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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ELCOME 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

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and II:00 a.m.

(The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also

live-streamed on our website)

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r. Matthew Wheeler

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Fr. Timothy McGowan

RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary) Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

PSALM — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

SECOND READING — He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

GOSPEL — Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13/LK 6:36-38

TUESDAY: IS 1:10, 16-20/PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23/MT 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/MT 20:17-28

THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/LK 16:19-3

FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/MT 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts."

-Pope St. Leo the Great

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Teach your kids to cope with reasonable adversity, not to escape."

-Jim Stenson, Compass

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.



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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25TH

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am - Fortunio Sales †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Sally Zimmerman †

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 26TH

8:00am - Deirdre Rogers

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 27TH

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Lillian Baliton

Wednesday-February 28th

8:00am - Vlada Jacoby †

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 29TH

8:00am - Norbert Steger †

FRIDAY - MARCH 1ST

8:00am - Roger Schmitt †

SATURDAY - MARCH 2ND

5:00pm - Anne Gervais Dorn †

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

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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PARISH POST February 25, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

During Mass some years ago, I couldn't help but read the shirt of someone approaching to receive Holy Communion. It read: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." I must say, this message grabbed me and it's one that I come back to consider often.

Specifically, what does it mean to be kind? Sometimes I think kindness gets a bad wrap. It can so easily be confused with a certain naivete or a happy go lucky passivity that is more reflective of fear and cowardice than heroic virtue. Authentic kindness - the virtue of kindness - is something quite different. "Kindness," writes Romano Guardnini, "is something deep and strong." For example, when confronted with another's sins or imperfections the kind woman does not aggressively insert herself to dominate, control, and "fix" the person. At the same time, she does not run away or pretend everything is fine and dandy. Instead, a woman with the virtue of kindness understands that people don't change overnight and that they need space and freedom to grow and learn. Well aware of her own weaknesses, she embraces a gentle and resilient posture that gracefully accompanies others on a journey to God and personal growth.

We are all called to be kind and it is Jesus who shows us what that looks like. Imagine what he thought of the apostles when he first met them: a rough and unrefined bunch, no? And yet he still called them and patiently endured their faults and infidelities (up until the very end!). It is important to realize that Jesus, under the guise of "kindness" did not turn a blind eye to reality and sin. He faced it - head on - and kindly accompanied them with patience and endurance. Ultimately, Jesus offers his life in love for them and their salvation. And he does the same thing with each one of us. In fact, Lent is a time to remember the kindness of God who reaches out to us in mercy time and time again. In gratitude, we then approach others with the same kindness that God has shown us. So I ask you, are you a kind person? How about we all take this week to learn from Jesus so that in a world where we can be anything, we're kind to one another.

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

- Join us for our final Encounter Night this Friday @ 6:30pm in the church. Families and children are welcome!
- Please pray for our candidates for full initiation into the Catholic Church as they participate in the Rite of Calling with Archbishop Gomez on Sunday, March 3rd.
- Take some time for personal prayer this Lent by listening to The Daily Brief meditation series.



TUTORS NEEDED!

back to the community

in an awarding way? Have you considered tutoring a child in math or English once a week at St. Margaret's Center? No experience needed just a big heart and a desire to make a difference. Please contact Karen Holyk-Casey at

tutoringatstmargarets@gmail.com, and she will be glad to connect and answer all your questions.

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Our next Hospitality will be held on Sun, Mar 10 hosted by the Knights of Columbus. That day is also **National GIRL SCOUT Sunday**, so scouts will be participating and helping at the 11:00 Mass and Hospitality as a way of sharing their faith! Please join **Troop 1625** in this special celebration.



Come and spend some time with the Lord! First Friday Holy Hour March 2, 2024 8:30AM - 9:30AM



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. /Amen.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - REFLECTIONS - EVERYDAY STERWARDSHIP

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his

Stations of the Cross at the Church of the Visitation Please join Fr. Matt Wheeler and the Knights of Columbus for a special outdoor procession of Stations of the Cross. Monday, March 4th @ 6pm When: Where: Visitation Church Parking Lot 6561 W 88th Street, Westchester More Info: Grand Knight Mike Dorn, 310-490-4820 or Jessica, Visitation Office, 310-216-1145

face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah. What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father. Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.

DAILY BRIEF

The Daily Brief is a series of daily Lenten meditations based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. Starting with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14 and throughout all of Lent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect. Watch in full screen or close your eyes. The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

LENT UNPLUGGED

Our popular 'Lent Unplugged' meditation series is back in person. It began on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM and continues for the following four Tuesdays in March until Holy Week. These drop-in, candlelit meditation evenings in the church are designed to help us slow down, unplug, and create the inner quiet we need to hear God's voice. Please consider attending.



Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

Join us for our third Eucharistic Revival Encounter Night Friday, March 1, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

During Lent, we are meant to walk alongside Jesus through his 40 day journey in preparation for his most precious miracle: The Resurrection.

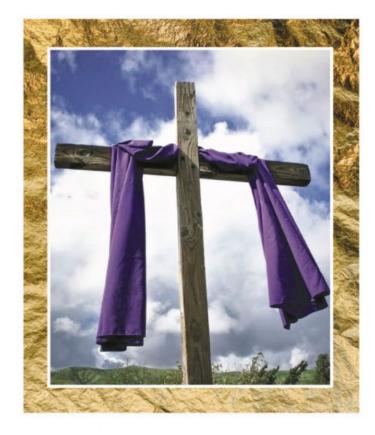
Gather with us as we discuss and experience Jesus together during this special time in our faith.

Join us for:

- Adoration
- Prayer
- Music

Families with children are welcome and encouraged to join.

We hope to see you there!



