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MAY 7, 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 (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:

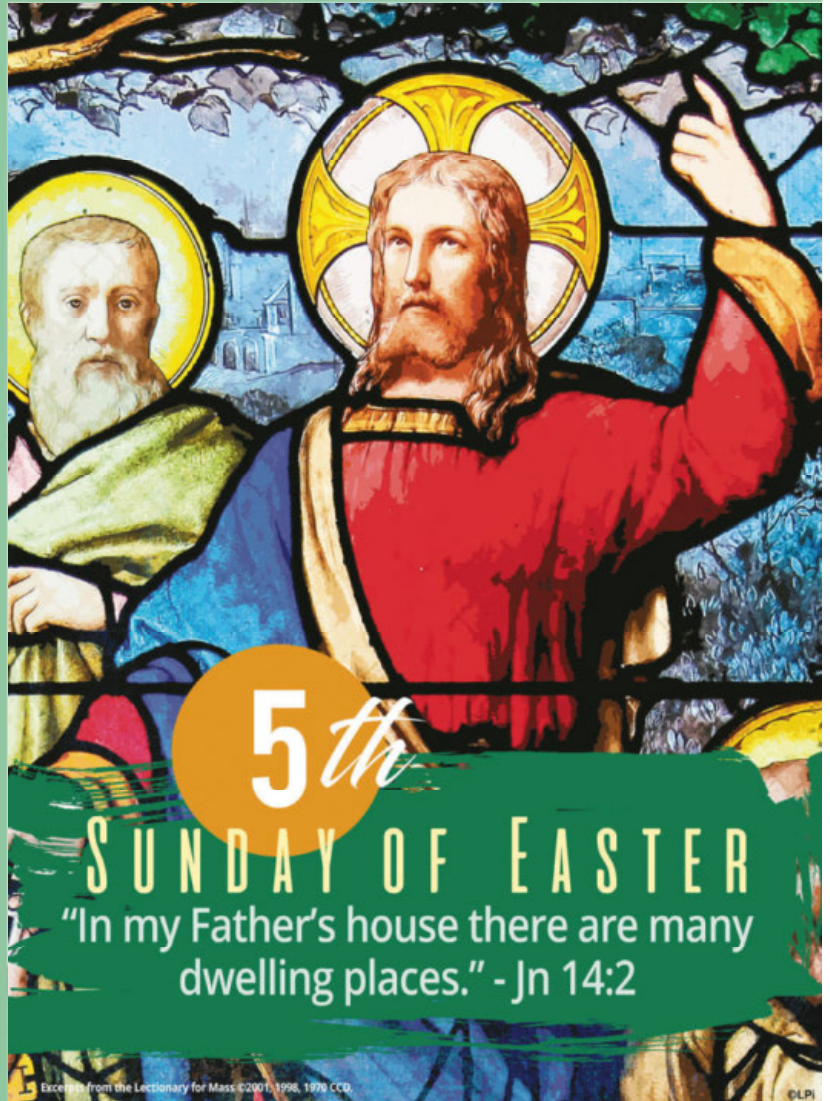
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

PSALM — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

SECOND READING — You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

GOSPEL — Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1- 8

THURSDAY: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-1

FRIDAY: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-2



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Happy hearts and happy faces, Happy play in grassy places – That was how in ancient ages, Children grew to kings and sages" (Robert Louis Stevenson).

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"When you think of your children's futures, picture their character, not just their careers" (Compass, Jim Stenson).

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.



- ◆ **Blake Allison** and **Ana Francia Morales** will be receiving the sacrament of holy matrimony on May 27, 2023.
- ◆ **Sergio Somma** and **Gaia Mariani** will be receiving the sacrament of holy matrimony on July 2, 2023.

If you know of any impediments to these marriages please contact Fr. Matt at the parish office: 310-216-1145.



& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY- MAY 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am - Purita Lopez †

11:00am - Adelaida Hernandez †

◆ MONDAY - MAY 8, 2023

8:00am - Andre Rouseyrol †

◆ TUESDAY - MAY 9, 2023

8:00am - Pat Rotolo †

◆ WEDNESDAY - MAY 10, 2023

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00am - Charles Hennings †

◆ THURSDAY - MAY 11, 2023

8:00am - All Souls in Purgatory

◆ FRIDAY - MAY 12, 2023

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00am - Francesco Burgese †

◆ SATURDAY - MAY 13, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima

8:00pm - Gwen

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, and many more.





