



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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APRIL 2, 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 am., 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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21: 9

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

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

— Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

FIRST READING — First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

PSALM — O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

SECOND READING — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

GOSPEL — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our all Catholic Churches to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — “shaken,” like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

SATURDAY: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ◆ **Patricia Steming**, who went home to the Lord on February 19, 2023. She was 87 years old. Funeral mass will take place April 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Visitation church
- ◆ **George Rachford**, who went home to the Lord on July 29, 2022. He was 88 years old. Funeral mass will take place April 22, 2023 at 12:00PM at Holy Cross.

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



MASS INTENTIONS & SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY— APRIL 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am - Hiroko Tokubo

11:00am - Pat Rotolo †

◆ MONDAY - APRIL 3, 2023

Monday of Holy Week

8:00am - Ambrose Canty †

◆ TUESDAY - APRIL 4, 2023

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am - Stanley Damian †

◆ WEDNESDAY - APRIL 5, 2023

Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset

8:00am - Maximiliano Villalobos †

◆ THURSDAY - APRIL 6, 2023

Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

8:00am - Edward Connoy †

◆ FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2023

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; First Friday

8:00am - No Intention

◆ SATURDAY - APRIL 8, 2023

Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00pm - Andre Rouseyrol †

To request a **mass intention**

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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 APRIL 2, 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

You know that sense of accomplishment you feel when you check something off your to-do list? Or the sense of pride that comes when you finally reach your goal after prolonged effort and inching your way forward little by little? Well, this past week I had one of these moments when I finished reading the entire New Testament. Since my college days I've had the habit of reading the Bible everyday, specifically the New Testament. But here's the catch - I only read for about three minutes (yes, three minutes, not two or four minutes). What this means is that in any particular sitting I don't make much progress; maybe a chapter at the most. But it is amazing how reading 3-minutes *everyday* adds up after a while. So much so that I finish reading the New Testament every eight or nine months. Once I finish it, I start all over again and so at this point in my life I've read it about 12 times or so.

Reading the Bible everyday has been so good for my relationship with Jesus and I highly recommend it for all of you. When I first started, I would try to read for 15-20 minutes. I soon found myself unable to stay faithful to this commitment. Eventually, I decided to decrease the time to three minutes. I found that decreasing the time was not a loss but an overall gain because it allowed me to read just enough to ponder for the day. Reading the Gospels helps me get to know the life of Christ - his parables, teachings, and attitudes - and they challenge me to incorporate them into my life. It's fascinating to read about the early Church in the *Acts of the Apostles* or the missionary activity of St. Paul in his *Letters* and I'm inspired to follow in their footsteps and to be bold in living my Catholic faith. Friends, it's amazing how a few minutes per day can make such a difference to build us up in faith, hope, and love.

As Lent concludes and we enter into Holy Week, I encourage you to fill your hearts and minds with Sacred Scripture - you won't regret it! If you have a Bible, go find it. If you don't have one, you should buy one. I suggest this small copy of the [New Testament](#) because it is easy to carry with you while you're on the go. It is even broken down into short daily readings which come out to about three minutes per day. You'll get through it in no time. I'll leave you with a quote from St. Josemaría Escrivá who said, "How I wish your bearing and conversation were such that, on seeing or hearing you, people would say: This man reads the life of Jesus Christ" (*The Way*, #2).

Blessings,

Fr. Matt

Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY - April 2

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
April 3, 4, 5 Regular Mass schedule - 8:00am

RECONCILIATION SERVICE- Tuesday; April 4 @ 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY - April 6

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm-10:00pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet
prayer and Night Prayer in O'Sullivan Hall

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7

Church open for silent prayer - 8:00am
Tenebrae - Sung Morning Prayer - 9:00am
Liturgy of Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross
and Holy Communion - 12:15pm
Stations of the Cross - 6:00pm
Liturgy of Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross
and Holy Communion - 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY - April 8

Church open for silent prayer - 8:00am
Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - April 9

8:00am*, 9:30am, and 11:00am

(In Person and Live-Streamed)

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful "Keep Kids Safe" pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps. For more information go to: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.



A Historic Moment

Announcing a campaign to strengthen our parish and ministries.

We are all Called to Renew

Your life has a purpose: to love God and to spread hope and light in a world desperately in need of both. The Church, too, has a responsibility: to boldly witness to the power of grace and healing through Christ – in our families, our parishes, and our communities.

The *Called to Renew* campaign gives us the opportunity to renew not only our spirit, but the ways in which we live out our faith in our parishes. The campaign will allow us to:

- Renovate facilities to ensure they are safe spaces for families to learn, grow, and worship
- Reaffirm our support for priestly vocations
- Reinvigorate our ministries to serve those who are sick, dying, and imprisoned, as well as their families
- Reimagine faith formation so people of all ages can grow in their Catholic faith

The campaign will also benefit our parish.