"When we gather together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we create space for God to work."

(National Eucharistic Revival, Encounter Nights Guide)











Monthly January 2024 Called to Renew Update

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$896,930.00

Total Paid: \$214,753.32

"It is not how much you give, but how much love you put into giving." - St. Theresa of Calcutta

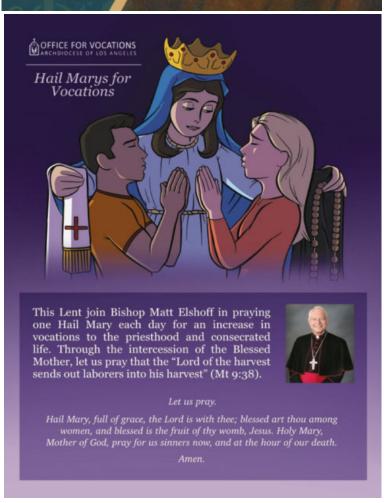
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MATER DOLOROSA PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

The men of Visitation are invited to attend a silent retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre (near Pasadena) March 1st-3rd.

The theme this year is: **The Crucified One Lives! Finding comfort in the Passion of Christ.** The Passionist Priests of the center will present the theme.

Link to register:

https://materdolorosa.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/124/responses/new or go to www.materdolorosa.org and then to the Events page. Scroll to March 1st to sign up and choose the Manhattan Beach group. The Center accepts everyone, regardless of the ability to pay.

Questions can be directed to Mike Rotolo at mmrotolo@gmail.com.

WHAT IS A SILENT RETREAT?

Weekend retreats begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday morning with Mass.

During your silent 2-night stay, you will have the opportunity to explore over 20 acres of gardens, walk our historic Stations of the Cross, and experience personal times for prayer within the Garden of Seven Sorrows.

Silence on a weekend retreat at Mater Dolorosa encourages one to listen and speak with God, to find a sense of renewed peace, and participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

We invite you to join us in the New Year for a weekend of silence and restoration!

WOMEN'S Retreat 3pm Friday, March 1 through 1pm Sunday March 3, 2024.

The Franciscan Friars invite you to a weekend of

"Moments of Grace"

Join us to experience a weekend of God's abounding love and grace. A weekend to discover how each moment can be filled with grace in spite of difficult circumstances. Cost is \$310 per person for a single room; and \$250 per person for a double room (includes 6 meals). There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person, to be paid with the registration. This retreat is open to Women of all walks of life. For more information, please contact the Center at (310) 456-6631 or www.serraretreat.com



Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

Join us for the 10-week Amazed Lenten Bible Study Series (Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible)

In our Eucharist Revival Prayer we ask our Heavenly Father to "Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist".

This 10 part video Bible Study series by the renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture, History and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of The Real Presence – the center-point of the Mass and our faith. Dr. Pitre gives us a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist.

Please join us as we rediscover a simple, insightful way to experience with one another the Word of God and His Presence in the Eucharist through the ancient prayer form of Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") – a prayerful, meditative way of listening to God.



Starting Wednesday, February 21 7-9pm in O'Sullivan Hall

Class registration fee is \$20. Study Guide and refreshments included. Please bring your Bible. Wednesday, February 21
Session #1: Source and Summit

Wednesday, February 28 Session #2: In the Beginning

Wednesday, March 6 Session #3: Lamb of God

Wednesday, March 13
Session #4: Miracles of Exodus

Wednesday, March 20 Session #5: Mysteries of the Tabernacle

Wednesday, April 10 Session #6: Miracles of Jesus

Wednesday, April 17 Session #7: Bread of Life Discourse

Wednesday, April 24

Session #8: The Last Supper and the Cross Wednesday, May 1

Session #9: The Mass Wednesday, May 8 Session #10: Revelation

Luke 24:1

Peter ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.



SAVE THE DATE



Prayer

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

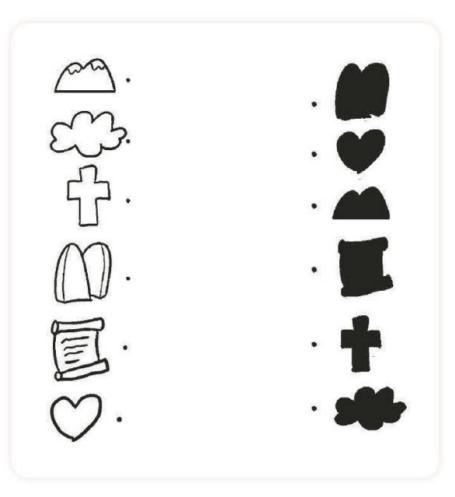
Sharing the Gospel

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter. James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

Now color the picture!



Find the matching shadow:







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 INCARNATE WORD



PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

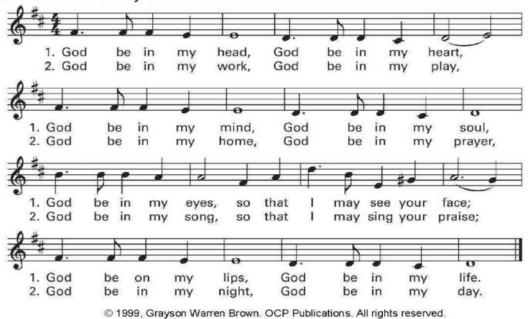
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to You, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (Stephan)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

SATURDAY

God Be In My Head



SUNDAY

The Lord is My Light and Salvation



- 1. There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord, all of my days, (all of my days,) and all of my life.
- 2. And he keeps me secure in times of great fear. He shelters my soul, (shelters my soul,) and lifts me high.
- 3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

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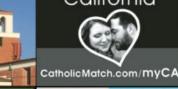
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