



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2023

ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass

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

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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"I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." - Mt 16:19

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

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner. www.visitationchurch-la.com/register

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING – “I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open.” (Is 22:22)

PSALM – Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING – For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

GOSPEL – “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 16:18-19)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B/MT 23:13-2

TUESDAY: 1 THES 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/MK 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY: 1 THES 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12AB/MT 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 THES 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5A, 12-13, 14 AND 17/MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY: 1 THES 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 AND 2B, 5-6, 10, 11-12/MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-3

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Silence is that which takes place when one, after speaking, returns to his or herself and grows still...”
-Fr. Romano Guardini



PARENT LEADERSHIP

“Lead them to practice the virtue of charity. Charity does not mean giving away old clothes; it means primarily compassionate understanding. In family life, insist on apologies and forgiveness. Make your kids let others off the hook, forgive, and forget.” -Jim Stenson, *Compass*

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, September 10, 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.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? THE NCMEC CYBERTIPLINE

Children have Online exploitation and enticement of young people is an ongoing problem, across social media, gaming platforms, and other websites. Victims can range in age and background, making it harder to prevent exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) operates the CyberTipline, a centralized system for reporting suspected cases of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Reports can be filed online at report.cybertip.org or via a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-843-5678. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline” at lacatholic.org/did-you-know/.



& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY- AUGUST 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Paul Chen †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Family Velez Loo †

◆ MONDAY - AUGUST 28, 2023

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Patricia Connoy †

◆ TUESDAY - AUGUST 29, 2023

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am - Esther Villalobos †

◆ WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 30, 2023

8:00am - Dan & Jo Robison

◆ THURSDAY - AUGUST 31, 2023

8:00am - Richard E. Giles, Sr. †

◆ FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

8:00am - Victoria Soto

◆ SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:00pm - Anne Gervais Dorn †

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.



PREP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Registration for Visitation's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is now open for students of all abilities in first grade through 8th grade, who are not enrolled in Catholic School. This includes Sacrament preparation and Baptism for unbaptized children. We would love to welcome your family to PREP this year! Classes are held on Sundays in-person and on-line between 9:15 am and 10:45 am. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 17th** with our Opening Ceremonies and run through May. Please visit our website, and contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education; religioueducationvc@gmail.com or call/text (703) 582-9888, for more information and an application. Thank you!

PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Is God Calling You to Pass on the faith? Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is looking for Volunteers to serve as Catechists, Classroom Aides, Teen Faith Mentors, and Office and Event Assistants. Our wonderful team of volunteers welcome you to join us for a fun and faith-filled year supporting our children and families as they grow in their faith. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education, at (703) 582-9888 call/text or religioueducationvc@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Registration is now open for our Parish Confirmation Prep Program. The 2 year program is available for high school students who are looking to receive the sacrament of confirmation. Please visit our website or email confirmationvc@gmail.com for more information.

Dear sisters and brothers,

I'm thrilled to welcome back our students for another school year at Visitation! I love Catholic schools, I went to a Catholic school, and I always dreamed of being at a parish with a school. As we embark upon a new year, I'm feeling especially blessed.

In particular, I call our attention to a bedrock principle of Catholic education: the dignity of the human person. At Visitation, we know that everyone is cherished and loved into being by God and so we take seriously our duty to treat everyone with love, dignity, and respect. In this way, we collaborate with parents to form their children integrally: body, mind, and spirit. We take human, intellectual, and spiritual formation of our students seriously. Why? Because we take them seriously.

Thank you, parents, for trusting us with your children. We are here to work with you in fulfilling your duty as their primary educators. Thank you, teachers, for your passion and love for your students. Lastly, thank you, Principal Watson, for your hard work and servant leadership of our school community. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving care.

Peace,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

- Pray for the students, teachers, and staff of Visitation School. Classes begin this Wednesday. Go Bulldogs!
- Register for PREP, Confirmation, and RCIA. Lovingly encourage others to do so as well.



Dear Visitation,
As the tragedy on the island of Maui, Hawaii continues to unfold let's be sure to unite in prayer for all who have been affected by this terrible disaster. If you'd like to join other parishes and LA Catholics in offering financial support I encourage you to do so through the LA Archdiocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith <https://missionsla.org/product/donate> or by scanning the QR code and specify *Maui Wildfires* in the memo box. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this tragic natural disaster.

Our Lady of the Visitation
- Pray for us!

Peace,
Fr. Matt



Eucharistic Revival Prayer



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.

RCIA PROGRAM AT VISITATION

Thinking about becoming Catholic or wanting to complete your Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Wanting to renew your faith? We welcome you to join our RCIA group on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm in the O'Grady Center beginning September 11th. Please email Gilbert & Laura Trujillo at rcia.visitation@gmail.com or call (424) 235-3122 to learn more.



BACK TO SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! **Amen.**



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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

MASS IN RECOGNITION OF ALL IMMIGRANTS

3:00pm Pre-Procession
3:30pm Mass

CATHEDRAL OF OUR
LADY OF THE ANGELS

Archbishop José H. Gomez,
Presiding

In collaboration with



“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”
-Philippians 3:20

Every parish and religious ministries are invited to attend the Mass. Speak with your pastor for more information on how to have your parish represented in the pre-procession.



