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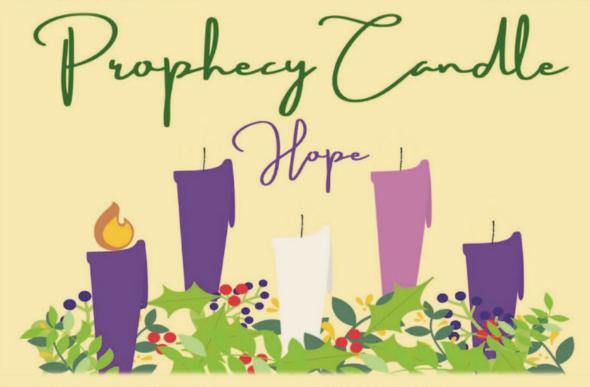


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Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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

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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ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. 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)

Open for private devotion:

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. **(Is 63:19)**

PSALM — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. **(Ps 80)**

SECOND READING — The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

GOSPEL — "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9/MT 8:5-1 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-2 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/MT 15:29-37

THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A/MT 7:21, 24-27 FRIDAY: GN 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/LK 1:26-3 SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

SECOND READING: Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

GOSPEL: Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Young people say, 'What can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?' They capnnot see that we can only lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time; we can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform these actions, and know that God will take them and multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes."

-Dorothy Day

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Take corrective action without showing disrespect. Respect your children's rights as people." -Jim Stenson, *Compass*

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3RD

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Efrain Villalobos † 9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Sales & Laureola Familes †

MONDAY - DECEMBER 4TH

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Richard Topete †

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 5TH

8:00am - Jan Rea †

WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 6TH

St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00am - Toledo Family

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7TH

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Alyssa Sales

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 8TH

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Miguel Macaranas †

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 9TH

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

5:00pm - Andre Rouseyrol †

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 December 3, 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

Advent is one of my favorite liturgical seasons of the year. Why? First, because it's short:) Second, because as the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter there is an accompanying contemplative spirit that permeates this sacred time. Advent is a prayerful time, a time to slow down - interiorly - and reconnect with God.

As we begin the season of Advent we remember that the word "advent" means coming. The season of Advent, then, is a season in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. As I begin my own Advent journey, I'm inspired to be extra generous in making room for Jesus in the home of my heart this Christmas. I don't want Him to have to face once again the harsh reality of "no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). And so my goal this Advent season is to surrender myself anew to Christ and put things in order so that my soul is fit to receive Him worthily and well.

Don't forget that our amazing staff and wonderful ministers at Visitation are here to help you with your own Advent preparations for Christ's coming at Christmas, too. Our liturgies are filled with beautiful prayers and sacred music; the sacrament of reconciliation is celebrated regularly; The Daily Brief offers fuel for daily prayer; and we have outreach opportunities for serving those who need an extra helping hand this holiday season. We are united and working together as we make room for Jesus in our hearts this Christmas and always.

Have a blessed week and holy Advent!

Peace.

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

Holy Day of Obligation: Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at 8am and 7pm. See you there!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: Sunday, December 10th, at the 11am Mass. Our 5th graders will be hosting us so let's be sure to show them our love and support. Flowers for Mary are encouraged.

Sacrificial Giving: End of the Year donations to Visitation are easy to make. Please see our website for more

information. Thanks for your generosity

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

DAILY BRIEF FOR ADVENT

The Daily Brief is a series of daily meditations during Advent based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priest.

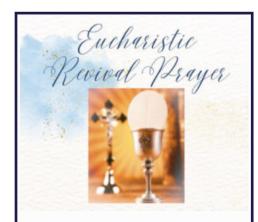
Throughout all of Advent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect.

Watch in full screen, or even close your eyes.

The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"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 Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One, Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased One at Christmas, Overcoming the Blues at Christmastime, Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies, Giving New Life to Your Christmas Celebration, Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas, and many, many more.



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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. / Amen.

Monthly Eucharistic Miracle

The Miracle of St. Anthony and the Mule

Contributed by Katie Canty



Saint Anthony of Padua had a tremendous passion for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

In 1227, Saint Anthony heard of a man in the town of Rimini named Bonovillo, who ridiculedanyone who believed that Jesus was present in the Eucharist. Bonovillo said to Saint Anthony: "I'll keep one of my mules locked up for three days to feel the torments of hunger. Then I will bring it forth in public and show it food. You will stand in front of it with what you maintain is the Body of Christ. If my mule, hurries to adore its God, and ignores the food, I will share the faith of your Church."

Three days later, a great crowd filled with both believers and heretics, gathered in the town square. Saint Anthony stood off to one side with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, while Bonovillo brought his mule toward the center of the square.

Saint Anthony said to the mule: "Creature of God, in His name, I command you to come here to adore Him, so that it will give truth to all, of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist."

Bonovillo placed the oats and hay under the mule's nose. All watched in breathless anticipation as the mule, against all odds, turned his head and walked over to Saint Anthony. When he got close to Saint Anthony, the mule knelt down on both legs, and bowed his head in reverence before the Sacrament and remained ther e until Saint Anthony gave him permission to stand up.

The crowd and Bonovillo were shocked by what they saw. Bonovillo threw himself at Saint Anthony's feet and denounced to all, the error of his ways, immediately

knelt down and professed his belief in the Real Presence of Christ.

From that day on, he became one of the most zealous cooperators of Saint Anthony.



