be:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, power bar, water, razor, shaving cream, sunscreen, wipes, lotion, socks, comb, and hand-sanitizer.

Bread for St. Margaret's Center

We are accepting donations of bread used in sandwiches for the homeless. Please drop off at the Rectory.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

GATHERING

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."



1st Reading
 Sirach
 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128

2nd Reading
 Colossians
 3:12-27

Gospel
 Luke 2:41-52

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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

MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation



PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky ___ looked down where he lay, The
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
 verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.

COMMUNION

Child of the Poor/What Child is This

Verses

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the
 2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look - ing for
 3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with

1. chill of mid - win - ter; comes now a-mong us, born in - to
 2. shel-ter a - mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we
 3. noth-ing to of - fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the

1. pov - er - ty's em - brace, new life for the world.
 2. see a - mid the poor, the chil - dren of God?
 3. fright-ened heart: "Fear not: } here is your God!"

Refrain

Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,
 know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the

world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

Verses

What child is this, who, laid to rest On
 Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

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SENDING FORTH

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
 where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

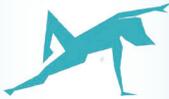
Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, alt.
 Music: Spiritual.



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