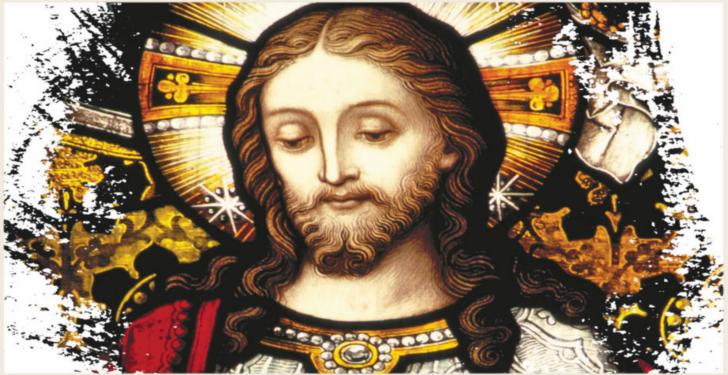
HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 11:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill

Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

Tel. 310-216-1145 Fax. 310-846-5421 email: visitationchurch497@gmail.com visitationchurch-la.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. **(Is 45:1)**

PSALM – Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING — We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

GOSPEL — "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/LK 12:13-21 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8A, 8b-9, 10, 17/LK 12:35-38 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/LK 12:39-48 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/LK 12:49-53 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/LK 12:54-59 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/LK 6:12-16

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist. What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

SECOND READING: In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus. For what or for who are you thankful to God?

GOSPEL: The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to "entrap" Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" How often do you feel you have to defend your faith? LPI

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Let your kids know what's expected of them. Make standards and consequences clear." *-Jim Stenson, Compass*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, did not come to communicate interesting religious facts and original insights; rather, he calls every disciple to conversion and holiness." - *Fr. Peter Armenio, Highlights of the Catholic Faith*

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.





SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 22ND 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Mission Sunday 8:00am - Tessie Jalandoni 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Richard "Dick" Topete †

MONDAY - OCTOBER 23RD St. John of Capistrano, Priest 8:00am - Norma Austria

<u>TUESDAY - OCTOBER 24TH</u> St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00am - Cesar Gutierrez †

WEDNESDAY- OCTOBER 25TH

8:00am - Arthur Taylor †

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 26TH

8:00am - Steven Jay †

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 27TH 8:00am - Cita Juco

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 28TH Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

5:00pm - James Juaneza

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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

ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your Donations!



PARISH POST

Dear sisters and brothers,

Some of the most beautiful, yet challenging, words of Jesus come from the twenty-fifth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. We read:

> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me (Mt 25:35-36).

Here, Jesus challenges his followers to take seriously their obligation to care for the poor and suffering and to also have faith that doing so gives life to an encounter with Christ himself. At Visitation, we strive to respond to this call of our Lord by serving those in need whether it is through community outreach at St. Margaret's Center or teaching our school children to treat all people with respect and love.

At the same time, we take seriously our responsibility to maintain a safe and secure campus for our entire parish family, especially our school children. That's why Principal Watson, Parishioner Chip Mallek, and I recently met with our local LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Sophia Castaneda and Luis Pinnell. Suffice it to say - our Senior Lead Officers are wonderful! They expressed compassion, care, expertise, and commitment to supporting Visitation and our particular needs. Together we are forming a plan for safety walk-throughs, emergency trainings, and programs to help all of us work together so that Visitation can continue to be the welcoming community we love and also a safe space for gathering to do God's work and ministry.

Friends, if you have questions or concerns please don't remain silent. Feel free to reach out to Principal Watson or myself if you have questions regarding campus safety at Visitation. Thank you for your vigilance and have a blessed week!

Blessings,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

-Thank you! May God's blessings be upon all who worked so hard to put on a successful Casino Night in support of our parish school. Special gratitude to our PTO!

-Movie Night! Our PTO Sponsored Movie Night is this Friday, Oct. 27th. Let's come together and have a great time!

-Pregnancy Help Center! Please return your baby bottles next weekend for our annual baby bottle drive in support of children and families.

-Eucharistic Revival! You can check out other opportunities to grow in your love for the Eucharist here; visitationchurch-la.com/eucharisticrevival

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

On Sunday, Oct. 22 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee & Donuts after all the Masses. Please join them and feel free to ask about what they and some of their upcoming events! They

will also be hosting again on Nov. 5.



THE WORD AMONG US

Attention for those who have pre-ordered the Word Among Us booklet, the November edition has arrived and can be picked up at the Rectory. If you haven't pre-ordered and would like to receive one please contact the Rectory for more information.