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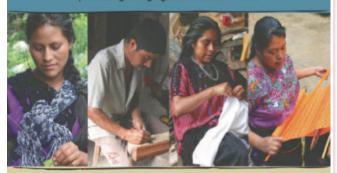
Imagine the difference your donation will make to a child's Christmas.

Accepting toys (\$15-30 range preferred) through December 12th.

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BAPTISM

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, December 17, 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.

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the feast that celebrates Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times: 8AM & 7PM Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for Christmas – the birth of Christ, the Nativity of Our Lord. We prepare our homes and hearts for four weeks before Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical season – it concludes a long period of Ordinary Time and leads us into the new church year with hope and patience in preparation for Christmas.

This season was likely first celebrated in the fifth century, originating from the tradition of fasting several times a week, beginning on St. Martin de Tours' Feast Day (November 11) and concluding on Christmas Day.

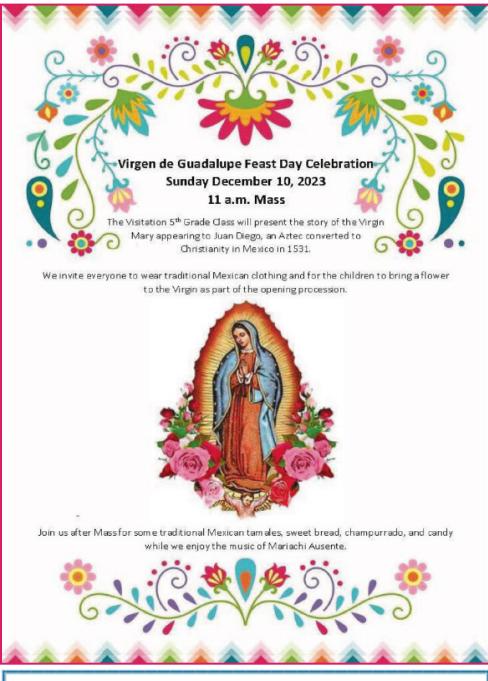
Nowadays, Advent always starts about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Feast Day (November 30).



FIRST
ADVENT
CANDLE/
SUNDAY:
HOPE

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." - C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.



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

Prayer

Jesus, help me to stay ready for you.

Mission for the Week

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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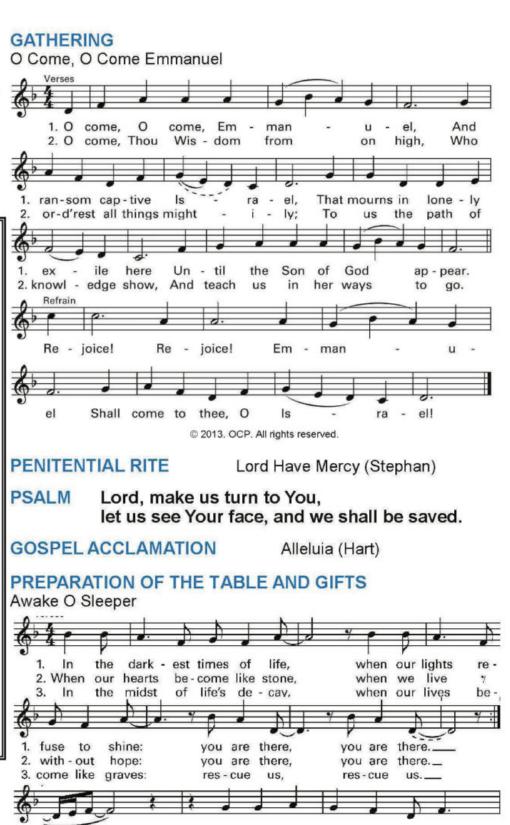
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I believe in God. the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. died and was buried: He descended 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 HOPE

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.



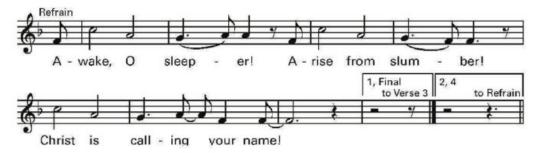
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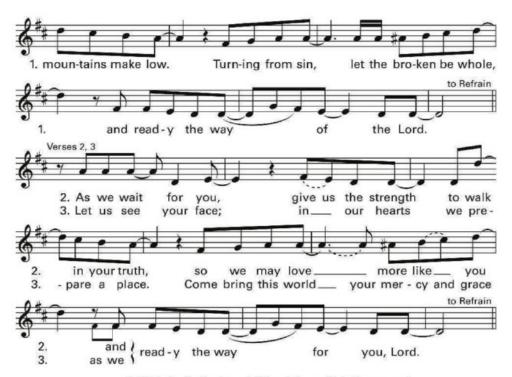


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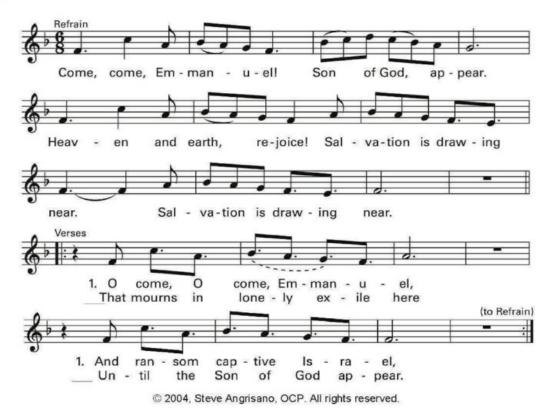
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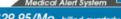
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