Come and spend some time with the Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour ~ September 1, 2023

8:30AM – 9:30AM

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Plenty Good Room

REFRAIN

Plenty good room, plenty good room,
plenty good room in my Father's kingdom,
Plenty good room, plenty good room,
just choose your seat and sit down.

VERSE 1: I would not be a sinner,
I'll tell you the reason why;
cause if my Lord should call on me
I wouldn't be ready to die. [Refrain]

VERSE 2: I would not be a liar,
I'll tell you the reason why;
cause if my Lord should call on me
I wouldn't be ready to die. [Refrain]

VERSE 3: I would not be a backslider,
I'll tell you the reason why;
cause if my Lord should call on me
I wouldn't be ready to die. [Refrain]

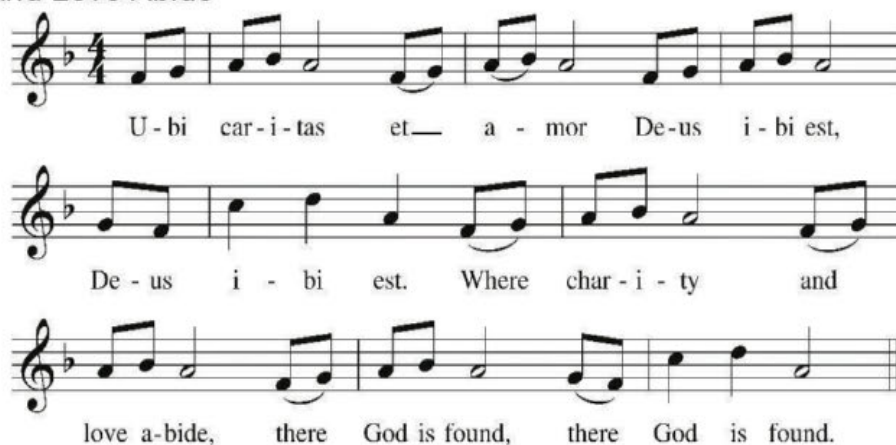
GLORY TO GOD Mass of Joy and Peace

PSALM Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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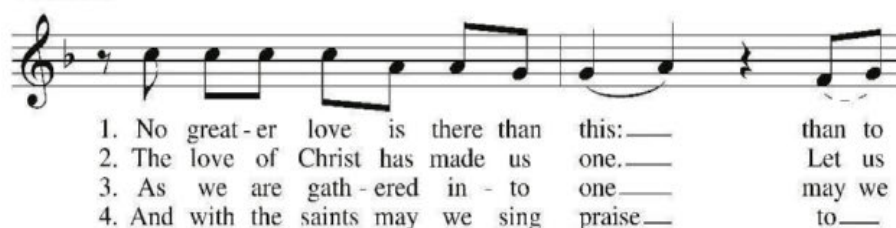
PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Where Charity and Love Abide



U - bi car - i - tas et — a - mor De - us i - bi est,
De - us i - bi est. Where char - i - ty and
love a-bide, there God is found, there God is found.

VERSES



1. No great - er love is there than this: — than to
2. The love of Christ has made us one. — Let us
3. As we are gath - ered in - to one — may we
4. And with the saints may we sing praise — to —

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 Joy and
 Peace



1. lay down your life, than to lay down your life. _____
2. re - jice in him, let us re - jice in him. _____
3. be one in heart, may we be one in mind. _____
4. Christ, our God, to Christ, our God. _____



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COMMUNION

SATURDAY

Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Verses



1. Be - cause _____ the Lord is my shep-herd, I have
2. And when _____ the road leads to dark-ness, I shall
3. In love _____ you make me a ban-quet for my
4. Your good-ness _____ al - ways is with me and your



1. ev - 'ry thing _____ I need. He lets me rest in the
2. walk there _____ un - a - fraid. E - ven when death is close_
3. en - e - mies _____ to see. You make me wel-come, _
4. mer - cy _____ I know. Your lov - ing kind-ness _____



1. mead - ow and leads me to the qui - et streams. He re -
2. _____ I have cour-age, for your help is there. You are
3. pour - ing down hon - or from your might - y hand, and this
4. strength-ens me al - ways as I go through life. I shall



1. stores_ my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right:
2. close_ be - side me with com-fort, you are guid - ing my way:
3. joy _____ fills me with glad-ness; it is too much to bear:
4. dwell in your pres-ence for - ev - er, giv-ing praise to your name:



Lord, you are my shep-herd, you are my friend.



I want to fol-low you al - ways, just to fol-low my friend.

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SUNDAY

Our Blessing Cup

Refrain

Our bless-ing - cup is a com - mu - nion with the Blood
of Christ. Our bless-ing - cup is a com -
mu - nion with the Blood of Christ.

Verse 1

1. How shall I make a re - turn to the LORD for all the good
1. he has done for me? The cup of sal - va - tion I will
1. take up, and I will call up - on the name of the LORD. to Refrain

Verse 2

2. So pre - cious in the eyes of the LORD is the death
2. of his faith - ful ones. I am your ser - vant, the son
2. of your hand - maid; you have re - leased me from my bonds. to Refrain

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SENDING

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

VERSE 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the darkness of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

VERSE 2:

All your works with joy surround you, Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally!

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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.

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