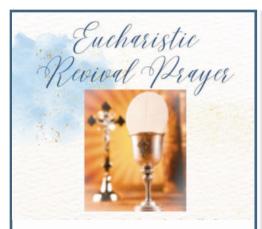
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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens 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.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL JUNE 11 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

The Revival is now reaching the pews! This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. Find out about how parishes are answering the call. For more information please visit the Eucharistic Revival Website: https://

www.eucharisticrevival.org/



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CALENDAR 2023-24

The National Eucharistic Revival invites all of us to celebrate and recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join Visitation Parish as we come to the table of the Lord, with open hands and open hearts to receive Jesus himself, the source and summit of our lives and to nourish those around us.

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters." - Pope Francis

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. In this beautiful season, give thanks to Jesus as we rest in His presence.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15

Babette's Feast Film Screening and Discussion, Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception 6 – 9pm in O'Sullivan Hall (Adults Only)
Join us for an evening nourishing to the body as well as the soul. The award-winning film Babette's Feast (His Holiness Pope Francis' favorite movie!) will be featured and discussed by Dr. Marcela Garcia-Romero, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. A wine and cheese reception kicks off this inspiring and soul-satisfying evening.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

<u>First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am</u> Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. He is waiting for you, join Him as we pray and sing in His presence.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

Encounter #1 6 – 8 pm Adoration, Talk, crafts and activities in Visitation Church and the O'Grady Center

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - St. Maximillian Kolbe

Gather with us as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ anew in prayer, adoration, preaching and reflection, and reconciliation. There is something for the whole family. All are welcome.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 Eucharistic Revival Advent Retreat Visitation Church and O'Grady

Center

Join us for a morning of reflection, beginning at 9:00 am, as we prepare for the season of Advent, and the coming of our Lord Jesus. Sponsored by Mary and Martha and open to all adult parishioners. United in Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.

- Pope Francis



Be a part of the Pope's Missions

World Mission Sunday **2023**

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

a Pontifical Mission Society

October 22nd

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on

the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our

encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his

Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

Your contributions are the lifeblood that enables thousands of missionaries to spread the joy of the Gospel across continents. Your support finances the spiritual and educational formation of 38,000 future priests and religious sisters, ensuring that the message of faith continues for generations to come. Furthermore, the gifts received help provide 26 million children with an education, illuminating their paths with knowledge and hope.

GRIEF WORKSHOP: What Is Proactive Grieving and How to Get Through the Holidays after Losing a Loved One

WHAT: The holidays are fast approaching and this two hour workshop will help you navigate the holidays. We will discuss what proactive grieving looks like and why it's important in the first hour; the second hour will give you sound practical suggestions and spiritual guidance on how to cope during this difficult holiday season.

WHEN: Sunday, November 5, 2023 **TIME:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

WHERE: O'Grady Center, Parking Lot of Visitation Church; 6561 W. 88th St., Westchester, CA 90045WHY: Anyone who has experienced the recent death of a Beloved or years before.

WHO: Candy Blankenship (Bereavement Minister)COST: \$10.00 per person to be donated to Church of the Visitation.

Please RSVP to blank8840@gmail.com or call 310-338-9043 for accurate count and for class materials. Please also bring your own drinking water and a notebook for note-taking.



"What kind of Marian devotion do turtles pray?"





The rosary is a set of prayers that are often prayed on a string of beads or knots that are joined into a circle. The rosary reflects on the life of Jesus. OLP:



PREGNANCY HELP CENTER Baby Bottle

Campaign 2023

The Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser is wrapping up next weekend. If you picked up a baby bottle, don't forget to put coins, bills, or checks in the bottle. Please return your bottle before Mass next weekend, October 28/29. Your support saves lives! You can also donate online at supportphctorrance.org/contribute.

Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless. Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence. Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice. the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



September 27 - November 5 400AYSFORLIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, we have inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 63 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk matters!

With God's help, here are the proven results:
Over 23,000 babies saved from abortion
Over 200 abortion workers converted
Over 100 abortion centers closed



Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale
Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily, September 27 – November 5
Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com
Get involved ...learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION AFFECTS YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

Protecting children from pornography is getting harder and harder in today's increasingly sexualized and digital world. When young people become addicted to pornography, it changes their brain chemistry and hinders their ability to grow in healthy, normal ways. Viewing pornography can also blur boundaries for a young person, leaving him or her more vulnerable to sexual abuse. In fact, abusers often use pornography to desensitize their victims. For more information on the dangers of pornography and addiction, read the VIRTUS® article "Pornography Addiction and Neurobiology" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

LA ARCHDIOCESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The 41st Annual Red Mass;** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 5:30PM @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels or via livestream. During this Mass, we honor and pray for all public servants and political leaders so they can have guidance and strength to fulfill their professions. Members of all faiths and traditions are encouraged to attend.
- Día de los Muertos Mass and Celebration; Saturday, October 28 from 10:30am-5pm.
 Location: Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles

 ⇒10:30 am Doors open
 ⇒12:00 pm Mass followed by Blessing of the Altars
 ⇒1:30 pm Cultural celebration begins with music, children's activities, and folkloric dancers
 ⇒5:00 pm Event ends
 Visit the Día de Los Muertos page for more information and to view the livestream.

