



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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APRIL 16, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

FIRST READING — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

PSALM — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

GOSPEL — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

OUR FASCINATING FAITH:

DIVINE MERCY

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Holy Mother pierce me though, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified" (*Stabat Mater, Ancient Good Friday Hymn*)

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Be confident in your rightful authority [as parents], which comes from your God-given vocation, and insist that your children respect it" (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, April 30, 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— APRIL 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter

8:00am - Annna Pisano †

11:00am - Fouad Abdelkerim †

◆ MONDAY - APRIL 17, 2023

Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

8:00am - Joseph Sakamaki †

◆ TUESDAY - APRIL 18, 2023

Income Tax Day

8:00am - Juan & Maria Asuncion †

◆ WEDNESDAY - APRIL 19, 2023

8:00am - Benjamin Asuncion

◆ THURSDAY - APRIL 20, 2023

8:00am - Tony Sales †

◆ FRIDAY - APRIL 21, 2023

St. Anselm of Canterbury

8:00am - Mr. Chuck Kovely †

◆ SATURDAY - APRIL 22, 2023

Earth Day

8:00pm - Theresa Ungaro †

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.



HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Please join the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for Coffee & Donuts after the morning Masses. We will also be distributing "invitation" cards that you can use when inviting someone to Bring A Friend To Mass weekend. We are asking our parish and school families to invite a friend or neighbor to attend Mass with them. There will be Hospitality after all of the Masses, including the Saturday 5:00pm Mass!



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ◆ **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 his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Mass attendance is down in Catholic parishes across the United States; a reality that penetrates our own lived experience at Visitation where fewer people attend Sunday Mass now than in years past. And why? The reasons are varied: COVID, busyness of life, laziness, the sexual abuse crisis... These are but a small selection of the reasons why people have stopped attending Sunday Mass regularly.

And while there is a temptation to complain or get upset about this, I think the better response is to try and be a part of a solution that helps our brothers and sisters come back to Mass. That is why the weekend of April 29-30th will be "Bring a Friend to Mass Weekend" at Visitation. All of us are encouraged to reach out to one person we know and invite him or her to join us at Visitation that weekend. To this end, Welcome Wagon has been working hard on creating the right kind of environment to offer warm hospitality to help everyone who comes feel welcomed and valued. Needless to say, it will be a blast!

Many of us have family members and friends who attend Mass less frequently than they used to and these are precisely the ones to whom we need to reach out. So let's spread the word and make some personal invitations! I want everyone to know that Visitation is "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" and eagerly desiring to serve the spiritual needs of all.

For this weekend to be a success we'll need everyone's help so I encourage you to take this week to pray about who you'll invite to join us. May Jesus, the Risen Lord, inspire all of us to be courageous in helping others rediscover the power and beauty of Sunday worship at Mass.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? "UNITED TOGETHER IN PRAYER"

This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

RCIA

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last week at the Easter Vigil Mass, Rodney Thomas Riddle and Douglas E.

Saxon Bachman received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It was a wonderful celebration of faith. If you see them around please take a moment to congratulate them.



Visitation Church Goal:
\$590,000

Pledged: \$473,400

% of Goal: 80%

Thank you!

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.



Team Up and Walk for Life

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15.

Bring the good news to women in need of hope like Kimberly at the Walk for Life. Form a team with your church, youth group, community group, work, or with family, friends, or neighbors, and become the hands and feet of Jesus to the pregnant women and pre-born babies we serve. Sign up for the Walk today!

Sign up no later than April 24th at: <https://supportphctorrance.org/>

Saturday, May 20th

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Veterans Park, Redondo Beach

If you don't sign up online, onsite registration is at 7:30 a.m. Festivities and Walk at 8:30 a.m.

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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.



SCAN ME

Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a **Fun Day. Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 1:30 PM**

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

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

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

Questions? call Marlene 310- 645 - 4436

Coming? RSVP vizseniors@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued Support and Generosity to Visitation Church!

2nd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

This is the Day

Musical score for the song "This is the Day". It consists of four staves of music in G major and 3/8 time. The lyrics are: "This is the day! This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us re-joice! Let us re-joice! Let us re-joice and be glad! Let us re-joice and be glad!". The first staff ends with "(to Verses)". The fourth staff is marked "Final time only".

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PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Haugen

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Song of Redemption

Musical score for the "Song of Redemption". It consists of six staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I have seen the Lord, and I know he lives; for I've heard his voice calling out to me, 'Believe and follow me.' 1. Death no long - er tri-umphs, for we shall live for - 1. ev - er, re - deemed in the love of Je - sus who - 1. died that we might live." The score includes markings for "Refrain", "Verse 1", "Fine", and "to Refrain".

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

Verse 2

2. Where two or three have gathered, God's in the midst of
 2. them. From the tomb of death he rises, re -
 2. deem - er of us all. to Refrain

Verse 3

3. The stone once re - ject - ed has be - come the cor - ner -
 3. stone. By the Lord has this been done; it is
 3. won - der - ful in our eyes! to Refrain

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COMMUNION

Bread of Angels

1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
 2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
 3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
 4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -

1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
 2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
 3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
 4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our

1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
 2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
 3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
 4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!

1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
 2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
 3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
 4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,



1, 3
 1. *Dat pa - nis cae - li - cus fi - gu - ris tér - mi - num.*
 3. *Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.*



2, Final
 2. *Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.*
 4. *lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam ín - há - bi - tas.*

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**SENDING
SATURDAY**

Alleluia, Alleluia



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to



1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
 2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,



1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
 2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri - umphed,



1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
 2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with



1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

SUNDAY

Hallelujah is Our Song



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en



o - ver all. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -



lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

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