Our Parish Needs

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal, will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

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

One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

In the coming weeks, our Ambassadors will be calling families to explain the campaign and answer your questions. We hope you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**

Our Goal

\$590,000

Amount Raised to Date

\$278,800

Number of Gifts

14

Average Gift

\$19,914

Percent of Goal Raised

47%



ACTIVITIES

- 9 AM..... Registration and Putting Contest
- 10:30 AM..... Announcements and Send Off
- 11 AM..... Shotgun Start, Lunch & Beverages on Course, Course Activities
- END OF PLAY..... Club House Reception, No Host Bar, Helicopter Drop, Silent Auction
- 5 PM..... Dinner and Tournament Awards

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*all sponsorships \$1,500 and above include golf

O'Grady Sponsor.....	\$10,000	Pot O'Gold Sponsor.....	\$5,000
Emerald Sponsor.....	\$2,500	Dubliner Sponsor.....	\$1,500
Shamrock sponsor.....	\$500	St. Patrick Sponsor.....	\$250
		(Tee-Box Sponsor)	

GOLF

- Single Golfer..... \$250
- Foursome..... \$1,000

To Sponsor or Register for Golf **Scan the QR Code**

Deadline for Sponsorship is April 25th

(A portion of your sponsorship goes toward your family fundraising goal)

For more information about sponsorship levels email golf@visitationsschool.org



MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT



"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening May 5th and Saturday May 6th right here on campus. It is presented by the men of our parish who have experienced it. If you speak to a Cornerstone Brother, he'll tell you the experience has enhanced his life in many ways – he is a better husband and father to his family, he is a better friend, he is more grounded in his work, and, most importantly, he has discovered new dimensions in his relationship with Christ. Call Bret Osterberg at 310.738.9440 with questions, or register on our Parish web site, www.visitationchurch-la.com. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.



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TOGETHER IN MISSION

Visitation Parish Goal: **\$57,470.00**

This appeal provides essential faith-based educational funding to struggling parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. **Thank you to all that have already pledged and sent in your donations.**

Amount Pledge: **\$ 17,175.25**

Amount paid: **\$ 12,009.25**

Difference over/(under) Goal vs Amount Paid:

\$ 45,460.75 (- 79.1%)



Palm Sunday



GATHERING

Hosanna to the Son of David

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! O
blest is he, O blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!

Verses



1. Re - joice, daugh - ter of Zi - on,
2. Re - joice, all who are thirst - ing
3. Re - joice, all who are long - ing
4. Re - joice, all who are search - ing
5. Re - joice, all who are hop - ing



1. in the One who brings great joy!
2. for the streams of liv - ing joy!
3. to be - hold the face of God!
4. for the truth of ho - ly light!
5. for the reign of peace and love! } Sing praise, chil -

to Refrain



1-8. - dren of Ju - dah, for the Lord is close at hand!

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PENITENTIAL

Stephan

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephan

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

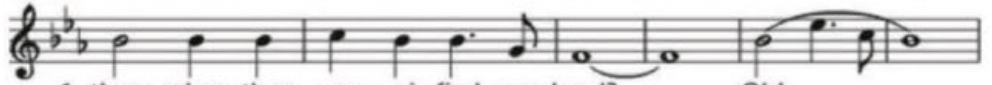
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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Were You There?



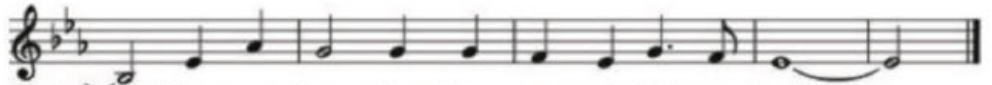
1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



1-3. Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual

COMMUNION

Create In Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, a



clean heart, O God, cre - ate in me.

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|---|--|
| 1. O God, in your goodness have mercy
on me.
In your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sins. | 3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
a steadfast spirit renew in me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
O God.
Take not your Holy Spirit from me. |
| 2. For I acknowledge my offense
and my sin is always before me;
against only you have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your eyes. | 4. Give us back the joy of our salvation,
and renew in us a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips, Lord, open my lips.
And we will sing your praise. |

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SENDING

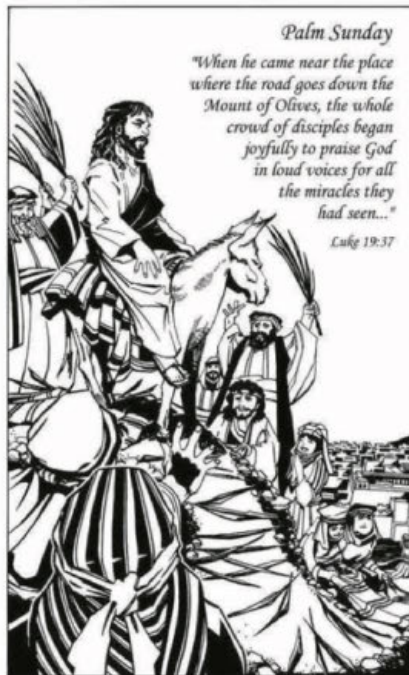
Jesus, Remember Me

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom." The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign.

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