Solemn Vespers; LA Catholics are invited on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30pm
presided by Fr. Michael Mesa at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.
Observing All Souls' Day is a centuries-old tradition in Western Christianity (on November 2) where faithful attending Mass, offer prayers and sacrifices, and light candles to help ease the suffering of those who have died without having been saved and whose souls are believed to be in purgatory.

*On this day, the Mausoleum hours will be extended to 8:00pm.

To RSVP or get more information on these events visit lacatholics.org/catholic-la-events/



Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.

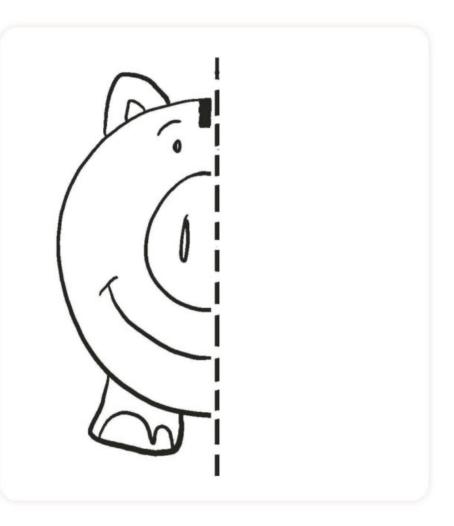
Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

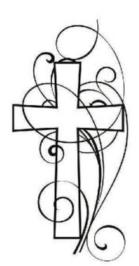
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Complete the picture of the piggy bank.





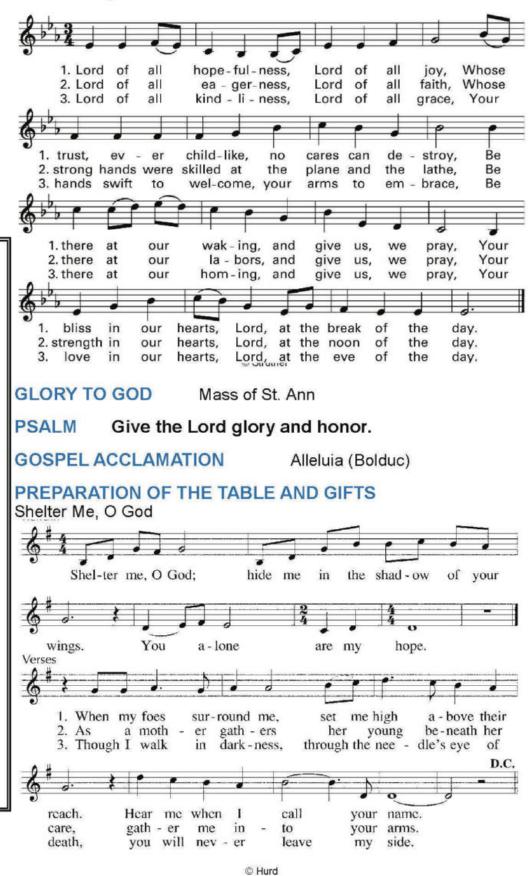


APOSTLES CREED I believe in God. the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. died and was buried: He descended into hell; on the third day He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

GATHERING

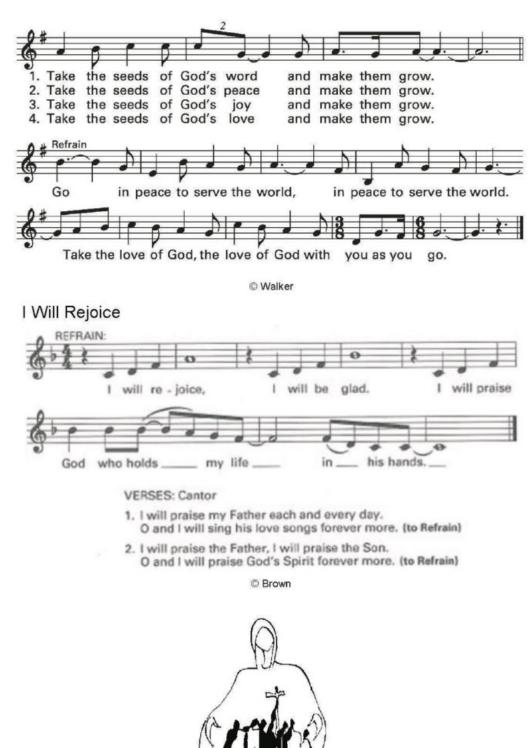
Lord of All Hopefulness



COMMUNION

Bread of Angels





Act of Spiritual Communion

SUNDAY

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.