Commitment Weekend

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 in the coming week.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend! Commitment Weekend ensures that every member of our parish has an opportunity to participate in the *Called to Renew* Campaign. This campaign offers us an opportunity to support our parish by preserving and building on our legacy while securing our future.

The participation of every family is very important. We pray that you discussed this initiative with your family and discerned how best you can support our campaign. Thank you in advance for your support!

"It's not how much you give, but how much love we put into giving"

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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(That is only \$1 per day!)

Our Goal

\$590,000

Amount Raised

\$601,750

Average Gift

\$10,557

Percent of Goal Raised

102 %

Pledges over a period of time allow parishioners to consider more substantial commitments than are possible with one-time cash gifts. For more details, please contact the rectory at (310) 216-1145. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. Campaign funds will be used for:

- O'Grady Center Renovations
- Refurbish Confessionals
- Evangelization Outreach

Dear brothers and sisters,

BEEEEEP! The workday begins with the annoying clamor of an alarm clock which we scramble to silence - at least for a moment - by hitting the snooze button a few times. But we cannot cling to sweet slumber forever and so inevitably we roll out of bed, rush to get ready, fill our mugs with coffee, and jump in the car only to be greeted by the humm humm of LA traffic. Frustrated, we inch our way along until finally we get to work - a few minutes late of course - and then plop ourselves down to take a breather when before we know it a healthy dose of daily drama inundates the confines of our personal safe space. Between pit stops in the breakroom, staff meetings, and distractions we are lucky to get one hour of productive work done when all of a sudden it is time to jump back into the car, suffer more LA traffic, and rush from one evening commitment to another. We get home exhausted and feeling guilty for all the work left undone we seek refuge in mindless television. Somewhat deflated we turn out the lights, hit the hay, and begin the whole cycle again... such is the modern experience of work!

Perhaps I exaggerated a bit, BUT I do believe that most people see work more as a curse than a blessing; a necessary evil that must be endured for the “greater good” or something like that. However, from the beginning it was not so and the feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1st) is meant to rehabilitate such distorted notions and restore work to its rightful place in the goodness of God’s creation.

Chapter one in the Book of Genesis reminds us that humans were not made for work, but that work was made for human beings. God made Adam and Eve in his image and likeness and commanded them to cooperate with him in the cultivation of the world. Far from being a curse, work offers humans the opportunity to become more and more like the one in whose image they have been made. In the Biblical account of creation it is important to notice that the toil of work was a consequence of sin and not a part of God’s original plan. In the post-fall world in which we now live, it is the toil of work that tends to grab our attention and that disfigures our understanding of the original dignity and goodness of work.

With the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, we remember that St. Joseph worked hard as a carpenter and Jesus Christ, for the first thirty years of his life, worked with St. Joseph. Jesus “entered into work” and his own work and toil sanctifies the work and toil of us all. When we unite our work to that of Jesus it becomes a graced reality for our holiness and union with God. Does Jesus take away the difficulties and challenges of work? No. But he allows us to face them with hope that work done with love - no matter how mundane or monotonous - becomes an occasion for us to pass through the cross to the glorious heights of heaven.

Have a blessed week and let’s take seriously this call to stop seeing work as a distraction from God and see it for what it truly is: an opportunity for encounter and transformation.

Peace,

Fr. Matt

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5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal
Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand, Till He re -
-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
-turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll
stand.
stand!

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PSALM

Let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

I Am the Vine

I am the vine, you are the branch-es. Re - main in
me, you shall be fruit - ful. Love for the world,
hope for the hope - less.

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
St. Ann

1. If you love, then you must root your - self
2. If you give, then you must give your - self
in me; For the branch will
to me; For the well will
fail and die with-out the tree.
soon run dry with-out the sea.

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COMMUNION

Lord, You Have the Words

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them just.
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest gold.

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SENDING

How Can I Keep from Singing?



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I
3. What though the tem-pest 'round me roar, I
4. When ty-rants trem-ble, sick with fear, And
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion. I hear the real though
hear that mu-sic ring-ing; It sounds and ech-oes
hear the truth it liv-eth. What though the dark-ness
hear their death knells ring-ing; When friends re-joice both
foun-tain ev-er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far-off hymn That hails a new cre-a-tion.
in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
'round me close, Songs in the night it giv-eth.
far and near, How can I keep from sing-ing?
I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling-ing. Since love is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

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